

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, 3rd October, 2016 at 5.30pm

VENUE – Committee Room No. 1, Civic Centre

Membership

Cllrs E. Ball (Chair), C. Marshall (Vice Chair – People), E. Gibson (Vice Chair – Place), C. English, M. Mordey, V. O’Neil, B. McClennan, L. Scanlan, I. Kay, N. Hodson, A. Emerson, P. Hunt, P. Wood, M. Dixon and R. Oliver.

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Head of Law and Governance

23rd September 2016

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 13th JUNE, 2016 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Ball in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, Emerson, English, E. Gibson, Hodson, Hunt, Kay, Marshall, McClennan, Mordey, Oliver, O'Neil and Scanlan

Also Present:-

Hazel Clark	- VCS Representative
Alan Duffy	- Head of Operations, Gentoo
Michael Fascia	- Area Response Officer
David Groark	- Place Manager, Sunderland City Council
Matthew Jackson	- Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Jen McKevitt	- VCS Representative
Jackie Pitt	- Community Partnership Co-ordinator, Gentoo
Sarah Reed	- Assistant Chief Executive & Area Lead Executive, Sunderland City Council
Gillian Robinson	- Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Nicky Rowland	- Place Manager, Sunderland City Council
Jamie Southwell	- Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Nicol Trueman	- Area Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillor Wood together with Jeff Boath.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 14th March, 2016

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th March, 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

Jen McKevitt delivered a verbal update on the work of the VCS Network. There had been two meetings of the network and a number of presentations had been received including presentations on the e-learning lounge and the national citizenship service. There was a vacancy on the VCS network and this vacancy would be dealt with at the next meeting of the network.

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

2. RESOLVED that the VCS Network progress report be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Inspector Jamie Southwell presented the update from Northumbria Police; he introduced the crime figures for the Central area. There had been an issue with burglaries of dwellings with 17 more offences than last year; there had been some offenders imprisoned and the number of offences occurring had slowed down. There was a lot of work being done to target the known offenders and there was evidence against another two known offenders who were now being pursued. Commercial burglaries in the city centre were also a problem at the moment. Burglaries were currently the top priority. There were houses in the Hendon area where offenders were known to be residing en-mass; this was a major concern for the police and work was being done to target these addresses.

There had been reductions in vehicle crime, criminal damage and antisocial behaviour in the area.

In the East Area there had been an increase in burglaries of dwellings of 9 offences compared with last year; as with the city centre this was a top priority for the police; there were 24 hour resources in place and offenders were being targeted. Burglaries of properties other than dwellings had increased by one offence compared with last year.

Antisocial behaviour had reduced by 112 incidents however there had been an increase in incidents in Blakeney Woods; work was being done with Box Youth Project to try and tackle this issue.

Shoplifting was still a concern and there was work being done at weekends to tackle this.

To date there had been no problems caused by the Fan Zone in Park Lane however it was acknowledged that it had not been as busy as expected due to the poor weather.

Councillor Kay commented that offenders were often not young tearaways but were career criminals. He asked whether rehabilitation was likely and stated

that the penalties were not enough risk for the rewards involved. Inspector Southwell advised that the top ten list of offenders was all people who were over 30; he had been arresting the same people for over 15 years. Rehabilitation was often difficult and criminals often got a lot of money out of commercial burglaries which meant that the potential punishments did not deter them.

Councillor Mordey commented that he had heard anecdotally that there had been an increase in burglaries in Hendon. He also referred to a property that was being occupied by a large number of people which had a caravan dumped outside of it which was being used as an extension to the house; this property was the source of a lot of antisocial behaviour in the area including drug use and people had been seen carrying knives. Local residents were very concerned and he asked that the LMAPS group looked at this property. Ms McKeivitt added that there was a lot of rubbish being left around the property, the caravan was an eyesore and cars visiting the property were driving along residential streets at high speed. Inspector Southwell advised that he had not received any reports of knife crime from the property; he would have officers visit the property and caravan and he agreed to refer the issue to the LMAPS.

Councillor English asked for more information on the antisocial behaviour in Blakeney Woods; he knew that there was underage drinking and drug use took place. Inspector Southwell agreed to provide the information to ward councillors.

Councillor M. Dixon queried what the attendances were like at PACT meetings in the different wards as from his experience residents meetings attracted a number of people however PACT meetings were sometimes only attended by councillors. The Chairman advised that in Ryhope the forum meetings attracted around 30 people however the PACT meetings did not attract anyone; Councillor Emerson added that the Grangetown PACT meetings held at St Aidan's normally had around 10 to 12 attendees. Councillor McClennan advised that in Hendon there was a group of 8 to 10 people who attended each meeting; residents of the East End did not like the PACT branding however as they were worried about recriminations should they be associated with the police. Councillor Scanlan stated that in Millfield there had not been any attendance at the PACT meetings however the meetings were now held just before the St Marks residents meeting and the residents now all attended the PACT meeting as well. Councillor E. Gibson stated that the Doxford community was involved in the meetings which were well attended. Inspector Southwell advised that Inspector Sarah Pitt was looking at the differences between different meetings to identify ways of improving attendances.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Southwell for his presentation and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

Gentoo Update

Mr Alan Duffy circulated a document to Members which included details of the work Gentoo carried out and also provided details of the staff who worked in the East Area; he advised that the Community Partnership Coordinator was a new role and advised that there were now direct contact numbers for each office. Gentoo were providing advice and support services and were working closely with external partners. There would be major changes as a result of the welfare reforms and the introduction of universal credit.

