

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th June, 2023 at 6:00pm

VENUE – Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA

Membership

Cllrs Blackburn (Chairman), Burrell, Dodds, Heron (Vice Chairman), K. Johnston, Mason-Gage, Price, Rowntree, Scott, D. Snowdon, Speding and Thornton.

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ELAINE WAUGH

Assistant Director of Law and Governance

30th May, 2023

At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Sunderland on WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Burrell, Dodds, Heron (Vice Chair), K. Johnston, Mason-Gage, Price, Rowntree, Scott, D. Snowdon, Speding and Thornton

Also Present:-

Jill Colbert	Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services	Together for Children Sunderland City Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Nic Marko	Local Democracy Reporter	
Andrew Nelson	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire Service
Emerly Christie	Area Network Representative	
Wendy Cook	Area Network Representative	
Paul Wood	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Steven Gordon	Neighbourhood Co-ordinator	Gentoo

Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Coalfield Area Committee meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Thornton. Councillor Bill Little and Amy Swann.

Declarations of Interest

The following declarations were received:-

Item 4 – Coalfield Area Budgets Report

Councillor Johnston made an open declaration in relation to application 3 – CHAT (Coalfield Healthy and Active Teens) Junior Gym from the Neighbourhood Fund as an employee of Everyone Active and took no part in the consideration of this item.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14th December, 2022 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

The Chairman of the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated), which provided an update on the progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which would be the focus for the Coalfield Area Committee during 2022-23.

The report also provided an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022-2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman of the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board, Councillor Heron presented the report and highlighted a number of projects contained within the Delivery Plan and the work of the VCS Network.

Councillor Heron commented that it had been a busy few years and wished to note the vital work undertaken via partnerships with Springboard and Sharp in providing help over Universal Credit and Pension Credit.

Councillor Heron referred to the VCS Network commenting that this had been full of Voluntary Organisations and wished to thank all of those that had partook in the meetings and to also give a big thank you to the Clean and Green Team who had delivered a great job for the area.

Councillor Heron also added that the work the Board had done was fantastic and praised all the groups involved.

Councillor Speding referred to the Development plan as Annex 1 to the report and queried as tackling empty properties was not on the plan, if this programme had been taken off altogether. Councillor Speding informed that there were still a number of properties of concern in Railway Terrace North and Southburn Terrace and wished to raise the issue and suggested if this could be done at the imminent workshops.

Ms Hopper advised that priorities were moved off the plan once they had been completed/addressed and her understanding was that this priority was now with the relevant service area which was why it was not on the Area Committees plan but it certainly could be raised during the Workshop that was planned to take place.

Councillor Speding referred to the Linked together project and advised that he had been unaware who the 2 representatives were that had been appointed to this and referred to the Shiney Row Ward only being allocated £10,000 of the £200,000 available and commented that he would be interested to see the breakdown of the 13 sites and how this was decided upon as he was unaware of any consultation having taken place with Members.

Ms Hopper advise that the 2 representatives were the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee and the linked together project had been under development for the last two years with the sites being circulated to Members on a number of occasions but could speak to Councillor Speding outside of the meeting on this and could also speak with the project officers if necessary.

Councillor Johnston referred to the Play Parks, commenting that it was fantastic to see the upgrades and these were brilliant facilities so wished to thank the Committee for their work and was especially thankful for the installation of the new inclusive play equipment.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

2. **RESOLVED** that

- a) the progress and performance update regarding the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 be noted and the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1, be agreed; and
- b) The recommendations contained in Annex 2 of the report relating to the Highways Maintenance Programme 2023/24 be agreed.

Northumbria Police Update

Inspector Baker, Northumbria Police submitted a report to the Committee, giving an overview of crime in the Coalfield area in relation to burglary, criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and motorcycle disorder.

Inspector Baker having submitted his apologies it was:-

3. **RESOLVED** that the report be received and noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

Station Manager Andrew Nelson, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1st April 2022 to 1st March 2023 compared with the same period the previous year.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Nelson presented the report and requested all Members to encourage the Community to report fly tipping instances, which could be done anonymously.

Councillor Mason-Gage referred to the Spark Programme and queried why Year 6 pupils were being considered in Shiney Row whereas it was Years 8 and 9 in other areas. Mr Nelson advise that it was based on Police intelligence and some Children will have been identified in those year groups.

Councillor Heron commented that it was sad to see Houghton at the top of these lists again and she was so glad of the Spark Programme so she hoped it helped and the figures would start to decrease. Mr Nelson informed of the recruitment of a

Diversions Officer who he hoped would come to the next meeting to give a presentation and by June they should have a good evidence base to show what's been done.

Councillor Speding informed of a two engine incident in new Herrington and commented that the response by the Fire Brigade had been excellent with residents most impressed by the first responders. Mr Nelson thanked Councillor Speding and commented that he would pass those comments onto the Team and that the actions had been possible through good communication and partnership work with the community.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Scott, Mr Nelson advised that he would provide a comprehensive breakdown of the Hetton Ward figures to the Member via email.

Full consideration having been given to the report, the Chairman thanked Mr Nelson for his attendance and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the content of the report be received and noted.

Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update

The Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network provided a verbal presentation to the Committee with an update on the work of the Sector to date.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Wendy Cook, Area Network Representative provided the update and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Ms. Cook advised that since January, only one meeting had occurred and the February meeting included an update on the Warm Spaces work which included 2,917 contacts, 41 Volunteer hours and the Coalfield Area was very fortunate as a lot of volunteer organisations had bought into this project.

Ms Cook also advised that all organisations were very busy at the moment and she wished to thank the Area Committee for its continued support.

The Committee having discussed the report, the Chairman thanked Ms. Cook for her attendance, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Gentoo Update

Gentoo submitted a report (copy circulated) providing an update on their work from December 2022 to March 2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr Steven Gordon, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator briefed the Committee on

Neighbourhood Services and the proposed Investment and Renewal programme for the area.

Councillor Scott thanked Mr Gordon for the comprehensive report and wished to thank Gentoo for the work of the Money Matters Team as he had seen first hand the vital work they undertook. In relation to the tenant satisfaction survey's Councillor Scott queried if the results would be shared with the Committee and the wider City. Mr Gordon advised that he couldn't see why they wouldn't be shared.

The Committee having discussed the report; Mr Gordon was thanked for his attendance and it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the above information be received and noted.

Coalfield Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience, Neighbourhoods submitted a report (copy circulated), providing a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest and presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead, presented the report, drawing the Committee's attention to the current financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2022/2023 as set out in paragraph 2.1, the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 – 2023 in paragraph 3.1 and the Community Chest approvals in paragraph 4.1.

Ms Hopper having briefed the Committee on the applications for funding set out in the report and full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 be noted;
- b) Approval be given to the allocation of £7,845 contribution from the 2022/23 Neighbourhood fund towards the Phoenix Spark Programme set out in Annex 1 to the report;
- c) Approval be given to the alignment of funding of £42,378 from the 2022/23 Neighbourhood fund towards the Holiday Activities for Children and Young People as set out in Annex 1 to the report;
- d) Approval be given to the allocation of £14,367 contribution from the 2022/23 Neighbourhood fund towards the CHAT (Coalfield Healthy and Active Teens) Project, as set out in Annex 1 to the report;
- e) Approval be given to the 4 Youth projects at 2.4 and Annex 2, from the previously aligned Neighbourhood Fund budget;
- f) Approval be given to the 2 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme applications set out in 3.4 and Annex 3; and

- g) the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023, as detailed in Annex 4 to the report be noted

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st February and 28th February, 2023 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting.

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

7 June 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD**Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023****1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the 2020-2023 Delivery Plan
- b. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2023 -2026.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the Coalfield Area Committee has worked together to deliver agreed priorities in their Delivery Plans.

3. Area Committee and Area Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

- 3.2 The Neighbourhood and Community Board is Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Plan. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.

4. Area Plan 2020-2023- Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of some of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to May 2023.

Priority/Issue	Update
Support for Children and Young People	334 individual young people have accessed youth services/activities in the Coalfields locality area, with an engagement of 1006 engagements in the last quarter. During the February half term, one session of youth work was delivered per week in each ward. All sessions provide our young people with a safe space to meet. Young people have been provided with a small card detailing how to contact the youth staff if they are struggling and need someone to talk to, and they know that they can contact a member of the youth team through private message on social media (Facebook and Messenger), What's App and telephone.

