

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 8th June, 2016 at 5:30pm

VENUE – Silksworth Youth and Community Centre, Tunstall Village Road, Sunderland SR3 2BB

Membership

Cllrs P Gibson (Chair), Essl (Vice Chair – Place) Atkinson, (Vice Chair – People), Allan, D. Dixon, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Gallagher, Gofton, Porthouse, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Waters, P Watson, S Watson, A Wilson and T Wright.

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ELAINE WAUGH
Head of Law and Governance

31st May 2016

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at PENNYWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE, PORTSMOUTH ROAD, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Allan, Atkinson, Dixon, Essl, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Gofton, Waters, P. Watson. S. Watson and A. Wilson.

Also Present:-

Bill Blackett	West Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Graham Carr	Asset & Network Manager	Sunderland City Council
Simone Common	Acting Head of Community and Family Wellbeing	Sunderland City Council
Ash Hopper	Sergeant	Northumbria Police
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative	Youth Almighty
Lisa Laverick	Inspector	Northumbria Police
Bill Leach	Partnership Co-ordinator	Pennywell Com. Centre
Chris Marshall	Head of Operations	Gentoo
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Edna Rochester	Treasurer, Secretary	Tansy Centre and Pennywell Com. Centre
Gilly Stanley	Acting Area Community Officer	Sunderland City Council
Sonia Tognarelli	Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Karen Wood	Community Development Worker	Pallion Action Group

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those attending their first meeting of the West Sunderland Area Committee and invited those present to introduce themselves.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Porthouse, P. Smith, Waller and T. Wright and also on behalf of Courtney Tuckerman (Community Helper) and Steve Burdis (Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 2nd December, 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on progress against the current year's Place Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Essl presented the report drawing Members' attention to the initiation of action towards achieving key priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report together with a summary of key areas of influence and achievements of the Place Board in relation to Responsive Local Services and Street Scene, Local Bus Advisory Group, Highway Maintenance, Housing, Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land and Shopping Centres as at 29th February, 2016.

There being no questions or comments on the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the report be received and noted;
 - ii) approval be given to the recommendation of the Place Board in respect of the West Highway Capital Maintenance Programme for 2016/2017 as detailed in annex 2 of the report;
 - iii) consideration be given to the financial issues arising from the Place Board report later in the meeting at item 5 on the agenda.

People Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on progress against the current year's People Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Atkinson presented the report drawing Members' attention to the initiation of action towards achieving the key priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, together with a summary of key areas of influence and achievements of the People Board in relation to joint working with the Clinical Commissioning Group; job prospects,

skills and reducing social isolation; young people; heritage and health and wellbeing as at 29th February, 2016.

There being no comments or questions on the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and be noted; and
- ii) consideration be given to the financial issues arising from the People Board report later in the meeting at item 5 on the agenda.

Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN)

The AVCS Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on issues pertinent to the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Consideration was given to the report which highlighted the following feedback and input arising from the two VCS meetings held since the Area Committee last met in December:-

- i) the receipt of presentations from Jan Milner of the Live Life Well Service and Gillian Patterson the Council's Children's Services West Locality Manager,
- ii) a presentation from the Leader of the Council on the Combined Authority and the proposals in respect of regional devolution.
- iii) the establishment of a coding workshop to commence in April 2016 at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre made possible through partnership working involving the Library Service, the voluntary community sector and the Software Centre.

In addition Members were informed that the West VCSN would continue to deliver activities and services which supported the Area Committee's priorities.

There being no comments or questions on the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

At this juncture, the Chairman on behalf of the Committee, presented Edna Rochester, one of the West Area's three VCS Network representatives, with a bouquet of flowers to mark her 60 years of service in the local community.

Report of the Northumbria Police – Sunderland West

Inspector Laverick of Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated) together with an addendum report (copy tabled) which provided the Committee with an update on the Force's most recent performance indicators for the period 1st April 2015 to end of February, 2016.

Particular reference was paid to crime levels in relation to violent crime, vehicle crime, burglary from dwelling, burglary other than dwelling, criminal damage, shoplifting, youth ASB, Non Youth ASB and drug crime.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

In addition Inspector Laverick briefed members on:-

- i) the development of the Lighter Nights Campaign to run jointly with the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, the Council and Gentoo
- ii) the transfer of the resource at Farrington Police Station to shared accommodation next door with the Fire and Rescue Service which took place on 3rd December, 2015
- iii) the use of social media as an effective tool to drive through crime prevention messages.
- iv) the use of new powers to tackle antisocial behaviour in the Eden Vale area.

The Chairman having thanked Inspector Laverick for her report and for hosting the Area Committee's tour of the Force's new accommodation at Farrington Community Fire and Police Station, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

The report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) was submitted which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1st November, 2015 to 1st February, 2016 with particular reference to:-

- i) the number of deaths from all fires (none),
- ii) deliberate property fires (2),
- iii) deliberate vehicle fires (6), and
- iv) secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles (27).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Peverley, Area Coordinator, presented the report having advised that Station Manager Steve Burdis had submitted his apologies having agreed to cover the meeting

of the Coalfield Area Committee. Ms Peverley advised that if members had any questions she would forward these to Mr Burdis.

There being no questions or comments, it was:-

6. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Peverley, Area Coordinator, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of 8 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2015/16 Community Chest budget, details of proposals for the allocation of SIB funding and details of the allocation of funding under the small grants process in relation to maximising greenspace/derelict land activity.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-
- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted;
 - (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £17,000 SIB funding in respect of the West Enterprise Scheme as detailed in Annex 1 of the report;
 - (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £2,900 SIB funding to support the promotion of the Landlords Accreditation Scheme throughout the West Area as detailed in Annex 2 of the report;
 - (iv) the two proposals agreed through the small grants process in respect of Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity as detailed in Annex 3 of the report be noted;
 - (v) the approval of the 8 Community Chest applications as detailed in Annex 4 of the report be noted.

West Area Committee Annual Report 2015

The Chair of the Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval of the West Sunderland Area Committee's Annual Report for inclusion as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report to be presented to full Council.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Gofton having commended the new one page format of the annual report and Members having been advised that the content of page would continue develop prior to the submission of the report to Council, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that approval be given to the West Sunderland Area Annual report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2015-16.

