

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

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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>
<p>ASB Project (currently AC funded)</p> <p>Motor Cycle Task and Finish meeting</p>	<p>1 x ASB officer</p> <p>Proactive approach working in identified areas across the 4 wards in Coalfields</p>	09/22	09/24	<p>Neighbourhood Enforcement</p> <p>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:

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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.
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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.</p> <p>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>
Digital Family Hub – My Best Life	<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>	2023	<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.