

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th March, 2024 at 6:00pm

VENUE – Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA

Membership

Cllrs Blackburn (Chairman), Burrell, Dodds, Heron (Vice Chairman), K. Johnston, Mason-Gage, Price, Rowntree, Scott, D. Snowdon, Speding and Thornton.

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5 March, 2024

At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Sunderland on WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Burrell, Dodds, Heron (Vice Chair), K Johnston, Price, Scott and D. Snowdon, Speding and Thornton.

Also Present:-

Chris Binding	Local Democracy Reporter	
Jill Colbert	Chief Executive	Together for Children
Wendy Cook	Area Network Representative	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Amy Swan	Area Network Representative	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Scott Wilson	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Phil Baker	Inspector	Northumbria Police
Vicky Gamblin	Head of Neighbourhoods	Gentoo

Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Coalfield Area Committee meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mason-Gage and Rowntree. Apologies were also submitted from Hetton Town Councillor Bill Little and Eileen Bewick, Coalfield Area Network Representative.

Declarations of Interest

The following declaration was received:-

Item 4 – Area Budgets Report – Coalfields Pride

Councillor Thornton made an open declaration in respect of Coalfields Pride as Chair of the Coalfields LGBT+ Support Group.

Councillor Dodds made an open declaration in respect of Houghton Racecourse CA.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 27th September, 2023 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Neighbourhood and Community Board Report

The Chair of the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated), which provided an update on the progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which would be the focus for the Coalfield Area Committee during 2023-24.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chair of the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board, Councillor Heron presented the report and highlighted the projects contained within the Coalfield Delivery Plan which provided an update on progress on the Area Committee's Area Plan.

Drawing the Committee's attention to the Dynamic Smart City priority, Councillor Heron referred to the 'Can Do' Project and reported that three groups of young people had attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board on 14 November and delivered amazing presentations on their proposals to Councillors. The RU Ready for UC project had been very successful.

Councillor Heron then turned to the Vibrant Smart City priority and advised that the switch on of the Newbottle Christmas Tree lights held on 1 December 2023 had been well attended. St Matthews Church had suggested hosting their Christmas Fayre on the switch on day in 2024 due to the success this year. Councillor Heron added that the children from Dubmire School had made decorations in school to place on the Christmas Tree at Newbottle.

Councillor Speding requested that his thanks be forwarded to Mrs Shields for arranging the excellent dance display which was performed by the children. He added that the event was well attended despite the awful weather.

Councillor Thornton commented on the Christmas Tree at Fence Houses which had been decorated by local children.

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

2. RESOLVED that:
 - a) the progress and performance update regarding the Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan 2023/2026 be noted; and

- b) the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Inspector Baker, Northumbria Police provided an update to the Committee (copy circulated), giving an overview of crime in the Coalfield area in relation to burglary, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and an update on the Autumn Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Baker informed the Committee that crime numbers were tracking below data for the last 3 years however were slightly above data for 2022, which was related to a spike over a 24-hour period in mid-November, but was not of concern. The most significant crimes recorded in Coalfields in the period were violence against the person with no injury, criminal damage and violence against the person with injury. The area with the most crimes recorded was Houghton Town Centre, Shiney Row and then Hetton. It was pleasing to note that Easington Lane did not feature in the top three locations this reporting period.

Burglary Dwelling offences continued to track below the last three years and as such, the Coalfields area was performing very well. Focused efforts would continue in the area and teams were fully aware of target locations and offenders. There had been a spike recently however arrests had been made and custodial sentences were anticipated. The neighbourhood teams had commenced a bespoke operation to proactively target offenders. In addition, Sargeant Tom Scott had put together an innovative plan to work with offenders.

Vehicle Crime remained an issue and was still a key focus area for teams. Teams were working with partners and there were several operations underway. Several arrests had been made in the reporting period which had resulted in stolen vehicles being recovered. Force resources from other areas had also supported in the area.

ASB was tracking below reporting levels for the last three years and reports had reduced by 12 reports in the last period. The Committee's attention was drawn to the most prevalent reports of disorder which included: motorcycle disorder; neighbour disputes and nuisance. The ASB hot spots for the sector were Houghton Town Centre, Shiney Row followed by Easington Lane.

The National Op Sceptre week of action, which was based around knife crime, and Operation Impact saw the Deputy Chief Constable and one of the assistant Chief Constables spending the day in the Coalfields area. This was a very successful day which had highlighted the excellent results within the area.

The Committee having discussed the report, the Chairman thanked Inspector Baker for his attendance and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Station Manager Scott Wilson, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 22nd August 2023 to 28th November 2023 compared with the same period the previous year.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Station Manager Scott Wilson drew Members' attention to the summer IGNITE programmes which had successfully been delivered apart from the Hetton Academy PHOENIX programme. Whilst the course had had a successful start in June 2023, due to a change in staff at the school and being unable to re-engage with the school, there were seven days for the programme outstanding. Ms Hopper reported that contact had now been made with the Academy and the programme would carry on as planned.

Councillor Price left the meeting at this juncture.

Councillor Speding enquired about a fatal fire in Maple Terrace which had been reported on facebook but which was not included in the report. Station Manager Wilson replied that it would have been in the report if it had been dealt with by the TWFRS.

Councillor Speding asked what Northumbria Police and the TWFRS were doing to secure fire damaged, derelict buildings. Station Manager Wilson advised that the owners had been instructed to visit and secure the site.

Full consideration having been given to the report, the Chairman thanked Mr Wilson for his attendance and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the content of the report be received and noted.

Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update

The Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an update on the work of the Sector to date.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Amy Swan, Area Network Representative presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Ms Swan advised that meetings had been held in October and November 2023 and the report detailed the presentations received at these meetings. An update was also provided on the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance which included recruitment and Information was also received on the Social Value opportunities and the volunteering support offered.

In response to a query from Councillor Thornton regarding Macken Money, Ms Swan explained that £130,000 was available to be allocated to Coalfield Area Committee.

Councillor Snowdon noted an error in the report relating to Eileen Bewick's email address.

The Committee having discussed the report, the Chairman thanked Ms Swan for her attendance, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Gentoo Update

Gentoo submitted a report (copy circulated) providing an update on their work from September 2023 to December 2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Vicky Gamblin, Head of Neighbourhoods, briefed the Committee on Neighbourhood Services and the proposed Investment Plan programme for Houghton and Hetton during 2022/23.

Councillor Snowdon enquired who would be responsible for re-banding existing customers. Ms Gamblin replied that this would be undertaken by Gentoo.

Councillor Thornton thanked Gentoo for housing a local person in a two bedroomed bungalow who was subject to Section 21.

Councillor Scott commented on the positive changing culture at Gentoo. He then referred to the Property Investment Programme 2023/24 and whether this was up to date. Ms Gamblin explained that it was a yearly plan which would be renewed next year.

Councillor Speding drew attention to the 30,519 applicants on the waiting list in Band 3 and wondered how many of the applicants were already living in a Gentoo property or in a Local Authority property. Ms Gamblin agreed to separate the data to identify the number of homeless on the waiting list.

The Committee having discussed the report and the Chairman having thanked Ms Gamblin for her attendance it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the above information be received and noted.

Inspector Baker left the meeting at this juncture.

Coalfield Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated), providing a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager, presented the report, drawing the Committee's attention to the current financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2023/2024 as set out in paragraph 2.1 and 3.1, the Neighbourhood Fund proposals set out in 2.3 and Annex 1 and the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023/2024, as detailed in Annex 3.

Ms Hopper briefed the Committee on the applications for funding set out in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 and explained the budgetary implications set out in the report. She also referred Members to Application No. 1, Tackling Motorcycle Disorder and explained that the Specialist Motorcycle Disorder Team would provide a dedicated response across South Tyneside and Sunderland and co-located at Washington Police Station.

Ms Hopper provided an overview on Community Chest awards up to December 2023. She explained that some applications were still being process and not included in the report. All allocations and awards would be submitted to the March Committee meeting.

A discussion ensued regard the deadline for reports and it was noted that reports should be submitted by the end of February for processing in the middle of March. A reminder would be forwarded to Members.

Councillor Scott was delighted about the Specialist Motorcycle Disorder Team whilst acknowledging the cut backs to public services and Local Authorities.

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

7. RESOLVED that:-
 - a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 be noted;
 - b) the two Neighbourhood Fund proposals set out in 2.3 and **Annex 1**; and
 - c) the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023/2024, as detailed in **Annex 3**, be noted.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and participation at the meeting and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

13 March 2024

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the Coalfield Area Committee during 2023-2024.

2. Background

2.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function. The purpose of the Area Committees is to:

- Lead on the development, implementation, and effective delivery of an Area Plan, working closely with residents to ensure the plans include all main priorities for the Area, which enables residents to be resilient, The Area Plans are linked to the City Plan and other significant strategies for the city.
- Actively encourage local residents to become involved in shaping the Area Plan, ensuring delivery of activities to support matters which affect them.

2.2 The Article 10 Area Committee Area Plans for 2023 - 2026 were agreed by Area Committees in June 2023 and approved at Cabinet in July 2023.

2.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Area Plan.

2.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board supports the work of the Area Committee and specifically the delivery of the Area Plan. The Boards are chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee and are practical and action-orientated groups. The role of the Board is to respond to all priorities in the Area Committee Area Plan, as agreed by the Area Committee. They develop and implement plans for the delivery of each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research and working closely with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure effective delivery of the plan.

2.6 The Board is not a decision-making body, the work of the board is presented to each Area Committee via this Report of the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The purpose of the report is to update on progress in relation to the delivery of the Area Plan in addition to making any recommendations of the Board to the Area Committee for final approval. Funding decisions to support delivery of the plan can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**

2.7 Additionally all Sunderland City Council Service leads, when producing Service Plans this year, provided a list of Area Priorities, where relevant, for each of the five geographical Areas of Sunderland and have agreed that regular updates for those priorities will be appended to this report, to the relevant Area Committee, to provide quarterly performance updates. Please see **Annex 2**.

3. Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026- Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 3.1 The last meeting of the Neighbourhood and Community Board, held in February 2024, received an application from one group of young people as part of the CAN DO project. The group presented their idea to the Board and were awarded £750 to produce a video and educational resources highlighting the dangers of knife crime.
- 3.2 The Board further discussed provision and installation of 'bleed kits' across the Coalfield area, and recommend providing funding to the Connor Brown Trust to lead on this project. Further information is contained in **Item 4 Budget report**.
- 3.3 The importance of providing positive activities for young people during school holidays was discussed by the Board. A recommendation for alignment of funding is contained in **Item 4 Budget report**. Should this funding be approved, a Call for Projects will be made with a maximum of £5,000 per application.
- 3.4 Colleagues from Highways attended the November 2023 Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to consult with members regarding the development of the Coalfield highways maintenance programme for 2024/25. Further updates were received, and Members put forward areas for consideration in the 2024/2025 programme. The suggested locations have been assessed and following discussions at the February 2024 Board meeting, recommendations are contained at **Annex 3 to this report**.
- 3.5 The February meeting also discussed the need to continue the RU Ready for UC and Coalfield Communities Connected projects which are both due to end in the coming months. Further information is contained in **Item 4 Budget Report**.
- 3.6 Key local events were also discussed and funding proposals recommended for approval are contained in **Item 4 Budget Report**.
- 3.7 Attached as **Annex 1** is the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.8 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress for information purposes only.

4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:

- 4.1 Consider the progress, performance update and proposals with regard to Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026.
- 4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only.
- 4.3 Approve the locations contained in **Annex 3** to be included in the Highways Maintenance Programme for 2024/25.

