

Area Priority	Actions	Progress/Updates
Working in partnership to address key issues that affect residents emotional and mental wellbeing	<p>Reduce stress caused by financial concerns by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting access to advice services Developing 'advice' volunteers or champions in local community venues Supporting development and promotion of local credit union hubs 	<p>Advice services are promoted regularly via the Area VCS Network and weekly information sharing bulletins. Colleagues from ShARP attend meetings and update members on the First Tier Advice service which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check entitlement to benefits, tax credits and carry out better off calculations Support successful claims/complete forms Support customers to deal with enquiries and also pursue issues on behalf of the customers with the DWP/HRMC including appropriate challenges Challenge Housing and Council Tax Benefits decisions Support customers to resolve single and multiple debt issues including negotiating with creditors Support customers to manage fuel poverty including disputing bills, preventing disconnections, referring for energy and best deal advice/support Offer Personal Budgeting Support to customers claiming Universal Credit who are referred from Jobcentre Plus Actively promote healthy lending and the avoidance of "bad credit" Identify and refer claims for Crisis and Community Care Support <p>The ShARP Advice on Prescription service offered exclusively in the Coalfield area is delivered in GP practices in each ward. This service is promoted via health professionals and community organisations.</p>
	<p>Reduce isolation and improve social participation in older and vulnerable adults by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support social activities and services in all wards for specific target groups Support for carers (young and adult) Taboo breaking – make the issue of mental health acceptable Continue to support and further embed good practice from current SIB funded social activities 	<p>The Coalfield VCS Network will look at the issues in more detail at the November meeting and provide information and suggestions for future projects.</p> <p>A range of SIB funded Social isolation projects continue to be delivered throughout the Coalfield with many groups running on the good will of volunteers. A further £30,000 SIB funding was allocated to this priority in June 2017 and a Call for Projects will be developed at the December meeting of the People Board.</p>
Encouraging and supporting local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity.	Support families with cooking on a budget /menu planning	This priority will be considered further by the People Board at the December 2017 meeting. A project brief is to be developed to allocate funding approved at the March 2017

		Area Committee meeting to provide activities for children and young people, including 0-5 year olds, and their families.
	Support low income families during school holiday periods with alternatives to school lunches	The SIB funded holiday activity sessions, delivered by SNCBC, included an element of food activities delivered to combat holiday hunger. Children and young people were taught to cook within sessions and make a snack or picnic to enjoy within the session or to take home. The sessions were delivered in all wards after suitably equipped kitchen/cooking areas were identified in all wards. In sessions held outdoors picnic food was prepared with the children/young people and fruit and juice provided.
	Develop activities and projects incorporating 'performing arts' such as dancing, theatre, singing and music to encourage residents to participate in different types of activity	This priority will be considered further by the People Board at the December 2017 meeting. A project brief is to be developed to allocate funding approved at the March 2017 Area Committee meeting to provide activities for children and young people, including 0-5 year olds, and their families.
	Continue to promote and support sporting activities previously developed through the Coalfield Olympic programme	
Increase opportunities to access training and learning to enhance life and employability skills	<p>Increase digital inclusion in local communities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options to increase the level of public access computers in Coalfields • Explore options to provide Digital Champions and / or tutors in local centres willing to provide public access to their I.T. equipment • Develop a programme to support residents to gain the necessary skills and confidence to use I.T. • Improve awareness by promoting what is available across coalfield in terms of access to training and facilities with access to I.T. 	A project brief to increase digital inclusion has been developed in line with suggestions from the People Board. The Board approved the brief at the September meeting and a call for projects was made in October 2017. Recommendations are made to the November Area Committee with projects due to commence in January 2018.
	Encourage young people to engage with local councillors and develop confidence to present ideas for projects - Continue CAN DO fund. Invite successful applicants to feedback results to People Board	CAN DO applications to be considered by the Board in December 2017
	Explore mechanisms to develop skills and sustainable progression routes into employment or business start-up for local residents.	The SIB Craft Academy project continues to deliver training and support to reduce barriers to employment. 15 adults have taken part in a 6 week training programme to improve skills and prepare them for the labour market. 10 young

		<p>people (aged 16-25) with challenging behaviours have been supported on a weekly basis to develop employability skills and make best use of their existing skills. The current group of 10 adults are working on practical application of learning and have made a number of items such as frames and ornamental items which they are hoping to sell in the near future. The group have demonstrated their time management and communication skills which will support them in moving into employment or further training.</p>
Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working	Expand the membership and attendance at VCS Network meetings	The Coalfield VCS Network meetings continue to be well attended by regular and new members. The Network is recognised by the Voluntary and Community groups as the forum to share ideas, support and resources for the benefit of the local area.
	Encourage collaborative working amongst local organisations	SIB project proposals identify the importance of partnership working, which forms part of the scoring/assessment of applications for funding. All SIB funded projects are encouraged to work in collaboration with other providers of similar services.
	Continue to work with volunteers as part of the SIB 'Step up' project	<p>In the quarter July – September 2017 the project has registered 25 new potential volunteers and 8 volunteers have completed training (Committee Skills and Safeguarding). Ongoing support is provided to individuals and to community groups to develop and sustain their volunteering programme.</p> <p><u>Case Studies</u></p> <p>Penshaw Community Association SNCBC has provided Penshaw Community Association with committee skills training, and also supported them to develop an up to date suite of policy documents.</p> <p>People's Pedal Power People's Pedal Power a cycling project based in Hetton Lyons Country Park have a range of disabled adapted bikes which they operate in the park. Links have been developed with Sustrans and discussions are taking place with them about supplying volunteers to support the project with regular maintenance from skilled bike mechanics.</p> <p>The Friends of Herrington Country Park The Friends of Herrington Country Park are receiving support to develop policies and strengthen links with partners including the City Council to progress their work in the park. They have also received support to access the capacity fund</p>

		as part of this project.
	Deliver a 'Volunteer Celebration' event	The first Coalfield Volunteer Celebration was held on Saturday 21 October at the Hetton Centre. Around 120 people attended the event which was hosted by SNCBC's SIB funded Step Up Project.
Support provision of activities for young people that increase their involvement in community and area events and projects	Continue to develop Youth Social Action project to engage young people in positive activity.	9 young volunteers are actively volunteering as part of the project.
	Understand the role / contribution of young people in projects as their brief is developed by the People Board throughout the year	This priority will be considered further by the People Board at the December 2017 meeting. A project brief is to be developed to allocate funding approved at the March 2017 Area Committee meeting to provide activities for children and young people, including 0-5 year olds, and their families.