

## COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

**Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 6:00pm**

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### Membership

Cllrs Blackburn (Chairman), Cunningham, Heron (Vice Chairman), Johnston, Lawson, N. MacKnight, Rowntree, Speding, Thornton, Turner and G. Walker.

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\* Denotes an item relating to an executive function

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**Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

**21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020**

**At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2020 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Cunningham, Heron, Johnston, Lawson. N. MacKnight, Rowntree, Speding, Thornton, Turner and G. Walker

**Also Present:-**

Jill Colbert	Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services	Sunderland City Council
Wendy Cook	Area Network Representative	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Neighbourhood Investment Plan Project Manager	Sunderland City Council
Kay Rowham	Councillor	Hetton Town Council
Christine Tilley	Community Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting introducing himself, the Vice Chairman and Officers supporting the meeting.

The Chairman outlined how the meeting would be held remotely and streamed for the public to view.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Kevin Burns, Station Manager Tyne and Wear Fire Service, Paul Finch, Ellen Bewick and Christine Willis, Area Network Representatives, Debbie Hall, Environmental Services Manager, Sunderland City

Council, Inspector Nick Gjorven, Northumbria Police, Michael Donachie, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group and Allison Patterson, Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council.

## **Declarations of Interest**

### **Item 4 – Area Budgets Report**

Councillor Heron made an open declaration as a Board Member of the Kepier Trust, detailed in Annex 1 of the report. She left the meeting prior to any discussion on the project from the organisation and took no part in any decision on funding.

Councillor Cunningham made an open declaration as a Board Member of Houghton Racecourse Association in relation to the project Copt Hill Holidays 2020, detailed in Annex 2 of the report. He left the meeting prior to any discussion on the project and took no part in any decision on funding.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **Area Committee Annual Update; Coalfield Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and Neighbourhoods and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020-21**

Councillor Heron, Chair of Coalfield Area Neighbourhood and Community Board, presented the report (copy circulated) which:-

- i) provided the annual update in respect of the 2019/20 Work Plan, including the Neighbourhood funded projects;
- ii) presented the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and;
- iii) provided an update on the Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020/2021.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Heron highlighted that the work plan had been populated with the priorities identified in consultation with residents via Let's Talk Sunderland and that the document was a living document which meant that new priorities could be added.

Councillor Heron drew attention to the flowers installed in Hetton Centre which were very attractive and to the work undertaken at the King George V Play Park which

included inclusive play equipment which would also be installed at the Flatts and Newbottle play parks.

Ms Pauline Hopper, Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield highlighted that any outstanding actions from the previous year would be carried over to the current year.

Ms Hopper referred the Committee to the new delivery plan and the specific actions which the Board would be looking at and advised that these would grow and develop as part of this process. Ms Hopper pointed out that at the next meeting of the Board the Members would prioritise what issues they wished to consider first. She pointed out that the Board was really a Task and Finish Working Group and Officers and Partners would be invited to attend as and when requested by the Board, which was made up of Councillors from the four wards of the Coalfield Area, however any decisions on funding and actions would be brought back to the Area Committee for approval.

Ms Jill Colbert, Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services referred to the Call for Projects for Holiday Activities. She highlighted the need to communicate back what provision was going to be made in order to have a joined-up approach to provision for children and young people in the Council and therefore to ensure that there was no duplication and that best use was made of the Council's financial resources.

Ms Hopper advised that the project was an ongoing project from the previous year and that full details of the Call for Projects and projects recommended for approval by the Committee was detailed under item 4 of the agenda for consideration.

Councillor Lawson referred to paragraph 5.7 of the report concerning Elected Member representation on other local groups and boards, advising that in the past the Chair of the People Board usually attended the Corporate Parenting Board on behalf of the Coalfield Area. This was not included in the report and she enquired who would be attending the meeting on behalf of the Area Committee.

Councillor Heron advised that she had attended a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board that day and had been appointed to serve on the Board.

Ms Colbert advised that work was being undertaken with the Lead Member and the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to review the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Board. The Corporate Parenting Board was not a statutory committee of the Council and she was of the view that it should operate in terms of having a broad representation of Members but should be principally focussed on bringing partners around the table to deliver improvements in outcomes for Looked After Children. Ms Colbert commented that at the moment she felt that the balance was not quite right, therefore she had asked for some work to be done in advance of the Ofsted full inspection, so that there was blend of membership of the Corporate Parenting Board.

Ms Colbert went on to say that in a typical Local Authority there would be 2 or 3 Members at the meeting. She understood the Committee wished to understand what they were delivering as outcomes for vulnerable children, however this had to be balanced against what benefit it was serving. More importantly, Children and Young People attended the meetings and she felt that that they should not be public meetings

and the privacy and the confidentiality of those children's contributions should be heard in a closed meeting. A further report on the work they were seeking to do might come back to the Committee.

In response, Councillor Speding stated that his understanding was that every Member of the Council was a corporate parent and therefore that any Member was entitled to attend the Corporate Parenting Board meetings.

Ms Colbert commented that she understood the point Councillor Speding was making about wanting to express his commitment as a corporate parent but did not agree that the Corporate Parenting Board was an open meeting for any Member to attend. Children and Young People came to the Board and sometimes shared their most difficult experiences of life and this was not easily done and was not done for the purposes of securing scrutiny of children's services or scrutiny of the Council. The Corporate Parenting function was to secure improvement for Children and Young People who were cared for by the Council. The purpose of having a range of partners on the Board was to ensure that they were able to secure the right support, for example getting access to good quality housing provision and about mental health assessments. There had been a huge amount of work done on this issue nationally and she had asked the Council to benchmark and consider how it was managing that function against other Local Authorities. When the Council had its next full Ofsted inspection they would seek to judge how effectively the Corporate Parenting function was delivering the sort of outcomes which she had described. Ms Colbert stated that she was happy to discuss the issue further offline.

Councillor Speding stated that he did not disagree with anything Ms Colbert had said, however it was a Member's corporate responsibility and those Members that had an interest in corporate parenting should be encouraged to do that, however he did accept the points Ms Colbert was making.

Mrs Christine Tilley, Community Governance Services Team Leader confirmed that Councillor Heron had been appointed as the representative of the Coalfield Area on the Corporate Parenting Board at the last meeting of the full Council in June.

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

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area Committee's Work Plan for 2019/20, attached at Annex 1, be noted;
- ii) approval be given to the Coalfield Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-23 as detailed at Annex 2 and that Members work together as a Committee alongside partners and the Voluntary and Community Sector to deliver the priorities within the Plan over the next three years; and
- iii) the Area Governance arrangements for 2020/21 as outlined in Section 5 and Annex 3 of the report, be noted.

## **Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update**

Ms Wendy Cook the Coalfield Area VCS Representative and Co-Chair of the VCS Network thanked Councillor Lawson on behalf of the VCS representatives for all her support over the years and to the VCS Network. Ms Cook welcomed the new Chairman of the Coalfield Area Committee, Councillor Blackburn and Vice Chairman, Councillor Heron stating that the representatives were looking forward to working with them.