	<p>Community Opportunities youth staff continue to deliver informal education through issue-based workshops in sessions on a range of topics including – how to keep yourself safe, family relationships, school, bullying, friendships, peer pressure, health and well-being, risk taking behaviour etc.</p> <p>Copt Hill Ward</p> <p>Attendance at the sports sessions were lower than normal, mainly due to the cold weather and wet conditions, however staff carried out outreach in the area to maintain engagement with young people. The young people that attend continue to receive football coaching, focusing on passing, ball control, spatial awareness, rules of play, fair play anger management and attitude. The young people that take part have developed their football skills and there is a clear improvement in their game. Since January 2 young people have been able to join an established team who play in a league and their parents have told staff that is because of the practice and coaching they have received when they have attended sessions.</p> <p>Discussions with young people have included school issues, family relationships, anger management, road safety when riding bikes and scooters, anti-social behaviour, bullying, staying safe and day to day issues that young people have encountered in their lives. Young people travelled down to Houghton and took part in the ASB session, a partnership between ASB officers, Police, Fire brigade, Together for Children and Community Opportunities. HAF and Play sessions have taken place in the Copt hill ward during holiday times and these have been delivered in the Houghton Racecourse Community Association. Partnership work is ongoing with Police, Fire Brigade, Together For Children and Coalfields Anti-Social Officer in delivering a specialist session.</p> <p><i>Young Peoples Comments:</i> 'Coming here has made me a better player and now I'm in a proper team' Kai 'I love my son coming here, I know he is safe and doing something positive' Young Persons parent 'I've just started coming and I really look forward to coming' Logan</p> <p>Hetton Ward</p> <p>The young people continue to enjoy their time at the Flatts project. The UV sports hall continues to be a hive of activity, enabling young people to take part in activities that physical activity enabling them to lead a healthy lifestyle. Both male and females take part in sports regularly, they have enjoyed football, UV dodgeball, indoor cricket, ping pong, equestrian type games (the young people have been extremely creative and made this game up themselves) and nerf games. Other recreational activities have included arts and crafts, pool, games consoles, PC's, Lego, mecano and board games.</p> <p>The young people have engaged in cooking from scratch using ingredient that are accessible and reasonably priced they have</p>
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	<p>made chicken curry, spaghetti Bolognese and sweet waffles. Not only are they learning independent living skills, but they are also learning how to produce low-cost nutritional meals which they can replicate for their families at home. They have also used their numeracy and literacy skills in order to follow instructions in recipes and weigh items. The young people also took the recipes home which could be used as an activity with their families. At all sessions young people receive a snack or meal and have enjoyed a full English breakfast as part of the session.</p> <p>Young people were asked to take part in a consultation about the George Stephenson trail. During the session staff and young people explored who he was and the importance of the route to the local area, and what it used for. The young people were also requested to cast their votes on what colour trail signs they liked best, and this information was fed back to the project team.</p> <p>Numbers at this session are consistent, Thursday sessions are very popular with over 25 young people attending each session. Saturdays are quieter in terms of attendance with approximately 10-16 young people attending. We are currently consulting with the young people about future opening times to maximise the opportunities for young people to engage.</p> <p>We continue to work with young people around managing behaviour, respect, language and anti-social behaviour. In this quarter, discussions have taken place around bereavement, family, relationships, social media, school issues, risk taking behaviour, sexual health and substance abuse. We promote positive behaviour and continue to see a marked improvement with this, young people are taking responsibility for their own actions and accepting consequences when they break the ground rules that they have set.</p> <p><i>Young Peoples Comments:</i></p> <p>'I wish it was open more' Preya</p> <p>'I really enjoyed the cooking, I have never cooked before' Billy</p> <p>'When I am in here I don't get into trouble' Riley</p> <p><i>Houghton Ward</i></p> <p>The sessions remain popular with young people attending to play sport and some young people coming to watch their friends, play music from the side line, socialise with each other and speak with staff. Numbers were a little lower this quarter, ranging from 9 to 29 young people attending any one session. Males and females attend and play together in mixed teams and where necessary young people are split into age-appropriate teams. Some of the 13-year-olds that attend have been supporting and encouraging the younger members when playing, ensuring they pass the ball and include them in the game.</p> <p>The coaching element of the session continues to develop the young people's skills and improving their confidence. The coaching has included warmups, dribbling, spatial awareness, foot work, passing, positioning on the pitch, defending, ball control, cool downs, working as a team and improving communication on the pitch.</p> <p>The youth work staff that work this session continued to have discussions with young people around vaping, nicotine addiction,</p>
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family relationships breaking down, anti-social behaviour, sexual health, domestic abuse, school, mental health and wellbeing. As part of this session, we have recently taken part in an event that was aimed at preventing ASB and reducing barriers between young people and services. The young people from the session played football with ASB officers and the Fire brigade (which instantly removed barriers) and then, supported by Community Opportunities staff attended a question-and-answer session on the Wear here 4 you bus, where they spoke to ASB officers, police and fire brigade. This was well attended, and the young people were very articulate in communicating. They were able to learn more about the impact of ASB and the impact of setting fires.

Young Peoples Comments:

'This is the only exercise I get all week' Sasha

'Friday nights would be crap without this been here' Lucas

'The staff are sound that work here' Mackenzie

Shiney Row Youth Club

Numbers are consistently over 20 at each session and it is the first time most of the young people that attend have been to a youth club. The young people still enjoy a wide variety of activities which include dodgeball, cooking, arts and crafts, dancing, quizzes, board games, cards, games console and charades. These activities promote physical activity a healthy lifestyle and promote positive mental health and wellbeing. The cooking activities are very much enjoyed, and the young people have learned how to make nutritional meals that are cheap and easy to replicate at home.

We have had to revisit ground rules, because session numbers continue to grow, and we have had to have discussions with young people around acceptable behaviour and respect, towards each other and the building that we rent to run the youth sessions. The young people have now made up the ground rules again and the newer members were part of these conversations and are aware of these. The young people have decided these and decided on what consequences are appropriate if they are broken.

Issue based learning continues and this has included discussions and activities around vaping, energy drinks, anti-social behaviour, developing positive relationships, respect, personal space, risk taking behaviour and building confidence. From doing a session around energy drinks, the legality and impacts on children the young people decided this is not something they should bring to the session, therefore lowering their intake on these drinks. 4 young people actively now volunteer in sessions, assisting in things that are taking place.

Shiney Row Sports Session

Monday night sessions have continued at the MUGA, but now that the lighter nights are here, we will be re locating to Claremont Drive Playing Fields. The main sport that is played is football by the choice of the young people. Not all young people that attend want to play sports but choose to go along as they know the staff are there and that it is a safe place and space for them to be with their friends. Staff have facilitated sports games, competitions,

	<p>penalty shoot outs, introduced different rules for different games, coached the young people so they can improve their sports skills. Young people have gained more knowledge on rules and have learned a variety of games they can play that encourage a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Through attending this session and playing mixed teams each week young people have been able to exercise and socialize with their friends and also make new friends. Staff have had discussions with young people around school, healthy lifestyles, physical activity and why it is important, world cup which encouraged discussions around cultures of the world. Staff have also signposted young people to other provision that is available for them.</p> <p><i>Young Peoples Comments:</i> Since coming here, I have did lots of new stuff – Chloe Learned how to play different football games – Jake Love the cooking – Paigan Having this here for the kids is fantastic – Chelsea (local resident)</p> <p>Recommendations for Holiday Activities 2023/24 proposals are contained in Item 5 Budget Report</p>
Open spaces, walking and cycling routes Stephenson Trail	<p>All educational elements of the Stephenson Trail project have now been completed. The final two projects - the podcast by Tracey Gillman and the artists booklet by Nat Wilkins and Carl Joyce - were submitted in January. The podcast features participants from Sunderland MIND's youth group and Primrose Care Home in Hetton. Tracy delivered 5 sessions with each group over a five week period. This project included 20 participants and includes a range of perspectives thinking about inventions for the future and what Hetton was like when the railway was still running, the history of work in the area, music and past-times and imagining what life would have been like during the Stephenson's time, particularly for Eleanor Stephenson, George's sister. The booklet has been professionally printed and has an ISBN number, the project included over 30 participants . We are now planning the three exhibitions across the East, West and Coalfields areas, with the first event being linked into the family celebration event at Elemore on Thursday 1st June.</p> <p>The booklets and the podcast will be available to see / listen to during the exhibitions, with people being able to take a hard copy of the booklet produced by Nat and Carl away with them or the opportunity to listen digitally through the exhibition technology provided.</p> <p>Environmental improvements are ongoing. With support from Environmental Services, and three local VCS organisations, a number of improvements including cutting back vegetation, repairing of wooden walkways and painting of railings/seats has take place. The waymarker design has been finalised and once produced will be installed at relevant places along the route.</p> <p>Working with partners we will put a 12 month plan in place to continue to make improvements along the trail.</p>