Current Planning Applications (West Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st January and 16th February 2016 was submitted for members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes)

9. RESOLVED the schedule be received and noted.

At this juncture the Chairman paid tribute to Sonia Tognarelli the Committee's Area Lead Executive and the Council's Interim Head of Paid Service who was attending her last meeting of the Committee prior to retiring at the end of the financial year. On behalf of the Committee and as a token of its appreciation for her support, the Chairman presented Ms Tognarelli with a bouquet of flowers. Ms Tognarelli replied that it had been an absolute pleasure working with the members of the Area Committee throughout her career in Sunderland as a treasurer and latterly as the Committee's Area Lead Executive. She thanked members for their support and wished everyone well for the future.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and especially to all at Pennywell Community Centre for their kindness and assistance in hosting the meeting and the associated community event.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.

8 June 2016

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2016 / 2017

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the 2015/16 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
- b. Seeks Area Committee approval for Place priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2016/17
- c. Provides an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2016/17.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year West Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Place Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides the annual update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2016/17.

3. Annual Update of 2015/16 Place Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2015/16 Work Plan is attached as **Item 2 Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2016/17

- 4.1 The West Sunderland Area Place Board and West Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all West Area Councillors to consider and agree. Area Committee are requested to consider and agree the following list of priorities which will inform the work plan for the Area Place Board during 2016 / 2017, these are:-
 - a) Influence core service delivery for council Place Services
 - b) Responsive Local Services – performance management of local service standards
 - c) Mobilising communities to take sustainable action to support environmental improvements and utilising green space to improve their health and wellbeing
 - d) Supporting Local Shopping Centres – maintenance, improvements and workplace health
 - e) Housing – enabling healthier homes and supporting communities to reduce their energy bills
 - f) Ensure West communities benefit from the Tall Ships 2018
 - g) Review local Parking issues
- 4.2 The proposed detailed work plan for 2016 / 2017 is attached as **Item 2 Annex 2**.

5. Area Governance Arrangements

- 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 local level; and
 - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.
- 5.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities. Terms of Reference attached at **Item 2 Annex 3**.
- 5.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers 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. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Michael Essl
Barnes	Cllr Ian Galbraith
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Debra Waller
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St. Anne's	Cllr Karen Waters
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to:-

- a. Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the West Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 attached as **Item 2 Annex 1**.
- b. Consider and agree the West Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 attached as **Item 2 Annex 2**.
- c. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2016/17 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 2 Annex 3**.

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PLACE PRIORITIES

	Area Priority	Proposed Action	Lead Agent	Progress
1	Improving Environment and Greenspace	1. Working with the RLS Area Response Manager and Customer Relationship Officer, work with schools and community organisations inc youth groups, to reinforce messages around the implications of littering, fly-tipping, wheelie bin fires, graffiti and anti-social behaviour. Support delivery of a further programme of educational support across all schools in the West, working with Safety Works.	All	Safety Works presented an update to September Place Board in relation to the success of the 2014/2015 programme and were awarded SIB funding at October Area Committee to continue delivery in 2015/2016
		2. Members to use their local knowledge to support sustainable improvements within their wards, creating spaces for families to enjoy and support community cohesion. Develop a programme of love where you live activities and events, linked to West Green Place Plan developments to promote participation and health messages, such as planting fruit and vegetables	All	Walk and Talk budget allocated to each ward for 2015/2016. Many positive projects have been delivered across the West, utilising the funding.
		3. Implement the detailed actions aligned within the West Green Space Plan for 2015/2016, working with communities and partners to maximise outputs and encourage wider participation	All	Area Tour held in June 2015. Area Committee visited various sites across the area and actions were logged into the West Place Plan for 2015/2016. Applications for projects are progressing well. Updated details can be found in Maximising Green Space Plan
2	Improve the physical and environmental appearance of shopping centres in the West and support the establishment of 'Trader Groups', as interest arises	1. Continue to work with Pallion Traders to promote trade and increase footfall and address local area issues. Encourage Pallion traders to become the first West Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre. Encourage Pallion Traders to apply to be 'The Great British High Street of the Year 2015'.	SCC, Traders	Pallion Traders continue to meet monthly. They have successfully fundraised to enable Christmas Illuminations to be installed for Christmas 2015. Pallion Ward Councillors have matched the Traders fundraising with funding from their own area budget. The Switch on was held on the 13th November and was a great success. The Pallion Traders also met with the project Director for the new Bridge to ensure the traders are able to support wherever possible and also utilise additional footfall to the area.
		2. Continue to work with Silksworth Traders to promote trade and increase footfall and address local area issues. Introduce Incredible Edible programme to Silksworth Traders.	SCC, Traders	Advertising Litter Bins installed and advertising space promoted to encourage local traders to promote their business. Review currently underway to determine if other capital improvements could be completed to enhance the local shopping area.

		3. Introduce trader support within the Broadway (St Annes) & Thorney Close (Sandhill) Shopping centres, utilising lessons learnt from Pallion & Silksworth, working towards the same positive outcomes, to ensure traders work together to encourage trade and improve the look and feel of the area.	SCC, Traders	West Area Committee agreed to approve funding to support capital improvements at local shopping centres across the West. A capital programme plan has been developed and will be reviewed by the Place Board to ensure works completed are delivered efficiently and effectively in liaison with local traders and ward councillors. St Anne's Councillors met with traders from the Broadway Shopping Centre during October. The meeting was successful and the partnership approach between the local ward councillors and the Broadway traders enabled the capital improvement scheme for the area to be bespoke and fit for purpose.
3	Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee	1. Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after. Develop approach(s) to deal with neglected:- Land, Housing, Shopping Parades, Industrial Estates, through interventions appropriate at Area Level (detail within West Green Space Plan 2015/2016)	SCC, VCS, Partners, Land owners	Consultation Event held at Children's Forest to establish future use for the forest and community interest to support on going developments and maintenance. Silksworth have held an event to engage with local residents for Newport Dene, the project continues to work with young people both in local schools and youth groups. The group are hoping to carry out a love where you live campaign in the area.
		2. Influence the 'In Bloom' activity organised by Street Scene to encourage communities to consider developing It's Your Neighbourhood applications and develop a Sunderland In Bloom programme of activities	SCC, VCS, Partners, Land owners, Traders	Pallion Traders submitted an application to It's Your Neighbourhood. The traders won the RHS It's your Neighbourhood Level 3 'Developing' Award and are working towards level 4/5 'Thriving/Outstanding' for next year. Shopping Centre capital developments will all include additional planters or planting features which will be created in partnership with local traders, schools and VCS organisations to ensure their ongoing sustainable maintenance. Ideas to develop 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Applications within each ward in the West were discussed with the VCS Network in January and April 2016, to support preparation of applications for early spring 2016. Pallion Traders and St Anne's residents are submitting applications for 2016 awards.
		3. Continue to influence the development of the core strategy, and future land use in the West	SCC	Work continues at pace on the development of the Local Growth Plan and Core Strategy. Members briefing held w/c 16th May and full city-wide resident consultation exercise commenced on the 20th May. Further details will continue to be shared with members. West Strategic Land Review produced and available for review either on-line, from local library or within members reference library.