Ms Cook then proceeded to provide the Committee with a verbal update advising that there had been no meetings of the VCS Network since February. However, over the last three months the VCS had continued to be very active playing a large role in supporting the local community, especially ELCAP which had done a fantastic job. The volunteers had been amazing and had been recruited both locally and through the Local Authority. The food banks through Space4, SHaRP, the Bethany Centre and St John's had fed numerous families and supported the local community. With regards to the Holiday Hunger Project the foodbanks were going to be available to support families through that time as well. They had also been grateful for the opportunity to tender for funding as a lot of the organisations would have gone under and ceased operating if the Council hadn't stepped in and made grants available.

Ms Cook stated that on behalf of the Network that she would like to thank the Councillors for all of their support delivering food parcels, activity packs etc. and they were also grateful for the opportunity to feed into the Let's Talk event and the new Area Plan which she thought had some fantastic new priorities.

Ms Cook stated that they would continue to consult regularly through the VCS Network to support the Local Area Committee.

Councillor MacKnight thanked Ms Cook for the work done through the Voluntary sector since March which had been a huge task for everyone. He paid tribute to some of the local charities both he and Councillor Heron had had contact with, particularly Space4 and ELCAP, SHaRP and Loaves and Fishes. They had referred lots of people, some of whom had been in dire straits onto the foodbanks and they had received a prompt response. He thanked everyone who had contributed within the voluntary sector which had been greatly appreciated.

Councillor Heron thanked the drivers of the minibuses for the work they had done in delivering parcels and asked Ms Cook to pass this on to them.

Councillor Lawson thanked Ms Cook for her kind words. Councillor Lawson stated that she had been a great advocate of the Voluntary Sector in the Coalfield Area and over the last few weeks and months, especially, they had seen how the VCS Network in Coalfields had come into its own. Councillor Lawson thanked them for the work which had been done for the local community and vulnerable people and endorsed the comments of Councillor MacKnight.

Ms Cook added that they were hoping to re-establish the VCS Network meetings virtually from September and they would keep the Area Committee updated on this.

The Chairman having thanked Ms Cook for her report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

#### **Partner Agency Reports – Coalfield Crime and Disorder Report**

Inspector Nick Gjorven, Northumbria Police submitted a report (copy circulated) providing data in respect of crime and disorder in the Coalfields comparing year to date figures with the preceding year for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman having asked Members to forward any questions or observations on the report to Ms Hopper for onward submission to Inspector Gjorven, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

#### **Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update**

Station Manager Kevin Burns, 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 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 compared with the same period in 2019.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman having asked Members to email any queries on the report to Ms Hopper for onward submission to Station Manager Burns, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

#### **Partner Agency Reports – Gentoo Update Report**

Mr Michael Donachie, Head of Operations, Gentoo provided an update from Gentoo for the Coalfields Area Committee from March to July 2020 to enable members to be up-to-date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman having asked Members to email any queries and observations on the report to Ms Hopper for onward submission to Mr Donachie, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

#### **Coalfield Area Budget Report**

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience, Neighbourhoods submitted a report (copy circulated), providing a financial statement as an update position on progress in



relation to allocating Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest and presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing the Committee's attention to the financial position as set out in paragraph 2.1. Ms Hopper advised that the Community Chest allocation in the Area Budget was a total of £40,000, £10,000 per ward and not £50,000 as set out in the report.

Ms Hopper advised that any projects put forward by the Neighbourhood and Community Board would come to the Area Committee for approval. At the June Board meeting Members agreed to allocate £10,000 towards Christmas Lights across the area. Consultation on this was underway and Members needed to agree the locations before it went ahead.

Ms Hopper drew the Committee's attention to one funding proposal to consider from the Neighbourhood Fund from the Kepier Trust for £10,000, as outlined in Annex 1 of the report. This was for reburbishment and updating on the Kepier Hall.

Ms Hopper highlighted at paragraph 4.3 that there were 8 projects recommended for approval from the previously approved 2019/20 Youth Activity budget totalling £22,274. A summary of each of the projects was provided at Annex 2 in the agenda papers.

Ms Hopper referred Members to Annex 3 and Annex 4 detailing the Community Chest funding awards made up to March 2020 and between April and June 2020 respectively. These were submitted for information as they had been approved by each of the wards by the Members concerned collectively.

The Chairman thanked Ms Hopper for her report and it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in table one and two, after taking on board the correction to the Community Chest fund as being £40,000 as detailed above, be noted;
- b) Approval be given to a £10,000 contribution towards festive lighting from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme;
- c) Approval be given to the £10,000 application to the Neighbourhood Fund from the Kepier Trust;
- d) the 8 projects, totalling £22,274 for holiday activities from the previously allocated 2019/20 youth budget, as set out in Annex 2, be approved; and
- e) the approved Community Chest grants between March 2019 and June 2020, as set out in Annex 3 and Annex 4, be noted.

The Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,  
Chairman.

29 September 2020

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

### Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

#### 1. Purpose of Report

##### 1.1 This report:-

- a. Presents the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the Coalfield Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plan. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

#### 3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

- 3.2 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.

- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen (attached at Annex 1).

- 3.5 The Neighbourhoods and Community Board will be the working group for the Area Committee and the board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.

- 3.6 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

#### 4. Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to September 2020.

Priority/Issue	Update
Progress the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) programme planned for the Coalfield area	All proposed sites have now been assessed for suitability and presented to the Board. The Board has agreed a programme consisting of 8 signs deployed across 31 sites on a 3 month rolling programme. Highways Officers have commenced the procurement exercise and a further update will be given to the Board at their next meeting
Support the development of the Lakes Café in Hetton Lyons Country Park	All wards in the Coalfield area agreed to provide Community Chest funding totalling £950 to enable the project to reach its target within the required timescale
Provide befriending and welfare support and continue to support community transport to reduce social isolation	As a continuation of the Coalfield Community Hub, set up in response to the Covid 19 pandemic, delivered by a number of local partners, a proposal to fund 'The Lifeline Project' is presented at Item 4 Area Budget Report
Implement the next phase of the Digital Inclusion (DI) programme to enable support to residents within the community	A project proposal (from the previously approved DI budget) is presented at Item 4 Area Budget Report
Continue the Neighbourhood Funded RU Ready for UC project to support people claiming Universal Credit to move further towards the employment market	A project proposal (from the previously approved DI budget) is presented at Item 4 Area Budget Report
Explore opportunities for Elemore Golf Course. Area Committee to consider funding a feasibility study/business plan	An initial consultation meeting has taken place with ward Councillors, relevant officers and organisations to discuss various ideas and suggestions for the site. The next step is wider consultation and the development of a brief to carry out a feasibility study.
Support the development of a commemorative mining statue/memorial on the old Houghton Colliery site	Meetings have taken place with artists who have been invited to submit outline proposals/designs for an art installation at the site. The Development Director of Land and Investment will commission the work once a design has been selected and funding is in place.

## 5. Recommendations

### 5.1 Members are requested to: -

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1

Annex 1 Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the Coalfield area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Communities Board.



Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at [www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk) as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Coalfield Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

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| 1. Tackle empty properties                     | 10. Vacant Properties as Cultural Hubs and Leisure Activities |
| 2. Derelict land and property                  | 11. Job Opportunities and Job Clubs                           |
| 3. Enforcement                                 | 12. Social Prescribing – Reduce Social Isolation              |
| 4. Bloom Activity                              | 13. Local Greenspace  |
| 5. Transport and Parking                       | 14. Support voluntary and community sector                    |
| 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting     | 15. Youth Clubs   |
| 7. Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes | 16. Reduce fear of crime                                      |
| 8. Digital Learning                            | 17. Preserve and celebrate local heritage                     |
| 9. Shopping Centres and Local Businesses       |   |

It is now the responsibility of Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and which will form the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.

NB: numbers are for reference only, they do not list priorities in order.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1 Tackle Empty Properties		
Action	Next Steps?	
Explore the feasibility of implementing a time limit on how long properties can be boarded up.	Request an update on current delivery in the area from the Empty Property Team and invite officers to attend a Board meeting	
Explore all types of enforcement powers to improve the neighbourhood around 'The Square' at Herrington	Request further information on future plans around 'The Square' at Herrington. Set up Enforcement Task Group to consider all enforcement powers the Council have. Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services	
Improve the physical environment of areas with high levels of empty properties and transient tenants	Request information on what environmental services provide in terms of maintenance around 'The Square' at Herrington, including issues with unadopted road	
	Request further information regarding issues/solutions at Britannia Tce, Fencehouses	
2 Review derelict land and properties to further create green and cultural communities		
Action		
Request an update on derelict land and properties to Coalfield Neighbourhood and Communities Board	Invite Housing colleagues and Property Services to a future Board meeting to inform specific areas where Area Committee can provide additional resources	
Look at tidying up the Doorstep Green and other areas adjacent to Herrington Country Park, including the rear of Southburn Tce	Request an update from Environmental Services to inform where Area Committee can provide additionality to existing arrangements	
Carry out environmental improvements at Flintmill Park	Request an update from Environmental Services to inform where Area Committee can provide additionality to existing arrangements	

Look at other green spaces across the wards where derelict land, where not identified for other use, can be used for community activity	Invite the lead on the Coalfield Green Infrastructure Strategy to attend Area Board in order to explore further project development	
<b>3 Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Consider dealing with unsightly caravans, unroadworthy cars and advertising vehicles taking up space on grass verges	Set up Enforcement Task Group to consider all enforcement powers the Council have. Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services	
Tackle private businesses carrying out and using the highway for vehicle repairs, including using the highway as a car park (e.g. Church Street, Shiney Row and Allendale, Penshaw)	Set up Enforcement Task Group to consider all enforcement powers the Council have. Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services	
Continue the multi agency approach to large and ongoing fly-tips at the former Forest Estate, Easington Lane	Invite relevant officers to provide information to the Task group (above) and continue to feed into LMAPS	
Request information on all types of enforcement powers available to the City Council	To be presented to the Task group (as above)	
Support a multi-agency/multi disciplinary approach to addressing a range of ASB and environmental issues at Railway Tce North and surrounding area	ACDL to request information regarding ongoing work and bring back to Task group (as above)	
<b>4 Bloom Activities and Supporting Residents to Grow Their Own</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Request further information regarding 'Gateway' improvements and how Area Committee may be able to enhance/further develop plans	ACDL to request further information on planned 'Gateway' improvements	
Explore the feasibility of installing flower tubs/railing troughs in more locations across the Coalfield area e.g. Easington Lane memorial clock, Shiney Row shopping centre	ACDL to explore options/costs with Environmental Services	
<b>5 Transport routes and parking issues in residential and local shopping areas</b>		

<b>Action</b>		
Work with Gentoo to explore solutions to parking issues on some estates		
Work with colleagues to ensure adequate parking is provided on new housing estates		
Explore feasibility of additional resources to address persistent offenders around local shopping centres (Shiney Row and Newbottle Street) where inappropriate parking can damage business for local traders	Discuss enforcement powers and potential to provide additional resources at the Enforcement Task Group (as in 1 and 3 above)	
<b>6 Highways, pavements and street lighting</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Consider possibility of removal of derelict planters and replace or pave over (e.g. Gravel Walks/Stamley Street area, Houghton)	Invite Highways officers to an Area Board meeting to discuss	
Explore the feasibility of removing bollards at Edwin Street, Gravel Walks.		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Coalfield Area Committee	
Progress the VAS programme planned for the Coalfield area consisting of 8 signs deployed across 31 sites on a 3 month rolling programme	Highways colleagues to complete a procurement exercise and provide an update to the November 2020 Area Board meeting	
<b>7 Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Explore the feasibility of installing additional/improved signage at key locations	Request further information from the PROW Officer on current footpath and cycleway signage to inform next steps	
Support the development of the Lakes Café in Hetton Lyons Country Park	Pledge support via Spacehive	

Support renewal of bins in Hetton Lyons Country Park (and other areas where relevant)	Request location and condition information of rubbish/dog bins in parks to inform next steps	
Support the improvement and increased use of Hetton Park	Request further information on the future plans for Hetton Park to inform next steps and the potential development of a park management plan	
Provide additional, accessible, play equipment in key parks across the Coalfield area	Invite Assistant Director of Environmental Services to an Area Board meeting to discuss condition survey, future plans and areas where Area Committee can add value to planned provision	
Support cycling proficiency in schools and with youth providers. Provide prizes to local schools. Encourage young people to take up cycling to school etc..	ACDL to request information on what is currently delivered and how AC can enhance the road safety offer to young people	
<b>8 Digital Learning Resources</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Implement the next phase of the Neighbourhood Funded Digital Inclusion programme to enable support to residents within the community	ACDL to develop project brief and invite applications via the VCS Network	
Explore the feasibility of developing a 'loan' scheme to provide IT equipment to children and young people who do not have computers at home	ACDL to gather information from schools and groups to inform next steps	
<b>9 Shopping Centres and Local Businesses</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Continue to support improvement of the physical environment in local shopping centres	Area Board to discuss opportunity of aligning Neighbourhood Fund budget to environmental improvements	
Encourage use of Shop Local and using smaller traders in the community	Build on the support for local business messages developed during lock-down. Promote the benefits of local shopping. Use	



	Coalfield Sunderland Community facebook page	
Support improvement of parking issues in shopping centres (as in 5 above)	Discuss enforcement powers and potential to provide additional resources at the Enforcement Task Group (as above)	
10 Vacant Properties as Cultural Hubs and Leisure Activities		
Action		
Explore opportunities for Elemore Golf Course e.g. community farm, community forest and space for mini-festivals, training and apprenticeships. Area Committee to consider funding a feasibility study/business plan	Set up a Task Group to explore vacant properties and feasibility for future use for cultural and leisure activity.	
Explore the feasibility of creating a heritage centre at the former Philadelphia Depot		
11 Job Opportunities and Job Clubs		
Action		
Support local residents with employment-related information and training in local venues via VCS organisations	Set up a Task Group, and liaise with VCS partners, to explore what is currently available and where additionality can be provided to enhance support locally	
Provide relevant information to support small and artisan business and encourage development of CIC companies where appropriate		
Support residents back into employment and maximise job opportunities		
Continue the Neighbourhood Funded RU Ready for UC project (partnership between Springboard and ShARP) to support people claiming Universal Credit to move further towards the employment market	ACDL to work with the project leads to adapt the project to current need. ACDL to provide update reports to the Area Board	
12 Social Prescribing and Reducing Social Isolation		
Action		