<p>Coalfield Clean it, Green it</p>	<p>The project is progressing well with a lot of planning taking place with partners, ready for weather improvements and pick up on volunteer availability in Spring, Summer and Autumn. The areas identified at the beginning of the project have continued to be revisited and maintained. We have also visited new sites and improved those areas as well. Improvements at Copt Hill include litter picks of the area, strimming, hedge cutting and cutting back bushes/vegetation on bridle ways and footpaths. We have cleaned and restored street furniture including, fences, gates, benches and signage. This has included self-priming and corrosion protection as well as wooden fence preservative.</p> <p>The Back Trod - behind Borrowdale Street, Hetton. Litter picking event the length of the lane. Bagging up rubbish and general tidy up. Also removal of fly tipping, carpets etc. at the top of the lane. Trimming of over hanging branches to allow use of the path. This work was and is in co ordination with various partners including the Hetton Lyons Primary School, HALO, Community Opportunities and SCC Environmental Services. Easington Lane Primary- Graffiti cleared to support pupil well being from the park nearby in coordination with environmental services.</p> <p>Herrington Burn, Shiney Row. A team litter picking and cleaning up the grassed and bushed area, bagging and removing rubbish. The start of a much bigger project. We are working with the Durham Wildlife Trust Link Together Project on this as well as Environmental Services. It is a large involved area which will be a long term commitment.</p> <p>Brickgarth - Litter pick and clean up surrounding areas and paths leading into Elemore Park. Organised group litter pick, this was an event that we supported on providing kit from our tool bank to bolster what could be achieved. Flatts Youth Club Community Opportunities in February took part in a litter pick around the Flatts Youth Centre, Flatts playing field, play park and parts of Brick Garth again in partnership with Clean It, Green It Coalfields. Over 20 young People took part and thoroughly enjoyed the activity, spending around 40 minutes cleaning the area collecting 18 bags of litter. We are spending time with our volunteers to support them into being Clean it Green it champions for their areas. Community Opportunities will be delivering additional sessions in the next quarter, and have recently recruited a new member to the environmental team to support the Coalfields Team once.</p> <p>Work Day on Saturday April 22nd Herrington Burn, with DWT, CO (Shiney Row Youth Club) and volunteer groups. This coincided with Earth Day, part of the environmental awareness programme around the world and to raise awareness of environmental issues/plastic waste in our green spaces</p> <p>The team will deliver a presentation during the meeting.</p>
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5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23

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7 June 2023

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan 2023 - 2026

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present for consideration and approval Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan for 2023-26 and update on Area Committee Area Plan Governance arrangements.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee's role is to lead on the development, implementation and effective delivery of an Area Committee Area Plan which includes all main priorities for the area, (Subject to approval of the Area Committee Area Plan by the Cabinet in July 2023).
- 2.2 Area Committee does this through consultation, engagement and collaborating with local residents and partners (including the voluntary and community sector, public and private sector).
- 2.3 The Area Committee Area Plans are 3-year plans and are directly aligned to the themes of the City Plan and other significant strategies for the city, with a focus on influencing the delivery of services and activities at a local level, which support and maximise the resilience of its residents and communities.
- 2.4 Through the delivery of the Area Committee Area Plans Sunderland has a real opportunity to transform and create more resilient communities and to influence and enable positive community behaviours, through active co-production. Area Committees will be at the heart of this transformation journey.

3 Development of Area Committee Area Plan and Area Priorities

- 3.1 At its workshops held in March and May the Coalfield Area Committee members considered data relevant to the area, they:-
- I. reviewed previous priorities from their 2020-23 Neighbourhood Investment Plans in terms of impact and whether there remains a need to continue to deliver against any of those priorities.
 - II. considered current priorities through working collaboratively with services and partners (including the voluntary community sector, public and private sector), and in the context of local data and intelligence and listening to resident feedback and their lived experience.
 - III. ensured the priorities identified in Area Committee Area Plans help to influence delivery of services and activities at a local level which support the resilience of residents and communities.

- 3.2 Council Services and Partners (currently including Gentoo, Police, TWFRS, and the Voluntary Sector Alliance) are committed to working in collaboration with Area Committees.
- 3.3 All Council Service leads, when producing Service Plans this year, are providing a list of Area Priorities, where relevant, for each of the Areas and have agreed that those priorities be appended to the Area Committee Area Plans and to provide quarterly updates in terms of performance against those priorities.
- 3.4 Key partners (currently including Gentoo, Police, TWFRS, and the Voluntary Sector Alliance) have agreed to provide their plans for future activity in all five areas for the coming months and years. All have agreed that those plans be appended to the Area Committee Area Plans. Providing quarterly updates to Area Committee.
- 3.5 The quarterly reports will allow Area Committee/Council Service Leads/Partners to review and consider opportunities to influence as well as shape delivery within communities, with elected members bringing their local knowledge and intelligence, informing future decision making, as well as considering where they wish to support projects with 'added value.' Organisations are working together collaboratively to ensure the best outcome for the resident.

4. Area Committee Area Plan Delivery and Performance Monitoring

- 4.1 Area Committees will ensure the delivery of their priorities over the lifetime of the Area plan (2023 – 2026), this will include the monitoring of performance of projects funded via Area Committee resources and receiving update reports from Council Services and Partners on a quarterly basis. Additionally, Area Committees will undertake an annual review of performance and priorities at the end of each financial year to ensure priorities remain in keeping with local need.
- 4.2 The 5 Area Committee Area Plans and City Plan will form a suite of strategic documents for the city. All will be produced using Folian software having the same format, look and feel so it is clear to our communities that the Area Committee Area Plans help to both deliver to, and inform, the priorities of the City Plan which, is the blueprint for all partners and communities to work together, to address the economic and social challenges that Sunderland faces, so that the city and its people can achieve their full potential. All Plans will be monitored internally via the council's corporate performance management system used by the Area Arrangements Team and Service Leads.
- 4.3 Area Committee Area Plan performance will not only be shared with Area Committees but more widely to provide an increased opportunity to share the learning from the delivery of Area Committee projects and ensure that Area Committees can inform transformational change in a systematic way. This will include connecting with the City Plan and sharing the learning with the City Board, Children's and Adults Partnerships, Health and Wellbeing Board and associated Delivery Boards, partner plans including emerging Integrated Care Board Place Planning, Safer Sunderland Partnership, Community Wealth Strategy and Steering Group and helping to influence future Council Service Plans.
- 4.4 Annex 1 identifies the proposed Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan and Area Priorities for Area Committee consideration and approval.

- 4.5 External priorities are those that Area Committee wish to use its own resources and commission and fund projects and initiatives working in collaboration with the VCS and partners.
- 4.6 Internal priorities are currently proposals where Area Committee wish to influence/add value to existing service provision and will be shared with Service Leads within the Council or with Partners, for further discussion regarding feasibility of delivery, through future discussion with Area Board.

