

Coalfield Area Committee

9 September 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

Coalfield an Attractive & Inclusive Area Summary

1. Why has it come to committee?

1.1 At its June meeting, the committee agreed its work plan for the 2009/10 municipal year and the Attractive & Inclusive priority is the second to come to committee for discussion and consideration.

2. Background

2.1 Following the extensive programme of consultation with members, partners, community stakeholders and the wider community, the agreed priorities for this theme are:

- 1 Reduce environmental crime (dog fouling, litter, graffiti)
- 2 Improve local shopping centres
- 3 Make landlords accountable for state of their property
- 4 Reduce problems caused by unadopted roads
- 5 Bring empty properties back into use
- 6 Address lack of parking provision in residential areas
- 7 Make estates and residential areas more attractive
- 8 Address issues around lack of public transport in some areas

2.2 Who has been involved?

- Health, Housing and Adult Services
- Neighbourhood Relations Team
- Area Renewal Team
- Gentoo
- Youth Development Group, Children's Services
- Environmental Services
- Attractive & Inclusive Partnership
- SAFC Foundation
- Area Co-ordination Team
- Business Investment Team
- Highways
- Planning

2.3 Key Dates

August 2009	Preparation of summary report (workshop)
9 September 2009	Meeting of Area Committee and development of detailed action plan
September 2009	Actions implemented and call for projects (SIB) where appropriate
November 2009	Consideration/approval of SIB applications
Ongoing	Monitoring and progress reports

3. Attractive & Inclusive Theme Area Summary

3.1 Attached as Annex 1 is the area summary for the Attractive and Inclusive theme. The annex covers:

- Priorities agreed at Area Committee
- Background/Key Issues

- Current activity
- Any gaps, identified needs or general comments
- Actions and Proposals with lead organisations identified

4. Recommendation

4.1 Area Committee is asked to:

- Note all of the **actions** identified in Annex 1
- Agree which of the following **proposals** (also identified in Annex 1) will be developed
 - **SIB/SIP Funding**
 - Receive funding application for SIP/SIB to enable access to River Wear Trail (contribution of £23,000)
 - Consider providing funding to replace damaged trees at Market Street (costs to be identified)
 - Consider funding an Empty Homes Officer (estimated costs £34,250)
 - Receive funding application for the outstanding highway and carriageway repairs (£44,000 to match a £78,000 mainstream budget)

Review

- Develop an education project in order to encourage local people to improve their area
- Develop a marketing scheme aimed at landlords to outline their responsibilities
- Explore the provision of providing a more pro-active enforcement service in a small pilot area (Hetton Downs) to determine its impact on the level of complaints

5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- Coalfield Local Area Plan
- Information provided by partners and officers at an Attractive & Inclusive workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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Annex 1: Coalfield Area Summary