Continue to provide affordable wellbeing activities to reduce social isolation and improve health (e.g. Zumba, dance fit, walking football etc...)	Area Board to discuss allocation of Neighbourhood Fund via a Call for Projects to the VCS Network	
Provide befriending and welfare support to local residents via telephone, facetime or 1-2-1 in person	Area Board to discuss allocation of Neighbourhood Fund to address this priority	
Work with GP Alliance Social Prescribing Team and VCS Network to identify gaps in local provision	ACDL to liaise with VCS Network to identify local need, and feed back to Area Board to inform next steps	
Continue to provide support to ELCAP Community Transport project to develop new ways of working to provide social opportunities to those most at risk of isolation	Area Board to receive an update from ELCAP Community Transport regarding current and proposed transport services	
Continue with the development of the Neighbourhood Fund Coalfield Healthy and Active Programme (CHAP) projects	Area Board to receive an update on current and planned projects and support delivery of the Programme	
<b>13 Enhance Local Greenspace and encourage wider use</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Explore the expansion of green gyms and adult exercise equipment in parks	ACDL to request further information from colleagues in Sport and Leisure	
Explore feasibility of dog exclusion areas for Herrington Country Park	ACDL to request information on current restrictions/legislation to inform next steps	
Consider the improvement and promotion of local greenspaces, not identified for other use, for community activity	Invite the lead on the Green Infrastructure Strategy to discuss with the Area Board to inform next steps	
Look into improved signage for footpaths and cycle routes	Discuss as part of the Green Infrastructure Strategy	
<b>14 Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services within local community venues as well as host community events/activities</b>		
<b>Action</b>		

Continue to support the VCS Network and its member organisations	Area Board to ensure links with VCS Network are further strengthened and views/input from the sector are considered when developing projects	
Explore a way of saying thank you to the VCS organisations formally	Area Board to discuss a marketing campaign, or celebration event	
Continue to provide funding opportunities to local organisations via the VCS Network	All funding opportunities (internal and external) to be circulated to the VCS Network via information sharing from the Area Team	
Develop a community and volunteer programme across the Coalfield to support local residents	ACDL to provide Area Board with information regarding the recently completed Neighbourhood Fund 'Step up' project to inform next steps	
<b>15 Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Support the development of the 2 year Neighbourhood Funded Youth Activity project	ACDL to monitor the project closely, ensuring members have the opportunity to feed in views/proposals to the lead agent (SNCBC)	
Identify suitable venues for youth clubs and sessional work	SNCBC to consider and assess local venues for delivery	
Explore the development of a responsive service that can deal with problematic areas as they arise	Set up a Task group to look at ASB prevention and longer term strategies	
<b>16 Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Develop long term strategies, with partners, for dealing with ASB	Set up a Task group to look at ASB prevention	
Explore the feasibility/benefits of setting up a boxing club in Hetton		

Explore and research neighbourhood watch-style initiatives.		
Set up regular meetings between the Police and Sunderland City Councillors	ACDL to discuss with Area Board and Police Inspector to develop a programme of meetings	
<b>17 Preserve and celebrate local heritage</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
Explore opportunities to celebrate Hetton Railway 200 year anniversary	Area Co-ordinator to discuss with other areas of Sunderland, who have also identified this opportunity	
Support the development of a commemorative mining statue/memorial on the old Houghton Colliery site	ACDL to liaise with Development Director of Land and Investment to explore how Area Committee can enhance proposals for the site	
Explore the feasibility of creating a mining 'map' on the paving of the new retail development at Houghton		
Continue to support local events and celebrations via Neighbourhood Fund	ACDL to bring proposal for funding to the September Area Committee	

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## 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 (VCS) 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 the Networks 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.

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

- 3.1 During the past 3 months the voluntary and community sector have continued to deliver a range of support and services to Coalfields residents. Easington Lane Community Access Point have continued to co-ordinate the community hub in the Coalfields providing ongoing assistance with shopping, arranging food bank referrals and befriending. The service has seen a reduction in the number of residents being supported however still proves invaluable to residents.
- Other examples of work taking place:
- SHARP have continued to deliver information, advice, and guidance for residents. They launched an electronic village hall from their Shiney Row premises from 2<sup>nd</sup> September where residents can book an appointment to use a computer. They continue to signpost residents to the food bank.
  - Hetton New Dawn, Loaves and Fishes project has continued to deliver food bank services throughout the past 3 months. From Friday 11th September "Friday Takeaway" was launched. Local residents can collect a meal for themselves or for the family, from Hetton & Eppleton Community Hall. Children's activity packs are available as well thanks to funding secured from @TNLCommunityFund, @dcmsgovuk, Community Regeneration Trust and The Company Shop.
  - SNCBC have launched the delivery of a five-month lottery funded Future In Mind Project. The project aims to re-engage with young people, through detached youth sessions in the Coalfields locality and find out how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected them, and to identify what support they may require. The project has engaged with over 200 young people since the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The Good Vibes Project has also launched which is match funded through the Coalfields Area Committee, and this is to deliver youth provision but also allow targeted support for young people. We have a part time Counsellor attached to the project where we can refer young people in times of crisis, the young person will be seen at the Flatts Youth Centre.
- 3.2 Many voluntary and community sector organisations are trying to maintain its support to the Coalfields residents in these unprecedented times. Some are taking steps to progress to reopen its doors to re-establish services however due to local lockdown plans may be affected. Unfortunately, some projects e.g. St Aidans Community Group haven't been able

to 'ride the storm' and there could have been many additional VCS Group casualties as a direct result of the pandemic, if not for the financial support offered by Sunderland City Council and the Coalfields Area Committee.

- 3.3 Finally, with regards to the VCS network, we will be recommencing meetings using digital video platforms in October.

#### **4. Recommendations**

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report
- To continue to support the Sector when developing and implementing actions against local priorities
- To use information gathered from Network meetings to inform current and future priorities and Area Committee Plan

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Eileen Bewick, Area Network Representative  
Christine Willis, Area Network Representative

**29 September 2020****REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE****Coalfield Crime and Disorder Report**

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Coalfields comparing Year to date figures with the preceding year. For comparison purposes I have also provided the data for the same period last year.

Total recorded youth ASB incidents are the same as this time last year, but this does not capture a great decrease during the C19 lockdown followed by an increase once restrictions were lifted. However the increase in recent months is due to a change in recording processes rather than an increase in ASB, which overall remains lower than last year. Engagement work with schools is still restricted by C19, however outreach youth workers are working in the area alongside our community engagement van when available. An operation providing Washington with neighbourhood officers every evening (utilising overtime) has been expanded to provide the coverage to Houghton and Hetton as well, helping to deter any emerging rises in disorder.

Lockdown restrictions imposed on 18<sup>th</sup> September immediately led to a return of demand seen in the spring of reports of non-compliance. Consequently recorded adult ASB will continue to increase over the following period alongside increased demand on neighbourhood officers managing the response to reports.