Annex 1 - Coalfield Area Delivery Plan

Annex 2 – Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Coalfield Area Priorities

Annex 3 – Highways Maintenance Programme 2024/25

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Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated March 2024

The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the Coalfield Sunderland area. This Delivery Plan provides an update on progress on the Area Committee’s Area Plan and will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
<p>Dynamic Smart City We will have</p>	
<p>A Can Do Project to develop skills of young people</p>	<p>Three groups of young people attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board on 14 November to present their proposals to Councillors. Kepier School, Houghton Boxing Club and Philadelphia Cricket Club were all successful in their applications for funding. A further round of funding opened in January 2024 and The Old Rectory Youth Club were awarded funding after presenting their ideas to February 2024 N&C Board meeting. A further three groups will present their ideas to the April 2024 meeting.</p>
<p>Coalfield Communities Connected Project to develop digital skills of residents</p>	<p>The Coalfield Communities Connected IT project is delivered by Springboard in four locations, ‘Community Hubs’, each week. In all hubs, participants have access to laptops and PCs, and also get support in improving their knowledge on the use of their personal mobile phone and tablets (using venue’s wifi). It has been identified that digital poverty is a factor for many residents so the project offers free data via the databank to be able to offer additional resources to clients to support their digital development. Hubs are reviewed regularly to ensure the best coverage for all sectors of the community. Members were provided with an update via the project performance report circulated in February 2024. The February N&C Board meeting considered the benefits of this project and invited Springboard to submit an application for funding to continue the project until December 2025. See Item 4 Budget Report</p>
<p>Support to residents to improve financial resilience via R U Ready</p>	<p>The RU Ready for UC project, funded by Coalfield Area Committee, and delivered in partnership by Springboard and ShARP continues to support</p>

	<p>residents to apply for and maintain their Universal Credit requirements including job search, journal upkeep and providing advice and guidance where relevant. Members were provided with an update in February 2024. The need for the project continues and has been demonstrated by the number of new clients accessing the project, and existing clients needing ongoing support. The February N&C Board meeting considered the valuable support to residents that this project brings, and invited Springboard to submit an application for funding to continue the project until December 2025. See Item 4 Budget Report</p>
<p>A VAS and Road Safety programme</p>	<p>The current VAS programme consists of 32 locations and 14 signs which are rotated on a quarterly basis. Members are provided with performance and data reports each quarter. The December 2023 Area Committee approved a further sum of funding to enable the project to continue until March 2026.</p>
<p>A Tree planting programme across the area</p>	<p>In addition to proposals put forward to plant trees on a number of the 13 sites included in the LinkTogether project, members have been asked to submit relevant locations within their ward for consideration for inclusion in a 'community orchard' programme.</p>
<p>Developed and delivered low carbon initiatives in the community</p>	<p>Discussions are underway with Durham Wildlife Trust and Wear Rivers Trust to develop an educational project with local schools. The 'Source to Sea' initiative highlights the 'journey' of a plastic bottle (or other items) through waterways to the sea and the coastline.</p>
<p>Healthy Smart City We will have</p>	
<p>Provision of positive activities for young people during school holidays</p>	<p>The Coalfield Area Committee approved 12 project applications, totalling £55,932 at the June 2023 Area Committee to deliver a programme of holiday activities from July 2023 to May 2024. Over the summer and October school holidays, projects have provided a wide range of activities such as sports, swimming, crafts, cooking, environmental activities and day trips. All included a drink and snack. The Fun and Float sessions at Hetton Pool were a new addition to the holiday programme, and this year, to date 227 children and young people from all four wards across the Coalfield accessed these free sessions. Children from Shiney Row ward could also access Washington pool. In total over 1400 children and young people have benefited from these holiday activities. The N&C Board recommend a further £50,000 of funding is aligned for activities during school holidays between July 2024 and May 2025. See Item 4 Budget Report.</p>

Youth clubs in each of the four wards	The two year Neighbourhood Fund project 'Youth Choices', delivered by Community Opportunities, provides two sessions of youth activity, per ward, per week. Current sessions are delivered at outdoor and indoor venues including Flatts Youth Centre (and field), Shiney Row CA (and Claremont Drive field), Houghton Racecourse CA (and Kirklea field) , Houghton Sports Centre (and MUGA). 430 individual young people accessed youth services/activities in the previous quarter. A total of 84 sessions were delivered and attendance at all sessions has begun to increase. The sessions in each of the four wards provide our young people with a safe space to meet, where they can engage in discussions and talk about issues that are relevant to their lives. They also develop life skills such as cooking, and participate in various sporting or creative activities. Members were provided with an update via the project performance report circulated in February 2024.
A Coalfield Healthy and Active Teen (CHAT) programme	Delivered by Everyone Active, the project offers the opportunity for 11-15 year olds in the Coalfield area of the city to participate in a programme of junior gym and wellness sessions at Hetton and Houghton Sports Centres. The project is engaging 12 'new' young people per quarter, 48 different young people over a year. The young people are given a gym induction of the safe use of the equipment and are free to come and use the gym and swim facilities at certain allocated times throughout the week. Everyone Active is also delivering, on a regular weekly basis, bootcamp for 15-19 year olds.
Activities to reduce Social Isolation	The Links for Life programme will support increased social and wellness activity. The Neighbourhood and Community Board discussed this priority in February 2024, and will further consider allocation of Neighbourhood Fund budget at the April 2024 meeting.
Social Prescribing Services	Links for Life is Sunderland's social prescribing programme. Further information is contained within the Links for Life update in Annex 2
Vibrant Smart City We will have	
The Coalfield Clean it, Green It project	The two year Clean it, Green it project, delivered by Springboard, continues to deliver activity across all four wards on sites and locations which are not currently on a maintenance schedule and need environmental improvement. One Councillor from each ward sits on the steering group, alongside SCC and Gentoo colleagues. The meetings discuss progress and propose locations for action by the team. Volunteers and residents are supported to carry out improvements within their own neighbourhood, and Springboard and Community Opportunities

	(in partnership) tackle larger scale works. The project complements mainstream cleansing schedules and works alongside Sunderland City Council Environmental Services and Gentoo. A Clean it, Green it facebook page is under development. Members were provided with an update in February 2024 and the project was discussed at the February N&C Board meeting. The project will make a presentation to the March Area Committee. Members are keen to continue the project beyond the planned end date and therefore will make a recommendation for funding to the June 2024 Area Committee (pending confirmation of the 2024/25 budget)
Heritage Activities and Community Events	The Stephenson Trail project is ongoing and a number of events and activities have taken place to highlight the heritage aspect of the trail. Local community events throughout the year are supported by Community Chest and Neighbourhood Fund. The February N&C Board meeting discussed their continued support for the successful Coalfield Pride and Elemore Music Events and recommend funding to deliver both events in 2024. Please see Item 4 Budget Report for further details.
Delivered the Houghton Feast community programme	The 2023 Houghton Feast was delivered successfully in October 2023. The opening ceremony, and parade saw hundreds of community groups, schools and residents engaged in activities and entertainment. The planning for 2024 will commence early in the new year.
Improvements to Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground facilities	Following allocation of Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Capital Improvement Programme, works are underway to improve the pavilion at Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground. The Class A football pitch has been improved and encroaching trees have been removed and pollarded. Repairs to the spectator rail has been completed and external fencing to protect the site has been installed.
Improvements to Houghton Rectory Park	Improvements at Rectory Park are ongoing. The railings around the park have been repainted and the large tree restricting access near the entrance to the Old Rectory has been removed. As part of the Area Committee funded project, new benches have now been installed and future works including creation of a reflection garden and planting ground covering plants are planned for Spring 2024.
Delivered the Stephenson Trail heritage programme	The Stephenson Trail programme has delivered a wide range of environmental and educational activity across the Coalfield, East and West areas. A comprehensive update was sent to members of all 3 Area Committees in August 2023. Waymarkers have been installed along the route and information boards have been erected in three locations. A map/booklet has been designed and printed and is available in various

	<p>venues and electronically. Further information boards and badges will complete the capital spend of the project. A further 12 months of maintenance costs has been allocated to community organisations across all three areas.</p>
<p>Contributed to habitat and ecological improvements via Link Together</p>	<p>Development proposals for each of the 13 sites have now been prepared. Consultation on each site plan has been carried out and will be used to inform the final spec for each site. This development stage of the project has engaged residents and groups across the area. The delivery phase of the project is planned to commence in 2024. To gain more value for money it is proposed that the funding allocated to this project is held by Sunderland City Council's Low Carbon team, jointly managed with Durham Wildlife Trust.</p>
<p>Continued the Proactive Coalfield Anti-social behaviour project and worked in partnership to tackle Motorcycle ASB</p>	<p>The additional, proactive, ASB Officer for Coalfield is working alongside partners, businesses and residents to identify and target problematic areas in a planned way. A performance update with specific ward based information was provided to members in February 2024. The February N&C Board will recommend continuation of the project to the June Area Committee (subject to confirmation of budget allocations).</p> <p>A Coalfield Task and Finish Group has been set up to look at the motorcycle disorder problem in more detail.</p> <p>A Northumbria Police force-wide team will be in place from late November 2023 to deal with the issue. The team will work closely with Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Borough Council ASB teams. At the December 2023 Area Committee a £25,000 contribution to the project was approved. Further updates will be presented under 'service updates', at Annex 2, each quarter.</p>
<p>Held a Coalfield Pride Event at Houghton</p>	<p>The Coalfield Pride event was held on 19 August 2023 at The Rectory Field, Houghton le Spring. It was a successful family focused event, building on the inaugural event in 2022. In addition to headline music and drag acts, craft stalls, children's entertainment, food court, wrestling and dance displays were provided. The N&C Board discussed the 2024 event at their meeting in February and recommend approval of funding for 2024. Further information in Item 4 Budget Report.</p>
<p>Developed environmental improvements at Copt Hill and Seven Sisters</p>	<p>Following approval of Neighbourhood Capital Improvement Programme funding, a number of site visits have take place at the Copt Hill/Seven Sisters site. Proposals for improvements include information boards,</p>

	<p>signage, path clearance and repair. This will complement work to be carried out as part of the LinkTogether project. Durham Wildlife Trust will lead on the project and carry out the work in consultation with Members, and in partnership with Springboard.</p>
Supported VCS organisations and Community Hubs	<p>A Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings are chaired by the Vice Chair of Area Committee and continue to be well attended, participative and informative and provide a mechanism for attendees to network with Council Officers, partners and community organisations. The last meeting in February was attended by 51 people. Further information is contained within Item 3c VCSN Partner report.</p> <p>The PCRM has supported a number of groups with advice and support on funding, governance and project development.</p>
Improved Community Assets	<p>The November 2023 meeting of the Neighbourhood and Community Board discussed support for organisations delivering services in local community buildings. The December Area Committee agreed to align a sum of funding, initially £75,000, to this priority and carry out a call for projects which organisations could apply to for improvements to their building. The N&C Board discussed all applications at the February 2024 meeting, and recommend approval of 11 applications. Further information contained in Item 4 Budget Report.</p>
Supported the celebration event at former Houghton Colliery site	<p>Work on the new retail development at Houghton is underway. The mining heritage artwork is complete and in storage until the site is at a stage to incorporate the installation. A celebration event and unveiling of the artwork will be planned in 2024.</p>
A Christmas Tree at Newbottle	<p>Further to approval of funding at the September Area Committee to deliver the 'Coalfield Christmas' project, arrangements were made to install infrastructure to accept delivery of a 30ft Christmas tree in November 2023. The tree lights were switched on at a community event on Friday 1 December. The local community, including St Matthews, provided entertainment and refreshments.</p>
A Music Event at Elemore Park	<p>The first live event took place at Elemore Park on Saturday 26 August 2023. The event included a number of acts such as Marty Longstaff (Lakes Poets), Houghton Brass, Dennis and James Thoroughgood. Fun entertainment and activities for all of the family were also provided. This successful event attracted approximately 500 residents. A proposal for funding for the 2024 event is contained in Item 4, Budget Report</p>

Service Plans – Coalfield Area Priorities – for information only

1. ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Doric View	Development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	TBC	TBC	Discussions are ongoing with Bernicia Housing regarding the redevelopment of the existing Doric View property into 4 supported living units which would include funding from Learning Disabilities Out of Hospital Community Provision ringfenced for 24/25 with Bernicia adding additional funding from their own budget. Bernicia have confirmed that redevelopment work can go ahead at Doric View. The costs had sign off last week by Bernicia's executive director; Bernicia have provided 2 costing option with 1 being redevelopment and 1 for disposal of the property. The redevelopment is the preferred option. Commissioning Team will take forward work to develop the property with relevant partners

2. CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration (City Development)

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood & Community Boards	9/23	3/24	Individual planting schemes developed in further detail, with some requiring further consultation before the overall programme is finalised. Seven sites currently have in-principle funding approval: Holmeside Phase 2 (East); Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North), Silksworth Ski Slope and Pit Wheel (West); Doxford Park

				(East); Ryhope Junior School (East). An additional 3-4 sites are also being considered and are currently at the feasibility stage.
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include implementation within individual Area Committee areas			<p>Link Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 has been submitted – if successful it will support greenspace uplift to 13 sites across the Coalfield.</p> <p>Sunderland City Council is working in partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.On on the current phase of Energy Company Obligation (ECO4), which requires energy suppliers to implement energy efficiency improvements in residents' homes. The scheme is aimed at lower income and/or vulnerable households and less energy efficient properties with the aims of tackling fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions from the domestic sector and improving thermal comfort. The ECO4 scheme was launched in October and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (city-wide). Eco-4 will run to 2026 across the city.</p>
Houghton library improvements				<p>Houghton Library closed on Saturday 3rd November – The decant of all internal furniture will take place in the weeks following ready for construction work to begin on site WC Monday 4th December 2023</p> <p>Alternative provision in Houghton will be provided during this time including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click and collect service and a Pop up library service delivered from the Café unit at street level within the library building on Newbottle Street. • Extended Books at home provision

3. City Development: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update

HALO (currently Safer Streets Funded)	1 x community engagement worker and office costs	08/22	03/25	<p>Project continues to deliver agreed aims and objectives. the expansion into Easington Lane has been welcomed and community events at ELCAP are well attended. funding for the community engagement worker has been secured until March 2025.</p> <p>HALO has been successful in obtaining funding to deliver pilot diversionary activities to specifically educate and engage young people about motorbike disorder and also to pilot Thai boxing and regular boxing sessions with partners.</p> <p>HALO is also supporting Elemore Country Park to reach their goal to become a forestry school through the delivery of Bushcraft sessions.</p>
ASB Project (currently AC funded) Motor Cycle Task and Finish meeting	1 x ASB officer Proactive approach working in identified areas across the 4 wards in Coalfields	09/22	09/24	<p>Neighbourhood Enforcement AC update submitted January 2024 via agreed reporting arrangements. Discussed at February N&C Board meeting and proposal will be submitted to June 2024 AC to continue funding for ASB for a further 2 years</p> <p>MC attends these meetings and has updated the board on new dedicated team and the ask for AC.</p> <p>The Motorcycle Disorder Task Force went live Dec 23. snapshot of results so far:</p> <p>Patrols:52 Leaflet drops:2 Multi-agency meetings:2 Nights of action:1 Social media posts:2 Call backs:28 Home Visit:2 ABA:1 CPW: 2 Vehicle Seizures:6 Arrests/summons:2</p>
Elemore Festival	Community Folk music event	8/23	9/23	Event successfully held 26th August

4. CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com <u>In addition, Digital Dashboards have been produced for every ward detailing the existing digital provision, challenges, and potential opportunities for consideration.</u>
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23		Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com

5. CORPORATE SERVICES; Property Services (Strategic)

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Houghton New Depot	Design and construction of a new Coalfields depot to replace the current provision at Market Place Industrial Estate	4/23	4/28	A preferred site at Rainton Bridge has been identified. A project brief has also been agreed a revised funding application has been approved. Detailed design and further due diligence on the proposed site is now progressing. Site includes a Salt Barn. Barn size and gritter storage agreed
Hetton Park	Renewal / Re-surfacing of tarmac footpaths	4/23	3/24	Work has commenced on the footpath, from the Hetton Centre to the tennis court, in Hetton park and resurface and some edging will be complete by the end of March.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:

Bereavement Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Cemetery Improvements	Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand	June 22	Ongoing	<p>As part of the ongoing cemetery improvement works led by the Cemetery Improvement Boards, work is advancing on the enforcement of cemetery regulations relating to unauthorised items and enclosures on lawn section graves. Signage has been erected in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items, and work to remove relevant items will begin as soon as ground conditions allow.</p> <p>As consultation with Board Members continues on all actions, the CIB continue to receive updates on any developments in this respect.</p> <p>As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safely audits have now been conducted and initial findings from our consultants have been received. Further review is required and agreement on the work required work schedule, costs and processes. Further updates will follow.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board (CIB) meetings continue on a bi-monthly basis. As regulatory enforcement becomes part of business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific action plans will deliver on improvement works specific to each cemetery dependant on local requirements and need.</p> <p>In addition to the regulatory enforcement and MST programme, the board have also reviewed options to improve cemetery maintenance and increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.</p> <p>Memorial product development and management of historic memorial sponsorship terms now also receives focus by the CIB Members, with</p>

many new processes agreed and implemented following discussion and agreement within the group.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 st April 2023	September 2023	<p>The 2023 trial which commenced on the 1st of April which is due to conclude on the 30th of September 2023 is enabling Local Services to ensure we capture a full weed season. The process is allowing us to monitor the impact of using alternative methods to Glyphosate, understand how effective other weed control methods can be, the impact these treatments have on the effectiveness of maintenance, resource, costs, equipment/training requirements, environmental and visual impact, and importantly the views of our residents.</p> <p>To date detailed records on all aspects of the trail are being gathered and analysed. Aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Environmental Impact • Cost • Effectiveness • Resident Feedback <p>We are continuing to engage with residents, our wider council colleagues, key city stakeholders and neighbouring authorities. We are also engaging with several other Authorities and organisations such as Cardiff Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Brighton Council the Amenity Forum and APSE.</p> <p>A final report will be produced and published following the conclusion of the trial.</p>

				<p>The further targeted trials which started in April have continued into November 2023. The detailed trial will provide clear evidence to review, enabling consideration of the available options, cost and resource implications for each method tested.</p> <p>The results of the trial will inform the appropriate next steps. The trial has now concluded, findings are currently being compiled into a detailed report.</p> <p>A market feasibility study via procurement is also now underway to establish costs and availability of alternative weed control equipment</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>Tree inspections and mapping commenced in May 2023. Starting in the East area to date we have surveyed and digitally mapped over 5000 trees. The survey will move into the West area over the coming weeks. The survey will enable SCC to fully understand our tree stock, which will in turn increase our ability to manage the risk more effectively. The survey will also facilitate a much more proactive approach to tree planting and replacement, establish how much carbon as a city our trees can sequester, it will also inform us of the overall impact of Ash Dieback disease. The data base as it grows will provide a deeper case by case record of each tree and its inspection record which will improve member and customer journeys as the information held will provide more detailed information when responding to customer requests and complaints. To date 12,757 trees have been surveyed.</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		<p>We continue to trial alternative kit not only to reduce carbon emissions but to reduce the hand arm vibration some kit exposes our workforce to. To date we have tested Electric hedge trimmers, chainsaws, strimmers and grass cutters. We are hoping in the coming weeks to explore hybrid chipper technology. We are also working with our fleet team to future proof our kit replacement programme factoring in the feedback we capture as part trials and are confident that over a period of time to further reduce our reliance upon petrol tools and equipment. Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme. Following E Tech trials, various kit has been introduced into our operational teams. The kit not only reduces the hand arm vibration levels our operatives are exposed to, it also supports the Council's low carbon agenda.</p>

				<p>The kit includes, E Blowers, E Gum removal packs, E Chainsaws, E Hedge Trimmers and a Hybrid Chipper.</p> <p>We are continuing to explore other E solutions and are currently trialing a E Mechanical Sweeper</p>
Coalfields In Bloom	Improving green spaces in Coalfields.	April 2023	March 2024	<p>Shiney Row war memorial area was given an overhaul and some new plants we're planted in the tubs to give more colour and a better display.</p> <p>Easington Lane war memorial was also treated to some new plants in the planters and the brick structured beds given a general tidy up. Hetton town centre planters refreshed with some new sustainable planting to compliment the hanging baskets.</p> <p>Bringing in the planters from the Broadway at Rectory Park to revamp them ahead of spring.</p> <p>Shiney Row planters are to be fully refreshed ahead of spring.</p> <p>Where any of the plants have perished in the other planters at Easington Lane, Hetton Town Centre we will replace.</p>
Rectory Park Improvements	Rectory Park Improvements.	April 2023	March 2024	<p>New planters implemented to close off the unofficial car park, these will be distributed into the park following the decision with property services about the space.</p> <p>All park benches have been replaced, except for a memorial bench.</p> <p>Looking at plans to improve the shrub beds in spring 2024. This will involve removing older beds and replanting with a more sustainable shrub which will provide a mixture of colours through the growing season. Also looking at planting spring bulbs and wildflower sections.</p> <p>We have removed the old wooden planters from beside the car park and will replace with black planters these will be filled with plants to create a nice focal feature in the car park area. March 2024. The planters on the Broadway are going to be refreshed with further sustainable planting March 2024</p> <p>The woodland area to the left of the park looking at planting some Wildflower woodland plug plants.</p>

Hetton Park	Renewal / Re-surfacing of tarmac footpaths	4/23	3/24	The path through Hetton Park is being improved from the Hetton Centre end to the new tennis court by Building Services. The work is currently planned in for the new year with completion by March. As per Building Services
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8. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing of various options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	Following the recent trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city, the detailed findings of the trial have enabled the Environmental Services Winter Maintenance Team, to further improve the planning for the essential replacement of the city's Vaisala weather station network and ensure that the positioning of the new equipment is optimised in response to the current and future development of new key routes and any road network changes across the city. With the new installations of modern Vaisala equipment occurring from May 2024, the road users of Sunderland can be assured the city will have some of the most advanced weather monitoring and forecasting equipment available, provided and supported by one of the market leaders in the industry.
Winter Service Review	Comprehensive review of the Winter Maintenance Service	Spring 2024	Autumn 2024	Following on from the review undertaken 2023, the 2024 review will commence following the completion of this year's winter maintenance period. The review takes in all aspects of the Winter Service. A key focus of the review is the priority network coverage. The review process is be based upon the requirement to deliver an efficient resilient service for the residents of Sunderland and the commuting public, whilst also meeting any legal requirements, adhering to best practice and meeting deliverable expectations with a finite resource. Where there are legislative changes, the policy will be reviewed immediately, and further approval sought from the Council. All recommendations produced by The Department for Transport and the UK Road

				Liaison Group along with identifiable best practice are considered during the annual review.
Development of a salt barn in Houghton.	Construction of a new Coalfields depot to replace the current provision at Market Place Industrial Estate including a salt barn.	April 2023	April 2028	A preferred site at Rainton Bridge has been identified. A project brief has also been agreed a revised funding application has been approved. Detailed design and further due diligence on the proposed site is now progressing

9. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	UKSPF funds secured to support VCS in Sunderland to deliver 12 months of community support across the city. VCS providers will support the establishment of the Links for Life social prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB,.
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	Continue to use household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform Support offer available within communities, working closely with partners including the voluntary sector. The UKSPF community support offer is supporting residents to become financially resilient and forms a core part of the wider Links for Life service offer.

				<p>The team continues to talk to residents in communities about their experience and report on issues and themes from the conversations.</p> <p>The work is facilitated by excellent relationships already established with local VCS organisations.</p> <p>We are combining quantitative and qualitative data to provide context and a deeper understanding of the Lived experience of residents.</p> <p>We are currently refining a recording and reporting system to manage both statistical and anecdotal information so that if a service or partner organisation requires some contextual information we can find and provide it.</p> <p>The delivery of Financial Wellbeing support activities across services is making good progress. In the past 12 months 153 of 182 actions in the delivery plan have been completed or mainstreamed as core service activities.</p> <p>The community engagement officer continues to collect Lived Experience insights from residents – these insights contribute to evaluation of various programmes as well as informing service delivery.</p> <p>A system for recording the qualitative data is in development, to make the data easier to access for services and partner organisations.</p> <p>The project team moved in February 24 to become aligned with the Financial Resilience Team (Strategic Advice Services) which is expected to enhance the work of both programmes.</p>
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LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

Links for Life is Sunderland’s approach to social prescribing; working with our partners to help people live the best life they can by linking them to community level services and support to make a lasting difference to their health and wellbeing.

Partners recognise that without growth of the service offer in the community we will not reduce health inequalities. Effort has gone into building support for voluntary and community groups who are delivering vital services within our communities.

WHAT IS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING?

Factors such as stress, unemployment, debt and loneliness can affect our health.¹ Also, one in five GP appointments are about issues wider than health, especially for people living in areas of high deprivation.²

Social Prescribing is about connecting people with activities and services that improve their physical and mental health, and wellbeing. It supports people to identify and discuss their own support needs, giving them time to focus on 'what matters to them' and taking a holistic approach to their health and wellbeing.

Supporting residents to improve their health and wellbeing through self-help and connections to community-based support services, often provided by our VCS services, is vital to support our residents with the range of social issues which drive up health inequalities in our city. Key benefits can include improved social connections, improvement in the management of health and health status, improvement in mental health and wellbeing and life enrichment.³

LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

To build on all the positive work that already happens in Sunderland, partners are working on developing a model, called Links for Life Sunderland, which will be launched in **April 2024**.

Links for Life Sunderland will bring together people within communities, supporting everyone to have healthy, happy lives, with no one left behind.

A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here [Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40](https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40)

What are the aims:

- Residents and partners will be able to easily find information, including community-based services, to make better informed choices to help their health and wellbeing.
- People will recognise Links for Life Sunderland and will associate it with quality, accessibility and connectiveness.
- Residents will be able to get support through more community-based partners, including VCS, through improved promotion, collaboration and demonstration of their impact.
- Links for Life Sunderland will be developed on evidence-based practice and evaluation.
- Investment will be targeted and driven by local data, intelligence and knowledge from the system.

What are we doing:

- Creating the Links for Life Sunderland brand, informed by the views of residents and making sure it is recognised and visible across the city.
- Developing a 'digital community support platform', to make sure people can find the information and help they need.
- Mapping our community buildings and services to understand and help address gaps, making sure we focus our efforts on people and places that can't access services.
- Supporting the voluntary sector to grow the Links for Life offer within community settings. Including the provision of Community grant schemes to support voluntary sector organisations in developing Links for Life delivery centres within communities and ensure the difference their work makes to the lives of residents, is recognised and supported by all partners.

¹ [Social determinants of health \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int)

² NHS England » Social prescribing as a way of tackling health inequalities in all health settings

³ Bild, E and Pachana, N,A, Social prescribing: A narrative review on how community engagement can improve wellbeing in later life, Oct 2022.

- Creating a charter that makes sure we have shared behaviours and values and everyone receives a good quality service that meets expectations
- Working alongside the community wealth building strategy / social value initiatives in the city to financially support our voluntary sector as well as support much needed improvements within our community facilities.

10. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy/ Housing Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Empty Properties	<p>This is not a specific project. The following wards show a high prevalence of empty properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hetton • Copt Hill <p>The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.</p>	Progressing	<p>Initial presentation complete</p> <p>Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</p>	<p>A presentation on Empty Properties has been delivered to all Area Committees. This showed the data relating to area, Ward and across the City.</p> <p>An Empty Homes Report is being developed following the views and questions provided as part of the Area Committee discussions.</p> <p>This report will be presented to Area Committees quarterly</p>

New Council homes	<p>Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams:</p> <p>Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported – 171</p> <p>For Coalfield</p> <p>Empty Homes - 37 Bungalows - 36 Supported – 34</p>	Feb 2020	March 2026	<p>Empty Homes - 15 Bungalows - 5 Supported – 1</p> <p>Due to the current financial and economic position with increased inflationary pressures, increasing borrowing rates, increasing build costs and no growth in Homes England grant, properties linked to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) activities are suspended until the economic climate changes to enable the viability of the HRA in the future. Some non-HRA activity including supported accommodation which does not sit within the HRA will continue.</p>
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11. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion by	Area Committee quarterly update
Foodbank Support	Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all area of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year	N/a	N/A	<p>Service continues to collate and analyse monthly foodbank usage and will be providing up to date area-based breakdowns for the support provided by Sunderland Foodbank Distribution Centres and 5 Independent foodbanks . These are the organisations that have provided figures to the council since at least the start of the pandemic .</p> <p>Separately the service is collating information from other foodbanks , and food aid providers to better understand gaps in provision and potential issues within communities including wider food insecurity. This links to range of actions in the Good Food Charter Action Plan</p>

				Information continues to be made available for residents to access via website and also voluntary sector and partners such as housing, health, etc
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12. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Hetton Park	5/23	7/23	Complete and operational from 25/8/23
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Swim Bike Run programme	Create new opportunities to participate in SBR and Go Tri – in HLCP	7/23	Ongoing	In progress
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop SBR Hubs from HLCP	7/23	Ongoing	Bike hire offer progressing, Swim element postponed for foreseeable future
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Work with HALO and to explore opportunities for partnership working	11/23	Ongoing	Ongoing
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Consultation and development of Bid for Playzone in Coalfield - location tbc	7/23	10/23	Place identified - Progressing with community consultation and engagement with stakeholders Next stage progressing with community organisation and community engagement

13. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Progressing model development, at: Hetton New Dawn Philadelphia Cricket Club

				Community Opportunities (Flatts and Churchill Square) Easington Lane Community Access Point ShARP
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14. TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Development of Family Hubs and Start for Life	<p>The aim of Family Hubs is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. To bring services together and make them more accessible, improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and put relationships at the heart of family support.</p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The</p>	2022	3/25	<p>Coalfield was launched in May 2023 offering a number of groups for early years, a stay and play, play space and sensory room.</p> <p>Co-Delivery with ante-natal services is well underway. Early years CAMH's worker sits within the hubs. A SALT (speech and language therapist) will be working from the hubs in the new year.</p> <p>The health room for booking in pregnancies has recently been completed and is now functional for these appointments.</p> <p>Registrar service sits at Coalfield on a weekly basis, so parents are able to register their baby's birth within the hub.</p> <p>All of the hubs also deliver at least one session a week within other community organisations across the city.</p> <p>There are 5 peer support health workers across the hubs, aligned to support the delivery of services around peri-natal mental health and infant feeding.</p> <p>Ante-natal and breast-feeding classes are offered across the hubs.</p> <p>Young people's groups are delivered weekly from all of the Family Hubs. The groups are based on a social prescribing model and aim to:- enable young people to become Resilient, Inspired, Self-Assured & Empowered. R.I.S.E is focused on improving mental health and well-</p>

	<p>Early Help workers complete a robust assessment and plan , provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p> <p>https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</p>			<p>being, improving the life chances of children and young people. Our mission is to enable and provide young people with the skills, techniques, and tools they need to achieve healthy self- esteem/ self- concept and maintain it, which is the primary factor in the maintenance of social, emotional, and mental well-being, staying happy, healthy, safe and well connected” There are separate RISE groups for primary school aged children and secondary school children.</p> <p>There are 12 Family Champions trained so far across the hubs and two parent carer panels made up of 9 and 10 members.</p> <p>TfC have led on the development of the Northeast Parent Carer Panel information sharing network –Plan for TfC as part of National Volunteer week to host the networking event next year.</p> <p>The Parenting Team have co-produced a new parenting Course with Sunderland University and delivery has started of these courses within the hubs and there are new digital parenting seminars being launched.</p>
<p>Digital Family Hub – My Best Life</p>	<p>The face to face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources.</p> <p>MBL is not the finished article. The platform is being co-produced with young people, parent/carers and professionals across the city.</p> <p>MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and</p>	<p>2023</p>		<p>Family Hub activities have been added to MBL.</p> <p>Co-production sessions have been carried out in November by the MBL team with;</p> <p>Young people Parent and Carer via Family Hub panels. Parent/Carer Forum Professionals from Family Hubs, Health, Early Help, SEND, council, public health etc.</p> <p>The platform will be updated and added to over the coming months. Early Help Strategy 2024/28 – Final draft is under consultation. To be launched by Easter 2024.</p> <p>My Best Life website was launched in December 2023.The site’s main features include advertising and booking of Family Hub events and a library of resources that is maintained by the Family Hubs. The main</p>

	young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home			<p>benefit from this is families being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p> <p>Family Hubs have recruited two peer support workers to work alongside and support fathers.</p> <p>There are now 20 Parent Carer Panel members with a panel attached to each of the Family Hubs.</p>
Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme	Together for Children and Health, Housing and Communities have worked together to continue to extend HAF provision to the additional two holiday periods in 2023/2024 (Oct 23 and Feb 24) and extend the current HAF offer (Winter 23) to children in households on universal credit and struggling with the cost of living but not eligible for means tested free school meals.	2023		HAF has been delivered over October half term funded fully by Public Health and will also fund Feb 2024.

COALFIELD AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Recommendations (in bold) for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2024-2025

STREET NAME	WARD	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Blossom Street- south end	Copt Hill	Road Resurfacing		20,500
Long Fellow Street	Copt Hill	Road Resurfacing		21,000
Market Place- Lake Road	Copt Hill	Hard Pave verge	3,500	
Seaham Road rear	Copt Hill	Road Resurfacing		28,100
St Cuthbert's Road	Copt Hill	Road Resurfacing		13,500
Brickgarth- 48 to 83	Hetton	Road Resurfacing		13,200
Girven Terrace	Hetton	Road Resurfacing		11,000
John Street	Hetton	Road Resurfacing		10,300
Kirkdale Street	Hetton	Road Resurfacing		10,800
Moorsley road- junct Ennerdale	Hetton	Road Resurfacing		3,600
Pemberton Bank – bungalow steps	Hetton	Step reconstruction	4,000	
Black Boy Road - bridge	Houghton	Road Resurfacing		7,700
Byland Close	Houghton	Road Resurfacing		11,500
Littleburn Close	Houghton	Road Resurfacing		13,450
Mulberry Way	Houghton	Joint repair		6,000
St Michael's parking area	Houghton	Road Resurfacing		4,650
Wear Street footways	Houghton	Footway resurfacing	15,050	

STREET NAME	WARD	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Beatrice Terrace - rear	Shiney Row	Road Surfacing		16,000
Eden Terrace - rear	Shiney Row	Road Surfacing		20,100
Fenton Terrace- gable ends	Shiney Row	Road Surfacing		4,500
Freezemoor Road	Shiney Row	Hard Pave verge	6,550	
Langley Street	Shiney Row	Road Surfacing		28,200
Mill Terrace - rear	Shiney Row	Road Surfacing		12,000
		Total	29100	256100
		SELECTION TOTAL	10,050	90,250

TOTAL = £100,300

Schemes highlighted in bold represent N&C Board recommendations

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Coalfields area between the following 8-week period (29th December 2023 – 23rd February 2024)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to 23-02-24

Crime numbers are tracking below data for two of the last 3years which is a positive position. The most significant crimes recorded in Coalfields in this period are violence against the person with no injury, criminal damage, and theft and handling. The area with the most crimes recorded is Houghton Town centre, Easington Lane and then Shiney Row.

Burglary Dwelling.

Burglary Dwelling offences continue to track below the last 2 years as such the Coalfields area is performing very well in this crime category. However, it is important that we are continuing to focus efforts in this area and all my teams are fully aware of target locations and offenders. As a result, I have again obtained tasking in the area to ensure that we stay on top of this crime type. The neighbourhood teams have also commenced a bespoke operation to proactively target offenders.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors and as such I would highlight the sector is not a hot spot for these types of offences. The teams do however continue to target and disrupt our offenders. We have however recorded a couple of recent commercial offences which the teams are looking at.

Vehicle crime

Although we experienced a significant spike at the beginning of this period taking us above previous years offence data some good work by the team (including HALO) has seen a sharp reduction in offences taking us below previous 2023 reporting and on a par with 2022 and 2021. Despite those figures this is still a key focus area for me and the teams since these offences can impact on anti-social behaviour performance therefore the team with partners have several operations underway. The teams have also made several excellent arrests in the reporting period which have resulted in stolen vehicles being recovered.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 23-02-24

We are currently tracking below reporting levels from the last 3 years which is positive news. In this 8-week period there have been 127 ASB incidents a reduction of 35 reports on the last period. The most prevalent reports of disorder are around motorcycle disorder, neighbour disputes, and nuisance. The ASB hot spots for the sector are Houghton Town centre easington Lane followed by Shiney Row.

The HALO team continue to go from strength to strength with some excellent diversionary activities which we have excellent support from partners in the sector.

The team are continuing to work on our winter operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

Our focus will remain ASB along with acquisitive crime.

Winter plan update

The Winter plan as can be seen from my above update is working very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gento which has seen a big reduction throughout the target areas.

The spring/summer plan will soon be on the horizon, and I will update you in activity in relation to that.

REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7011 Baker

13 March 2024

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Committee area from 28th November 2023 – 25th February 2024. This report also gives the annual Performance figures from 01st April 2023 – 25th February 2024.

2 Background

2.1 At its November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Level 4	Incident Count
Copt Hill	1	House - single occupancy	1
Shiney Row	1	Retail	1
Hetton	0	Total	2
Houghton	0		
Total	2		

2 Deliberate property fires, compared to 3 in the same period last year (33% decrease).

Annually: 8 Deliberate property fires, down from 11 in the same period last year (27% decrease). Copt Hill (3) and Shiney Row (2) have no change in figures. Hetton (2) has had a 33% reduction and Houghton (1) a 66% reduction.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Level 3	Incident Count
Copt Hill	2	Car	6
Hetton	3	Motorcycle	1
Houghton	2	Multiple Vehicles	1
Shiney Row	1	Total	8
Total	8		

8 Vehicle fires reported during this period which is down from 9 last year (11% decrease). Copt Hill has seen a 33% decrease in vehicle fires, 2 down from 3 last year. The rise identified in the last report has not continued into this quarter. Hetton has had 3 vehicle fires, up from 2 last year, 50% rise with no trend identified. Houghton has had 2, down from 4 last year (50% decrease). Shiney Row has had 1, up from 0 last year. TWFRS continue to work

with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified. Hot Strikes have been conducted where appropriate to do so.

Annually: 34 Vehicle fires up from 30 in the same period last year (13% increase). Copt Hill (14) has seen a rise of 40% from 10. This can be attributed to the spike that was detailed in the last report, this has now stabilised in Q4. Hetton (8) has seen a 60% rise from 5. Houghton (8) has seen a 27% reduction from 11. Shiney Row (4), remains the same as the last annual figures.

3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Copt Hill	4
Hetton	19
Houghton	12
Shiney Row	4
Total	39

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Wheelie Bin	5
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	2
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	24
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	3
Cables	2
	1
Total	39

Copt Hill 25% (4 down from 5), Houghton 7% (12 down from 13) and Shiney Row 75% (4 down from 16) have seen a decrease over last year's figures. Hetton 46% (19 up from 13) has seen an increase in this reporting period.

Annually: 201 Secondary fires, down from 303, a 33% reduction. All 4 wards seeing a reduction. Copt Hill 6% 42, down from 45, Houghton 41% 47, down from 80, Hetton 3% 88, down from 91 and Copt Hill 6% 42, down from 45.

3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

Ward Name	Incident Count
Hetton	22
Houghton	14
Copt Hill	7
Shiney Row	6
Total	49

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
49	59	-16.95 %

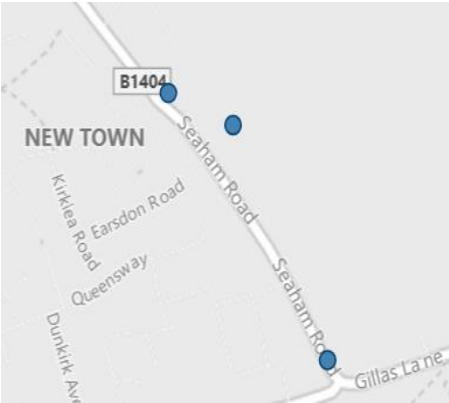
Copt Hill, Houghton and Shiney Row have seen a decrease over last year's figures. Hetton has seen an increase in this reporting period.

Annually: 243 Deliberate fires, down from 344, a 29% reduction. Houghton 40%, 56 down from 94 and Shiney Row 67% 30 down from 93, have seen a huge reduction. Hetton 1% 98 down from 99, and Copt Hill 1% 59 up from 58, have remained similar to last years figures.

Ward Breakdown and hotspot analysis

Copt Hill ward 22% decrease. 7 down from 9.

Out of 7 incidents, 3 were loose refuse and 2 were vehicle fires. The main area of ASB is on Seaham Road in this reporting period, seeing 3 incidents. ASB fires around the Elizabeth Street area have reduced extensively, with only 1 incident in the general area in this reporting period.