5. Area Committee and Area Committee Area Plan Governance

- 5.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
 - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.
- 5.2 Following the approval of the Area Committee Area Plan at Cabinet in July 2023, it is the responsibility of each Area Committee to ensure the effective delivery of the Area Committee Area Plan.
- 5.3 The Neighbourhood and Community Boards will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Coalfield Area Committee City Councillors are invited to attend all board meetings. (Terms of Reference attached as Annex 2)
- 5.4 Members will work in collaboration with key officers and partners in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body, and the work/ recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2023.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Committee is requested to:
- Consider and agree the attached draft Area Committee Area Plan for 2023–2026, External Priorities for referral to Cabinet for approval. (Annex 1)
 - Agree that the Internal priorities, which were discussed and agreed at the Area Committee Workshop in May, are shared with Council Service Leads and Partners to consider the feasibility of delivery and provide feedback. The priorities are currently proposals where Area Committee wish to influence/add value to existing service provision.
 - Agree to continue to discuss Service Plans with Sunderland City Council Service leads, and develop a list of Area Priorities for the Coalfield area. To be appended to the Area Committee Area Plans and arrange for quarterly updates.
 - Agree to continue to collaborate with key partners (currently including Gentoo, Police, TWFRS, and the Voluntary Sector Alliance) to provide their plans for future activity in the Coalfield area. To be appended to the Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan and arrange for quarterly updates.
 - Note the Terms of Reference (Annex 2)

Annex 1 Draft Area Committee Area Plan
Annex 2 Terms of Reference

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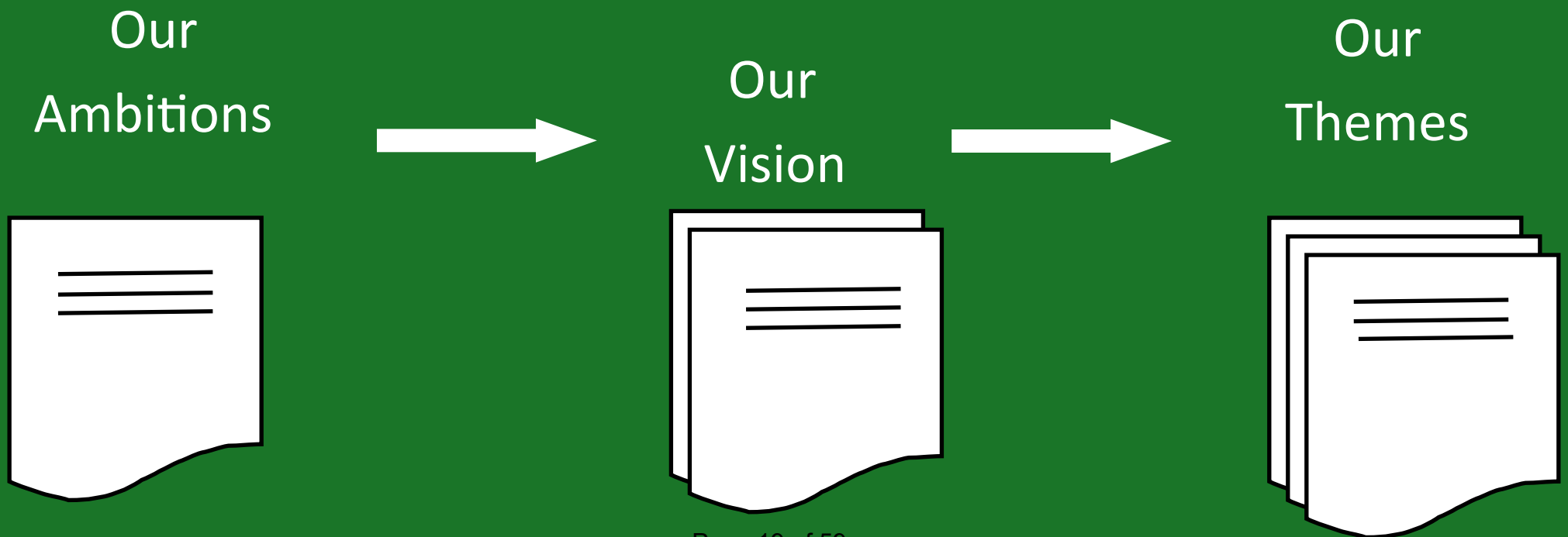
Coalfield Area Plan

2023-2026


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Our Ambitions

To actively encourage local residents to become involved in shaping the Area Committee Area Plan

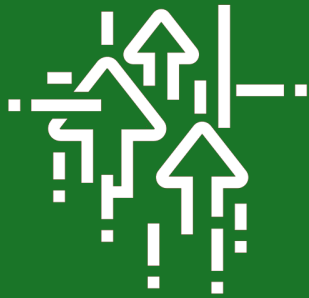
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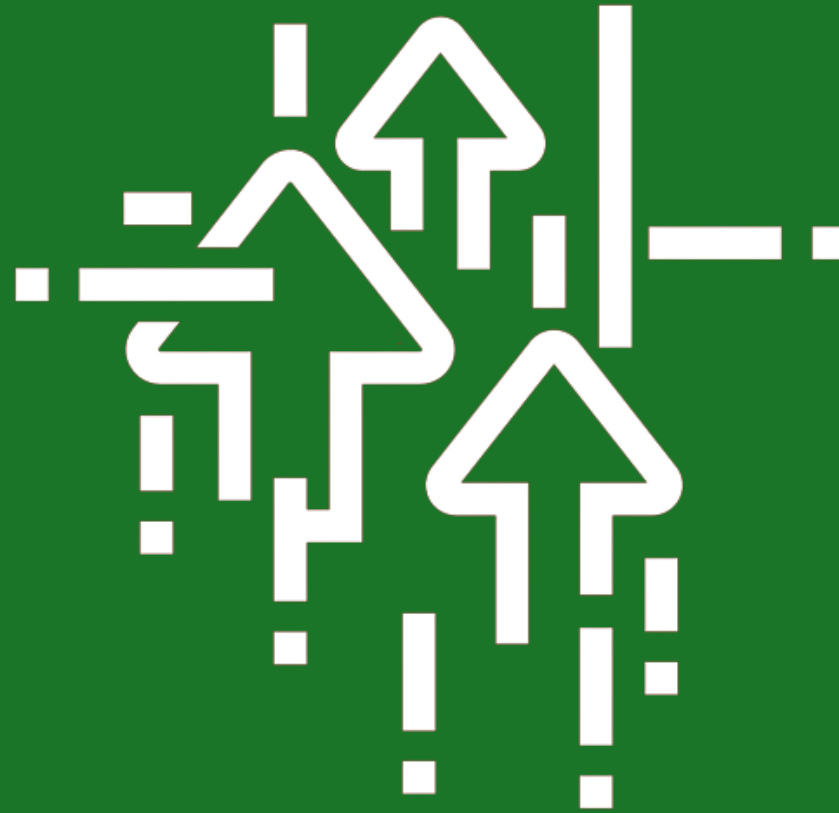
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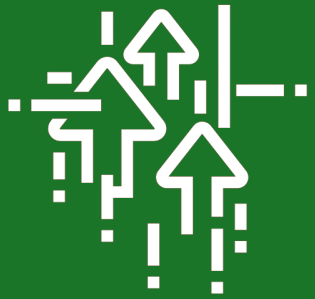
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Develop skills of young people via CAN DO

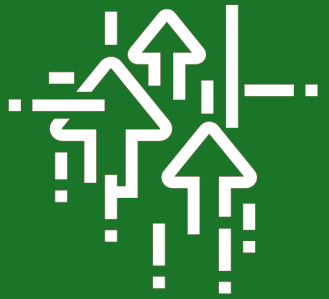
Develop digital skills of residents via Coalfield Communities Connected



Support residents to improve financial resilience via R U Ready

VAS and Road Safety





Continue tree planting programme across the area

Develop and deliver 'low carbon' initiatives in the community





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Positive activities for young people during school holidays

Deliver youth clubs in each of the four wards



Deliver a Coalfield Heathy and Active Teen (CHAT) programme

Reduce Social Isolation



Social Prescribing e.g. advice on prescription, befriending



A vibrant smart Coalfield



Coalfield Clean it, Green it

Heritage and Community Events



Houghton Feast community programme

Improve Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground facilities



Improve Houghton Rectory Park



Stephenson Trail heritage programme

Habitat and ecological improvements via LinkTogether



Proactive Coalfield ASB project

Coalfield Pride Event at Houghton



Copt Hill and Seven Sisters environmental improvements



Support VCS organisations and Community Hubs

Improve Community Assets



Celebration event at former Houghton Colliery site

Christmas Tree at Newbottle



Folk Festival at Elemore Park (August 2023)



Coalfield Area Timeline

2023-2024



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2023-24**

CAN DO funding rounds in October 2023 and February 2024

Receive and consider VAS rotational data reports

Deliver digital support in 4 community hubs

Provide support to 280 residents with regard to Universal Credit

Agree locations for community orchards and tree planting

(link to external pages/documents where relevant)