	4. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016/2017	SCC	Highway Maintenance Capital Programme for 2016/2017 was discussed at Place Board in November 2015, to ensure approval of local Highway Capital Programme at March 2016 Area Committee.
	5. Consideration to be given to how the Area Committee could inform the development of annual delivery plans and identify local hot spots for target through local intelligence and work with the Housing Renewal Team to prioritise area work.	SCC, Landlords	Members attended a workshop in January 2016, ideas for promoting the accreditation scheme was presented to the Place Board and a recommendation to Area Committee was made (and approved) in March to fund a healthy homes project. The project will run throughout the summer in 2016, with Place Board monitoring progress.
	6. Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPRS) - ensure all Councillors receive Licensing and PPRS awareness training and are introduced to the Area Rep from PPRS for the West (Tom Terrett)	SCC	Update on PPRS presented to Place Board in July 2015. Board discussed supporting communication to prevent 'scratchers' - illegal tattooists from operating within the area as well as raise the profile of food hygiene ratings across Sunderland's food establishments, encouraging communities to 'check the scores on the doors' before purchasing food to encourage food premises to increase their food hygiene standards through local competition. Communication campaign to feature within a future edition of Community News.

PLACE PRIORITIES

	Area Priority	Proposed Action	Lead Agent	Progress
1	Mobilising communities to take sustainable action to support environmental improvements and utilising green space to improve their health and wellbeing	1. Working with the Place Management Area Response Manager and Customer Relationship Officer, work with schools and community organisations inc youth groups, to reinforce messages around the implications of littering, fly-tipping, wheelie bin fires, graffiti and anti-social behaviour. Support delivery of a further programme of educational support across all schools in the West, working with Safety Works.	All	Place Board to monitor the outcome of the Scrutiny Review of Sunderland's Environmental Enforcement Policy
		2. Members to use their local knowledge to support sustainable improvements within their wards, creating spaces for families to enjoy and support community cohesion. Develop a programme of love where you live activities and events, linked to West Green Place Plan developments to promote participation and health messages, such as planting fruit and vegetables	All; VCS	Holiday Hunger project proposal to be presented to June Area Committee, call for project proposal includes activities such as litter picks, growing food, general environmental improvements and awareness. Walk and Talk project proposal to be presented to June Area Committee.
		3. Implement the detailed actions aligned within the West Green Space Plan for 2016/2017, working with communities and partners to maximise outputs and encourage wider participation	All	Area Tour arranged 6th July 2016 - actions arising from the tour to be monitored via the Place Board and the active West green place improvement plan.
2	Improve the physical and environmental appearance of shopping centres in the West and support the establishment of 'Trader Groups', as interest arises	1. Continue to work with Traders to promote trade and increase footfall and address local area issues. Encourage traders to apply for 'It's your neighbourhood' in bloom awards as well as adopt flower planters and advertising litter bins.	SCC, Traders, RHS	Dedicated support secured from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) via the 'RHS Greening Grey Britain' programme to ensure traders/communities receive the training and support they need to support ongoing maintenance
3	Housing - enabling healthier homes	1. Delivery of the healthy home project	SCC; Community Helpers; VCS	Project approved at March Area Committee. VCS organisations and the six West Community Helpers to be trained to ensure they are fully equipped to support vulnerable communities to understand their rights with regard to landlords and the importance of a healthy home.

		2. Support communities to reduce their energy bills and their carbon footprint	VCS	
4	Review local parking issues	1. To acknowledge parking issues as they arise within communities to try and support wherever appropriate to do so	All	
5	Ensure West Communities benefit from the Tall Ships coming to Sunderland in 2018	1. Engage communities to become involved in the Tall Ships 2018 Festival either through volunteering or local trade opportunities		Presentation to be delivered to September Place Board by Ian Flannery, Tall Ships Project Director
6	Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee	1. Performance manage the 'Place Management - Responsive Local Services', Area Service Standards for the West, as agreed by Area Committee in May 2016.	SCC, VCS, Partners, Land owners	Performance updates and local resident feedback to be presented to Place Boards to support members to utilise local intelligence to manage local performance standards.
		2. Continue to influence the development of the core strategy, and future land use in the West	SCC	Work continues at pace on the development of the Local Growth Plan and Core Strategy. Members briefing held w/c 16th May and full city-wide resident consultation exercise commenced on the 20th May. Further details will continue to be shared with members. West Strategic Land Review produced and available for review either on-line, from local library or within members reference library.
		3. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2017/2018	SCC	Highway Maintenance Programme 2017/2018 will be discussed at November 2016 Place Board, February 2017 Place Board with final recommendation made to March 2017 Area Committee.
		4. Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPRS) - ensure all Councillors receive Licensing and PPRS awareness training and are introduced to the Area Rep from PPRS for the West (Tom Terrett)	SCC	Tom Terrett delivering training as part of the new member induction process following the May 2016 elections. Tom to present a further update to future Place Boards in relation to the extended remit of his service to incorporate Houses in Multiple Occupation and Accredited Landlords

Place Board – Terms of Reference

The Place Board is a working Board of the Area Committee for the design, delivery and review of services designated to deliver at an area level.

Membership and Role

Chair

- The Chair of the Place Board is agreed at the Annual Council meeting.
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each one will be set in consultation with the Place Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area priorities.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the Place Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the Place Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

Elected Members

- Core Membership of the Place Board will be nominated and agreed at the first Area Committee meeting of the municipal year and will consist of representation of one Member per ward area.
- Attendance of the Board is open to all Ward Members; however, Core Membership may be changed throughout the municipal year in consultation with the Chair of the Area Committee and the subsequent approval of the Area Committee.
- As the Member representative for their Ward; Core Members will consult ward colleagues on issues and items discussed at the Place Board then feedback appropriately.
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that Place 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 Area Co-ordinator** – is the Lead Council Officer for cross-directorate support provided to the Board, and also supports the Chair and Board in determining and delivering Area Priorities in line with the Corporate Outcome Framework and Community Strategy.
- **Designated Area Community Development Lead**– supports the Area Co-ordinator and Chair of the Place Board in delivering place board priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network where relevant.
- **Governance Officers** - will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times / and venues and action points, loading reports on to Sharepoint.