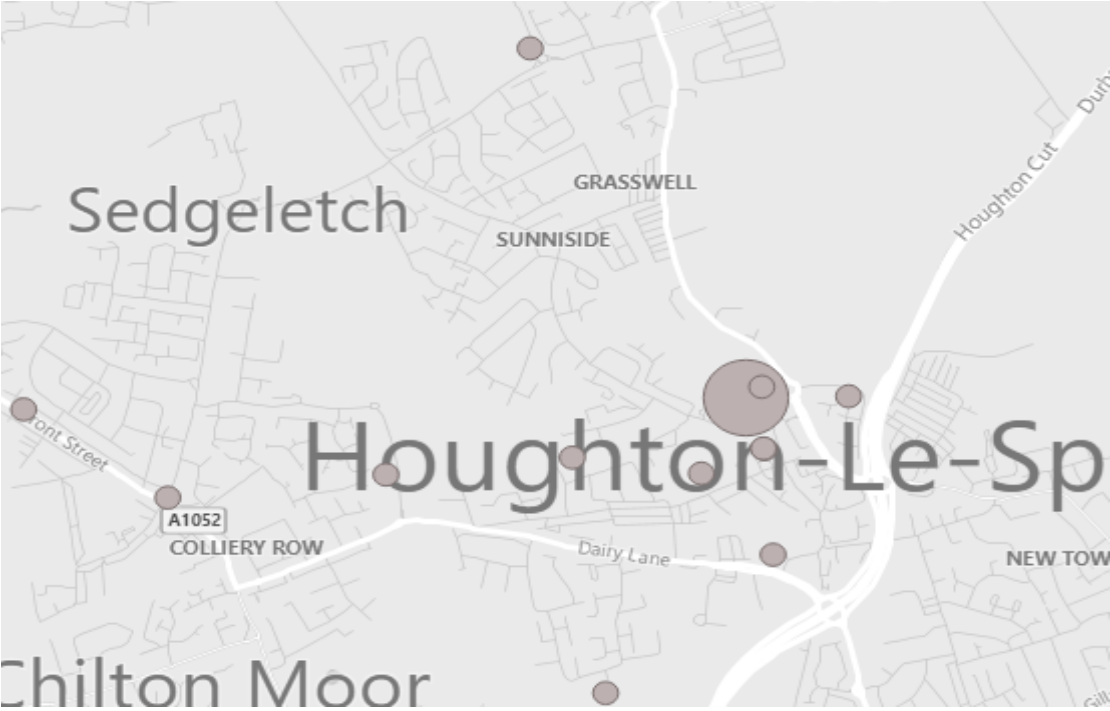


Hetton ward 46% increase. 22 Up from 15.

Out of 22 incidents, 12 were loose refuse. The main hotspot area over this reporting period is in the Playground, Dorset Street, Elemore Lane. This data is shared with the Halo team monthly, so they can plan their initiatives and engagements at these locations. The area around Nidderdale Avenue has decreased to 0 incidents in this reporting period from 6 in Q3.



Houghton ward 22% reduction. 14 down from 18.



Out of the 14 incidents, 6 were loose refuse. There were no patterns on property types. The fires within this reporting period are spread over the ward area.

Shiney Row ward 69% reduction. 11 down from 36.

Out of 6 incidents, 3 were loose refuse. There were no hotspot areas over the reporting period. The ASB fire increase in Q3 at South Burn Terrace has reduced down to 2 incidents in this Quarter. This area has been targeted with a S&W initiative in Q2 and a Fire Stoppers leaflet drop.



3.6 Community Involvement

Throughout the reporting period, operational crews have attended 4 events in the local area. This has included community engagements and supporting the Halo team with their initiatives such as the bush craft session and the Christmas party in December.

TWFRS continue to support partners involved in the HALO project and prioritise these diary commitments where possible. We also continue to support the Clear Hold Build Project in Easington Lane. We have recently provided the public with fire safety information in the form of a leaflet, this covered the safe use of lithium Ion batteries and the safe storage and charging. This was rolled out through Louise Butler using the Halo / Sail and Sara projects. Locally this was also pushed by Clear Hold Build.

The Diversionary Activities team have conducted a range of activities in this reporting period, Diversionary Activities Manager John Anderson will update you on these activities during the Area Committee meeting, as he will be attending the meeting on my behalf to deliver this report.

Rainton Bridge crews have completed 101 Safe and Wells visits in the reporting period under the new targeting system. 590 S&W's have been completed by crews since 01.04.24 and the 600 annual target will be achieved before 31.03.24. Hot strikes continue following domestic premises fires and further support the delivery of fire safety in the home.

TWFRS Recruitment is still open.

3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce hotspot incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective Ward areas to create links through community engagements. The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

Over this reporting period there were 0 attacks on crews in the Coalfield area and 3 across the wider Sunderland area in this reporting period. Annually, there have been 18 attacks on crews in the Sunderland area, this is up from 13 in the year before.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the content of this report. Promote the Fire Stoppers reporting number in community groups to drive down deliberate fires.

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Note: Some incident data may be subject to change, some incidents may not appear in this report at the time of production due to incidents that may have been closed down late or still remain open.

Hetton Ward - Watch Manager Kevin Sirey - kevin.sirey@twfire.gov.uk
Houghton Ward - Watch Manager Chris Pearson chris.pearson@twfire.gov.uk
Shiney Row Ward - Watch Manager - Required
Copt Hill Ward - Watch Manager Lee Curran andrew.lane@twfire.gov.uk



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13 March 2024

REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.

2.2 Coalfield Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

2.3 The Coalfield VCS Network is made up of over 100 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin distributed via the Sunderland VS Alliance.

3. Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

3.1 The Coalfield VCS Network met on 5th of December 2023, 6th of February 2024 and are scheduled to meet on the 5th of March 2024 at Easington Lane Community Access Point (ELCAP)

3.2 The meetings have included the following agenda items:

5th December 2023

Go Online - Coalfield

Nicol McConnell shared a presentation with the group about digital development and support available. The information was well received, and Nicol shared her contact details should any groups require further information.

Hetton New Dawn will be starting up a new digi group each Monday from 1-3pm commencing on 8 January 2024. There will be 6 new laptops available for use and support will be available from Ken Lamb, Springboard.

6th February 2023

Sunderland Culture House

Leanne Littlewood introduced herself as the director of Culture House Sunderland. The Culture House will sit pride of place on Keel Square & is expected to open its doors to the public in Summer 2025.

The Culture House will offer residents & visitors to the city, a place to explore & find new culture. The impressive building will use large screens to enable regular change of content, the ground

floor will house exhibitions with STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art & Maths) as a focus to match learning themes with cultural activities.

Plans have purposefully allowed for space to be designed by young people; the aim is to ensure the space is influenced & created by those who will use it.

Leanne also gave an update on Houghton Library which will open as a Creatively Smart City Hub Spring 2024. Upgrades include a podcast studio, upgraded meeting space & an improved programme.

Sunderland Carers Centre

Sunderland Carers Centre presented the Network with a presentation sharing who they are and what they offer. They offer support to unpaid carers including Young Carers from aged 5+ and Young Adult Carers from age 16-25. Sunderland Carers Centre offer support as well as signposting to suitable services. They are encouraging anyone who works with young carers to get in touch as outreach support can be offered and further signposting & support offered.

Contact details were shared to VCS organisations if support was required for any carers we are supporting through activities in the coalfield area – contactus@sunderlandcarers.co.uk

The presentation which was shared with the network included:

- What defines a carer
- Carers in Sunderland
- Identifying a carer
- Impact of Caring
- Sunderland Carers Centre offer

VCS Rep Update

Amy Swan informed the network that she is stepping down as Coalfield VCS Rep. Wendy Cook has recently started a new role with Active Families North East, both Wendy and Amy agreed that because Wendy has been a VCS Rep for longer that she will continue in the role and Amy would step down. A VCS Rep is the go-between for VCS and Area Committee. Nomination forms have been circulated & the deadline for submission is 12pm on Tuesday 20th February.

The network would like to thank Amy Swan for her contribution to the Network.

4 Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Coalfield VCSN.

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13 March 2024

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Coalfields Area Committee for the period December 2023 to March 2024.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be provided to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects, and priorities and to ensure members are fully aware of their opportunities to work collaboratively with Gentoo.

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 **Visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner:** In January we welcomed Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, Kim McGuinness, to discuss anti-social behaviour (ASB) and how best to tackle it with involved residents. During the informative session, Kim discussed the force's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour across Wearside whilst giving our customers the opportunity to voice any concerns in their area and share how ASB has had an impact on their lives.

- 3.2 **Corporate Charity:** In December staff were able to vote for who they would like support via Gentoo's corporate charity in 2024. Love Amelia was the chosen children's charity who provide support to families experiencing poverty and hardship right across the Northeast.

They accept donations of great condition, pre-loved baby items and gift them to families who need them most. They support children from birth to 16years old to ensure no child goes without. Many of our families have benefitted from this charity and therefore we will be fundraising throughout the year to support they great work that they do.

- 3.3 **Update on Tenancy Sustainment Fund:** You may recall in Septembers committee, Gentoo updated members that Gentoo Board approved several measures to support tenancy sustainability. These measures included interventions such as, providing carpets for new customers who have been housed with us on a priority basis and below the age of 25. Supporting this group of customers to have their water rates paid if they are really struggling financially (for a limited period). We also identified measures such as the provision of Ring Doorbells for victims of domestic abuse or antisocial behaviour, and a small budget to support these customers with house removals for those who need to move in an emergency and can't afford to pay for it.

At the time of writing this report the current spend is circ £500,000, note this figure also includes an additional member of staff in Money Matters and two Pre-Tenancy Support Coordinators who support the SCC team to pick up those customers who need support to sustain a new tenancy.

- 3.4 **Estate Walks:** next round of estate walks will be being arranged for April 2024, if there were any areas you would like to focus on then please email your Neighbourhood Coordinator and they can ensure that specific area is covered prior to the invites going out to you all.
- 3.5 **Site Garages:** we will no longer be proceeding with the Site Garages Demolition project and no provision has been made to complete these works in future years. Whilst this may be disappointing news, the decision was made to help protect investment into our customers' homes. The £700k required to deliver the demolition works to garages (which do not belong to Gento) would mean 70 of our customers would not benefit from a new roof or a new kitchen and internal rewire.

4. **Investment & Renewal (yearly plan attached)**

- 4.1 **Damp & Mould:** Update from Steve Lowther (Head of Property) regarding damp and mould, see presentation attached.
- 4.2 **Cherry Tree Gardens:** Sprinkler Installation Scheme, completed prior to Christmas break. Lunch was provided to residents as a thank you for the patience in enabling this work to be completed in their homes.
- 4.3 **Eskdene Rise:** Work has restarted at our Eskdene Rise housing development, thanks to a new partnership with affordable house builder Adderstone Living. The new development, in Hetton-le-Hole, will feature 86 new homes, including two, three and four-bedroom houses, two-bedroom bungalows and two-bedroom apartments. The properties will be available for rent, Shared Ownership and Rent to Buy. Progress on the site was halted in February 2023 when Tolent Living went into administration. Since then, we have worked hard to appoint a new contractor who can deliver the project to the standard required.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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Damp and Mould

Area Committee Update
March 2024

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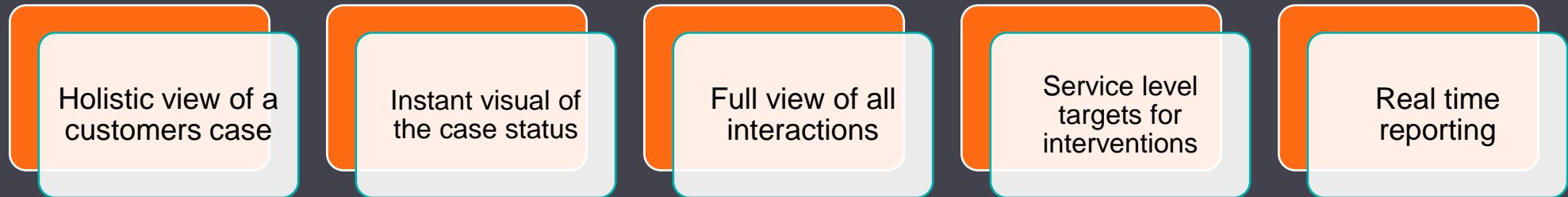
Reflection on last 12 months

- Following the tragic death of Awab Ishak in Rochdale and the 'Prevention of future deaths report' prepared by the coroner, the Department for Leveling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) sent a letter to all social housing providers 'Ensuring Quality in Social Housing' – 19th November 2022
- Regulator for Social Housing (RSH) sent letter to all Social Housing providers asking for details on the prevalence and management of Damp and Mould – 22nd November 2022
- Gentoo communicated with all tenants via website, social media and text messaging – 29th November 2022
- Established a dedicated phone line for customers to report damp and mould and re-enforced empathy first and every visit counts approach with all staff – 29th November 2022
- Gentoo provided a detailed and thorough response to RSH letter. No follow up enquires were made by the regular – 19th December 2022