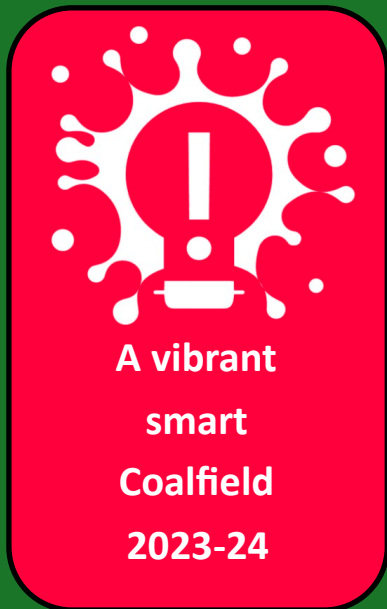
Deliver holiday support and activities for xx children and young people during Summer, 2023, February 2024 and Easter 2024 in local venues

Provide two sessions of youth clubs in each ward per week

Provide junior gym and fitness sessions to 68 teenagers via CHAT programme

Develop a programme of social prescribing activity and carry out call for projects

(link to external pages/documents where relevant)



Provide support to Houghton Feast community programme

Deliver Shiney Row Christmas switch on event

Agree match funding for the Elemore Music Festival (Summer 2023)

Deliver Coalfield Pride event (Summer 2023)

Replace benches in Houghton Rectory Park

(link to external pages/documents where relevant)

Neighbourhood and Community Board – Terms of Reference

The Neighbourhood and Community Board is a working Board of the Area Committee for the delivery of the Area Committee Area Plan.

Membership and Role

Chair

- The Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is also the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Should the Vice-Chair be unable to chair the Board, the Board will be chaired by the Area Committee Chair.
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each item will be set in consultation with the Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area Committee priorities / Area Committee Area Plan.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the Neighbourhood Community Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

Elected Members

- Attendance of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is open to all Ward Members
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that Neighbourhood and Community Board activity is based upon evidence of need and opportunity.

Support Officers

Relevant Council Officers - will attend the Board as the link between their service and the business of the Board, as and when required.

Designated Partnership and Community Resilience Manager – supports the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board in delivering priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network and wider partners where relevant.

Governance Officers - will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times /venues and action points.

Frequency

Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates included in council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Committee Area Plan.

Reporting Arrangements

The Neighbourhood and Community Board will report four times per year to the Area Committee (meetings are held in June, September, December and March) through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board, assisted by the designated Partnership and Community Resilience Manager.

Remit of the Neighbourhood and Community Board

The remit of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is to:

- Respond to all priorities in the Area Committee Area Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation of plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Ensure that the use of Area Committee resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and support the delivery of the City Plan at a local level and as detailed in the Area Committee Area Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Work with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure the delivery of the City Plan at a local level and as detailed in the Area Committee Area Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest and Neighbourhood Fund
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Neighbourhood Fund to the Area Committee for approval.

The Board has no formal decision-making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Committee. Where necessary, a majority vote will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

7 June 2023

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Coalfields area between the following 8-week period (5th March 2023 – 26th May 2023)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to 26-05-23

Crime numbers are currently slightly above 2021 and 2022 figures due to a slight spike in the last 3 weeks the increase is not large and is on a par with 2020 crime trends. The most significant crimes recorded in Coalfields in this period are violence against a person with no injury, criminal damage, and then theft. The area with the most crimes recorded is Shiney Row followed by Houghton Town centre and then Easington Lane.

In April we carried out a week of action in the Coalfields area which amongst various Policing operations saw the delivery of neighbourhood questionnaires to residents in Easington Lane and East Rainton. We have seen a great response to this which has enabled us to look at partnership priorities in both areas. We have held a multi-agency meeting to discuss priorities which has seen actions allocated to several different agencies.

On 24th May 2023 we followed the above initiative up with a day of action in and around Easington Lane and East Rainton. which involved the neighbourhood teams, motor patrols and various teams from Durham Constabulary. This proved to be very successful and resulted in a number of arrests and the seizure of several vehicles. As part of this day, we handed out further questionnaires

Burglary Dwelling.

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes a crime type that has proved a challenge in this sector the Coalfields area is performing very well in this crime category. We are below reporting levels in all the past 3 years although the last 3 weeks have seen a slight increase in line with other crime reporting trends. We are continuing to focus efforts in this area and all my teams are fully aware of target locations and offenders.

There is a continuing issue in relation to garage burglaries throughout the area command the target of these offences has been pedal cycles/scooters/mopeds. Please be reassured that there is a great deal of work on going in relation to these offenses and suspects. In the last week the team have made numerous arrests and seized a number of quad and motorcycles. We will continue to keep up the pressure on those offenders.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. There has been a change in the sector location which has suffered the most offences to Fencehouses and Chilton Moor. I would highlight that the low number does not result in the sector becoming a hot spot for these types of offences.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crime is showing an increase on previous years and is currently level with 2020 reporting levels although above 2021 and 2022. This is a focus for the team at present. The

sector does not flag as an area command hot spot due to relatively low numbers however these offences can impact on anti-social behaviour performance therefore the team with partners has several operations underway and have made several arrests with more to follow.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 26-05-23

In this 8-week period there have been 219 ASB incidents, most of the disorder is around motorcycle disorder, nuisance and then under 18 youth related disorder. The ASB hot spots for the sector are Houghton Town Centre followed by Shiney Row and Houghton (area bordered by A690 and Gillas lane).

We are currently tracking below reporting levels from the last 3 years which is positive news. The team are working on our Summer operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

The Summer plan will focus on Houghton, Shiney Row and Easington Lane and concentrate on motorcycle/pedal cycle theft and ASB.

Spring plan update

The Spring plan campaign worked very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gentoo which has seen a big reduction throughout the target areas.

REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7011 Baker

7 June 2023

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfields Committee area from 1st April 2023 to 24th May 2023 compared to the same period last year in 2022.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update**3.1 LI 01 & 02 Number of Deaths from all fires**

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

Deliberate property fires, only 2 recorded in Shiney Row Ward (Stables and an outdoor recycling point). This is a 33% improvement from the previous year.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 5 incidents reported during this period compared to 7 for the same period last year. An improvement of 29%. 2 of the fires were in the Houghton ward, a 50% improvement. Copt Hill having 1 incident, a 67% improvement since last year. Hetton having 1 incident, with 0 incidents last year. Shiney Row having 1 incident and 0 incidents last year

Collaborative working with Northumbria Police will continue regarding any further similar incidents to help identify trends and perpetrators. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links.

3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

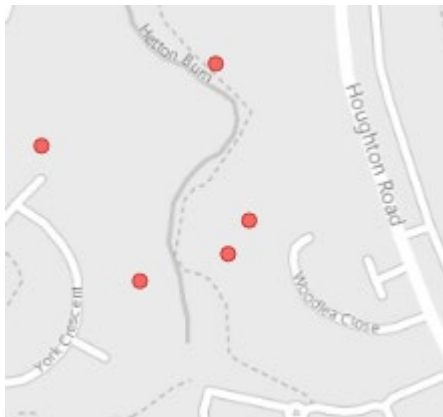
Incidents by Wards		Property Type	
Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Type	Incident Count
Hetton	12	Loose refuse (incl in garden)	18
Houghton	12	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	5
Copt Hill	10	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	3
Shiney Row	4		
Total	38	Total	38

There has been 38 deliberate secondary fires during the reported period, a decrease of 28% overall from the previous year (53). Hetton and Houghton Wards seen the highest number during this reporting period with Hetton Ward seeing a 52% decrease. Houghton Ward seeing

a 20% decrease, Shiney Row seeing a 43% decrease and Copt Hill Ward seeing a 67% increase.

Pattern analysis

Hetton Ward-



Hetton burn, West of Houghton Road – 5 incidents in reported period.

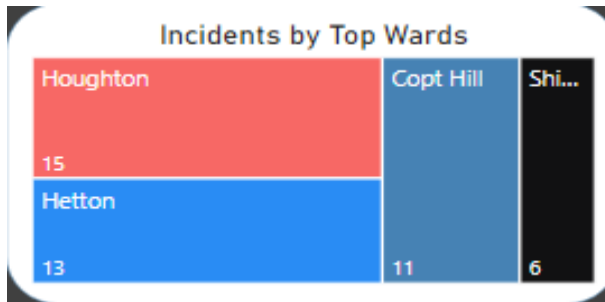
Copt Hill-



Play area west of Durham Rd and east of A690 – 3 incidents in close proximity.