Frequency

Place Board meetings will be held every 4-5 weeks excluding months when Area Committees are held.

Reporting Arrangements

The Place Board will report quarterly to the Area Committee through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the Place Board, assisted by the designated Area Co-ordinator.

Remit of the Place Board

The remit of the Place Board is to:

- Respond to all Place priorities in the Local Area Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Improve the identification of services that could benefit the area by being more responsive to local issues and priorities.
- Ensure that the delivery of devolved Council services and the use of its resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and supports the delivery of the Corporate Outcome Framework at a local level.
- Make recommendations on any plans and proposals for potential service delivery to the Area Committee.
- Ensure that devolved Council services, partner agencies and the local community work together to implement the Council's policies and to respond to local issues more effectively.
- Work with partner agencies to promote the aims, principles and actions relating to a specific priority.
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest and Strategic Initiatives Budget.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Strategic Initiative Budget 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 of Core Membership will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

8 June 2016

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2016 / 2017

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the 2015/16 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
- b. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2016/17
- c. Provides an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2016/17.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year West Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with People and refers the priorities to the West People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The People Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides the annual update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2016/17.

3. Annual Update of 2015/16 People Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2015/16 Work Plan is attached as **Item 3 Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2016/17

- 4.1 The West Sunderland Area People Board and West Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all West Area Councillors to consider and agree. Area Committee are requested to consider and agree the following list of priorities which will inform the work plan for the Area People Board during 2016 / 2017, these are:-
 - a) Influence core service delivery for council People Services
 - b) Work in partnership with the Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group to reduce social isolation and mental health issues through prevention and improved communication
 - c) Create Healthy Lifestyles through targeted activities, events and communication
 - d) Support vulnerable communities to tackle poor health, worklessness and raise their aspirations
 - e) Develop and encourage partnerships between education and business
 - f) Develop activities for young people to reduce holiday hunger, encourage healthy lifestyles and improve their local environment
 - g) Support West Enterprise
 - h) Work with the West Voluntary and Community Sector to ensure they are focused and enabled to strengthen their position and long-term delivery strategy

4.2 The proposed detailed Work Plan for 2016 / 2017 is attached as **Item 3 Annex 2**.

5. Area Governance Arrangements

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 local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.

5.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities. Terms of Reference attached as **Item 3 Annex 3**.

5.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers 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. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	People Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Rebecca Atkinson
Barnes	Cllr Michael Essl
Pallion	Cllr Celia Gofton
Sandhill	Cllr Jacqui Gallagher
Silksworth	Cllr Pat Smith
St. Anne's	Cllr Susan Watson
St Chad's	Cllr Gillian Galbraith

5.4 Other local groups/boards where West Area Committee has elected member representation are outlined below:-

Group	Elected Member Representative
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)	Cllr Philip Tye
Children's Local Advisory Board (CLAB)	Cllr Rebecca Atkinson and Cllr Peter Gibson

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to:-

- a. Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the West Area People Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 attached as **Item 3 Annex 1**.
- b. Consider and agree the West Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 attached as **Item 3 Annex 2**.
- c. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2016/17 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 3 Annex 3**.

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PEOPLE PRIORITIES

	Area Priority	Proposed Action	Lead Agent	Progress
1	Improving Health and Wellbeing - detail within West Health Plan on Page (developed in partnership with Public Health and Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group)	1. The city approach to an Active Sunderland commenced in 2014/15 and will be developed over the coming years. West Area Committee will support the Active Sunderland approach working with others towards the same collective aim to support delivery of outcomes.	All	Linked to Maximising Green Spaces - West Place Improvement Delivery Plan - improving places and spaces to encourage physical activity - walking, running, playing. Area Committee in October 2015 agreed the theme for a large-scale event in the West during 2016, which will focus on physical activity, health and wellbeing linking with the Rio Olympics in 2016.
		2. Monitor the outcomes of the West Health Programme Mental Health and Wellbeing VCS delivered projects and ensure the outcomes and lessons from the projects are directly fed into the SCCG and Public Health Live life well programme to influence current mental health and wellbeing pathways and methods of communication and engagement	SCC, VCS, CCG	Learning from the projects continues to be collated, update presented to September People Board. Lessons learnt to-date have influenced the development of the West Community Helpers project, working directly in partnership with the SCCG and the Live Life Well Service. Specifically the Sporting Memories Network project is now working with schools to encourage inter-generational activities and also supporting the West Event during 2016.
		3. Improve diagnosis of Dementia through awareness raising across communities; creation of Dementia Friendly Shopping Centres within the West and working with large multi-nationals and West employers to ensure they are supportive	SCC, Public Health, SCCG, VCS	Community Helpers Project - presented to Area Committee in October 2015 (see Finance Report) for approval of call for projects. The Community Helpers as part of their role would look further at innovative ways to improve health and wellbeing, working closely with the Live Life Well Service and SCCG to ensure pathways are developed and improved. Also see Enterprise update. The Community Helpers will become trained Dementia Champions as well as encouraging wider VCS groups across the west to become more Dementia friendly.
		4. Continue to deliver the Healthy Lifestyles project and work with schools to influence and further embed physical activity programmes within Schools linked to School Games Organisers and the LAF Team	SCC, Schools, LAF Team, School Games Organisers	October Area Committee reviewed proposals to broaden the outcomes of the healthy Lifestyles project and to extend the project up to and including December 2016. Healthy Lifestyle Co-ordinator heavily involved with the developing proposals for a large-scale health and wellbeing event in the West during 2016.