Councillor Mordey queried what was happening with the works on the tower blocks in Hendon. Mr Duffy advised that the work at D'Arcy Court had been completed however all improvements works had now been stopped pending the outcome of the stock condition survey which was currently underway. The only works that would be on-going were those which had already been committed to.

Councillor Kay referred to the 300 people who were now on universal credit; he asked whether there had been any early lessons learned by Gentoo from this initial change. Mr Duffy advised that there were a lot of lessons to learn and that it was a big change for people receiving benefits. More resources had been put into providing money matters advice however it would be a challenge to continue to provide this level of support as the number of people in receipt of universal credit increased.

Councillor Mordey commented that it would be worth inviting a representative from the DWP to a future meeting to explain the plans for universal credit. Vulnerable people were being asked to change from weekly payments to monthly payments and it was necessary to know what mitigation measures were in place to ensure that people did not suffer from hardship during the changeover. Sarah Reed advised that Bernadette Topping would be the best person to invite to the meeting.

Councillor Kay commented that he had attended a presentation held by the DWP; they had a much narrower definition of vulnerable than the council did. He agreed that they should be invited to a future meeting.

Jen McKevitt advised that between 5 and 10 percent of Back on the Map tenants were in receipt of universal credit. When claimants were changed onto universal credit it caused a delay in payments of six weeks which then caused problems including rent arrears.

4. RESOLVED that the update from Gentoo be noted.

Place Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2016/17

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval of the priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2016/17 and which provided an update on the Place Board governance arrangements for 2016/17.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair of the Place Board, Councillor E. Gibson, introduced the report and advised Members of the proposed priorities which were set out in section 3 of the report and in the work plan attached at annex 1. The Chairman then advised Members of the governance arrangements including the board Membership.

5. RESOLVED that:-

- a. Approval be given to the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan priorities for 2016/17, as set out in section 3 and annex 1.
- b. Approval be given to the area governance arrangements for 2016/17 as set out in section 4 and annex 2.

People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2016/17

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval of the priorities to be taken forward as part of the work plan for 2016/17 and which provided an update on the people board governance arrangements for 2016/17.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair of the People Board, Councillor Marshall, introduced the report and advised Members of the proposed priorities which were set out in section 3 of the report and in the work plan attached at annex 1. The Chairman then advised Members of the governance arrangements including the board membership and the representation on the Children's Centres Local Area Board. For the East LMAPS group which covered Doxford, Hendon and Ryhope wards there had been nominations for both Councillor Marshall and Councillor McClennan to represent the Area Committee; this was put to the vote and with 5 Members voting for Councillor Marshall and 2 Members voting for Councillor McClennan it was agreed that Councillor Marshall would represent the area on the East LMAPS group.

6. RESOLVED that:-

- a. Approval be given to the East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17, as set out in section 3 and annex 1.

- b. Approval be given to the area governance arrangements for 2016/17 as set out in section 4 and annex 2.

Area Budgets Report

The Head of Area Arrangements, Scrutiny and Members Support submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an update on the financial statements for Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Nicol Trueman introduced the report and advised Members that there was a starting balance for SIB funding of £279,033. The Community Chest starting balances, including remaining balances carried over from last year were:-

Doxford - £12,710

Hendon – £10,053

Millfield - £12,677

Ryhope - £12,298

St Michael's - £9,367

There had been 9 SIB projects carried over from last year and these were set out in the table at paragraph 2.1 and also in annex 1.

7. RESOLVED that the financial statements set out in sections 2 and 3 be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1st May to 23rd May 2016 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting.

(Signed) E. BALL,
Chairman.

At an extraordinary meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 23rd MAY, 2016 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Ball in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, Emerson, English, E. Gibson, Hunt, Marshall, Mordey, O'Neil, Scanlan and Wood

Also Present:-

Alan Brown	- Operations Manager, Gentoo
David Groark	- Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Matthew Jackson	- Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Jackie Pitt	- Central Community Partnership Coordinator, Gentoo
Sarah Reed	- Assistant Chief Executive & Area Lead Executive, Sunderland City Council
Ian Richardson	- Assistant Head of Streetscene, Sunderland City Council
Gillian Robinson	- Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Nicky Rowland	- Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Mark Speed	- Head of Place Management, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Hodson, Kay, McClennan and Oliver together with Inspector Jamie Southwell and Nicol Trueman.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Responsive Local Services Report

The Head of Place Management submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to review and approve the Responsive Local Services

(RLS) Area Delivery Plan for the East Sunderland Area for 2016/17 as recommended by the East Area Place Board.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Mark Speed introduced the report and advised Members that there had been a series of Place Board workshop sessions and there had been a Place Board meeting where the recommendations for the Area Committee had been considered. The new operating model would commence on 1st June and it was the result of efficiency savings needing to be made by the department. The work of the department would be more planned than responsive in the future.