Residential burglaries continue to fall, however there continue to be a large number of burglaries to shed and other outbuildings such as stables and caravans which are in more isolated locations. Offences are mainly clustered around the Penshaw and Hetton areas, occur overnight and are of low value. An increase in overnight thefts from motor vehicles correlates to this same pattern of opportunistic acquisitive theft target vehicles, garages and outbuildings left insecure. One prolific offender was charged with burglary following forensic results and remanded on September 9<sup>th</sup>, and remains on remand until next month. Additional late evening and overnight resources deployed for ASB and violence are also aware of this issue and will support proactive efforts where possible.

Issues with traveller encampments have eased considerably, though those that remain are now falling foul of having utilised all the grace period allowed by the LA. Police have supported LA officers with site visits and assessment, and serving of abatement notices where necessary. Those at Hetton Lyons Park were served with a notice to quit by September 17<sup>th</sup> and police ensured they had vacated the site the following day.

Violent crime continues to rise, with a significant number of offences due to a lengthy dispute between families which has recently escalated. Tensions are now easing following police intervention and a number of arrests. A patrol plan and area command operation remain in place, with local officers continuing to be supported by deployment of Operations resources (mounted, traffic, firearms, dogs).

An increase in domestic violence incidents seen nationwide during and following the lockdown period has also contributed to the recorded increase. Preventing domestic violence and ensuring protection of the most vulnerable is a key priority; enhanced oversight of domestic incidents has been implemented to ensure positive outcomes are maximised.

<b>Crime / Disorder</b>	<b>Previous period 2019 1<sup>st</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Current period 2020 1<sup>st</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>+ / -</b>
<b>Youth ASB</b>	187	188	Up 1
<b>Residential burglary</b>	144	134	Down 10
<b>Business &amp; community burglary</b>	36	37	Up 1
<b>Violence against the Person</b>	660	681	Up 21
<b>Serious Injury</b>	13	18	Up 5
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	63	73	Up 10
<b>Theft and handling</b>	323	237	Down 86
<b>Total Crime</b>	1,980	2,043	Up 63 (3% increase)

Nick Gjorven  
Inspector, Neighbourhood Policing  
Southern



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## 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 Coalfield Area Committee area from 01 June 2020 to 31 August 2020 compared with the same period in 2019.

### 2 Background

- 2.1 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

#### L.I 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

#### L.I 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

4 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 11 incidents in the previous year for this period. There is no pattern to these incidents all are investigated by either Fire service or police and passed onto partners to address where it is required.

#### LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire

There has been an increase in the number of Vehicle fires from 4 to 5. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police to identify trends and perpetrators.

#### LI 33 Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

66 incidents, this is a decrease from 82 incidents (19%) from the same period last year. The decrease is due to the reduction in loose refuse incidents and rubbish related incidents. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/deliberate fires have occurred.

**Copt Hill Ward** Has seen an increase from 9 incidents to 12, an increase of 33% during this period. Incidents over this period vary from loose refuse to garden equipment.

**Houghton Ward** Has seen an increase from 17 to 25 a 47% increase in the number of fires. Refuse and grassland predominately are the cause of the increase

**Hetton Ward** has seen a 63% decrease in incidents 49-18. For all a decrease the main area of concern is loose refuse.

**Shiney Row Ward** has seen an increase in incidents (7-11) over the reporting period. Incidents vary from loose refuse to playground equipment.

## **4 Lighter /Darker Nights**

Darker evenings are now upon us, it is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager), so I can action with my crews. Each of my watches have been given ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). This is not just about ASB fires but all deliberate fires, ensuring proper stacking/ storage of items outside a premise that may have an impact on property and life.

## **Summary**

Overall reductions in incidents in most areas, those which have increased due to the small number of incidents these seems more significant in percentage terms. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority to investigate and identify any trends. Refuse also remains problematic, Station Manager Burns will be working closely with partners to reduce these incidents.

## **5. Recommendations**

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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Annex 1 – data report

## Coalfield LMAPS Report

**01 June 2020 to 31 August 2020**

The following data set contains general information relating to fire incidents/ASB fires in this reporting area. This is for public information and sharing for the purposes of reducing ASB and fire crime.

**If in doubt about the level of security contact the D&I team SHQ.**

Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances.

Secondary fires include refuse, bin, derelict vehicle fires and grass fires. A secondary fire does not involve casualties or rescues.

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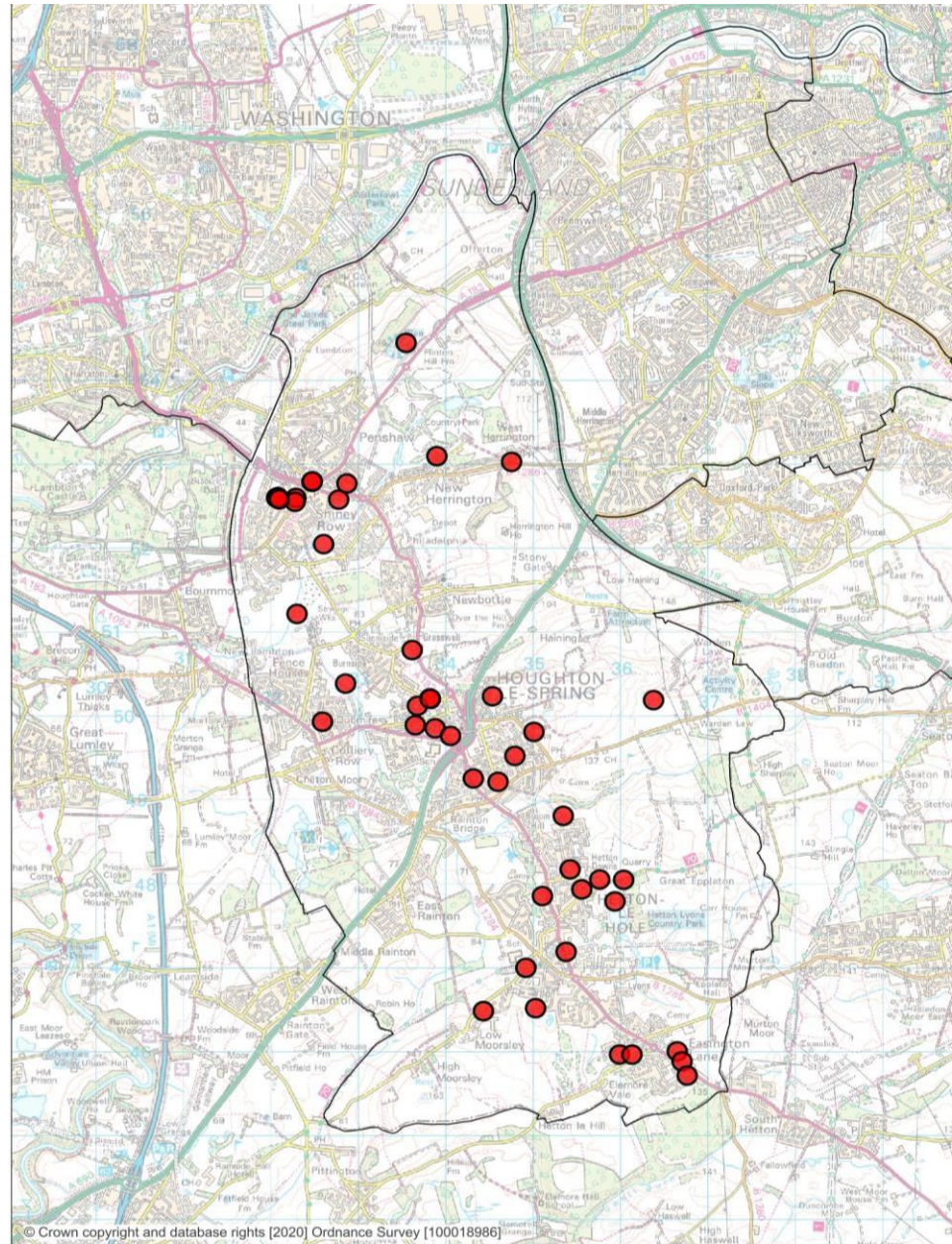
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**Ward LI33 incidents**                      **OFFICIAL**