		5. Reducing Social Isolation working closely with the SCCG to deliver a range of projects which ensure West GP's and formal health pathways consider the positive contribution of the West VCS	VCS, CCG, GP's, SCC	Community Helpers Project - presented to Area Committee in October 2015 for approval of call for projects. December Area Committee to approve the six Community Helper applications to enable the project to commence delivery from 7th December 2015, for 18 months.
		6. Services for young people in relation to sexual health, mental health and use of drugs and legal highs	SCC	Understand the outcome of the recent Scrutiny Review in relation to legal highs; Consult youth providers in the area to understand the issues currently for young people in relation to sexual health and mental health and look to work in partnership to address issues.
2	Activities for Young People	1. Elected members to support the Youth Operational Group and receive regular updates on youth activity delivery	SCC	Members to be consulted upon the Winter 2015/2016 programme during October 2015.
		2. Influence and support the delivery of youth activity in the West, considering holiday hunger.	SCC and Youth Providers	Area Committee funded Holiday Hunger Pilot Scheme (along with all other Area Committees), across the West to supply additional food resource to children during the six week holiday period. Feedback from the scheme was shared with committee to ascertain need and future requirements to address need, linked with activities and programme already being delivered within communities. Committee agreed to utilise the underspend from the project to support the most vulnerable families across the West during Christmas 2015.
3	Improve the employment prospects, aspirations and opportunities for West residents from -9 months to end of life	1. Improve the employment prospects and opportunities of communities in the West, strengthening and promoting partnership working between schools and employers to improve career advice, skills development and enterprise	SCC, Schools and VCS	A proposal was developed and presented to People board in November. The proposal entitled WIRES 2, builds upon the success of WIRES and extends its remit to work with younger people from 14 years of age upwards, linking the job market opportunities within Sunderland and future growth within sectors, to ensure communities and our most vulnerable young people are best placed for local opportunities. Working with local employers and large-scale businesses to make firm connections with schools.
		2. Monitor the delivery and outcomes of the Apprenticeship Scheme, West Work Experience and the WIRES Project and review further options for skills support within the West Area - utilising the West Business Diagnostic	SCC, Schools and VCS	Regular meetings continue to be held with providers to ensure projects deliver outcomes required and also to capture lessons learnt to inform future project development (such as WIRES 2 noted above) and deliver to maximise opportunities to improve outcomes for West residents.

		3. Attract external funding into the West	SCC, VCS	External funding opportunities and application advice and information collated for the West Area - circulated to all West VCS organisations to support their thinking. Ward meetings held with members and area arrangements team to also discuss opportunities for joint working to attract additional 'in-kind' funding.
		4. Following the West Community Job Clubs, continue to understand the lessons learnt and develop a 'Community Helper' model which enables communities to develop their skills to support each other - through advice, guidance and signposting - particularly focusing upon the impacts of Universal Credit and requirement to manage budgets as well as access and ability to utilise ICT. Influence the programme to develop improving effective digital skills across the West.	SCC, VCS	People board reviewed Community ICT resources and available ICT support within the West. The board recognises that hard to reach individuals require specialist and intensive support to move closer to the labour market. • Community Helpers Project - The Helpers as part of their role would look further at innovative and community learning courses to engage residents in learning.
		5. Monitor the implementation of the Sunderland Council Local Support Framework and identify potential gaps across the West of the city in preparation for the roll out of universal credit. Understand how the Sunderland Council led Complex Needs Survey is being undertaken and how support can be programmed to utilise the resources available across the West VCS Network.	SCC, VCS, DWP	Updates on Universal Credit continues to be presented to People Board to ensure members understand and are able to influence the Local Support Framework. All member sessions were also held in October and one to one sessions offered to members via People Directorate as the first phase of Universal Credit is rolled out. Community Helpers will support development of literature / information resources to be included within crisis intervention / food parcels to ensure that vulnerable residents are aware of the support available to reduce the cycle of poverty and encourage self-help wherever possible.
		6. Monitor and review delivery of the West Enterprise Scheme in the West to ensure businesses are growing & improving moving from the broader personalisation agenda to a 'Neighbourhood Level West Enterprise Scheme'	SCC, Local Businesses	Options presented to September People Board to develop a Neighbourhood Level West Enterprise Scheme. Options to be developed and presented to People Board in January 2016. The neighbourhood scheme must link with existing activity to maximise effectiveness and opportunities for West residents.
		7. Review the completed diagnostic of the businesses within the West to identify and inform how enterprise and utilisation of skills can be supported in the West. Link to the Community Champion signposting model. Business diagnostic to be used to understand how employers and businesses in the West could support wider priorities such as becoming Dementia Friendly; Supporting Apprenticeships; Work Experience; Workplace Volunteer Programmes.	SCC, Local Businesses	Update presented to September People Board. West Business directory to be shared with schools and local VCS organisations to maximise work experience and apprenticeship opportunities.

4	Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee	1. Education and Skills Strategy and developing relationship with Schools with a particular focus upon work skills, vocational qualifications and opportunities to prepare young people to move into employment and raise their personal aspirations to succeed. Understand the impact of poor mental health and wellbeing in relation to young people's aspirations to move into secure employment and personal development	SCC & Schools	Linked to development of West Neighbourhood Enterprise programme. Also the additional outcomes for the Healthy Lifestyles Project (October Area Committee Item 5) will continue to gather intelligence in relation to the impact of poor mental health in relation to aspirations and personal development.
		2. The Sport and Leisure Joint Venture (Sport and Leisure Management SLM) - understand the implications for the West area	SCC/SLM	Active Sunderland approach presented to the People Board in July 2015, explaining the joint venture working arrangements and potential capital improvements for Silksworth Sports Complex. Further updates will be presented to People board in January 2016. Active Sunderland met with all Area Chairs in November to continue dialogue and obtain community intelligence from Councillors in relation to service delivery standards to-date.
		3. The Care Act and the potential implications for communities within the West	SCC	Shared with VCS network to enable the VCS to understand the implications of the Act.
5	Influence and encourage heritage activity in the West	1. Hold the West Heritage 3 Day Event in 21-23 May 2015	SCC, VCS, Key Partners	Delivery of a safe, well attended & successful event. Boards discussed potential opportunities to host an event during 2016. October 2015 Area Committee agreed to fund an event in 2016. Dates confirmed 30.6.15 to 2.7.15, event to be held in Barnes Park, theme is Healthy Lifestyles and Road to Rio (linked to the 2016 Olympics).
		2. Encourage further local heritage and history groups to develop activities and infrastructure projects which bring together communities to reminisce and inspire future generations to take pride in their local area - particularly taking advantage of the West's Industrial Heritage. Linked to maximising green space plan and It's your neighbourhood.	SCC, VCS, Key Partners	Work with the Library service to develop a programme of reminiscence sessions across the West area linked to green spaces as well as local areas of interest. Development of outdoor Story Chairs for various locations to be confirmed within the West. Looking into installation of Art Work across the West.