There would be reductions in the levels of cleansing and grass cutting however there would still be daily cleansing visits to Town Centres and there would be no change to the service level for the City Centre and Resorts. Mowbray Park had been identified as the key park for the area and it was intended to keep the level of service for Mowbray Park as it had been; due to its city centre location this park would also continue to be locked on a night.

There had been work done with the football league secretaries in order to identify how many pitches would be required so that pitch rationalisation could be looked at. Bowls clubs had also been approached there would be further meetings with them; they had been informed of the reduction in budget and the implications on services.

All of the play areas and the equipment within them would remain until after the summer however within those play areas which were to be closed any equipment which was damaged would not be repaired or replaced. The cost of decommissioning the sites was being investigated and a Play Delivery Plan was being compiled and would be reported to a future meeting of the Place Board.

The number of shrub beds was being reduced and the maintenance would be done on a three yearly basis.

Non-offensive graffiti would now be removed within five working days of being reported.

Councillor Hunt referred to the recommendations from the board and asked what the definition of a Town Centre was. Mr Speed advised that it was the main shopping hub for the local area. For Ryhope the town centre was Ryhope Street South.

Councillor Emerson queried whether sports clubs would be encouraged to do grounds maintenance works themselves. Mr Speed advised that there were a number of options being looked at; the possibility of bowling clubs doing some of the work was being investigated although there were issues around ensuring that health and safety and liability issues were addressed and there was a need to ensure that any proposals were sustainable.

Councillor Hunt expressed concerns over parks not being locked as there had been problems with off road motorbikes being used in the park in Ryhope. Mr Speed advised that there had been discussions with residents and the police around this matter. Ms Rowland added that Ryhope park was locked by staff when they left at the end of the day; it was not certain how long this this would be able to continue for.

1. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The contents of the report be noted
- b. Approval be given to the East Sunderland Area Place Board's Responsive Local Services Area Delivery Plan for 2016/17
- c. Responsibility for overseeing the development and delivery of the 2016/17 Responsive Local Services Area Delivery Plan be delegated to the Place Board.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting.

(Signed) E. BALL,
Chairman.

3 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD**East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 In June 2016 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Place Area Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 30 September 2016.

Area Priority	Progress Report
Celebrating the East Area's heritage and historical assets.	<p>In September 2016 a discussion paper was presented to the Area Board which highlighted the importance of the role that both culture and heritage will play in achieving the city's vision for the UK's City of Culture bid for 2021.</p> <p>The Area Board acknowledged that the East area has a vast and varied number of heritage attractions and interest groups and discussed several options to consider in order to deliver actions against the priority. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Celebrate the 300th anniversary of the River Wear Commissioner. ii) Subject to agreement, work alongside the Sunderland Heritage Forum and deliver the 2018 History Fair with a ship building / tall ships theme. iii) Dress the city with hand knitted decorations for the Tall Ships to welcome visitors to the East. iv) Support existing heritage themed events or the creation of new events. v) Develop and promote blue plaque trails, possibly including digital versions or guided walks delivered by costumed actors. vi) Engage schools, youth groups and uniformed groups in heritage led projects specifically relating to the history of East Sunderland. vii) Establish a 'heritage reward and recognition scheme' to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and dedication of history volunteers and groups in the East. viii) Influence the visitors attraction brown signage plan to include the wealth of heritage assets in the East area. <p>Before Area Board make recommendations to Area Committee it was agreed that further information would be supplied against each option, along with associated costings (if relevant) and brought back to a future meeting for</p>

	consideration.
Attracting external funding into the East area.	<p>Members may recall that the Area Committee supported the community leasing of Barley Mow Pavillion to Be Active and B Fit to develop into a holistic wellbeing centre last year.</p> <p>The Director of the company has recently reported that since receiving the lease the CIC has been successful in attracting external funding into the area to refurbish and enhance the building which will deliver a variety of health and wellbeing services to residents in the area.</p>
Responsive Local Services: Streetscene	<p>Following the presentation of the Responsive Local Services Area Delivery Plan to the extraordinary Area Committee in May, as agreed, Place Board continue to oversee the development and delivery of the 2016 / 2017 Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Members reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities.</p> <p>Following on from these discussions it was noted that £50,000 SIB funding has been aligned to support projects which provide neighbourhoods with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements. The Area Board have requested further information about the possibility of funding CCTV cameras and columns to act as a deterrent to environmental crime and support enforcement action.</p>
Up-Cycling Project	<p>In July 2016, the Place Area Board Chair hosted a workshop with representatives from the Area Network to discuss the development of an up-cycling project for the East area. The workshop indicated a number of factors which needed to be considered before moving forward with a SIB application. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Access to an appropriate vehicle to collect and deliver goods. ii) How the programme could be co-ordinated and managed with dedicated support and volunteers. iii) Necessary training to undertake including health and safety, waste awareness, manual handling, tool safety, personal protective equipment, etc. iv) An understanding of the legal requirements relating to licenses and insurance. v) Availability of suitable premises which could act as an area hub, enabling the storage, sorting, preparing and moving on of goods on a long term basis. vi) How to prevent the risk of working in silos and to add value to existing provision. vii) Digitally connecting to associated sites i.e. Warplt to raise awareness of the scheme. viii) Linking into existing partnership structures with local service providers who may benefit from the scheme (WWIN, hostels, Access to Housing, etc.) <p>It was agreed the Area Network representatives would meet</p>

	and discuss the factors and proposals further and present an update to the Area Board in November.
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3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan and the progress made, as set out in **Annex 1**.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2016 / 2017

