

**Houghton Feast 2016 Community Programme****£10,000**

Sunderland Live has been commissioned by Sunderland City Council to deliver a number of core events across the City during 2017, Houghton Feast being one of the core events. The services provided by Sunderland Live 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 2017 Houghton Feast is 'Time Travel', with a focus on 500 years since the birth of Bernard Gilpin. The community events and displays will be focused around this theme, incorporating key information and activities from Tudor times up to present day.

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****The Stephenson Project****£5,000**

It is proposed to deliver an area-wide Community Art Project involving schools and community groups from across the Coalfield Area. Each participant will attend a history and art workshop, learning about George Stephenson and the important role he played in the revolutionary design of a railway system at Hetton to transport coal to the river Wear to be deposited in keel boats. Based on previous projects, it is estimated that around 300 local people will attend a total of 20 workshops and collectively develop a finished piece of artwork which can be displayed at a local venue (to be agreed). The Place Board will be involved in the development of the final design which they will agree before the work begins. It is estimated the cost of the materials, artist time, workshops etc... will be around £5,000.

**Recommendation: Approve****Centre Improvements, Houghton RCA****£6,500**

Houghton Racecourse Community Association is based in Burdon Avenue, Houghton le Spring and is managed by 8 active volunteers. The Centre hosts 10 regular groups/activities including adult tap dancing, ladies group, craft and natter, family history group and carpet bowls. It has been identified that the centre is in need of some updating and refurbishment and the Management Committee has begun a programme of fundraising to deliver some of the improvements. The priority works are updating of toilet facilities including disability access. Many of the users of the centre have additional access needs and the works would also enable the Centre to be promoted to a wider audience. Works have been estimated at £19,508, to include

- Alterations to entrance lobby to form new doorway
- Conversion of male and female to wheelchair accessible WCs
- Supply and install non slip flooring, suspended ceiling, lighting, water heaters and disabled alarms
- Creation of new store
- Decoration to affected areas

The management Committee has agreed to part fund the alterations from reserves, and is seeking £6,500 to complete works as described.

**Recommendation: Approve****Community Transport, ELCAP****£17,116**

This project was previously funded by SIB to address social isolation and provide community transport for a variety of needs, including a twice weekly shopping bus and door to door transport to local clubs

and social activities for those who would otherwise not be able to attend.

To date this year (2016/17), the service has provided 57 shopping bus services, door to door transport to 27 lunch and day clubs and 34 social outings, benefiting a total of 594 residents.

Monitoring of the project has found it to be a valuable and much needed project which has made a great difference to individuals' lives. Social interaction and the opportunity to make new friends was one of the most frequent comments made by users of the service.

The SIB funding, which ended in December 2016, has enabled the project to develop and expand and lever in funding of £95,000 over two years from the Big Local programme (Lottery funded). The project has now employed an additional part time transport assistant/driver, and is in the process of purchasing a second mini bus to meet the increasing need for the service. The project is requesting match funding of £17,116.

**Recommendation: Approve with condition that the service is available to residents throughout all wards within the Coalfield area.**

**Community Development, Space 4**

£10,600

Space 4 in Newbottle Street, Houghton le Spring, provides a wide range of support and advice services within the community. Groups such as Space 4 Blokes and Space 4 Growing Friends provide a safe and welcoming environment for those who are seeking social interaction and friendship. Space 4 works in partnership with organisations including, local GP surgeries, ShARP, Sunderland Carers Centre, Live Life Well and Age UK to provide a wider range of opportunities, activities and services to residents.

The project has secured tenancy on their premises for the next three years and funding would allow them to move forward and develop their services to meet the growing demand. Figures show that the service has seen an increase month on month each year since 2014. The total attendance for 2014 was 1,162 compared with 2,684 in 2015 and 4,753 in 2016. This represents a year on year increase of 131% from 2014 to 2015, and 77% from 2015 to 2016 (or 309% from 2014 to 2016). Funding would enable the project to provide computers for public access, soundproof screening to provide a confidential space and employment of a part time community development worker.

**Recommendation: Approve with condition that all publicity and marketing opportunities acknowledge support from Sunderland City Council Coalfield Area Committee**

**Holiday Activities for Children and Young People**

£10,000

The People Board are keen to ensure that children and young people have a range of opportunities to access clubs and activities during School Summer and October half term holidays 2017. It is proposed that a sum of £10,000 SIB is allocated to providing positive activities across all four wards. The People Board will develop a project brief and invite relevant organisations to put forward proposals to deliver the project.

**Recommendation: Approve allocation of funding. People Board to design project brief.**

**Targeted Activity for Young People**

£20,000

The People Board wish to develop a range of activities and opportunities for young people to take part in positive activity to deliver and achieve Coalfield Area Priorities. It is proposed that a sum of £20,000 SIB is allocated, and that the People Board develop a project brief at the April meeting.

**Recommendation: Approve allocation of funding. Project design and brief to be developed**

**Barnwell Parking Scheme**

£19,000

It is proposed that works to address parking issues at Avondale Avenue (Barnwell Shops) are carried out to include better access to the bus stop, improved parking access for customers and reduction of inconsiderate on- street parking, as part of the Support for Local Shopping Centres priority. Civil works will need to be carried out, and Traffic Regulation Orders, limiting parking durations will need to be implemented during the next 12 months as part of the scheme. A total of £19,000 is requested to be allocated to this project, any unspent funding will be returned to the SIB Area Budget once the scheme is complete.

**Recommendation: Approve subject to final design and costs being provided to Place Board**