The Report-It tool for the reporting of fly tipping and loose refuse is used regularly by Watch Commanders conducting area patrols to help support ASB reduction activities in designated Wards. Hetton Ward generally still remains the ward experiencing the greatest number of deliberate secondary fires within the Coalfields area. The multi-agency HALO project, TWFRS new Ignite diversionary activity course along with other collaborative working continues to assist in tackling some of the hot spot areas. LMAPS Partner work groups assist to monitor all wards to prevent, reduce, investigate and help improve the wards regarding deliberate ASB and fire setting.

3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)



There were a total of 45 deliberate fires in this reporting period. A 27% improvement from last year (62). Copt Hill Ward is the only Ward that has not seen a reduction and remains the same as last year's period (10).

TWFRS continue to work closely with Northumbria Police, Sunderland city council, Gentoo and partners carrying out estate and site visits, ASB patrols, reporting of accessible premises, and using the Report-it for removal of loose refuse/fly tipping. We continue to use data to identify patterns and target areas in most need of support to try and reduce ASB and secondary fire incidents. Please encourage members of your local communities to report fly tipping and / or request up lifts and use the Fire Stoppers helpline at the bottom of this report – support during the spring/summer periods is essential.

Houghton Ward –

Has seen a decrease from 19 to 15 incidents over this reporting period, a 21% improvement. The majority of these incidents were attributed to loose refuse. Fly tipping remains problematic.

Hot spot areas - Foot path on Lambton lane.

Hetton Ward –

Has seen a decrease from 26 to 13 incidents, a 50% improvement. Deliberate grass fires and loose refuse remain problematic. Hetton ward remains an area of concern.

Hot spots – In and around Hetton Burn.

Copt Hill Ward –

Has seen a 10% increase from 10 incidents to 11 during this period. Incidents over this period are predominately loose refuse secondary fires with 1 vehicle fire this period. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria police to identify any trends/patterns/underlying issues.

Hot spot areas – Grassland / play area West of Durham Rd and East of the A690. Sunderland Street and North of Baker Street on grassed area.

Shiney Row Ward –

Has seen a 14% decrease in incidents from 7 to 6 over the reporting period. Deliberate grass fires and loose refuse remain problematic.

Hot spots identified have been – Coxgreen Road and around the area of Coxgrieb Gill.

Partnership work continues to monitor and share information to help reduce ASB and improve local areas within all wards. Watch Managers from Rainton Bridge continue to patrol

problematic sites, submit 'Report it' rubbish uplifts and engage with the community within these areas.

3.6 Community Involvement

TWFRS continue to support partners involved in the HALO project, which has given an opportunity to bring partners together to deliver success, empower and improve the local area based on the highly successful SARA project. To build on the success of the Ignite programme TWFRS are in the process of making plans to roll out a Phoenix project with pupils from Hetton Comprehensive School. A Spark programme targeting year 6 in Shiney Row ward and a Spark programme for year 8/9 within the Houghton ward. The Ignite project has been a huge success with many positive feedback comments being received. The service, with help from partners would like to continue to grow our diversionary activities over the coming months and years.

The service continues to review its targeting strategy to deliver safe and well visits to the most vulnerable members of our communities, ensuring they are given home fire safety advice, have working smoke alarms and fitting them free of charge and if necessary referring to partner agencies for further support. By 1st April 2024 crews will have delivered a minimum of 600 Safe & well visits to households across the Coalfields area.

All other opportunities where crews are available to support and attend community events they shall continue to do so. Partnership initiatives will be welcomed and fully supported providing there is sufficient FRS resources available on the date of the engagement.

3.7 On-going Issues

Continuing to work with partners being to help reduce incidents in general as highlighted in the report.

Attacks on emergency services continue to cause concerns with 68 across the Tyne and Wear service area during April 22 – April 23. Although improvement in the Coalfields on last year there were still 2 attacks where objects were thrown at crews.

It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can take the appropriate action without delay. Rainton Bridge watches have been detailed ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). This is not just about ASB fires but all deliberate fires.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the content of this report. Promote the Fire Stoppers reporting number in community groups to drive down deliberate fires.

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Houghton Ward - Watch Manager Andrew Nelson andrew.nelson@twfire.gov.uk
Shiney Row Ward - Watch Manager Adam Robinson adam.robinson@twfire.gov.uk
Copt Hill Ward - Watch Manager Andrew Lane andrew.lane@twfire.gov.uk

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7 JUNE 2023**Coalfields VCS Report – June 2023**

The Coalfields VCS Network have met on 2 occasions since the last Coalfields Area Committee held on Wednesday 15th March, with the next meeting due to be held on Tuesday 6th June, which is after the date of submission for this area committee report.

VCS meetings have taken place on:**Tuesday 4th April & Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

The meetings have both taken place at Easington Lane Community Access Point and have been well attended, welcoming both returning and new members & organisations. The meetings have been chaired by Councillor Juliana Heron and have been co-chaired by the Coalfields VCS Representatives. Pauline Hopper, Sunderland City Council Partnership and Community Resilience Manager and Toni Longstaff, Sunderland City Council, Area Support Assistant have also been in attendance.

The network has welcomed different speakers at the two meetings (more detail below). The variety of topics covered by the speakers highlighting the many different organisations and community groups with an interest in both Coalfields and wider Sunderland Council area.

Meeting Tuesday 4th April 2023

Presentations/agenda items delivered as follows:

Feedback from Coalfield Area Committee – Emerly Christie (VCS rep) and Pauline Hopper updated the network members present about the Coalfields Area Committee. Following the last area committee meeting, the Coalfields reps summarised the reports and notes from the committee to then update the VCS network. Emerly updated on key community news and developments and Pauline updated on funding and budgets.

Call For Projects – Holiday Activities For Children & Young People – Pauline Hopper gave an overview of the call for projects to the whole group. The annual call for projects, which will start again from July 2023 will offer local groups and organisations up to £5,000 each to fund holiday activities for 12 sessions over the course of 2023/24 during school holidays. The fund gives both smaller and larger community groups in the Coalfields the opportunity to provide important and beneficial activities to young people whilst also supporting parents and carers with provision during the holidays. It was highlighted that the call for projects also welcomes and strongly encourages partnership working and discussions between groups across the Coalfields to avoid duplication of provision. This then ensures both a varied and accessible programme can be offered to all young people and their parent/carers.

Meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Presentations/agenda items delivered as follows:

Gateshead NHS Trust Screening Programme – Emma Golightly, Health Improvement Practitioner Clinical Support & Screening Services, gave a presentation about the screening programme that is available to older adults across Sunderland (and the whole North East). The screening programme offers breast, bowel and AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm) screening. The main aim of the programme is early diagnosis and prevention. Emma clearly

made the point that if anyone feels they have symptoms they should still always go to see their GP rather than waiting for a routine screening appointment. The service has managed to catch up with their back log of people waiting for routine appointments following the pandemic. The numbers for uptake in Sunderland are quite low so Emma stressed that local community groups and organisations can help to remind people about the importance of attending appointments when invited. As a service they welcome contact and connections from groups across the area and will happily come to groups to do talks/hand out informational literature.

Cultural Spring Bitesize Project– Emma Biggins from Cultural Spring gave a presentation about ‘Redcoat’, a touring theatre production visiting local community halls and spaces across the city of Sunderland. ‘Redcoat’ is a one man show that tells the story of Lewis, a holiday camp redcoat. The project is a collaboration between Cultural Spring and The Six Twenty and will see performances taking place in May & June at small venues across the area. The main idea behind small venues is to make the theatre experience as accessible to the local community as possible. The project also works with Cozmik 3piphany, a local group that gives LGBTQ+ people in Sunderland a voice.

Further Information

The Area Arrangements team are working in collaboration with the Sunderland VCS Alliance and wider Council services and partners to bring forward social value from investments and from businesses delivering in the city, to support the voluntary and community sector. The Area Arrangements team and the VCS Alliance are also working together to understand where local community services are currently being delivered within the area, to support resident community resilience and wellbeing.

Moving forward from the warm spaces, we are continuing to work closely with the sector to extend and co-produce the ‘welcoming warm spaces’, which in the future will be potential hubs for community activities – delivering support activities as part of the wider social prescribing offer – Links for Life. A detailed update will be shared in relation to ‘Links for Life’ and the need to continue to grow the capacity within the VCS, in a future area network report.