Background Papers East Sunderland Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List

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NO.	PRESENTED TO PLACE BOARD	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Nov-16	Develop stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities.	1) Community Assets Register: when assets become available and there is a community need for a service to be delivered from the asset, provide support to the VCS to lease/own the asset.	Area Arrangements	£10,000 SIB aligned to support the project. Noticed received that East CA are refreshing their management committee, and that support will be provided.
	Nov-16		2a) Better Cycle Ways: Develop a future strategic cycle network plan for the East area.	Highways Team	A workshop to develop the cycle network plan will be hosted in October, with updates provided to the December Area Committee.
	Sep-16		2b) Celebrating the East Area's heritage and historical assets.	Sunderland Heritage Forum	Options presented. See main report.
2	Quarterly	Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee.	1) Responsive Local Services: Streetscene.	Streetscene: RLS	New operational model approved, agreed to provide 1/4 performance updates to the Area Board. See main report.
	Jan - Mar 16		2) Highways Maintenance Programme.	Highways Team	Copy of maintenance programme to be circulated to members during the Winter.
	TBC		3) Public Protection and Regulatory Services	Streetscene: PPR	
	TBC		4) Local Development Framework and Core Strategy	Planning	Training workshops ongoing.
3	Sep-16	Support the delivery of innovative ideas which reduce demands on Place based services.	1) Community Connectors: Environmental Projects which support our communities to protect their environment. (remit TBC)	TBC	£50,000 SIB aligned. On hold due to the review of the Enforcement Policy.
	Nov-16		2) Establish a Re-Use Network across the East.	TBC	Workshop organised 28 June between the Place Board and partners to discuss the Re-Use Network further. £50,000 SIB aligned to support the project. Update available in main report.

4	Ongoing	Attract external funding into the East	1) Promote funding opportunities across the East area and deliver grant funding searches via Grantfinder.	Area Arrangements.	B Active N B Fit attracted external funding to refurbish Barley Mow Pavillion.
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3 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PEOPLE BOARD**East Sunderland Area People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In June 2016 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the East Sunderland People Area Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area People Board up to 30 September 2016.

Area Priority	Progress Update
Understanding the impact of self-harming in the East	<p>In June Area Committee received an update which highlighted that the East area has the highest number of reported self-harming cases due to hospital admissions in the city. Further data indicated that the highest concentration of self-harming reports came from the Hendon ward, almost three times the city average.</p> <p>To understand the issue further the Area Board received a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) focusing specifically on Hendon. Findings indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of higher instances of self-harm where predominately towards the North end of the Hendon ward. • It is a problem for both males and females, however, more females continue to self-harm whilst 38% of males progress onto commit suicide. • The highest age group is the 15-24 year old bracket, followed closely by 35-54 year olds. • There is a clear indication that the majority of self-harming relates to self-poisoning by using prescribed drugs. • There has been an increase in dual diagnoses of people who do self-harm indicating there are issues relating the mental health and substance misuse. <p>It was noted that the data presented was based on hospital admissions only and acknowledged that the figures could be higher as many episodes may go un-reported.</p> <p>With self-harming having a strong correlation to self-poisoning the Area Board made three observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 'Substance misuse' is a current area priority so it would be pertinent to understand what support and services are available to people,

	<p>ii) It was noted that Washington Area Committee are investigating self-harming and its impact on their community.</p> <p>iii) There is a health needs assessment currently being conducted on behalf of the Hostel Strategic Working Group with the majority of respondents located in temporary accommodation in the North area of Hendon.</p> <p>Therefore it was agreed to host a meeting with service providers who deliver substance misuse support to understand their 'offer'. Keep a watching brief on Washington's developments relating to self-harming to see if the East area can benefit from their findings, and refer the JSNA onto the Hostel Strategic Working Group to contribute towards the health needs assessment.</p>
Community Family Fun	<p>During the Summer 2016, Area Committee financially supported the delivery of a community family fun programme, which successfully delivered 92 sessions across the school holidays that encouraged learning, fun and a nutritional meal.</p> <p>Fourteen partners and a team of volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the holiday period engaging with over 2,000 individuals and serving up 4,385 meals throughout the six weeks.</p> <p>The highest cohort of children who benefited from the scheme were 4-10 years old.</p> <p>Each lead agent was required to complete an evaluation of their sessions. The list below provides a snapshot of the feedback collated, all of which was positive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Overwhelming support from all the partners involved in the scheme. ii) Other VCS partners provided support i.e. volunteers, equipment. iii) New people accessing services / community buildings, and continue to do so. iv) Co-ordinated engagement and publicity contributed towards increasing the participation rates. v) All un-used food was passed onto families, homeless drop in centres and other charities. There was no waste. vi) Local businesses provided free or heavily discounted fresh food. vii) Fully inclusive programme (age / ability / accessibility) delivered. viii) Providing a meal encouraged people to talk and make new friends. ix) Increased volunteering and confidence levels. x) Using accessible local community venues reduced the risk of transport being a barrier. xi) The scheme reduced financial pressure which reduced stress on families. <p>As a follow on from the successful scheme the Area Board</p>