Reflection continued

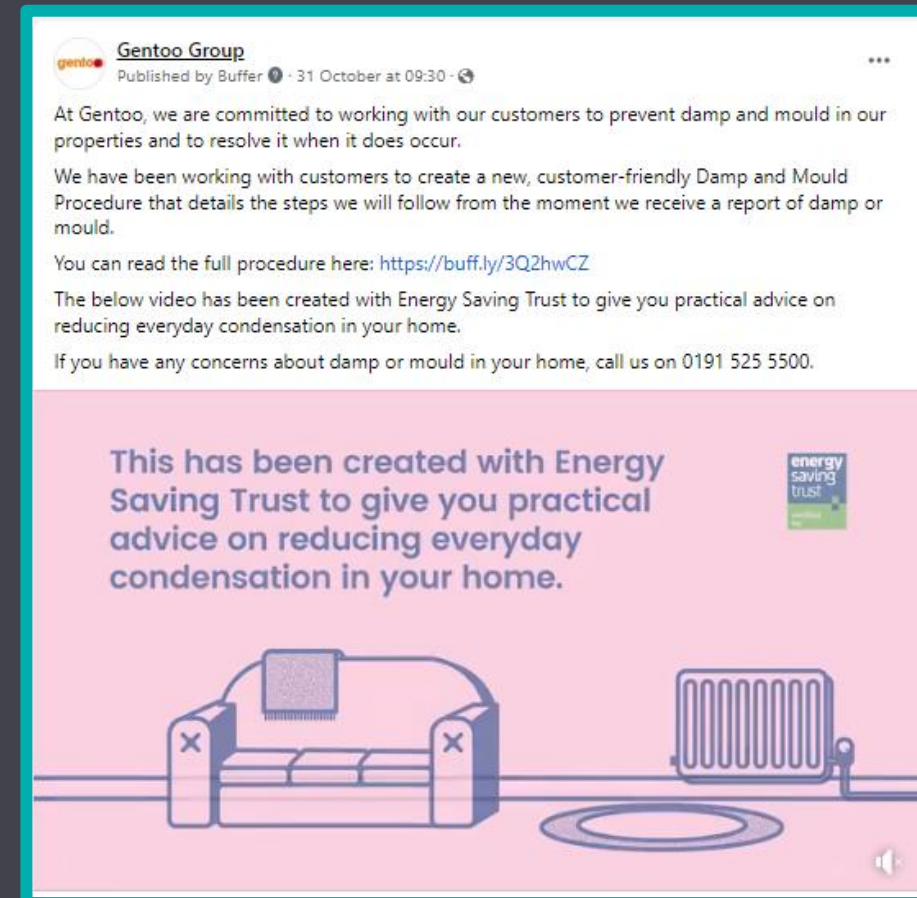
- Communications and media coverage led to increased incoming call demand – circa 1,800 calls related to damp and mould during December 2022 and January 2023
- Increased staff numbers within Property Maintenance to support inbound calls, property inspections and remedial works – December 2022
- Dedicated reporting and monitoring of damp and mould cases established – December 2023
- Additional training provided to property inspectors and surveyors in the diagnosis and treatment of damp and mould – March/July 2023
- Dedicated Damp and Mould Policy approved by Board in May 2023 and procedure finalised in September 2023.
- Increased focused within sector and consultation on Awaab's Law

Damp and Mould Case Management



Communication

- New damp, mould and condensation guidance leaflet published for customers
- Website updated to with customer friendly version of damp and mould procedures
- Damp and mould foam guidance leaflet published for customers
- Two sessions held with involved customer scrutiny panel to review our damp and mould approach
- Internal communications to all staff by email and workplace platform to raise awareness of new case management approach
- All communications has emphasised empathy first, zero tolerance and every visit counts



So, where are we....



Empathy continues to be our priority for DMC



We're aware there is still work to be done



Looking to the medium to long term plans



We are in a good position

Questions



Coalfields Area Committee

13 March 2024

REPORT OF SUNDERLAND VOLUNTARY SECTOR ALLIANCE

1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from SVSA for the Coalfields Area Committee for the period of October 2023 – February 2024

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from SVSA would be provided to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current SVSA developments, projects, and priorities and to encourage collaborative working and 2 way communication.

3 General Update

- 3.1 Since October 2023 we have had a busy few months recruiting, inducting and training our new team, together with piloting our offer and ensure robust processes and practices are in place moving forward.
- 3.2 We have achieved Real Living Wage status setting a standard in terms of valuing voluntary sector work force in delivering quality services.
- 3.3 We have recruited our first **Community Volunteer** who has over 20 years' experience working for the National Lottery and Awards for All. This additional support is providing bid writing surgeries for VCSE sector organisations across the city.
- 3.4 In February we launched our free membership for VCSE organisations based or delivering in Sunderland. We have registered **53 members** within a two-week period.

4 Funding and Investment

- 4.1 SVSA has helped secure **£287,500** for Sunderland Voluntary Sector by supporting the completion of funding applications.

5 Sector Support

- 5.1 **33** VCSE organisations have been supported support.
3 Social Value opportunities have been delivered.
3 Training Events have been hosted with a total of **44 attendees**.
2 Networking Events have been hosted with a total of **66 attendees**.

6 Communications and Engagement

6.1 In February we presented an overview of the Alliance at Health Integrated Care Board (ICP) Central and raised our profile by highlighted funding priorities which were informed by the Sunderland VCSE sector from across the city.

6.2 We have launched our Sunderland **Volunteering** Facebook page and re-launched our SVSA LinkedIn Page.

7 Trustee update

7.1 We have successfully appointed a new Independent Chairperson – Sarah Reid together with 2 new trustees Lesley Spuhler from the Foundation of Light and Trich Cornish from Sunderland Mind. We have **11 trustees** with one remaining role we are currently advertising the Treasurer role.

8 Future developments

8.1 Following our inaugural Volunteer Network we are developing the format for further networks and a proposal for a Volunteer Passport scheme.

8.2 On 20/03/2024 we are facilitating an 'Ageing well' Network Event

8.3 March 2024 We will launch quarter 2 Training and Events programme

8.4 March/April 2024 Launch Community Transport Grants

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COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
13 MARCH 2024
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Coalfield Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

Assistant Director of Housing and Communities

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

- a)** Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- b)** Approve 11 Neighbourhood Fund proposals for Community Assets as set out in 2.3, and **Annex 1**
- c)** Approve 4 Neighbourhood Fund proposals as set out in 2.4 and **Annex 2**
- d)** Approve alignment of Neighbourhood Fund set out in 2.4 and **Annex 3**
- e)** Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 / 2024, as detailed in **Annex 4**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £357,946 (inc Youth allocation) for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

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

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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

13 MARCH 2024

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

Coalfield Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/ 2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024					£357,946
Elemore Park Music Event	07.06.23			£10,000	£347,946
Holiday Activities	07.06.23			£13,554	£334,392
Houghton Feast	27.09.23			£5,000	£329,392
Local Events and Celebrations	27.09.23			£20,000	£309,392
Coalfield Christmas	27.09.23			£41,910	£267,482
Christmas Cheer	27.09.23			£5,000	£262,482
Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)	13.12.23			£23,342	£239,140
Tackling Motorcycle Disorder	13.12.23			£25,000	£214,140
Community Assets (C4P)	13.12.23		£75,000		£139,140
Various closed projects	13.03.24	£18,164			£157,304
Balance					

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

2.2 Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £357,946 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024

2.3 There are 11 applications to the previously aligned 'Community Assets' budget, presented to Area Committee for consideration for approval detailed at **Annex 1**. At the December 2023 Area Committee, £75,000, was aligned to this priority. Projects recommended for approval total £79,762. Therefore it is requested that a further £4,762 Neighbourhood Fund is approved. If approved, the remaining balance will be £152,542.

2.4 There are 4 new applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration as below and detailed at **Annex 2**.

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| • Coalfield Pride 2024 | LGBTQ+ Support Group | £13,400 |
| • Elemore Music Festival | Sunderland City Council | £10,000 |
| • R U Ready for UC | Springboard/ShARP | £42,200 |
| • Coalfield Communities Connected | Springboard | £31,500 |

The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is £97,100. If approved, the remaining balance will be £55,442

2.5 There are two proposals presented for consideration to align funds, pending applications being presented to the June 2024 Area Committee for approval, as below and in **Annex 3**

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| • Holiday Activities for Children and Young People 2024/25 | £50,000 |
| • Bleed Kits | £5,400 |

If alignment is approved the remaining balance will be £42.

Community Chest

2.6 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000, to support projects which complement the Area Plan. Ward Councillors lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it is difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level, the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

2.7 The Table below details the Community Chest starting balance, awards and remaining balance for 2023/2024. Annex 2 shows the approvals, supported to date for 2023/2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Copt Hill	£10,000	£600	£10,000	£0.00
Hetton	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0.00
Houghton	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0.00
Shiney Row	£10,000	£3,000	£4,793	£5,207
Total	£40,000	£3,600	£34,793	£5,207

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

3. Recommendations

- a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve 11 Neighbourhood Fund proposals for Community Assets as set out in 2.3, and **Annex 1**
- c) Approve 4 Neighbourhood Fund proposals as set out in 2.4 and **Annex 2**
- d) Approve alignment of Neighbourhood Fund set out in 2.4 and **Annex 3**
- e) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 / 2024, as detailed in **Annex 4**

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Annex 1 Neighbourhood Fund – Community Assets
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Annex 3 Neighbourhood Fund Proposals for alignment
Annex 4 Community Chest

Community Assets

At the December 2023 Area Committee meeting, it was agreed that £75,000 Neighbourhood Fund would be aligned to Improving Community Assets in the Coalfield area.

Following a Call for Projects, the applications were assessed and scored by the Area Arrangements team and the proposals below are recommended for approval by the Neighbourhood and Community Board.

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Application 1

Project Details	
Project Title	Penshaw Community Centre Kitchen Refit
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Refit of the kitchen, including flooring and new units
Total Project Cost	£8,100
Match Funding	£600
Total NF Requested	£7,500
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	September 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Penshaw Community Centre
Project Description	
We are looking to refit our kitchen completely. This will involve ripping out and removal of the existing kitchen and the existing tiles from the walls. Then we will have to rip up the existing flooring to fix the floor underneath as it is rotten in parts. Then new flooring will have to be put down to replace the old. We also want extra sockets putting in to make the kitchen more user friendly. Finally, we will be re-fitting a brand new kitchen and wall coverings.	

FUNDING BUDGET		
		Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF	
Removal of old kitchen, fixing of the floor and refit of new kitchen		£7500
	NF Funding Total	£7500
Outputs		
		Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
204	number of items purchased	1
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence of permission from landlord is provided.

Application 2

Project Details	
Project Title	East Rainton Community Group - ERCG Accessibility
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Widen door, install handrails and ramp to improve accessibility to the building.
Total Project Cost	£6,996
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£6,996
Project Start Date	March 2024
Project End Date	May 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	East Rainton Methodist Chapel
Project Description	
<p>The East Rainton Community Group (ERCG) host events and groups to combat loneliness, reduce isolation and encourage community cohesion. However, the Methodist Chapel was built in 1823 and therefore has five, large, uneven stone steps leading to the entrance which proves to be a challenge for those older members of the community and those with mobility issues. The removal of the steps and the installation of an accessibility ramp in compliance with UK regulations, extension of the door width and additional hand rails for additional safety will benefit those members of the community who would like to become involved with the regular activities and visit the ERCG library that is located within the building, but they are unable to do so due to accessibility.</p>	

FUNDING BUDGET		
		Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF	
Prep, installation, disposal and labour costs	£6,996	
	NF Funding Total	£6,996
Outputs		
		Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	Number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	50
202	New adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle	5
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	5

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that clarity on leasing arrangements and evidence of permission to carry out the works is provided.

Application 3

Project Details	
Project Title	Shiney Row Community Centre Kitchen Refit
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Replace the kitchen floor and renew unsafe joists. Install new kitchen units and lay new flooring.
Total Project Cost	£8,170
Match Funding	£670
Total NF Requested	£7,500
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	June 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Shiney Row Community Centre
Project Description	
<p>The kitchen area is currently closed due to an unsafe floor. After a full inspection by a flooring company it was noted that the wayrock style flooring was completely saturated and would need replacing. As the whole floor needs to be replaced all the kitchen base units and accessories will have to be removed and disposed of. The benefits of completing these works will greatly benefit the users who are currently using the facility and hopefully after a new floor and kitchen we can encourage more users to use the facility for the likes of childrens birthday parties etc. We currently have martial arts clubs, a local girls rowing club, a local youth club funded by City of Sunderland Council and a large local camera club using the facility at the moment.</p>	

FUNDING BUDGET		
		Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF	
New Flooring	£720	
New Kitchen	£3,900	
New Blinds	£500	
Repair Joists/sub floor	£2,380	
NF Funding Total		£7,500
Outputs		
		Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
204	number of items purchased	1
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence of permission from landlord is provided.

Application 4

Project Details	
Project Title	Houghton RUFC Community Facilities Refurbishment
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The project will enable urgent repair of the toilet facilities and upgrade of the disabled toilets to better support the community functions and activities we deliver.
Total Project Cost	£12,000
Match Funding	£4,500
Total NF Requested	£7,500
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	May 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Houghton Rugby UFC

Project Description	
<p>The project aims to update our club facilities to better support the community activities we deliver. The toilets require urgent repair and updating, without which we cannot continue to function as a community facility. Presently, the drain that services the gents toilets has collapsed and requires urgent replacement.</p> <p>The work this funding will deliver is the first part of a wider updating and improvement programme for the club, including building modern changing rooms to meet the rapid increase in the popularity of the women's game.</p> <p>This funding will allow the club to continue grow the number of volunteers delivering coaching and community use sessions for junior and senior male and female players. It will also allow us to increase our existing community use that currently includes The 41 Club and HM Armed Forces Veterans breakfast clubs.</p>	

FUNDING BUDGET		
		Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item		NF
Repair of drain		£2,000
Replacement and repair of floor		£5,500
NF Funding Total		£7,500

Outputs		
		Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
203	number of individual adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)- footfall	120
204	number of items purchased	10
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	250
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence of ownership of the building, or permission from landlord is provided.

