

Celebrations, Events and Heritage 2018/19**£10,000**

In line with previous years it is proposed a 'core activities' programme is developed to support events identified by Area Committee members as important to the local area. This will allow a planned approach to events and activities which take place each year.

The project will provide a central resource for those events, celebrations and heritage activities identified by elected members and Area Committee partners as important to the local area and will be delivered in partnership with the VCS Network and community organisations between July 2018 and June 2019. Funding will provide for a range of activities and costs associated with planned and historic events and include:

- Traffic management fees for Remembrance Parades
- Traffic management fees for Miners Gala Parades
- Contribution to live Christmas lights switch on events and Christmas activities arranged by community groups within the Coalfield
- Contribution to themed Summer Activities
- Themed celebrations to mark various historic and local events

The budget will also fund heritage activities and other events developed by the Place Board in partnership with local organisations. The Area Community Officer will manage and co-ordinate the project under the direction of the Place Board and Area Committee.

Recommendation: Approve. Meets Area Priority 'Celebrating Local Events'

Houghton Feast 2018 Community Programme**£10,000**

Sunderland City Council events team deliver a number of core events across the City, including Houghton Feast. The services provided by the events team include Infrastructure, marketing, site and event management for all aspects of the Feast, fireworks and civic arrangements.

In addition to the core programme, and in line with previous years, a community element for the Friday evening opening event, along with a Carnival parade on the Saturday is proposed. This additional element would include involvement of, and engagement with, local schools and community groups in the lead up to the Feast and performances at the Friday evening event and Saturday parade developed and managed by the Houghton Feast Steering Group. The theme of the 2018 Houghton Feast is 'The Greatest Show on Earth'. The community events and displays will be focused around this theme, incorporating key information and activities.

A total of £10,000 is requested to deliver the programme. This will be utilised to engage local groups and organisations including schools to participate in all aspects of the Friday and Saturday events and provide on street entertainment such as face painting, balloon modelling and relevant film characters. The Steering Group will agree the detail of the project spend, the budget will be managed by the Area Community Development Lead on behalf of Houghton Feast Steering Group and Area Committee.

Recommendation: Approve. Meets Area Priority 'Celebrating Local Events'

School Opportunities Coalfield, SNCBC**£5,000**

This pilot project will be based at the Flatts Youth Centre, Easington Lane and will offer outreach in the Coalfields area. The proposal seeks to build on the experience developed and delivered in the School Opportunities sessions which have previously been delivered in the Washington area since 2014. We have established links in place with Houghton Kieper and Hetton School.

The project will be to work with young people in school years 10 and 11 within the Hetton ward who are deemed at risk of exclusion on leaving school or those who enter options and then disengage who are then further at risk of 'falling through the gap' and will require intensive ongoing support to

encourage them to consider options. We will offer 'World of Work' employability support, complementing the in-house Career Curriculum activities delivered within the School.

The project will identify a young person's interests and build on this to support them to undertake a number of key steps to allow them to reach their full potential. Examples of this include creating an individual learning plan for a student where we will identify what employment they seek to achieve as a long term goal and we will introduce key milestones for them to achieve this. We will take a holistic approach and will not only think about qualifications but also any barriers to employment that the individual may have including drug/alcohol misuse, risk taking behaviour, youth ASB, mental health, physical issues etc and once identified we will support the young person to address these through issue based workshops and signposting to additional services/interventions. Financial barriers affecting young people often exclude them from being able to access positive interventions. To support inclusive participation in the project resources will be crucial to cover costs for travel, clothing, equipment and to access any additional training identified to allow clients to maximise their chances of being work ready. Examples of training include first aid, food safety etc.

The project will include introducing students to the work of work by supporting them to undertake work place visits with local employers from the surrounding areas. We will support students to understand occupational areas and assist them to research what qualifications they would be expected to hold to work in those areas. We will engage with 20 young people during this project of which 15 will receive information, advice and guidance and 10 will progress into training, work placements or enter employment. SNCBC currently deliver youth work services and community activities within the Coalfields locality area. We have designed and delivered a successful School Opportunities project in the Washington Area and we can draw upon the lessons learnt here alongside local intelligence to inform this project. We have established working relationships within the secondary schools and are able to be flexible to meet both the individual and schools needs.

We have good working relationships with all local organisations that deliver complimentary activity including Connexions, Job Centre Plus, Springboard, SHARP, Tyne & Wear Fire Service, Police and Together For Children – Hetton Centre. We will monitor all milestones agreed and will put in place realistic goals and will keep the school updated of all progress through regular meetings. The project will run Sept 2018 to July 2019

Recommendation: Approve. Meets Area Priority 'Increase Training and Learning Opportunities'