PEOPLE PRIORITIES

	Area Priority	Proposed Action	Lead Agent	Progress
1	Create Healthy Lifestyles through targeted activities, events and communication	1. The city approach to an Active Sunderland commenced in 2014/15 and continues to be developed over the coming years. West Area Committee will support the Active Sunderland approach working with others to support delivery of outcomes with the aim of getting people physically active.	SCC, VCS	Large-scale 'Road to Rio' Healthy Lifestyles Event planned 30th June, 1st July and 2nd July 2016, funded by West Area Committee
		2. Continue to deliver the Healthy Lifestyles project and work with schools to influence and further embed physical activity programmes within Schools linked to School Games Organisers and the LAF Team	SCC, Schools, LAF Team, School Games Organisers	Healthy Lifestyles Co-ordinator heavily involved in the delivery of the Road to Rio event. Delivery of the Cultural Passport element of the project is going well. A full update to be presented to July People Board to ascertain future direction to work with schools to ensure the more vulnerable young people are given the opportunity to increase their physical activity
2	Work in partnership with the Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group to reduce social isolation and mental health issues through prevention and improved communication	1. Reducing Social Isolation working closely with the Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG) to deliver a range of projects which ensure West GP's and formal health pathways consider the positive contribution of the West VCS to reduce support a reduction in social isolation	VCS, CCG, GP's, SCC	Community Helpers presenting to West GP's and GP Practice Managers on 29th June.
		2. Reducing mental health issues in young people by working closely with the SCCG and the West VCS to deliver a range of projects which ensure all partners understand the benefits of informal support, alternative activities and social group dialogue and support.	SCC, VCS	June Area Committee requested to approve the alignment of the remaining West Health Plan funding to support the delivery of a project. In the meantime, research is currently being undertaken to develop a Call for Projects which is relevant to the West; not duplicating activity and support already available and which has the potential to make a real difference for young people.
3	Develop activities for young people to reduce holiday hunger, encourage healthy lifestyles and improve their local environment	1. Deliver programme of holiday activities across the West, covering School Holidays from July 2016 through to June 2017, delivering activities which encourage young people to become environmentally aware; physically active and support their local community.	SCC and Youth Providers/West VCS	Request to June Area Committee to support funding a programme of holiday activities and a Call for Projects, to be agreed at July People Board.

4	Support vulnerable communities to tackle poor health, worklessness and raise their aspirations	1. Support communities to access training for those who are actively seeking employment - Research the opportunities for access to training for those actively seeking employment and develop a proposal to support those who are unable to access free training, who are unable to pay for training which would enable them to move into sustainable employment.	SCC, SFA, FACL	Extensive research already undertaken in relation to Skills Funding Agency - FACL training courses. Further research and opportunities to progress support to be presented to a future People Board.
		2. Deliver the Community Helpers Project across the six wards within the West of Sunderland, ensuring that any lessons learnt throughout the project are shared to influence commissioning of services to support our most vulnerable.	SCC, VCS, CCG, DWP	Community Helpers work in partnership across the West and meet regularly with Area Arrangements Team to ensure lessons learnt are timely and shared. Further updates to be shared regularly with People Board.
		3. Monitor the implementation of the Sunderland Council Local Support Framework and identify potential gaps across the West of the city in preparation for the roll out of universal credit as well as the implications of the Benefit cap.	SCC, VCS	Utilise the Sunderland Council's Complex Needs Survey to ensure support is programmed to utilise the resources available across the West VCS Network. Ensure the intelligence hub is used effectively alongside the ICT resources available across the area to support people with on-line claims, job searches and benefit advice.
5	Develop and encourage partnerships between education and business	1. West Business Directory to be shared with all schools to link schools to local businesses as well as create additional opportunities for work experience; apprenticeships and vocational training.	SCC, VCS, DWP	Continue to monitor the delivery of the WIRES2 Project, linking 14-16 year olds with vocational training opportunities and businesses
6	Support West Enterprise	1. Delivery of the West Enterprise Scheme to create ten new businesses within the West of Sunderland.	SCC, Local Businesses	
7	Work with the West Voluntary and Community Sector to ensure they are focused and enabled to strengthen their position and long-term delivery strategy	1. West VCS Network - work with the VCS Sector to strengthen and increase capacity to enable the sector to deliver the West priorities.	SCC; VCS	Area Arrangements Team now has access to and has been trained in the use of, the GRANTfinder software and regularly research and share information with the VCS network, as and when funding opportunities arise.

8	Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee	1. Education and Skills Strategy and developing relationship with Schools with a particular focus upon work skills, vocational qualifications and opportunities to prepare young people to move into employment and raise their personal aspirations to succeed. Understand the impact of poor mental health and wellbeing in relation to young people's aspirations to move into secure employment and personal development	SCC & Schools	WIRES 2 project, approved at December 2015 Area Committee currently delivering to support the gathering of evidence to demonstrate the need to work specifically with 14-16 year olds (especially those leaving care, in care, at risk of becoming NEET), to offer opportunities to increase vocational qualifications, develop enterprise and learn general 'ready for work' life skills.
		2. The Sport and Leisure Joint Venture (Sport and Leisure Management SLM) - understand the implications for the West area	SCC/SLM	Further updates on delivery of the venture to be presented to People Boards

People Board – Terms of Reference

The People Board is a working Board of the Area Committee for the design, delivery and review of services designated to deliver at an area level.

Membership and Role

Chair

- The Chair of the People Board is agreed at the Annual Council meeting.
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each one will be set in consultation with the People Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area priorities.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the People Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the People Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

Elected Members

- Core Membership of the People Board will be nominated and agreed at the first Area Committee meeting of the municipal year and will consist of representation of one Member per ward area.
- Attendance of the Board is open to all Ward Members; however, Core Membership may be changed throughout the municipal year in consultation with the Chair of the Area Committee and the subsequent approval of the Area Committee.
- As the Member representative for their Ward; Core Members will consult ward colleagues on issues and items discussed at the People Board then feedback appropriately.
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that People 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 Area Co-ordinator** – is the Lead Council Officer for cross-directorate support provided to the Board, and also supports the Chair and Board in determining and delivering Area Priorities in line with the Corporate Outcome Framework and Community Strategy.
- **Designated Area Community Development Lead** – supports the Area Co-ordinator and Chair of the People Board in delivering People board priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network where relevant.
- **Governance Officers** - will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times / and venues and action points, loading reports on to Sharepoint.