	are organising a de-brief with lead agents to gather intelligence about what can be learned from the whole exercise which could be used to shape a Scheme for 2017.
Improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people	<p>In September 2016, Area Board received an update from the Hostel Co-ordinator in relation to the work being carried out with private landlords and partners to look at different ways to improve housing standards and address associated community safety and health issues in the hostels in and around the Sunnyside area of the East.</p> <p>It was reported that the remit of the Hostel Strategic Steering Group is currently under review and an update will be provided at a future meeting. It was noted that an operational working group has been established which has looked at housing benefits, universal credit, financial management and safeguarding.</p> <p>Considerable enforcement work has been carried out to close down a hostel which fell below standards and rehousing the occupants into suitable accommodation. The Area Board acknowledged the good work carried out by the Housing Team and the positive impact the changes has had on the tenant's health and confidence levels.</p> <p>All of the hostels have had robust inspections carried out to further improve standards of accommodation, with some receiving a schedule of works outlining refurbishments or repairs that need completing within a set deadline. Failure to adhere to the schedule of works could result in enforcement action being carried out.</p> <p>Over the following months the project will focus on health and connecting residents, hostel owners, staff and partners together.</p> <p>The Area Board acknowledged the dedication of the Hostel Co-ordinator and the sterling work delivered on behalf of Area Committee.</p>
Universal credit	In September 2016 Area Board received an update from representatives from the DWP in relation to progress with the roll out of Universal Credit and issues currently affecting claimants in East Sunderland. A future update was requested to enable further discussion in relation to the necessary support and preparation required for vulnerable groups who will be included in full service roll out (provisionally during 2018)

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (b) Note the progress made against the Area Work Plan 2016 / 2017.

Annex 1	East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan 2016 / 2017
Background Papers	East Sunderland Area People Board Agendas, Reports and Action List
Contact Officer:	Nicol Trueman, Area Community Officer Tel: 0191 561 1162 Email: Nicol.trueman@sunderland.gov.uk

NO.	Presented to People Board	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Sep-16	Deliver a partnership approach to improve health and wellbeing.	1) Understanding the impact of self-harming in the East	Public Health	JSNA presented to July Board. Future actions include, referring information onto the health needs assessment for the North of Hendon. Keep a watching brief on the Washington Area Committees work on self harming and hosting a meeting with substance misuse support services to understanding their offer. NB: feeds into area priority 1.2. (reducing demand on A&E services - substance misusers)
	Nov-16		2) Reducing demand on A&E services, targeting BME communities and substance misusers.	Area People Board and CCG East	£59,333 SIB aligned to support this action, with a further £10,000 aligned for publicity materials. Agreed to re-visit this in November 2016.
	Sep-16		3) Deliver a 'Day Out not a Hand Out' Programme (aka Holiday Hunger) during Summer 2016.	Area Arrangements	See main report.
	Sep-16		4) Improve housing and health standards for vulnerable people living in and around the hostels in Sunnyside.	Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Team	See main report.
	Nov-16		4) Deliver the Pinhole camera project, to support people with mental illness.	The Art Studio	£5,000 SIB approved to support the project. Evaluation due November 2016.
2	On-going	Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee.	1) Children Centres and Children Local Area Board	Chair of People Board	Watch and brief. No issues to report.
	TBC		2) Family, Adult and Community Learning (FACL)	Education and Attainment Team	New contracts have been issued for the new academic year and course programmes have been shared across the Area Network.
	TBC		3) Public Health commissioned services.	Public Health	Substance misuse contracts awarded. Provider will attend November Area Board which relates to 1.2 above.
	On-going		4) Anti Social Behaviour and East LMAPs	Cllr Marshall and Cllr Dixon	Several meetings held, plus a number of extra ordinary LMAPs hosted. On-going.

3	Nov-16	Build the capacity of the VCS to deliver services.	1) Community Connectors: i) Deliver grass route networking meetings, ii) reduce social isolation and support people with disabilities and support carers, iii) provide 'free' room hire space to enable door step services, or support new groups to be established.	People Cllrs and Connector Hubs	£50,000 SIB approved to support this action. Partners involved are The Box Youth Centre (Doxford), CHANCE (Hendon), St Marks Community Centre (Millfield), Ryhope Community Centre (Ryhope) and St Nicholas Church (St Michaels). Regular updates are provided at bi-monthly lead hub meetings and the Area Board.
	Feb-17		2) Launch the e-learning lounge to enable East volunteers to be up skilled.	FACL and Human Resources	£11,000 SIB approved to support this action. Enrollment onto site has been low therefore promotional materials will be created and shared across the East to encourage uptake.
	Sep-16		3) Deliver an employment and enterprise scheme that will support people who have a learning disability or autism into employment.	TBC	£55,000 SIB is aligned against this action. See area budget report.
	Mar-17		4) Encourage outdoor education and support the establishment of a camping exchange.	Area Arrangements	Five camping sessions have been held involving over 200 people with all users describing their experience as either good or brilliant. Ends December 2017.
	Feb-17		5) Deliver a Social Action and Volunteering Programme.	VCS Area Network Groups	Over 70 events have been supported and advertised in a newly designed events guide which has been circulated to 50 community buildings to encourage maximum involvement from the community and increase volunteering opportunities. Interim update due November 2016.
4	On-going	Attract external funding into the East	1) Promote funding opportunities across the East area and deliver grant funding searches via Grantfinder.	Area Arrangements	17 grant finder funding searches have been completed on behalf of the Area Network.

