

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Item 2 Annex 1

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 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	
3 Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Action		
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)	
4 Bloom Activities and Supporting Residents to Grow Their Own		
Action		
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	
5 Transport routes and parking issues in residential and local shopping areas		

Action		
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)	
6 Highways, pavements and street lighting		
Action		
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	
7 Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes		
Action		
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	
8 Digital Learning Resources		
Action		
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	
9 Shopping Centres and Local Businesses		
Action		
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	
13 Enhance Local Greenspace and encourage wider use		
Action		
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	
14 Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services within local community venues as well as host community events/activities		
Action		

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	
15 Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Action		
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	
16 Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together		
Action		
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	
17 Preserve and celebrate local heritage		
Action		
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	