Application 5

Project Details	
Project Title	Racecourse Refresh
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	To provide new external signage, improved telephone broadband/wifi, upgraded IT system and internal refresh/decoration to our centre. We are hoping to 'relaunch' our community offer and extend the range of services, activities and support to local residents
Total Project Cost	£8,306
Match Funding	£806
Total NF Requested	£7,500
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	October 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Houghton Racecourse Community Centre
Project Description	
<p>The centre does not have prominent external signage and is often difficult to find or identify as a community centre. We would like to display large and attractive signing outside the building.</p> <p>*The whole IT set up in the centre is seriously out of date. An audit has been carried out by our partners at Springboard and they have recommended that new devices with appropriate security and licences are required to allow us to run digi classes and to keep our data / users data safe.</p> <p>*We also need to block/brick up the remains of an old extraction system at the building. It is out of use and allowing water into the building when raining.</p> <p>*The centre also requires internal decoration and repairs to the flooring in the toilets.</p>	

FUNDING BUDGET		
		Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF	
Signage	£800	
Planning	£165	
Laptops	£1,192	
IT equipment and support	£1,000	
Flooring	£2,119	
Painting and decorating costs	£2,224	
NF Funding Total		£7,500
Outputs		
		Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
204	number of items purchased	12
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence of permission from landlord is provided.

Application 6

Project Details	
Project Title	ELCAP CCTV Update
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Through a major planned maintenance programme the next project to be completed will be the updating of the CCTV system, which has been in place for over 10 years and is proving difficult to distinguish characters and things taking place.
Total Project Cost	£9,400
Match Funding	£1,900
Total NF Requested	£7,500
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	June 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Easington Lane Community Access Point

Project Description
<p>ELCAP is always planning in terms of capital maintenance as we believe being pro-active serves us better than being continually reactive. Whilst we are working towards a full planning application for our new build we do believe that these future plans should not take us away from our current situation and the development of our premises as they stand at the moment.</p> <p>This approach in the last 5 years has seen ELCAP: install a new heating system in the hall; new windows in the main building; new heating controls for the main building; HIVE controls for the hall heating; wi-fi throughout the building; new pc's and laptops for public use; installation of tea stations to enhance the offer of attendees at meetings and events in our Craft Room and Heritage Room, extension and heating to the polytunnel etc.</p> <p>The next project due for consideration is the updating of the CCTV system. ELCAP has had a CCTV system for a long time. Historically this has been to identify any unwanted activity outside of our building and also around the fire exits located within the main building but the Welfare Hall has never had internal CCTV.</p> <p>As the number of activities within ELCAP have increased as has the beneficiaries of these activities this means there is additional risk to the safety of visitors and ELCAP staff including volunteers. The increase in activity has also seen an increase in the valuable assets we hold on site.</p>

FUNDING BUDGET		
Budget Heading/Item		NF
CCTV System Upgrade		£7500
	NF Funding Total	£7500
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	Target
204	number of items purchased	1
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence of ownership of the building, or permission from landlord, is provided.

Application 7

Project Details	
Project Title	Kepier Restoration and Refurbishment
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The Kepier is a Grade 2* listed building and needs upgrades in many areas to keep this facility open for the benefit of the local population. Urgent repairs are carried out as and when issues occur, but we also wish to implement a systematic refurbishment plan, for improvements throughout. The first priority is replacing the flat roof.
Total Project Cost	£9,780
Match Funding	£2,280
Total NF Requested	£7,500
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	October 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Kepier Hall, Houghton le Spring
Project Description	
The Kepier Trust and Management Committee have drawn up a schedule of work to be carried out throughout the coming year, as it is essential to upgrade the building to ensure the facility remains open for the use of the local community. The first priority is the roof. The main area of concern is the flat roof between the historical older part of the hall and the more modern extension. Patch repairs have been carried out, but the whole of the flat roof area needs replacing with a new covering. Currently we have many groups using the hall for the benefit of the local community including uniformed groups (Brownies / Guides/ Rainbows), dance fitness, baby and toddler groups, craft groups, choir and music groups, Women's Institute, Mother's Union, Houghton Heritage, private hire for parties / weddings / funerals etc., clothing bank, school uniform and food store.	
FUNDING BUDGET	
	Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF
New flat roof	£7500
NF Funding Total	£7500
Outputs	
	Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved
	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence of ownership of the building or permission from landlord is provided.

Application 8

Project Details		
Project Title	Springboard Community Access	
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The project aims to update the building within Hetton Lyons Country Park for the current user base. It is close to 30 years old and has not had any adjustments to it inside since construction. These additions will future proof the building making it more sustainable for current and future use.	
Total Project Cost	£15,610	
Match Funding	£8,300	
Total NF Requested	£7,310	
Project Start Date	May 2024	
Project End Date	March 2025	
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Hetton Lyons Country Park	
Project Description		
<p>The project will improve community access to the centre in Hetton Lyons Country Park in several ways. There are three main areas of improvement to maximise the use of our space, outside area, main meeting/training room at the front of the building. The work will be staggered over a 12 month period to allow us to schedule the work to minimise disruption to the centre operations. Replace rotten wooden shuttering of flower beds with brick, pave the front area. Add wind out canopy to create weather resistant outside space 3 x 5 metre.</p> <p>Widen the door to accommodate pushchairs and wheelchairs so that it can be used by everyone and make it a flexible space for events, busy café days and training sessions. Widening the door will enable groups to access more easily and be welcoming space for our digital inclusion project and other training activities.</p> <p>Add a stud wall in ladies toilets to create a corridor to access the female change area. It will remain DDA compliant. If needed the smaller space will be used as a changing room for up to 15 people so we will always have female changing at all times.</p> <p>Ladies Change: Add stud wall with door to partition shower area with large changing area. Add roller shutter to outside wall and replace solid fire door with glazed fire door and window either side. It will also be able to be accessed solely from outside as a standalone space which will keep the functionality of a female changing room as we need it. The new wider door and roller shutter will open out to views of the lake and allow users to access another area of the building for their activities. We will be using a space that is currently under used to its full potential. Without major work or cost we will be doubling the usable community space in the building enabling more people to access us at one time one. It will be a welcoming flexible space.</p>		
FUNDING BUDGET		
Budget Heading/Item	NF	
Canopy	£2,330	
Materials	£2,025	
Door	£2,055	
Shutter	£900	
NF Funding Total		£7,310
Outputs		
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	Target
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence of permission from landlord is provided.

Application 9

Project Details	
Project Title	Flatts Improvements
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Community Opportunities wish to carry out refurbishment works to Flatts Youth Centre to improve the external look of the building for local residents and the visitor experience for young people and families accessing the Centre. This includes upgrading toilets, flooring in activity rooms and new seating.
Total Project Cost	£7,938
Match Funding	£439
Total NF Requested	£7,499
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	July 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Flatts Youth Centre, Easington Lane
Project Description	
<p>Community Opportunities wish to carry out repairs to the Flatts Building in Brickgarth Easington Lane to improve the facilities for the local residents, young people using the building and to enable us to increase the services we offer to include some sessions for the wider family with such as cooking on a budget, advice on well-being and healthy living. The Centre requires the following works to address wear and tear over the last 10 years and will complement the renovation works that have already been undertaken in the sports hall and kitchen areas.</p> <p>Ground floor – meeting room – remove and replace flooring with laminate, Toilets – remove and install 2 new toilets to each of the boys and girls First floor – remove and replace carpet with laminate flooring, provide seating External areas – mortar paint to cover the lower sections of the building.</p>	
FUNDING BUDGET	
	Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF
Replacement toilet and taps	£ 1,776
Tile removal and wall boarding	£ 850
Flooring replacement	£ 2,700
Door handles, fixing etc	£ 386
Chairs - £35 x 40 chairs for ground and first floor	£ 1,400
Floor and exterior paint	£ 388
NF Funding Total	£7,499
Outputs	
	Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs
204	number of items purchased
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved
	32
	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence of permission from landlord is provided.

Application 10

Project Details	
Project Title	ShARP - Fit for the Future
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The ShARP Fit for the Future project will convert an unused space on the ground floor of the centre into a small office for delivery of Links for Life Advice Drop In and refurbish the IT Workspace in Reception for delivery of the Digital Health Hub and Esports.
Total Project Cost	£5,457
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£5,457
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	December 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	ShARP (Shiney Advice and Resource Project)
Project Description	
<p>This investment into the ShARP building will ensure that a trusted and valued community asset can adapt the delivery of services to meet the challenge of change local people face in the new digital age.</p> <p>We are seeking support through this grant to refresh our old Electronic Village Hall space to make it Fit for The Future as a Coalfield Digital Hub and ESport Centre which will help us meet the needs of local young people who will be able to participate in the ESport community. We have already secured and used funding to purchase a range of new IT equipment including desk top PCs, large screens, laptops, headphones. We now need to have new workstations and cupboards fitted to house the equipment securely so that people can use the space for training, job search, leisure and training. We also plan to purchase an EVAC chair on the recommendation from a recent building inspection.</p>	
FUNDING BUDGET	
	Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF
EVAC Chair	£1,312
Main Digital Hub fit out	£1,692
Small office (ground floor)	£1,987
Installation of sockets and emergency light	£350
Cost of paint and tools	£116
NF Funding Total	£5,457
Outputs	
	Target
CODE	Dynamic Smart City Outputs
102	Number of people accessing digital support- footfall 250
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs
204	number of items purchased 12
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved 1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence ownership of the building or permission from landlord is provided.

Application 11

Project Details		
Project Title	Houghton le Spring Centre for the Blind	
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The Centre is in great need of an upgrade in order to maximise its full potential as a community hub available to all residents. A new kitchen and a new boiler are of utmost importance in order to ensure a safe, comfortable and energy efficient venue is available.	
Total Project Cost	£12,500	
Match Funding	£5,000	
Total NF Requested	£7,500	
Project Start Date	April 2024	
Project End Date	May 2024	
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Houghton le Spring centre for blind	
Project Description		
<p>Sunderland and North Durham Royal Society for the Blind has recently been gifted Houghton-le Spring and District Centre for the Blind. The Society is anxious to create a community facility, open to all in order to maximise future use of the Centre.</p> <p>The Houghton-le-Spring and District Centre for the Blind will continue to hold meetings each Tuesday. The remaining days will be available for use by a wide range of community groups within the area. To date a local mother and toddler group meet weekly, a photography group use the facilities one evening per week, boot camp 6 nights per week, a youth group and a luncheon club is held weekly.</p> <p>The Society recognises the need to improve the facilities in order to provide a safe, comfortable, welcoming and energy efficiency facility. This will entail installation of a new kitchen and the replacement of the old boiler in favour of an energy efficiency boiler. In addition to other groups and clubs making use of the Centre, the Society will organise a series of activities including the creation of an IT hub. Whereas the primary target is people with a visual impairment each event and activity will be open to all.</p>		
FUNDING BUDGET		
	Overall Totals	
Budget Heading/Item	NF	
Contribution to new kitchen	£1,950	
Purchase of new energy efficient boiler	£5,550	
NF Funding Total	£7,500	
Outputs		
	Target	
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
204	number of items purchased	2
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Improving Community Assets priority. Condition of funding is that evidence ownership of building, or permission from landlord is provided.

Neighbourhood Fund Proposals

Application 1

Project Details	
Project Title	Coalfield Pride 2024
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	A one day Pride event, taking place on Saturday 17 August 2024 at Houghton Rectory Field.
Total Project Cost	£13,392
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£13,392
Project Start Date	August 2024
Project End Date	August 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	The Rectory Field, Houghton le Spring
Project Description	
<p>Coalfields LGBTQ+ Support Group was set up in July 2021, with a social media platform to support members of the LGBTQ+ community in the Coalfield area, and they are now a constituted voluntary organisation. The management committee and members from the group decided to organise their very own PRIDE event, which took place at Hetton School in July 2022, with the support from the Neighbourhood Fund. The first PRIDE event was a great success and as a result, Coalfields LGBTQ+ Support Group went on to hold a second PRIDE event which took place at Houghton Rectory field in August 2023. Learning from the experience and successes of Coalfields PRIDE 2022 and 2023, the group are requesting financial support from Sunderland City Council's Coalfield Neighbourhood Fund to hold Coalfields PRIDE 2024. Coalfields PRIDE 2024 will take place on Saturday 17th August 2024, again at Houghton Rectory field, as it was deemed a great success due to its location and accessibility.</p> <p>Coalfields LGBTQ+ Support Group are working alongside O'Brien's Fun Fairs, PRIDE Radio, AMV Live Entertainment, East Durham College, Print2Gogo, MW Security, MRS Training and Rescue, all of which will ensure the event is run professionally and is well managed. We have arranged for the event to be hosted by our drag queen host from Coalfields PRIDE 2023, who is also an active member of Coalfields Support Group, and has been involved in fundraising throughout the past year. Five other drag queens will perform on the day, along with two singers from the LGBTQ+ community, three tribute acts, and our headline act is 90s Reborn, who are three singers and four dancers.</p> <p>The event will start at 12.30pm and end at 8pm. We will have full public liability insurance in place to cover the event, four SIA registered security officers, and a First Aid tent, all of which will ensure members of the public's safety. Six event staff will be available throughout the day to ensure members of the public have a visible go to person to offer assistance, and they will take part in a full litter clean after the event. O'Brien's Fun Fairs have full public liability insurance along with up to date risk assessments to cover the fun fair equipment and catering stalls. Coalfields LGBTQ+ Support Group are working closely with PRIDE Radio to cover the event, producing advertising and marketing leading up to the event, and they will be broadcasting the whole event live on PRIDE Radio on the day. PRIDE Radio have been a great support to Coalfields LGBTQ+ Support Group since our establishment and they have hosted various shows interviewing our members, and have given our members a tour of their radio station.</p>	

FUNDING BUDGET	
Budget Heading/Item	NF

Stage Hire	£4,800
Performers/Acts/Host	£4,781
Toilets and Gazebo	£772
Health and Safety (First Aid, Security and Insurance)	£1,545
Advertising/Printing/Promotion	£820
Event Staff and Catering	£674
NF Funding Total	£13,392

Outputs		Target
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
306	number of volunteers participating	12
309	number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	1
310	number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	300

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Heritage and Community Events priority. A condition of funding is that a full events safety plan is provided and permission from landowner is evidenced.