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
3 OCTOBER 2016
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Area Budgets Report

Author(s):

Head of Area Arrangements, Scrutiny and Member Support

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee to note the area funding for 2016 / 2017 for Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to note the following:

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in section 2 and 3.
- (b) Approve the following SIB requests totalling £76,401 from the 2016 / 2017 budget, as set out in **Annex 1**.

i) Stepping Up Project	£54,744
ii) Community Leaders II	£14,657
iii) Sail Training Ambassadors	£7,000
- (c) Note the Community Chest funding requests, as set out in **Annex 2**.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?	Yes
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Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work 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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

3 OCTOBER 2016

HEAD OF AREA ARRANGEMENTS, SCRUTINY AND MEMBER SUPPORT

Area Budgets Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the local work plans, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

- 2.1 Area Committee are requested to note the financial statement, as set out in Table 1.

SIB Financial Breakdown for 2016 / 2017					
Project Name	Committee Date	SIB Aligned	Match Funding	SIB Approved	SIB Balance Remaining
Starting Balance					£279,033

Table 1: Financial Statement SIB 2016 / 2017

- 2.2 The starting position for East SIB is £279,033.
- 2.3 Both Area Boards are recommending approval from Area Committee to support a funding request totalling £76,401 SIB budget to develop Place and People based area priorities, as set out in **Annex 1**. These are: -
- i) Stepping Up Project £54,744
 - ii) Community Leaders £14,657
 - iii) Sail Training Ambassadors £7,000
- 2.4 Area Committee are requested to note that the Stepping Up Project funding proposal will be deducted from the £55,000 aligned to the call for projects during 2015 / 2016. If approved, £256 will be returned to budget.
- 2.5 The Community Leaders funding proposal will be deducted from the £15,122 remaining to be allocated during 2015 / 2016. If approved £465 will be returned to budget.
- 2.6 The Sail Trainees Ambassadors project will be deducted from the current financial year.

- 2.7 Taking all of the above into consideration, if Area Committee approved the three funding proposals there would be a remaining balance of £272,754 to allocate during 2016 / 2017.

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the balances remaining for 2016 / 2017.

Ward	Balance
Doxford	£11,460
Hendon	£7,108
Millfield	£9,188
Ryhope	£11,348
St Michael's	£6,835

Table 2: Financial Statement Community Chest 2016 / 2017

- 3.2 Area Committee are requested to note the financial statement, as set out in Table 2 and the list of Community Chest funding proposals which have been approved since the last meeting.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to:
- (a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2 and 3.
 - (b) Approve three SIB funding proposals, as set out in Annex 1.
 - (c) Note the approved Community Chest funding proposals, as set out in Annex 2.

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3 OCTOBER 2016

SIB EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES**i) Call for Project: Employment and Enterprise**

A sum of £55,000 was allocated to a large Call for Projects (C4Ps) to increase paid employment and self-employment opportunities for a minimum of thirty residents who reside in the East who have learning disabilities and / or autism. The Area Committee agreed that **one successful project** would be selected for the full amount available. Two applications were received and assessed against the project brief using a standard scoring method. East area Elected Members, Officers and relevant partners and officers, were consulted. Based on all information available, and in line with the project brief, the following project is recommended for approval.

Project Name	Stepping Up	SIB Requested	£54,744
Duration	Two Years	Match Funding	£53,401

Partnership project between The Box Youth Project and Blue Watch Youth Centre**Project Description**

The project has been designed to meet the needs and aspirations of individuals from the target group. The target group will be engaged by using existing relationships with area based VCS groups and liaising with key public services, for instance, the Council's Connexions, Locality Inclusion and Commissioning Teams to identify specific households and individuals who could benefit from the SIB investment. It will employ four staff (two male and two female) to set up and deliver a personal approach, including:

- Each worker will be aligned to individual's to develop relationships and support the beneficiaries with their progress, review personal objectives, develop soft skills and work on improving employability skills. (Following the ASDAN Careers and Experience of Work curriculum).
- Assistance on preparing CVs, searching and applying for job vacancies, interview techniques will be delivered, along with help with literacy and / or IT skills.
- Match interests and skills against relevant work choices.
- Develop individual tailored action plans and pathways into employment and micro enterprise.
- Set up an enterprise project at The Box Youth Centre and if required support other start-up businesses.

Collectively 42 businesses are already signed up to providing work experience placements / employment opportunities, but further work around educating employers about the benefits of employing people with learning disabilities and / or autism will be delivered. The existing 'business' infrastructure will be built upon with staff by brokering relationships with employers, organise visits to employers and

training providers, set up employment taster opportunities, assist at the interview stage if needed, work with individuals to help them prepare for starting work and to provide on the job support for a minimum of six months once employment has been secured.

Personal assistants would be provided with support to develop their confidence, skills and ability to provide support in the workplace or in an enterprise project.