Summary

The Coalfields VCS Representatives are:

Eileen Bewick (Lead Advice Worker, ShARP)

Emerly Christie (Centre Manager, The Old Rectory)

Wendy Cook (Youth & Community Manager, SNCBC)

Amy Swan (Creative Director, Active Families North East)

All of the Coalfields VCS Representatives work directly in the Coalfields area as part of large and well-established organisations and have great connections both in the area and citywide. Each of the four representatives have different professional and experienced backgrounds, bringing a varied insight to then come together to support Coalfields VCS groups. By working together, they are best placed in the community supporting both individuals and groups and serving the network as best possible.

The Coalfields VCS network continues to be well attended with near to 40 groups regularly taking part in meetings. The meetings in 2023 have seen new organisations and members joining, which highlights both the great work going on in the area and the support that is given

from the council and the Coalfields VCS network. It has become well recognised and therefore important to mention that VCS network members in the Coalfields work well together and strongly support each other. This is reflected in the provision that is available to the Coalfields community and local residents.

As always, the 'information share' agenda item towards the end of the meeting provides a lot of information to the groups attending and often provokes discussions about issues and challenges that residents in the Coalfields locality are facing. It gives both large and small organisations within the area the opportunity to positively come together, sharing ideas and suggestions to support each other. Ultimately it gives the Coalfields community and local VCS organisations a voice that is heard.

The information share/AOB part of the network meeting highlights the breadth of organisations and activities that we have in the Coalfields. The cost-of-living crisis continues to be a topic that is widely discussed and it is noted at every meeting how this continues to affect residents and community groups alike.

The Coalfields VCS network would like to take this opportunity to thank Sunderland City Council – Coalfields Area Committee for their ongoing support and providing funding opportunities for local VCS groups and organisations. Many organisations in the Coalfields face ongoing challenges and issues, some of these issues undoubtedly are discussed, support and often even resolved via the VCS network.

COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
7 JUNE 2023
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Coalfield Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

Assistant Director of Housing and Communities

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

- a)** Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- b)** Approve Neighbourhood Fund request set out in 2.3, and **Annex 1**
- c)** Approve Neighbourhood Fund proposals set out in 2.4 and **Annex 2**
- d)** Note the 9 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022 / 2023, as detailed in **Annex 3**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £357,946 (inc Youth allocation) for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area 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

COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

7 JUNE 2023

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

Coalfield Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/ 2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024					£357,946
					357,946

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

2.2 Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £357,946 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024

2.3 There is one new application to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration for approval detailed at **Annex 1**

- Elmore Park Music Festival £10,000

2.4 Following allocation of budget and a call for projects, there are 12 project proposals for Holiday Activities presented to Area Committee for consideration and approval detailed at Annex 2, totalling £55,932. A budget of £42,378 was approved by Area Committee at the March 2023 meeting from the 2022/23 Neighbourhood Fund, and therefore the balance of £13,554 is requested at this meeting

- Holiday Activities for Children and Young People £55,932
(approval of £13,554 required from 2023/24 budget)

2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£23,554**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£334,392**

3. Community Chest

3.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Area Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest is now online. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it is difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

3.2 The Table below details the Community Chest awards and starting balance for 2023/2024. Annex 3 shows the approvals, supported to date for 2023/2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Copt Hill	£10,000	-	£1,664	£8,336
Hetton	£10,000	-	£1,470	£8,530
Houghton	£10,000	-	£0	£10,000
Shiney Row	£10,000	-	£4,944	£5,056
Total	£40,000	-	£8,078	£31,922

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

4. Recommendations

- a. Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- b. Approve Neighbourhood Fund request set out in 2.3, and **Annex 1**
- c. Approve Neighbourhood Fund proposals set out in 2.4 and **Annex 2**
- d. Note the 9 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022 / 2023, as detailed in **Annex 3**

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Neighbourhood Fund proposal

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Elemore Music Festival
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council Events Team

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£20,000	£10,000	£10,000

Project Description:

A music showcase to celebrate Elemore Park will be held in August 2023. Musicians including Dennis, a local folk rock band, Houghton Brass and Marty Longstaff (Lakes Poets) will perform on stage. A variety of entertainment and activities will take place at the site. The event will be open to all residents and will be promoted widely across the Coalfield area.

Call for Projects
Holiday Activities for Children and Young People 2023/24

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Bethany Sports Days	Bethany Centre	£3,000
<p>6 sessions during summer holidays only.</p> <p>Sports days for school years 1-6 targeting pupils from Copt Hill and Houghton wards and taking part on Durham Road playing fields.</p> <p>100 spaces per session with drink and lunch for each participant</p>		
Coalfields Holiday Activities – Cophill and Houghton	Community Opportunities	£5,000
<p>Houghton – delivery at Houghton Sports Centre for 8-13 year olds. 3 sessions during summer including an out of centre visit e.g. beach, ski slope (HAF funding will provide 4 sessions in 4 weeks of Summer holidays), 1 in October half term, 1 at February 2024 and 1 at Easter 2024. 15 young people at each session. Target 40 unique individuals. A range of activities including sports and wellness sessions. Drinks and snacks/light meal provided.</p> <p>Copt Hill – delivery at Kirklea Field for 8-13 year olds. 3 sessions during summer including an out of centre visit (in addition to 4 HAF funded sessions), 1 in October, 1 at Easter and 1 in May half term. 15 young people at each session. Total of 40 unique individuals. Range of activities including street games, nature trail, building and arts activities. Discussions are underway with local partners to provide indoor activities where relevant. Drinks and snacks/light meal provided.</p>		
Coalfields Holiday Activities – Shiney row & Hetton	Community Opportunities	£5,000
<p>Shiney Row – delivery at Shiney Row CA for 8-13 year olds. 3 during summer holidays (in addition to 4 HAF funded sessions), 1 in October, 1 at Easter and 1 in May half term. Sessions include arts and crafts, cooking, outdoor play and use of green space, treasure hunts and street games. 15 spaces available at each session, a target of 40 unique individuals for the project. Drinks and snacks/light meal provided.</p> <p>Hetton – delivery at Flatts Centre for 8-13 year olds. 3 during summer holidays (in addition to 4 HAF funded sessions), 1 in October, 1 in February half term and 1 at Easter. Sessions include arts and crafts, cooking, outdoor play and use of green space, treasure hunts and street games. 15 spaces available at each session, a target of 40 unique individuals for the project. Drinks and snacks/light meal provided.</p>		
Wild Wanderers Holiday Club	Durham Wildlife Trust	£4,970
<p>Wild Wanderers Holiday Club will offer children the opportunity to immerse themselves in the natural world at our nature reserve at Rainton Meadows, providing a safe space for up to 180 children (15 children per session) from the ages of 8-14 from 10am - 3pm. These activities will be led by our experienced and knowledgeable Education Leaders from Durham Wildlife Trust (DWT).</p> <p>There will be a total of 12 sessions delivered – including 6 sessions in Summer 2023: 3 sessions per week for 2 weeks on the weeks commencing 24th and 31st July. This will include 1 session per week at Hetton Lyons Country Park, in collaboration with springboard. We will provide a range of activities to cater for different abilities and interests, and build the skills and confidence of participants. Activities will include: Pond dipping, Bird watching, Bug hunting, Wild flower surveys, Tree identification, Nature trails. There will be spaces for 15</p>		