Ward	LI33 Last year	LI33 incidents
Houghton ward	17	25
Hetton ward	49	18
Copt Hill ward	9	12
Shiney Row ward	7	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>66</b>

<b><u>LI33 Incidents</u></b>	
Number of all deliberate fires	
<b>LI33 Last year</b>	<b>LI33 incidents</b>
<b>82</b>	<b>66</b>
<b><u>LI14 Incidents</u></b>	
Number of primary fires started deliberately (excluding primary	
<b>LI14 Last year</b>	<b>LI14 Incidents</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>
<b><u>LI15 Incidents</u></b>	
Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires	
<b>LI15 Last year</b>	<b>LI15 Incidents</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b><u>LI16 Incidents</u></b>	
Number of deliberate secondary fires	
<b>LI16 Last year</b>	<b>LI16 Incidents</b>
<b>67</b>	<b>57</b>

Property level 4	LI33 Last Year	LI33 Incidents
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	28	19
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2	10
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3	7
Refuse/rubbish tip	19	7
Car	4	4
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	3	5
Wheelie Bin	3	2
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	0	2
Caravan	1	2
Garden equipment	0	1
Fishing boat	0	1
House - single occupancy	4	1
Recycling collection point, bottle bank	0	1
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	0	1
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	0	1
Motorcycle	0	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	0	1
Scrubland	3	0
Private Garage	2	0
Sports Pavilion	2	0
Fence	2	0
Warehouses and bulk storage	1	0
Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	1	0
Park	1	0
Transport buildings	1	0
Residential Home	1	0
Food and Drink	1	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>66</b>



# LI33 Incident Details

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Incident ref	Date	Time	Station	Ward	Property Type
48012766	01/06/2020	04:34	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48012843	02/06/2020	03:13	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012917	02/06/2020	19:27	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012938	02/06/2020	21:56	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012943	02/06/2020	22:52	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	House - single occupancy
48012984	03/06/2020	14:59	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48013301	09/06/2020	16:54	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)
48013405	10/06/2020	13:05	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Other outdoor items including roadside furniture
48013446	11/06/2020	12:47	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48013730	15/06/2020	21:45	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48013746	15/06/2020	23:53	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48013797	16/06/2020	20:46	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Motorcycle
48013862	17/06/2020	21:03	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48013877	17/06/2020	23:56	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48014035	20/06/2020	01:22	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Caravan unspecified
48014072	20/06/2020	16:40	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48014142	21/06/2020	22:09	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48014226	22/06/2020	22:47	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48014231	23/06/2020	04:07	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)
48014233	23/06/2020	04:30	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Wheelie Bin
48014453	25/06/2020	12:55	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48014582	26/06/2020	20:28	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48014585	26/06/2020	21:25	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48014993	02/07/2020	16:22	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48015021	02/07/2020	20:20	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48015034	03/07/2020	00:32	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48015219	05/07/2020	19:14	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Car



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48015311	06/07/2020	21:42	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Other outdoor items including roadside furniture
48015637	10/07/2020	17:04	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Car
48015688	11/07/2020	12:50	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48015768	12/07/2020	13:50	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48015791	12/07/2020	19:05	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48015800	12/07/2020	22:07	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Recycling collection point, bottle bank
48015826	13/07/2020	00:51	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48015846	13/07/2020	12:45	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48015853	13/07/2020	16:02	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48015909	14/07/2020	12:59	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48015911	14/07/2020	14:01	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Fishing boat
48016204	18/07/2020	05:28	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48016323	19/07/2020	16:24	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48016370	20/07/2020	05:50	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area
48016372	20/07/2020	06:14	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Wheelie Bin
48016414	20/07/2020	17:27	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48016569	22/07/2020	10:06	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48016626	22/07/2020	19:43	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48016869	26/07/2020	04:47	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48016931	27/07/2020	00:23	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Car
48017000	27/07/2020	20:25	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48017001	27/07/2020	20:30	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48017251	30/07/2020	18:20	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48017458	01/08/2020	19:34	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48017719	04/08/2020	23:21	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Towing caravan elsewhere (not on tow)



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48017818	06/08/2020	16:30	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48017970	08/08/2020	01:03	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018002	08/08/2020	08:40	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Car
48018078	08/08/2020	21:42	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018084	08/08/2020	22:22	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018177	09/08/2020	20:14	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018383	11/08/2020	20:04	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48018649	14/08/2020	20:11	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48018726	15/08/2020	19:46	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Garden equipment
48018810	16/08/2020	19:52	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48019433	24/08/2020	15:10	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48019729	28/08/2020	18:28	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48019739	28/08/2020	19:37	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48019852	30/08/2020	17:23	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)

**29 September 2020****REPORT OF GENTOO****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee from March 2020 to September 2020.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up-to-date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

**3. Changes to Neighbourhood Services**

- 3.1 Following the national Coronavirus lockdown a number of changes have taken place which affect our customer access arrangements. As previously advised, Silksworth Office relocated to the ground floor of Akeler House at Doxford International Business Park and opened to customers on 8 June. The office at Silksworth will be demolished and Gentoo has recently submitted a planning application to Sunderland City Council to build 13 affordable rented homes on the site. Gentoo's office at Havelock has reopened on 8 June to customers on a pre-arranged appointment basis. We also took the decision to close cash payment facilities at Athenaeum and Galleries Offices due to the increased risk of Covid-19 transmission handling cash now poses. In addition, as well as a gradual decline in this method of payment in recent years, the vast majority of customers paid by alternative means without difficulty during the enforced lockdown period.
- 3.2 All of our local Neighbourhood Coordinator contact details are published on Gentoo's website, and during lockdown they contacted almost 100% of their customers to advise of their continued availability for advice and support in relation to their tenancy. Our teams are currently working partly from home and partly within our offices providing the full range of housing services, as we continue to manage the social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Whilst our Allocations service, including the advertising of vacancies online via HomeHunt was temporarily suspended during lockdown, the full service recommenced on 27 May. Viewings are carried out mainly on a '1 to 1' basis and we now offer a remote, digital sign up process, again to minimise the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

**4. Investment & Renewal**

- 4.1 Works have resumed on the Avenue Vivienne site. We anticipate new homes will be available from April 2021. This date may change if further restriction are imposed due to Covid 19.