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates To be revisited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff in place, induction and training complete. • Publicity materials prepared. • Project Launch. 	November 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly drop-in sessions established at TBYP and BYC. • 5 people signed up to receive support 	December 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise project up and running and 4 people with learning disabilities/autism engaged • 5 people signed up to receive support at weekly drop-in sessions • 3 people with learning disabilities/autism placed with employers 	February 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 people signed up to receive support at weekly drop-in sessions • 20 employers made more aware of benefits of employing people with learning difficulties and/or autism. • 3 people with learning disabilities/autism placed with employers 	May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 people signed up to receive support at weekly drop-in sessions • A further 2 people with learning disabilities/autism engaged in enterprise project • 3 people with learning disabilities/autism placed with employers 	August 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 people signed up to receive support at weekly drop-in sessions • 10 employers made more aware of benefits of employing people with learning difficulties and/or autism. • 3 people with learning disabilities/autism placed with employers 	November 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 people signed up to receive support at weekly drop-in sessions • 2 people with learning disabilities/autism engaged in enterprise • 3 people with learning disabilities/autism placed with employers 	February 2018

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 people signed up to receive support at weekly drop-in sessions • 10 employers made more aware of benefits of employing people with learning difficulties and/or autism. • 3 people with learning disabilities/autism placed with employers • Feasibility study: Sustainability of enterprise (if model has proven successful and is financially sustainable, submit grant applications to extend the project beyond its initial lifetime) 	May 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 people signed up to receive support at weekly drop-in sessions • 2 people with learning disabilities/autism engaged in enterprise project • 3 people with learning disabilities/autism placed with employers • Project evaluation 	September 2018

Output	Total
No. of people supported to become work ready	40
No of people engaged in micro enterprise activity	10
No. of personal assistants supported	10
No. of people placed with employers	21
No. of employers more aware of benefits of employing people with learning disabilities and/or autism	40

Financial Breakdown Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	SIB Contribution
Salary costs (inc NIC) (2 workers x 25 hrs/week x £12.65 x 2yrs = £65,780) (2 workers x 6hrs hrs/week x £8.65 x 2yrs = £10,795) Management fees @ 12% = £9,190)	£85,765	£41,561	£44,204
Travel costs (staff)	£1,920	£960	£960
Travel costs (beneficiaries)	£4,800	£2,400	£2,400
Launch events	£500	0	£500
Refreshments	£960	£480	£480
Enterprise workshop set up costs	£3,000	£0	£3,000
Telephone (2 mobiles)	£1,200	£0	£1,200
Hardship Budget	£4,000	£2,000	£2,000
Contribution towards building overheads	£6,000	£6,000	£0
Total	£108,145	£53,401	£54,744

Recommendation of the People Area Board: Approve

The project meets the requirements of the brief and was given the highest score by three independent assessments. In addition responses received from the consultation round unanimously proposed to support the 'Stepping Up' project.

Both organisations have a wealth of experience working with people with disabilities and autism, managing contracts and working in a partnership approach. In addition, The Box and Blue Watch are recognised and have been approved as commissioned providers by Sunderland City Council.

Both organisations have all of the relevant requirements in terms of financial, governance and legal systems and has the capacity to deliver and monitor a project of this scale. Evidence of good partnership working and support for the proposed project has been provided.

98% of match funding has been secured.

Terms and Conditions: In addition to standard SIB T&Cs

- The project is to achieve paid work for people who have learning disabilities and / or autism, either through self-employment or employment.
- Identify existing support programmes, networks and services which deliver employment and enterprise services and develop a directory, which can be promoted across the Area Network and uploaded onto the online community directory.
- Work with partners, such as:
 - The Percy Hedley Trust to education employers in developing and establishing a supportive and accessible workplace.
 - The Shaw Trust to seek out employment opportunities.
 - Autism Able who are funded by Family, Adult and Community Learning to deliver training courses and signpost learners into employment.
 - A forward plan is built into the project.
- The project will be reviewed after six months to discuss and review target outputs.

A joint application was also received from Sunderland People First and Sunderland Autism in Mind. This was not recommended for approval based on scores allocated and all other available information.

ii) Community Leaders Two

Recommendation of the Place Area Board

Approve

Financial Statement as at September 2016

Ward	Budget	Awarded	Balance
Doxford	£10,000	£10,000	£0
Hendon	£10,000	£9,865	£135
Millfield	£10,000	£5,000	£5,000
Ryhope	£10,000	£2,670	£7,330
St Michaels	£10,000	£7,343	£2,657
Total	£50,000	£34,878	£15,122

The programme was due to end in June 2016, with funds being returned to the October 2016 Area Committee. Since the last Area Committee meeting there has been three funding requests submitted, these are:

Millfield Ward

Supporting a funding request for £5,000 to Millfield Community Connectors.

Project Description

Millfield has the highest number of resident associations in the East area, which are regularly attended by local Councillors. In urban areas there is a national issue with litter and fly tipping and Millfield is no different. However, there seems to be a real sense of local residents wanting to 'stop the rot' and contribute towards cleaning up their neighbourhoods by carrying out cleans up and encouraging their neighbours to change their behaviour and take pride in where they live.

There is a proposal to purchase a variety of different equipment to enable local resident associations to access a pool of equipment which could support projects which could improve the visual appearance of the ward. The equipment will be stored in a local community building, for example, St Marks Community Association and will be available as and when needed.