Frequency

People Board meetings will be held every 4-5 weeks excluding months when Area Committees are held.

Reporting Arrangements

The People Board will report quarterly to the Area Committee through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the People Board, assisted by the designated Area Co-ordinator.

Remit of the People Board

The remit of the People Board is to:

- Respond to all People priorities in the Local Area Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Improve the identification of services that could benefit the area by being more responsive to local issues and priorities.
- Ensure that the delivery of devolved Council services and the use of its resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and supports the delivery of the Corporate Outcome Framework at a local level.
- Make recommendations on any plans and proposals for potential service delivery to the Area Committee.
- Ensure that devolved Council services, partner agencies and the local community work together to implement the Council's policies and to respond to local issues more effectively.
- Work with partner agencies to promote the aims, principles and actions relating to a specific priority.
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest and Strategic Initiatives Budget.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Strategic Initiative Budget 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 of Core Membership will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

8th June 2016

REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network.

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee, taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 West Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 The West AVCSN has met once since the last Area Committee in March 2016. The West VCSN continue to deliver activities and services which support the Area Committee priorities of Health and Wellbeing, Improving Job Prospects, Increasing skills and personal aspirations, Activities for Young People, Heritage and Environment, Greenspaces and Shopping Centres.
- 3.2 In the April meeting, the VCSN received a presentation from Karen Alexander on the 2016/2017 Family Adult and Community Learning (FACL) opportunities and how the VCS can apply. The network welcomed the opportunity of the funding and raised concerns over the eligibility criteria of learners to access courses for free. This information was fed into the Area Committee priorities proposed for 2016/2017.
- 3.3 The VCS discussed the proposed West Area Committee priorities for 2016/2017 (People and Place) and their comments are incorporated into the final priorities presented to Area Committee.
- 3.4 The VCS members have been working closely with the West Area Community Development Lead, looking into external funding opportunities using GRANTfinder, as well as continuing to work on effective partnership working, with ideas already coming forward such as an equipment share and how to best utilise the assets within the Area.
- 3.5 The VCS were invited to a volunteer event hosted by the Royal Horticultural Society and held at Parker Trust (organised through the RHS Greening Grey Britain programme as part of a funded project being delivered by Pallion Traders). The event was a great success with volunteers producing hanging baskets for local community venues.
- 3.6 The VCS continue to be heavily involved in activities being delivered at the Road to Rio West Area Event in 2016.
- 3.7 Following the Terms of Reference the longest standing VCS Network Representative is standing down and the network will be asked to elect a new representative in the coming

weeks. The West Area VCS Network would like to thank Edna Rochester for all of her help and support she has offered throughout her time as West Area Network Representative.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report

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8th June 2016

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 1st March 2016 – 20th May 2016.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3 Events and Updates

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood team is now well embedded into the Fire Station and the partnership between the two services is working well with the staff at the Fire station being very welcoming.
- 3.2 The new Crime year started on the 1st April 2016. Our Policing priorities will continue to be around crimes that have the most impact on the victim, such as Burglary, Domestic/Sexual violence and Anti- Social behaviour.

As part of those priorities we will continue to target the perpetrators of these offences and also to identify the most vulnerable victims. The quality of service we provide to the public is also a priority therefore we have objectives around “Putting the victim first”, Preventing crime and Community confidence.

- 3.3 The way crime is recorded will continue to have an impact on raw data for the next few months and it will probably be 2017 before we start getting accurate year on year comparisons. Already since 1st April 2016, however we are showing a fall in the number of incidents reported to the police. There have been 325 fewer calls compared to the same period last year.
- 3.4 Violent crime continues to show a rise in reporting with incidents which would previously have been classed as Anti-Social Behaviour being recorded as crimes. As previously mentioned it is therefore important that the Neighbourhood Police team identifies vulnerable and repeat victims early in order that we can prevent further offences. This is where much of our work around domestic violence victims is concentrated.
- 3.5 Social media is continuing to have a big impact on policing. The Neighbourhood Police teams have therefore been giving presentations in local schools about using the internet safely. Educating both children and adults in order to prevent offences in the first place is undoubtedly the way forward. Unfortunately in order to solve computer crime a police officer needs to be behind a computer. Recently an officer from the neighbourhood team had to contact the FBI regarding an incident reported at a local school. This would have been unheard of 5 years ago, and the amount of work involved has a negative impact on visible policing.

- 3.6 Sunderland West Neighbourhood Teams continue to tackle acquisitive crime focusing mainly on Burglary dwelling. We have seen a rise in offences around the Pallion, Lower Ford area and as a result "Operation Impact" is being run in the area with extra resources being dedicated. Frustratingly all the offences involve people not taking basic crime prevention measures such as ensuring their front doors are locked. We continue to pass this message out in the area through both letter drops and Social media. There was a brief problem on Hylton Lane Estate early in April however this was resolved quickly following some good arrests. The offenders are now remanded in custody.
- 3.7 Anti-Social Behaviour continues to remain a priority. There have been no clear hotspots however with the weather improving we anticipate an increase in youth ASB.
- 3.8 Forward Planning

We have BBC's Crime Watch Road Show visiting the Station and there will be a 'live' broadcast on Friday 24th June 2016. This involves the theft of Bikes and Go Karts belonging to the Autism Society from Silksworth Ski slopes in March. We are hoping to generate some media interest and hopefully get the offenders named.

We also have The Fair at North Moor coming-up shortly, Ramadan in June and the 'Road to Rio' event in July.

4. Update – Area Information

- 4.1 The ward updates below are a selection of appropriate offence types of interest and not all crime (e.g. minor fraud or harassment type offences etc. are not included).
- 4.2 Figures are from the 1st April 2016 as the computer programme would not allow comparisons spanning different financial years.