**5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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**COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**  
**29 SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Coalfield Area Budget Report

**Author(s):**

Assistant Director of Community Resilience

**Purpose of Report:**

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific area priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan with the overall aim to benefit the Coalfield residents and where possible attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement and updated on progress in relation to area funding, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest, and presents funding proposals for Members consideration.

**Description of Decision:**

The Area Committee is requested to:

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in table one, two and three
- (b) Approve £5,000 Neighbourhood Fund to ELCAP for the Lifeline project set out in Annex 1
- (c) Approve the 2 projects in Annex 2 from the previously agreed Digital Inclusion Budget
- (d) Note the approved Community Chest grants between July 2020 and September 2020, as set out in Annex 3

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The Area Committee has delegated executive functions to allocate area funding to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment 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

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

29 SEPTEMBER 2020

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

## Area Budget Report

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the neighbourhood investment plans, with the overall aim to benefit Coalfield residents and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**2. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme**

- 2.1 Coalfield Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 2.2. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.
- 2.3 The following table provides the current financial position of the Capital Investment Programme

<b>Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme allocation is £500,000</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Allocated (not yet assessed)</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Festive Lighting	July 2020		£10,000	£490,000
<b>Balance</b>			<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£490,000</b>

Table One: Financial Statement Capital Investment Programme

**3. Neighbourhood Fund**

- 3.1 Coalfield Area Committee has been allocated £361,514 for capital and revenue projects.
- 3.2 Neighbourhood Fund will need to be allocated within this current financial year.
- 3.3 The following table provides the current financial position of the Neighbourhood Fund

<b>Neighbourhood Fund allocation is £361,514</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Allocated (not yet assessed)</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Kepier Hall	July 2020		£10,000	£351,514
<b>Returned funding: Phoenix Project</b>	March 2019		(4,560)	
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£356,074</b>

Table Two: Financial Statement Neighbourhood Fund 2020 / 2021

- 3.4 There is one funding proposal to consider from the 2020/21 Neighbourhood Fund. Further detail at Annex 1.

Lifeline Project £5,000

- 3.5 The details of two projects previously agreed from the 2019/20 Neighbourhood Fund budget are presented for approval at Annex 2

RU Ready for UC £25,000

Digital Inclusion in Coalfield £50,000

#### 4. Community Chest

- 4.1 Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row wards have been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same. With ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where decision cannot be reached at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 4.2 Table three below details the budget, approvals and balance remaining for 2020 / 2021. Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made between July 2020 and September 2020, as set out in Annex 3, and are encouraged to continue to sponsor and submit project proposals, which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan to ensure full allocation of Community Chest by March 2021.

Ward	2020 / 2021 Balance	Amount Awarded	Returned Funding	Remaining Allocation
Copt Hill	£10,000	£2,462.50	£0	£7,537.50
Hetton	£10,000	£1,962.50	£0	£8,037.50
Houghton	£10,000	£2,570.50	£0	£7,429.50
Shiney Row	£10,000	£2,962.50	£0	£7,037.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£40,000</b>	<b>£9,958</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£30,042</b>

Table Three: Financial Statement Community Chest 2020 / 2021

#### 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to:

- Note the financial statements set out in table one, two and three
- Approve £5,000 Neighbourhood Fund to ELCAP for the Lifeline project set out in Annex 1
- Approve the 2 projects in Annex 2 from the previously agreed Digital Inclusion Budget
- Note the approved Community Chest grants between July 2020 and September 2020, as set out in Annex 3

Annex 1 Neighbourhood Fund  
 Annex 2 Digital Inclusion projects  
 Annex 3 Community Chest Awards 2020 / 2021

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## Neighbourhood Fund Application

The following application is recommended for approval from the 2020/21 NF budget

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Lifeline	ELCAP (in partnership with Community Hub groups/organisations)	£5,000 (total cost £15,600)

### **Project Description**

The Coalfield Lifeline project will be a development of the Hub that was established by the City Council and has operated during the COVID-19 crisis. The project will seek to rehabilitate the vulnerable and isolated back into society after five months of shielding through the provision of a befriending and shopping bus experience. Regular befriending and welfare calls have ensured that those most vulnerable know that they will receive contact at least once a week and the offer of shopping and other support has been available.

To reintroduce some to shopping for themselves a revised shopping bus service will be offered. Current social distancing restrictions would limit the number of passengers to four per bus which will allow the vulnerable to reacquaint themselves to the discipline of shopping but under the new requirements. The project will run for six months from October 2020 until the end of March 2021 and see an average of 48 people per week using the service.

The service will be a door to door service to a local retail park where there are a variety of shopping experiences available including cafes and coffee shops where people can socialise. Social distancing requires us to carry no more than four passengers at a time at the moment and due to the anxiety that most of the potential service users have each bus will have its driver in attendance around and about the retail park to offer advice and assistance as required for the 3 hours that will be spent there.

### **How it Reaches Coalfield Priority – Reducing Social Isolation**

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen a significant rise in enforced social isolation which has only compounded the existing issue of social isolation. Whilst many of the socially isolated were known amongst the Hub partners the pandemic saw a significant rise in those becoming socially isolated as well as those who were socially isolated but were unknown to the Hub partners. The reasons behind the isolation are many and varied such as age, infirmity, mobility issues, family living at a distance, lack of confidence, anxiety and many other reasons that could be overcome through the provision of this Lifeline service. The weekly (often twice or three times weekly) welfare and befriending calls carried out by volunteers to residents right across the Coalfield area has been a lifeline to some.

There is a ready and waiting list of service users from those who previously used the Shopping Bus Service as well as local Lunch Club Members. There are those who have been supported through the Hub and need some assistance to regain some of that independence rather than have their shopping delivered to them and there will be the ongoing referral system from the Hub partners going forward. We expect the Lifeline Service will also become a signposting service to other community groups and activities within the Coalfields area such as Lunch Clubs; craft groups; social groups etc.

### **Partners involved**

Whilst run by ELCAP this will be a Coalfield area project run in conjunction with the Hub partners such as the City Council; Gentoo; AGE UK; Sunderland GP Alliance's Social Prescribing team and our VCS partners such as New Dawn; SHARP; SPACE4; 3TBL; SNCBC, B Active etc.

The cost to run the Lifeline service will be £15,600. The anticipated fares of £4,992 from passenger contribution, along with restricted funding received from Sir James Knot Trust and the Joicey Trust, leaves a shortfall of £5,000. A contribution from the Area Committee would enable a greater impact. The real benefit will be the reduction in social isolation of both our new and existing service users.