Application 2

Project Details	
Project Title	Elemore Park Music Event 2024
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	A one day music festival at Elemore Park
Total Project Cost	£20,000
Match Funding	£10,000
Total NF Requested	£10,000
Project Start Date	August 2024
Project End Date	August 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Elemore Park, Hetton le Hole
Project Description	
<p>Building on the success of the inaugural Elemore Festival, we will hold a one day music festival running 11am- 5pm at Elemore Park in August 2024 (date tbc). The stage programme will include performances from local acts, for example DENNIS, Lake Poets and Houghton Brass band who performed in 2023.</p> <p>There will be free family activities on site, such as face painting, balloon modelling, circus skills workshop, bubble making workshops and walkabout characters. We will also work in partnership with the Elemore café/garden centre, and the Elemore Park Manager to maximise the offer for local residents.</p> <p>We will liaise with ward members and Coalfield Area Committee, via the N&C Board, to finalise the programme and other relevant details.</p>	
FUNDING BUDGET	
Budget Heading/Item	NF
Acts, entertainers and walkabout characters	£6,700
Contribution to staging	£3,300

		Total	£10,000
Outputs			
			Target
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs		
309	number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered		1
310	number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events		300

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Heritage and Community Events priority. A condition of funding is that a full events plan is submitted.

Application 3

Project Details	
Project Title	RU Ready for UC
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Support participants in making their applications for Universal Credit (UC) and support them in meeting the requirements for UC
Total Project Cost	£42,200
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£42,200
Project Start Date	April 2024
Project End Date	September 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Shiney Advice and Resource Project (ShARP)/ outreach venues when required
Project Description	
<p>Springboard and ShARP will restart work on RUready4UC project. This project will raise awareness of public access computers in the Coalfield area and support participants in making their applications for Universal Credit (UC) and support them in meeting the requirements for UC. Springboard will lead on the project, utilising established financial monitoring and control procedures, marketing and promotional materials whilst providing an outreach service to encourage participation within the community. Springboard Outreach sessions will provide support on the basics of using a computer or digital device including tablets and smart phones through a variety of timetabled, structured classes and informal drop in sessions in a variety of digital hubs across the Coalfields. Focused on the requirements set by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) sessions will be delivered by qualified staff to support participants in accessing the internet for online entries onto Universal Jobmatch, the DWP 'Find a Job' portal and Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS).</p> <p>The close partnership between Springboard and ShARP will facilitate effective IAG for participants as they will have the opportunity to access digital skills and / or tailored benefit and money management advice whenever they are ready to engage in each aspect. A signposting process will also be established to ensure participants access the support they require. ShARP will provide a benefits advice check and develop working relationships to support clients and overcome barriers: signposting to the specialist services as required, with the cost of living crisis continuing an increased number of people with little income or substantially reduced disposable income, experiencing periods of crisis and hardship where they have had to rely on Foodbanks or seek financial support from family and friends to manage as best they can. Our role is to help people manage their UC effectively so no sanctions are imposed and adapt finances as quickly and as easily as possible to ease financial difficulties to prevent crisis and hardship. Within these changing times there are so many unknown possibilities that people may need support with.</p> <p>A rise in unemployment in the coalfield area has also seen a change in focus for some new claimants who have recently been made redundant and who will need help and support on how</p>	

to deal with financial adjustments, look at what benefit to apply for which will mainly be given by SHARP. Tutors working on the project will work hard to remove potential barriers arising from such a rise in unemployment and cost of living crisis. Springboard and SHARP will focus on splitting the training with advice given, working more closely on following the journey of the claimant, giving them the tools of empowerment and hoping to help move back into employment. The partners will actively promote the project and recruit people they know who will need support through these current financial times and increased job losses. The project will deliver up to 8 sessions per week.

FUNDING BUDGET		
Budget Heading/Item		NF
Staffing and Project Management		£38,646
Facilities		£2,000
Staff Travel		£1,434
Staff Mobile		£120
	NF Funding Total	£42,200
Outputs		
		Target
CODE	Dynamic Smart City Outputs	
102	number of people accessing digital support- footfall	300
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
302	number of individual people more resilient (financially)	180

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the ‘Support to residents to improve financial resilience’ priority.

Application 4

Project Details	
Project Title	Coalfield Communities Connected
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The project increases public access to computers, raises awareness of services available within the Coalfields area and provides participants with appropriate training to increase their individual digital skills to use IT in their everyday life.
Total Project Cost	£31,500
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£31,500
Project Start Date	July 2024
Project End Date	June 2026
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Various community venues across the Coalfield area
Project Description	
The project increases public access to computers, raises awareness of services available within the Coalfields area and provides participants with appropriate training to increase their individual digital skills to use IT in their everyday life. It also develops confidence and ability to effectively use a range of services from key stakeholders including, but not limited to, Sunderland City Council, DWP, NHS and Third Sector support organisations. However, it is not limited to formal services and allows residents to access IT for recreation. We support and guide clients to access social media and general internet searches. It allows clients the freedom but ensures their safety online to browse the internet for personal reasons this can include shopping, gaming, job search, banking etc or for example, if a client wishes to set up a personal project we will support in their	

IT use to do this. It is a service responding to individual's requirements as we move further into the digital world.

This programme will identify the initial need of the participant and deliver a tapered plan of information, advice and guidance to enable them to become self-sufficient in the effective access of digital services in designated digital hubs. A dedicated member of staff will work with organisations with digital hubs to inform, engage, and be supported by this project within the Coalfields. This staff member will liaise directly with the Coalfield Area Committee. This collaborative approach ensures any support and training developed is complimentary to the current local offer in order to reduce the risk of duplication or possible negative impact on any local organisations. Building on the current work Springboard have completed we will continue to liaise with residents and possible participants across the Coalfields signposting to partner organisations when appropriate.

Supported by qualified staff, participants will receive up to date, appropriate Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) to identify what support they need and receive efficient signposting covering how and where to access services. First contact with the project will initiate an assessment process to identify whether the individual requirements are informal or formal.

Informal support will include drop-in group sessions at the Digital Hubs. For those who require 1:1 support this will also be available, and appointments will be arranged. Signposting will inform participants of other drop-in sessions in partner sites and other services appropriate for their needs. Times and locations for drop-in sessions will be advertised locally, promoted on social media and displayed on Springboard's website.

Sessions will provide support on the basics of using a computer or digital device including tablets and smart phones, accessing the internet for online shopping or research for personal interest, sending emails, social media such as Facebook and Instagram, managing money online, staying safe online, access to GP services online and NHS choices.

Springboard Staff have an established partnership with DWP aimed at supporting participants into employment, it is anticipated this will form a significant part of digital skills support for many of the participants. Job search, access to Universal Job match and CV writing skills are integral and will aim to reduce the distance to the labour market for those in search of employment. By the end of the project the residents of the Coalfield area will be more informed about the range of provision in the area, more confident to use IT equipment and on-line services and be equipped with the knowledge, qualifications and personal contacts to access support.

Springboard has established partnerships in place with a number of organisations via the VCS Network.

FUNDING BUDGET		
Budget Heading/Item		NF
Staffing and Project Management		£26,422
Facilities and Equipment		£3,718
Staff Travel		£1,200
Staff Mobile		£160
	NF Funding Total	£31,500
Outputs		
		Target
CODE	Dynamic Smart City Outputs	
101	number of digital hubs created	8
102	number of people accessing digital support- footfall	300
103	number of NEW people accessing digital support	180

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the 'Develop digital skills of residents' priority.

Neighbourhood Fund proposals for alignment

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Holiday Activities for Children and Young People
Lead Organisation	TBC via a Call for Projects

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£50,000	N/A	£50,000

Project Description

The current programme of holiday activities for Children and Young People ends in June 2024. There are currently 12 organisations providing holiday activities during Easter, May, Summer, October and Christmas holidays. To date, over 120 sessions have been delivered across all wards. Over 1400 children and young people have benefited from activities including fitness sessions, craft and cookery workshops, games and challenges, healthy lifestyle education and trips out. During the summer holidays over 550 meals and snacks were provided as part of the sessions. It is proposed that a call for projects is made to continue support for families, during holidays, for 2024/25.

Recommendation – Approve alignment of funding

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend alignment of £50,000 Neighbourhood Fund to deliver a 1 year holiday programme via a Call for Projects (maximum value £5,000 per application). The project applications will be assessed and consulted upon and presented to the June 2024 Area Committee for approval

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund	
Name of Project	Bleed Kits	
Lead Organisation	Connor Brown Trust	
Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£TBC	£TBC	£5,400

Project Description - Information from the Connor Brown Trust (CBT)

With Knife crime on the rise amongst our younger generation it is vital that others feel safe when going out with friends in and around the city. Having Bleed kits installed which could potentially save a life will make the public feel safer. The bleed kits will be linked to the ambulance service and in the event of being needed they will direct the caller to the nearest mobile kit or fixed unit and give them the combination code to unlock the unit. The items inside the kits are designed for catastrophic bleeding and the caller will be guided on how to use the equipment. It is important to have these kits fitted around different places so they are easily accessible when needed.

- The CBT team will ensure all fixed units are maintained and checked frequently to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- We will ensure all mobile kits are checked and re-stocked when needed.
- We are committed to raising awareness around knife crime.

With knife crime on the rise with our younger generation it is important that all young people feel safe. No one should feel isolated or threatened from youths. We aim to educate and prevent knife crime but unfortunately it still happens and too many young people are losing their life. Our youth today is our future tomorrow and we need to act now. The Bleed kits are designed for all types of catastrophic bleeding and can be used in road traffic accidents or any other serious accidents. By using the specially designed kits in emergency cases it will potentially give the patient vital care and attention in those first few minutes before the emergency services arrive which can potentially save their life.

Recommendation – Approve alignment of funding

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend alignment of £4,500 Neighbourhood Fund to enable installation of 2 kits and cabinets in each of the four wards of the Coalfield area.

Coalfield Area Committee
13th March 2024
Community Chest Awards April 2023 – December 2023

Copt Hill Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Matthews Youth & Community Centre	17.03.23		£1344.30
Houghton-Le-Spring Golf Club	05.04.23		£320
Gravel Walks Community Association	20.06.23		£800
Hetton Juniors FC (joint with Hetton)	20.06.23		£297
Bethany Church	17.07.23	£600	-
1 st Houghton Scouts (joint with Houghton)	17.07.23		£750
2 nd Houghton Rangers	25.08.23		£625
Gillas Lane Primary School	25.08.23		£1000
Houghton Town FC (joint with Houghton)	25.08.23		£550
Studio V	25.08.23		£500
Eppleton Cricket Club	23.10.23		£588
Houghton U3A	23.10.23		£200
Houghton Brass (joint with Hetton & Houghton)	23.10.23		£470
Space4 (joint with Houghton)	23.10.23		£514
1 st Eppleton Scouts	14.11.23		£1,000
Hetton Methodist Church (joint with Hetton)	25.01.24		£700
Houghton-Le-Spring Brownies	25.01.24		£342
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	£600	£10,000
Hetton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
HCR200	24.04.23		£720
Hetton Lyons Primary School	24.04.23		£750
Hetton Jrs FC (joint with Copt Hill)	20.06.23		£298
Hetton & Eppleton Community Hall	11.08.23		£556
Hetton Buddies	23.10.23		£997
Houghton Brass (joint with Copt Hill & Houghton)	23.10.23		£470
Community Opportunities	14.11.23		£1377
Springboard Adventure	14.11.23		£680
Hetton Methodist Church (Joint with Copt Hill)	25.01.24		£700
Hetton Jnr's Lazio	01.03.24		£952

Hetton Home Care	01.03.24		£2,500
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	-	£10,000
Houghton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Lambton & Houghton Banner Group	16.06.23		£650
2 nd Houghton Guides	16.06.23		£810
1 st Houghton Scouts (joint with Copt Hill)	17.07.23		£750
Burnside Academy	17.07.23		£1,000
HOPE	17.07.23		£437
2 nd Houghton Rangers	25.08.23		£625
Houghton Town FC	25.08.23		£550
Red Sky Foundation	25.08.23		£1,220
Houghton Methodist Church	23.10.23		£1,000
Houghton Brass (joint with Copt Hill & Hetton)	23.10.23		£470
Space4 (joint with Copt Hill)	23.10.23		£514
Cake & Company	04.12.23		£255
St Johns Toddler Group	04.12.23		£100
Gateway Wheelers	25.01.24		£417
Chilton WI	25.01.24		£346
Kepier Hall	01.03.24		£856
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	-	£10,000
Shiney Row Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Together For Children	10.05.23		£450
TWFRS	10.05.23	£3,000	-
1 st Herrington Scouts	24.05.23		£500
New Penshaw Academy	24.05.23		£994
Friends Of West Herrington	16.06.23		£50
Gilwood Residents Association	16.06.23		£997
Trinity Methodist Church	12.10.23		£388
New Herrington Bowls	25.01.24		£1,414
Remaining balance - £5,207		-	£4,793