If approved there would be a nil balance.

Ryhope Ward

Supporting a funding request for £7,000 to Ryhope Cricket Club.

Project Description

As part of the Club's future proofing their sustainability within the community they would like to make the building a safe place and reduce the risk of vandalism by carrying out capital work to make the pavilion secure, these works will include:

- Bricking up the windows to the rear of the pavilion;

- Supplying and fitting roller shutters to all the doors and windows to rear and side of the pavilion;
- Upgrading existing power supply by installing a new power cable to support the development of sport and leisure activities within the Ryhope ward.

If approved there would be a balance of £330.

St Michael's Ward

Supporting a funding request for £2,657 to Streetscene.

Project Description

To purchase five new free standing bins and relocation six mounted column bins in the St Michaels Ward.

If approved there would be a nil balance.

iii) Sail Training Ambassadors

Recommendation of the Place Area Board

Approve

Project Name	Sail Ambassadors	SIB Requested	£7,000
Duration	Two Years	Match Funding	£7,000

Project Description

In April 2016, the Place Area Board received a presentation on the Tall Ships event being held in 2018 and that Sunderland City Council offered the opportunity to organisations to put forward young people to be a Sail Training Ambassador which will result in the Ambassador being involved in a two year programme of voyages and shore based training which could be truly life changing.

It was noted that the five East based secondary schools had been approached to nominate a young person who resided in the East to participate in this once in a life time opportunity, but unfortunately uptake had been low. After a discussion it was recognised that the cost could be a major barrier, as each Ambassador's experience costs £3,500.

The Area Board requested that each secondary school was contacted again and made aware that financial support could be provided by SIB if their pupil was a resident in the East area and was willing to promote their experiences and generate a buzz with other young people in the East community through interviews, delivering presentations, writing articles, social media and report back to Area Committee on their progress.

An offer of part funding the costs resulted in three schools nominating a pupil. The schools are:

- i) St Anthony's Academy
- ii) Southmoor Academy
- iii) St Aidan's Catholic Academy

In addition, there is a young man with learning difficulties from Hendon who is keen to be involved, but he is schooled at The New Bridge Academy (North Sunderland).

In July 2016, the Area Board received an update on the nominees and proposed that Area Committee could fund up to 50% of the costs per person.

Financial Breakdown Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	SIB Contribution
Sail Trainee Ambassadors x 4 @ 50% of costs = £1,750 per pupil	£14,000	£7,000	£7,000

Objectives and goals	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Five day North Sea voyage on Stavros S Niarchos.	July 2016

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day Sailing opportunity on The Atyla. This ship will be sailing from Sunderland to reposition in Blyth ready for the Regatta. Return transport from Blyth will be arranged. 	August 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blyth to Gothenburg Regatta. Ambassadors will join the ships' companies on 26 August, enjoying the festival part of the event in Blyth, sail 29 Aug – 3 Sep, then enjoy Gothenburg until 6 Sep, when transport will be provided for the return to the UK. 	September 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shore Based Training. The Sunderland Yacht Club and the Wear Water sports Association will provide shore-based training, water awareness training and low-level water-based training. 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takeover Challenge. As part of the annual initiative to get students into the workplace and enjoy the experience of contributing to business decisions; the project team will look to place all student Ambassadors into workplaces that are contributing to the hosting of The Tall Ships Races Sunderland 2018. 	December 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Promotional Event Attendance. There will be a limited number of opportunities for Ambassadors to attend VIP promotional events. Selection for these opportunities will be based on Ambassadors' efforts to promote Sail Training. 	July 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation 	September 2018

Output	Total
Number of young people engaged and participating in positive activity	4

3rd October 2016

Community Chest: Financial Statement June to July 2016

Doxford Ward Budget	£12,710		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Silksworth Banner Group	07.06.16	-	£750
Portland Academy	07.06.16	-	£499
Remaining balance			£11,460
Hendon Ward Budget	£10,043		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
We-ar Fishing CIC	07.06.16	-	£990
Chance	13.07.16	-	£1,720
Sunderland High School (Joint application with St Michaels)	13.07.16	-	£225
Remaining balance			£7,108
Millfield Ward Budget	£12,677		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
The Salvation Army Sunderland Millfield Corps	13.07.16	-	£935
Lansdowne FC	13.07.16	-	£549
Sunderland Heritage Forum	13.07.16	-	£415
24th Sunderland St Joseph's Brownie Unit	13.07.16	-	£1,000
Diamond Hall Toddler Group	13.07.16	-	£590
Remaining balance			£9,188
Ryhope Ward Budget	£12,398		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Ryhope Allstars Jazz Band	13.07.16	-	£250
Ryhope Terraces and Avenues Community Group	13.07.16	-	£800
Remaining balance			£11,348
St Michaels Ward Budget	£10,147		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hill View Infants School	23.05.16	-	£780
Friends of Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks	07.06.16	-	£140
Sunderland Ladies Probus Club	07.06.16	-	£615
Ashbrooke Sports Club Football Club	07.06.16	-	£732
Access Counselling Services	13.07.16	-	£600
Sunderland High School (Joint application with Hendon)	13.07.16	-	£225
Ashmore Residents Association	25.07.16	-	£220
Remaining balance			£6,835