

**CAN DO Fund****£10,000**

The successful CAN DO fund has, to date, funded 28 projects. Each project was presented to the People Board by groups of young people aged 11-25. The most recent successful applications from Kepier Believe unit and Flatts Bike Project were approved in October 2018.

The project not only gives young people funding (up to £500) to enable them to carry out events and activities they would otherwise not be able to do, but also gives them the opportunity to design and deliver a small project which will benefit a wider group of young people. Presenting their idea to a panel of Councillors enables the young people to gain skills and take part in a new experience.

The allocation of a further £10,000 SIB will allow the project to continue and further develop.

**Recommendation: Approve. The fund will be managed via the People Board**

**Step Up Project - SNCBC****£40,000**

As part of the 'Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working' priority, Place Board is keen to develop a further phase of the SIB funded Step Up project, delivered by SNCBC, to provide specific support to small, grass roots organisations, and their volunteers, in the Coalfield area.

**The project will:**

- Be focused and specifically meet local need within the Coalfield area (wards of Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row).
- Proactively work with local organisations who make a real difference in the area to ensure they have the correct procedures and mechanisms in place to sustain their activity and recruit, support and retain volunteers
- Support groups and organisations to develop and diversify to attract a wider audience and increase participation in their services and activities, and promote on Sunderland City Council Directory or Information Point
- Reach into the community to identify groups and organisations not currently engaged in local networks and partnership working
- Recognise and be familiar with existing support such as VCAS (Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland) to ensure partnership working and non duplication
- Ensure the project delivers a partnership approach and establishes relationships with other organisations, local businesses and local voluntary and community sector groups.
- Attract additional funding from sources other than SIB
- Provide a dedicated member of staff to deliver the project locally and be the point of contact for stakeholders of the project.
- Continue until March 2020.

**Recommendation: Approve. Meets Area Priority 'support for VCS organisations'**

**Retail Support Programme - Business and Innovation Centre****£28,000**

As part of the 2018/19 priorities, Coalfield Area Place Board has agreed to continue to provide support to retailers and shopping areas across the Coalfield wards. The Place Board has reviewed and revised the current SIB project, delivered by the BIC, recommending an additional sum of SIB to extend the project.

**The project will:**

- Be focused and specifically meet local need within the shopping centres across the Coalfield area (wards of Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row).
- Proactively work with traders on a collective basis to identify priorities and support implementation of activities.
- Work with traders on a collective basis in some smaller shopping parades, to be defined by the Coalfield Area Place Board.
- Provide a dedicated Business Mentor to provide operational support to traders.



- Prepare trader groups to ensure the outcomes of the project continue once the SIB funding ends
- Include an element of 'physical environmental improvements' based on need
- Provide 'tapered' support to traders forums once they are fully established
- Review and revise membership of the groups to ensure the focus is trader led, addresses issues around trading, and all actions and activities of the groups are for the benefit of the shopping areas
- Continue until March 2020

**Recommendation: Approve. Meets Area Priority 'support for local shopping centres'**

**Support for Friends Groups - (Managed by Place Board)**

**£8,000**

Friends groups are taking on an increasing number of activities and tasks within parks and green spaces, to support the work of the Council in providing attractive leisure spaces for the benefit of the local community.

Within the Coalfield area Hetton Lyons, Herrington, Rectory and Elba parks have active Friends groups who carry out valuable work within the parks. There may also be a number of other groups who carry out environmental improvements on greenspaces by volunteering to litter pick, plant bulbs/flowers and deliver educational messages etc....

Sunderland City Council Environmental Services has produced a number of documents including Guidance Note for Friends Groups in Relation to: Activities / Events, Insurance, Licences / Permits, Approvals & Risk Assessments, a Volunteer Guide for Litter Picking – this is sent out to all volunteers that we are aware of that litter pick and Project Proposals Form - used to obtain permission to carry out any low level grounds maintenance, cleansing (not litter picking), environmental improvements such as painting, adding to the parks furniture i.e. seating, picnic tables, notice board etc. Groups can borrow equipment (when available) from Local Services, and also arrange to have bags of litter and rubbish collected at a pre-arranged time.

Coalfield Area Place Board members have identified a further need to ensure that Friends Groups are adequately supported and resourced to take on an increasing number of tasks to assist the Council in keeping green spaces tidy, and also carrying out their own activities and events for local people, to increase interest and usage in parks. There are a number of ways in which additional funding can support active groups, such as provision of equipment, support with governance requirements such as insurance and DBS checks, promotion and advertising, and resources such as plants and educational materials. A simple funding application form (attached) will be made available to Friends groups who may wish to apply for funding to enable them to continue the valuable support they offer within the community. The applications will be considered and agreed via Place Board members.

**Recommendation: Approve. Meets the Area Priority 'Environmental Improvement and Education'**

**Support for Carers - TBC**

**£30,000**

Following discussions at the July and October 2018 People Board meetings, and a presentation by Sunderland Carers Centre, the People Board recommends an allocation of £30,000 SIB is approved. The Board will develop a project brief based on evidence presented, and a consultation exercise with the VCS Network at the October meeting. The Board feel it is important to provide additional support to carers and will present a fully developed and appraised proposal to the March 2019 Area Committee.

**Recommendation: Approve. Meets the Area Priority 'Provide Access to Support for Carers'**

**Environmental Improvement and Education TBC**

**£40,000**

The successful My Space, Our Place project delivered by Groundwork North East is working with all schools (both primary and secondary) in the Coalfield area to deliver an environmental educational message, and carry out physical improvements within the local community. Residents, traders, friends groups and community organisations are also supported to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and continue to deliver 'Love Where You Live' activities. The two year SIB funded project will come to an end in March 2019, and the Place Board wish to see the development of a further large scale Environmental Support project to commence in April 2019. This next phase of



work will include 'Bloomin' Coalfield' – an area wide initiative, working with communities to improve the physical appearance of local neighbourhoods.

The Place Board will develop the project over the December 2018 and January 2019 meetings and present a fully developed, appraised project proposal to the March 2019 Area Committee. The Board recommends £50,000 is allocated to the priority

**Recommendation: Approve allocation of funding to the 'Environmental Improvement and Education' priority**

**Social Isolation - Call for Projects**

**£25,000**

Social Inclusion and support for community activities at a neighbourhood level remains a priority for the People Board. It is recommended that £30,000 SIB funding is allocated to continue and extend the Social Activity programme in the Coalfield area. The People Board will develop activities based on evidence gathered and local need as identified via the VCS Network. A fully developed and appraised programme of activity will be presented to March 2019 Area Committee.

**Recommendation: Approve allocation of funding to the 'Improve Social Participation' priority**