children per each session. The participants will also be given a healthy lunch, which will include freshly made sandwiches, fruit, cake or flapjack, savoury snack and a drink from our Café on site.		
Coalfields Family Fun Swims	Everyone Active	£3794
12 'fun and float' sessions will be provided at Hetton Community Pool throughout the year for two age groups – under 8's and over 8's. Sessions are carried out by lifeguards and are available for families with children on a 2:1 ratio of children to adult. The sessions will build on water confidence and fitness and fun. Space will be available for up to 30 people at each session to ensure safety. A snack will be provided and the Change 4 Life team will offer a range of booklets promoting affordable and healthy recipes and ideas for staying active. Available to all wards in Coalfield. Promotion and information will be targeted in partnership with local organisations.		
Elba Park Holiday Activities	Groundwork	£4,970
Fun, safe, outdoor sessions at Elba Park, including exercise, crafts and nature activities. Families with children aged 4-11 will be the target group and places will be allocated via a booking system. 18 sessions across the year will be delivered 8 in summer 23, 2 in October 23, 2 in February 23, 4 at Easter 23 and 2 in May 23. Sessions will be adapted to suit the season and include games and sports, pond dipping, geocaching, bird spotting, bug hunting, bulb and tree planting, and storytelling. Healthy snack packs will be provided to families at the end of each session. Fruit and drinks will be available during sessions. Each session can accommodate 20 children. The target for the year is 50 individual families.		
Buddies Holiday Fun	Hetton Buddies	£4,916
Hetton Buddies provides support and activities for children with additional needs. The holiday fun programme will provide 12 sessions across the year including 6 sessions during summer 2023. The age range is flexible and any family with a child who requires additional support is welcome to attend. The project can accommodate 35 children at each session and a range of experiences are provided including healthy food experience, beach trip, Gateway wheelers, Easter crafts and egg hunt, spring fam trip. Food and snacks are provided at all sessions.		
Create, Explore, Inspire – Early Years School Holidays Programme	MBC Arts Wellbeing	£4,900
The project will provide fun, informative and educational activities at The Old Rectory, and Rectory Park. 12 sessions split across the year will be delivered to 2 age groups (4-7 and 8-11) by qualified tutors. Summer activities will include tie dye activity, minibeast trail, nature walks, stone painting, clay modelling and reading and discussing stories. October, February, Easter and May sessions will all focus on different themes and activities. 10 places will be available at each age group session and a target of 80 unique individuals is forecast. The sessions will be promoted via schools across the Coalfield area and on social media.		
Go-karts in the park	The Old Rectory	£5,000
Working with Gateway Wheelers, the project will offer accessible go-karting sessions for 7 to 11 year olds. The sessions would be in addition to HAF funded provision for 11-16 year olds. Sessions will be delivered in Rectory Park and on the Rectory Field, where weather allows. There will be access to The Old Rectory for indoor activities and serving of food and drinks. Sessions will focus on confidence and cycling ability and outdoor crafts will also be available. Open to the whole Coalfield area, the sessions will be promoted via local schools and facebook and Instagram.		

Active Adventurers	Springboard	£5,000
The project is based in Hetton Lyons Country Park and will provide activities including canoeing, kayaking, raft building, mountain biking, environmental activities and 'backwoods cooking'. 20 days of activity will be delivered for up to 10 young people each session, mainly in non-winter months. The onsite café will provide sandwiches, hot options and healthy snacks.		
Tuesday Treats	Space 4	£4,388
The project will provide a 'Tuesday Treat' for primary aged children and their guardians. A meal, games, educational workshop and access to IT equipment will be available during 6 on-site sessions delivered at Space4. Two trips away will be provided in summer, and party events delivered at Kepier Hall at Halloween, Christmas, February and Easter, giving a total of 12 sessions overall. 110 children will benefit from the project.		
IGNITE	Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service	£4,994
<p>The Coalfields IGNITE Project will provide a programme of diversionary activities for 12 young people aged 11 to 16 from targeted locations within the Coalfields area – specifically focussed around Easington Lane. The Coalfields IGNITE Project will use TWFRS's reputation as a trusted and respected community partner to provide targeted activities for children and young people identified by local partners.</p> <p>The Project uses evidence based educational activities combined with active fire-service training activities. The project is delivered by positive fire-service role-models on operational fire-stations using fire service equipment and facilities. Activities include: hose running, hydrant operation, fire appliance drills, search and rescue in the fire-house (blindfolded and with dummy breathing-apparatus) and outdoor activities such as climbing wall, rafting and cycling.</p> <p>The Coalfields IGNITE Project proposes to deliver 6 x 1 day IGNITE day activities (6 days in total over the summer 2023 school holidays – 1 day per week for 5 weeks with one week having 2 consecutive days). The activities each day are linked and build up into a cohesive programme of diversionary activities. The young people will be drawn from the Coalfields area, but with specific focus on Easington Lane to help support Northumbria Police's Clear-Hold-Build strategy in that area. The young people aged 11-16 will be selected for the programme through discussions between local community policing teams, local authority services and schools.</p> <p>Match funding of £3060 is being provided by TWFRS.</p>		



Coalfield Area Committee

7th June 2023

Community Chest Awards April 2023 – June 2023

Copt Hill Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Matthews Youth & Community Centre (£4083 approved in March 23 with £2738.70 paid from 22-23 and the remaining £1344.30 from 23-24 allocation)	17.03.23		£1344
Houghton-Le-Spring Golf Club	05.04.23		£320
Remaining balance - £8,336		-	£1,664
Hetton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
HCR200	24.04.23		£720
Hetton Lyons Primary School	24.04.23		£750
Remaining balance - £8,530		-	£1,470
Houghton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Remaining balance - £10,000	-	-	-
Shiney Row Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Together For Children	10.05.23		£450
TWFRS	10.05.23		£3,000
1 st Herrington Scouts	24.05.23		£500
New Penshaw Academy	24.05.23		£994
Remaining balance - £5,056		-	£4,944

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields)

Between 01/04/2023 and 25/05/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/00634/VAR	Land At Philadelphia Lane Newbottle Houghton-le-Spring	Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to 22/00484/VAR (Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to approved application 19/00804/REM - amended plans to show revised alleyway, garden sizes, finished floor levels and new rear garden retaining walls) seeking approval for the addition of footpaths to both sides of the road in front of Plots 423-426	13/04/2023	13/07/2023
Copt Hill				
23/00373/FUL	16 Nesham Place Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 8AG	Change of use of rear outbuilding to use as a salon.	24/04/2023	19/06/2023
Copt Hill				
23/00374/LBC	16 Nesham Place Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 8AG	Remove internal wall which divides utility room and outbuilding, to create space for a salon.	24/04/2023	19/06/2023
Copt Hill				
23/00818/FUL	Land At James Jones Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate Hetton Le Hole	Creation of new vehicular access, associated boundary treatment and access gates.	03/04/2023	29/05/2023
Hetton				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/00334/FUL	New InnFour Lane EndsHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0AB	Change of use from Public House to Convenience Store	11/04/2023	06/06/2023
Hetton				
23/00465/FUL	Rear Of South Market StreetHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le-Spring	Change of use to outdoor equestrian arena	25/04/2023	20/06/2023
Hetton				
23/00677/FUL	Land AtJames Jones Pallets And PackagingHetton Lyons Industrial EstateHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0RF	Erection of canopy to provide protection for timber stored on site and the replacement of a section of boundary wall adjacent to Colliery Lane with 2.4m high palisade fencing. (Partially retrospective in respect of the palisade fencing)	04/05/2023	03/08/2023
Hetton				
23/00996/FUL	HeppeduneLouvain TerraceHetton-le-HoleHoughton-Le-SpringDH5 9PP	Erection of a single storey extensions to existing garage and bedroom. Conversion of garage into habitable space and erection of new single storey storage building.	05/05/2023	30/06/2023
Hetton				
23/00994/FUL	2 Tudhoe CloseHoughton-le-SpringDH4 6GA	Erection of single storey side utility extension. (Part retrospective)(Amended plan 09.05.23)	28/04/2023	23/06/2023
Houghton				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01045/TPA	The PaddockBlack Boy RoadChilton MoorHoughton-le- SpringDH4 6LY	Removal of limbs to Scotch Pine trees which are overhanging neighbouring properties.	09/05/2023	05/07/2023
Houghton				
23/00970/FUL	Land At 2 Boundary CottagesGolf Course RoadHoughton-le- SpringDH4 4QB	Construction of new 3no. bedroom cottage	26/04/2023	21/06/2023
Shiney Row				
23/00998/FU4	Garage Block South Of9 Lady Beatrice TerraceHoughton-Le- Spring	Erection of a freestanding lock up garage.	12/05/2023	07/07/2023
Shiney Row				
23/01041/FUL	31 Claremont DriveShiney RowHoughton-Le-SpringDH4 7LS	Erection of a part single storey/part two storey extension to rear	15/05/2023	10/07/2023
Shiney Row				
23/01086/FUL	8 Front Street EastPenshawHoughton-le- SpringDH4 7EX	Erection of single storey rear extension. Additional window to front elavation.	15/05/2023	10/07/2023
Shiney Row				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01128/FUL	82 Briar LeaHoughton-Le-SpringDH4 4PU	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension with pitched roof.	22/05/2023	17/07/2023
Shiney Row				