**Recommendation: Approve**

## Neighbourhood Fund Project Proposals

The following applications are recommended for approval from the previously agreed 2019/20 Digital Inclusion budget

Project Name	Organisation	NF Funding Requested (already agreed)
RU Ready for UC	ShARP and Springboard in partnership	£25,000
<p>Springboard and ShARP will continue to work on the next phase of RUready4UC project. This project will raise awareness of public access computers in the Coalfields and support participants in making their applications for Universal Credit. 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. 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 new DWP 'Find a Job' portal and Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS). Where there is a skills gap of maths and English competency, individuals will have the opportunity, and will be encouraged to, achieve City and Guilds qualifications in Information Communication Technology (ICT), maths and English from foundation level to L2 as well as work on enhancing their employability skills.</p> <p>The close partnership between Springboard and ShARP will facilitate an effective signposting process ensuring participants access the support they required first, participants will have the opportunity to access digital skills or tailored benefit and money management advice when they are ready to engage in each aspect. ShARP will provide a benefits advice check and develop opportunities to work in the Charity Shop as a volunteer and in centre as additional value building.</p> <p>The move to Universal Credit and delay in payments of several weeks has increased the number of people with no income or reduced income, experiencing periods of crisis where they have had to rely on Foodbanks or seek financial support from family and friends to manage as best they can until payments are in place. Our role is to help people migrate onto UC as quickly and as easily as possible. Due to the COVID 19 outbreak and a full country lock down, we now enter unprecedented times, and face increased unemployment in the Coalfield area. This means a change in focus for some new claimants who have recently been made redundant and who will need help and support on how to deal with financial adjustments, look at what benefit to apply for which will mainly be given by SHARP. They may need help with mental health issues and how to cope with increasing debts. Tutors working on the project will work hard to remove potential barriers arising from such a rise in unemployment due to the corona virus crisis. Springboard and SHARP will add additional elements into this project, arising from social distancing measures, offering a more blended learning approach (Zoom, Teams, F2F), as well as prepare for a potential threat of another full lock down while running the project over the next 12 months. Springboard and SHARP will focus on splitting the training with advice given, working more closely on following the journey of the claimant, hoping to help move back into employment.</p> <p>The project will deliver up to 8 sessions per week (this will include drop in sessions, pre-booked or sessions over the phone/internet ) across 2 venues of Hetton Hub and ShARP. Sessions will be delivered over 3 hours and will include group type workshops with allocated times following sessions for 1:1 advice.</p> <p>ShARP will make full use of the existing networks and partnerships in the Coalfields area to ensure that the project is known and understood. The project will complement the work of other</p>		

providers including ShARP Advice on Prescription, ELCAP, Hetton New Dawn providing an additional specialist resource to aid with the roll out of UC and the impact that is likely to have on local people if they are unprepared.

ShARP is commissioned to deliver Open Access First Tier Welfare Rights, Debt and Benefit Advice in the Coalfields area. We will discuss benefit entitlement as part of the project but the focus will remain on “Getting Ready for UC” so we will not routinely give additional welfare rights, specific benefits and debt advice but will help people to engage with ShARP FTWR ensuring that there is no duplication of resources. Sunderland Crisis Support Service will be an important resource and as a commissioned service ShARP already has an excellent knowledge of the specialist response and support available through this team. Our project will aim to reduce potential pressure UC may put on this service by working with people to prepare for UC through a range of practical measures to help prevent crisis as their claim is processed. Springboards Foodbank will work collaboratively with Sunderland City Foodbanks to anticipate and alleviate hardship. ShARP works closely with ELCAP, New Dawn provides benefit checks and advice to people in crisis using the foodbanks in the Coalfields.

**Recommendation: Approve**

Project Name	Organisation	NF Funding Requested (already agreed)
Communities Connected	Springboard	£50,000 (total project cost £83,000)

This proposed project will increase public access to computers, raise awareness of services available within the Coalfields area and provide participants with appropriate training and qualifications to increase their individual digital skills, develop 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. This programme will identify the initial need of the participant and deliver a tapered plan of support to enable them to become self-sufficient in the effective access of digital services and programmes.

A dedicated member of staff will be employed to work with the established network of Coalfield Digital Inclusion VCS Network members, involving all interested parties.

Building on the current work Springboard have completed we will continue to liaise with residents and possible participants across the Coalfields. This collaborative approach will ensure opportunities for innovative methods of delivery are identified and realised, utilising the skills already in place. As part of the programme we will develop the role of Digital Champions allowing local people who have participated within the programme or wish to help those to improve their skills, take a proactive role in supporting others in their community. The dedicated Springboard staff member will be able to provide basic technical advice and support to participating groups and organisations. We have a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Coordinator who provides support and guidance ensuring staff and participants can access support, training and education on our remote platform.

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. This database of free services will be made available to anyone without charge and in a number of formats including electronic and hard copy. Initial contact to the project will initiate an assessment process to identify whether the individual requirements are informal or formal.

Informal support will include drop in sessions in the Springboard Community Hub previously the



'Hetton Centre Library'. For those closer to the labour market and seeking employment they can access timetabled programmes of study allowing individuals to attend small group taught sessions covering Employability Training, Vocational Training and Qualifications, Work Experience information opportunities. These additional services are offered in kind and are free of charge to participants in receipt of a benefit.

Signposting will inform participants of other drop in sessions in partner sites, these additional sites and times will be agreed with the groups to provide the best fit for local residents situated within the different Coalfields wards and supported by a Springboard Staff member where appropriate.

Times and locations for drop in sessions will be advertised centrally and on our Website and the Hetton Hub social media page. 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 and facilitating claimants entries onto Universal Jobmatch and Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS).

Following first contact which can be through a partner or self-referral, participants will undergo a robust initial assessment to identify their specific needs, identify the level they are operating at and agree appropriate and realistic targets they wish to achieve.

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 support others in their community who may not possess digital skills or the confidence to approach organisations. We are an active member of the Digital Sunderland Initiative. Working closely with other members based within the Coalfield area we have led on the identification of what is currently available and identify areas of need to support local residents in developing their digital skills

**Recommendation: Approve**

**COMMUNITY CHEST 2020/2021 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED – July to September 2020**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Ward Allocation 2020/2021</b>	<b>Project Approvals</b>	<b>Previous Approvals</b>	<b>Grants Returned (since April 2020)</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
<b>Copt Hill</b>	<b>Houghton Town FC</b> – To purchase training kits and rain jackets		£500			
	<b>Springboard NE</b> – (Jointly funded across all Wards) – as a contribution towards the Crowdfund pledge for The Lakes Café, at Hetton Lyons Country Park		£237.50			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£737.50</b>	<b>£1,725</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£7,537.50</b>
<b>Hetton</b>	<b>Springboard NE</b> – (Jointly funded across all Wards) – as a contribution towards the Crowdfund pledge for The Lakes Café, at Hetton Lyons Country Park		£237.50			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£237.50</b>	<b>£1,725</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,037.50</b>
<b>Houghton</b>	<b>Northumbria Police</b> – To purchase medals and trophies to run a 2-year ‘Houghton Young Heroes’ award programme. The programme will see one young person chosen each month as the winner and they will receive a medal and certificate.		£108			
	<b>Houghton Town FC</b> – To purchase training kits and rain jackets		£500			
	<b>Springboard NE</b> – (Jointly funded across all Wards) – as a contribution towards the Crowdfund pledge for The Lakes Café, at Hetton Lyons Country Park		237.50			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£845.50</b>	<b>£1,725</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£7,429.50</b>

<b>Shiney Row</b>	<b>Springboard NE</b> – (Jointly funded across all Wards) – as a contribution towards the Crowdfund pledge for The Lakes Café, at Hetton Lyons Country Park		£237.50			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£237.50</b>	<b>£2,725</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£7,037.50</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£40,000</b>	<b>£2,058</b>	<b>£7,900</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£30,042</b>