

Neighbourhood Fund Proposals

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	ASB Officer
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£79,840	Management in kind	£79,840

Project Description:

ASB continues to be an ongoing issue across the Coalfield area with over 300 incidents per year being reported to the Council. Current resources mean that the City Council's ASB service focus on issues in a reactive way, addressing areas where the data shows highest reporting. In order for the ASB service to be more proactive there is an opportunity to provide funding for an additional officer to focus solely on issues and requests in a proactive way, gathering local and informal intelligence. It is envisaged that the role will:

- Proactively target areas where we know ASB is happening but is going unreported to encourage reporting
- Re-Build trust and confidence in established community groups
- Improve working relationships with youth groups across the area ensuring intelligence is shared and joint working agreed
- Link with local schools to deliver ASB inputs around what is ASB, impact and consequences
- Work with Housing Providers, private landlords and Northumbria Police to ensure action is taken against those identified in ASB
- Work out of hours on joint ASB patrols when required
- Proactively publicise their work on the area facebook page referring to AC funded initiatives
- Provide quarterly reports to Neighbourhood Board on progress
- Work alongside the mainstreamed ASB Officer and fixed term wardens to share intelligence, support victims and target perpetrators.
- Support one off partnership targeted approaches in identified areas

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project. The proposal delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority 'Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods'.

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Coalfields Pride Celebration 2022
Lead Organisation	Coalfields LGBT+ Support Group

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£9,957		£9,957

Project Description:

Coalfield's LGBT+ Support Group was established in July 2021. Our aim is to support members of the LGBT+ community in our area, to provide them with a platform to share their experiences and support one another. The group's members took the decision to organise their very own PRIDE event, and came up with the idea of holding Coalfield's PRIDE as a celebration within the community of all things LGBT+.

The event will take place in July 2022 at Hetton School. The group have worked alongside the school, and pupils from the school will be volunteering on the day, managing the car park entrance and

providing wristbands to members of the community attending the event. The Events Company are to provide security staff, event staff and First Aid tent and staff. A stage, PA, a sound technician, a generator power for the stage and a stage manager will be provided. There will be a children's fun fair, bouncy castles and catering facilities, there will also be sufficient portable toilets for people attending the event.

There will be a number of tribute acts performing from 12:00pm until 6:00pm, and the event will end at approximately 6:00pm. The group have organised for six acts to perform at the event. In addition, throughout the day there will be walk around performances from dress-up cast members from the Greatest Showman, stilt-walkers and a face painter. Local press and radio stations will cover the event, and a photographer will capture all of the highlights from the day.

Members of the local community will be charged £1 per person at the gate and each car will be charged £1 for the car park. All monies raised will go to the Coalfields LGBT+ Support Group, and our aim going forward will be to provide a regular face to face opportunity for our members to meet up with one another, in a safe space, support one another and welcome new members.

Recommendation – Approve (with conditions)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of the project which will meet the Neighbourhood Investment Plan priority 'support the voluntary and community sector to host community events and activities'. A final event plan and risk assessment must be submitted prior to funding being released.

Application No. 3 (alignment of funding)

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Coalfield Clean it, Green it
Lead Organisation	TBC Via a Call for Projects

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£100,000		£100,000

Project Description:

In partnership with Local Services, the programme will deliver a series of environmental projects which will clean up local neighbourhoods and communities, and are in addition to Local Services regular maintenance programmes. It will focus on a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the area. The programme will enhance local neighbourhoods, encourage community partnerships and volunteering, and improve the use of green spaces. In addition, opportunities to enhance and add value to works in Coalfield area parks and open spaces will be maximised and delivered.

It is proposed that the programme will be delivered by a partner or VCS organisation (or a collaboration of local organisations) via a Call for Projects.

Rationale

- The Area Committee want an attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time.
- Organisations will be given the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements, based on local needs and address local concerns.
- Area Committee is keen to see a collaborative approach from key organisations which are committed to carrying out physical improvements, deliver educational messages and raise awareness and facilitate community 'ownership' to help look after the local environment.

Expected Outcomes

- Work in partnership with Environmental Services and other existing services and initiatives to deliver environmental improvements and involve the local community facilitating community ownership with regards to the local environment
- Work with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community and sites.

- Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the Coalfield area and address issues which are contributing to the decline of local amenities

The following would be included

- ✓ Community clean ups
- ✓ Reduce littering and fly tipping
- ✓ Manage agreed shrub beds and open green spaces
- ✓ Consider how to facilitate local groups to carry out a range of activities and develop additional skills by providing a co-ordinated 'Equipment Bank Loan Scheme'
- ✓ Engage, train and retain volunteers and community clean up groups
- ✓ Deliver educational messages and awareness raising in the community

Recommendation - Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend alignment of £100,000 Neighbourhood Fund to deliver a 2 year project via a Call for Projects. The project applications will be assessed and consulted upon and presented to the June 2022 Area Committee for approval