South data covers the following wards:

St Chad's
Silksworth

West data covers the following wards:

Sandhill
St Anne's
Pallion
Barnes

South Area	Actual crimes recorded inclusive of South	
	01.04.16 – 20.05.16	
Total Crime	193	+18.7%
Violent Crime With Injury	20	+11.2%
Violent Crime Without Injury	31	+36.6%
Burglary dwelling	6	+59.6%

Burglary other than dwelling	12 +78.8%	
Criminal Damage	31 -22.0%	
Vehicle Crime TFMV	11 + 82.1%	
Shoplifting	12 -1.8%	
Youth ASB	36 -8.5%	
Non Youth ASB	56 - 31.3%	
Drug crime	6 + 100%	
West Area	Actual crimes recorded inclusive of West	
	01.04.16 – 20.05.16	
Total Crime	397 +14.8%	
Violent Crime With Injury	42 +21%	
Violent Crime Without Injury	72 +71.4%	
Burglary dwelling	16 +16.8%	
Burglary other than dwelling	16 +40.2%	
Criminal Damage	78 -0.5%	
Vehicle Crime TFMV	15 - 27%	
Shoplifting	21 - 34.5%	
Youth ASB	73 + 6%	
Non Youth ASB	140 -2.8%	
Drug crime	10 - 17%	

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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8th June 2016**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 Sunderland West Committee area from 1 Feb 2016 to 1 May 2016.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting 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 02 Number of Deaths from all fires**

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires

There was 1 deliberate property fire during the reporting period in the West Area. There were 2 incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Date	Time	Ward	Building
11/02	21:48	Silksworth	Allotment shed

3.3 LI15 Number of vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 9 deliberate vehicle fires in this area during the reporting period. There were 3 incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Date	Time	Ward	Vehicle
07/03	23:09	Pallion	Car
13/03	21:20	Sandhill	Car
19/03	01:11	Silksworth	Van
22/03	05:37	St Anne's	Multiple vehicles
24/03	20:14	St Anne's	Car
26/03	00:07	St Anne's	Car
28/03	10:45	St Anne's	Car
30/03	00:35	Pallion	Car
13/04	23:46	Barnes	Van

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

There have been 49 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 62 over the same period last year. This is a decrease of 21% over the same reporting period.

During this period Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service has worked with partners as part of our Lighter Nights campaign, which is similar to our Darker Nights campaign, where crews carry out Hot spot identification from historical data and work with our partners targeting those areas to carry out rubbish up-lifts and shrubbery cutbacks. Also working with the Neighbourhood Police based at Farringdon has identified Hot spot areas for ASB.

Ward	Incidents
St. Anne's Ward	11
Barnes Ward	4
Pallion Ward	11
Sandhill Ward	10
Silksworth Ward	1
St. Chad's Ward	12

Barnes Ward	Total
Other Outdoors	1
Grassland/,Pasture/ grazing	2
Canal / river bank	1

Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
19/04	00:03	Barnes Ward	Other outdoors
07/02	16:48	Barnes Ward	Grassland/pasture/grazing
25/03	15:04	Barnes Ward	Grassland/pasture/grazing
01/04	15:56	Barnes Ward	Canal / river bank

Pallion Ward	Total
Wheelie Bin	2
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	6
Other outdoors	1
Caravan not owned/not on tow	1
Large refuse/ Tip	1

Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
03/02	20.20	Pallion Ward	Loose Refuse
03/02	20.53	Pallion Ward	Wheelie Bin
03/02	21.54	Pallion Ward	Wheelie Bin
09/02	18.21	Pallion Ward	Large refuse/ Tip
09/02	21.36	Pallion Ward	Loose Refuse
09/02	21.49	Pallion Ward	Caravan not on tow/ not owned
23/02	04.15	Pallion Ward	Loose Refuse
27/02	16.20	Pallion Ward	Loose Refuse
16/03	20.50	Pallion Ward	Other outdoor including roadside furniture
19/03	21.09	Pallion Ward	Loose Refuse
01/04	20.12	Pallion Ward	Loose Refuse

Sandhill Ward	Total
Tree scrub	1
Wheelie Bin	3
Large refuse / rubbish Container	2
Loose refuse	3
Grassland, pasture	1

Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
02/02	22:40	Sandhill Ward	Tree Scrub
18/02	19:15	Sandhill Ward	Wheelie Bin
21/02	17:33	Sandhill Ward	Large Refuse /container
23/02	22:56	Sandhill Ward	Loose refuse
02/03	19.46	Sandhill Ward	Large refuse/ container
30/03	20:25	Sandhill Ward	Loose refuse
31/03	14:46	Sandhill Ward	Grassland/pasture
31/03	15:01	Sandhill Ward	Wheelie Bin
31/03	21:21	Sandhill Ward	Wheelie Bin
16/04	20:06	Sandhill Ward	Loose refuse

Silksworth Ward	Total
Rubbish/ Refuse Large	1

Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
30/03	09:00	Silksworth Ward	Rubbish/ refuse / Large

St Anne's Ward	Total
Large refuse/ Tip	2
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	6
Large refuse/ rubbish container	1
Wheelie Bin	1
Tree scrub	1

Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
01/02	19.23	St Anne's Ward	Loose refuse
22/02	19.42	St Anne's Ward	Loose refuse
20/03	11.48	St Anne's Ward	Refuse/Rubbish Tip
20/03	17.32	St Anne's Ward	Refuse/Rubbish Tip
26/03	02.01	St Anne's Ward	Large refuse/rubbish container
29/03	21.24	St Anne's Ward	Loose refuse
01/04	18.45	St Anne's Ward	Wheelie Bin
14/04	17.16	St Anne's Ward	Loose refuse
17/04	14.12	St Anne's Ward	Tree Scrub
19/04	10.50	St Anne's Ward	Loose refuse
24/04	18.30	St Anne's Ward	Loose refuse

St Chads Ward	Total
Wheelie Bin	2
Grassland/ Pasture/grazing	7
Large Refuse Container	1
Scrubland	2

Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
02/02	22.40	St Chads Ward	Wheelie Bin
19/02	05.17	St Chads Ward	Wheelie Bin
29/02	20.38	St Chads Ward	Grassland/ Pasture/grazing
12/03	23.42	St Chads Ward	Large refuse/rubbish container
21/03	19.18	St Chads Ward	Grassland/ Pasture/grazing
22/03	19.27	St Chads Ward	Grassland/ Pasture/grazing
25/03	17.54	St Chads Ward	Grassland/ Pasture/grazing
25/03	13.06	St Chads Ward	Grassland/ Pasture/grazing
26/03	15.26	St Chads Ward	Scrubland
26/03	17.12	St Chads Ward	Grassland/ Pasture/grazing
27/03	14:14	St Chads Ward	Grassland/ Pasture/grazing
25/04	11.36	St Chads Ward	Scrubland

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

There were a total of 59 deliberate fires (49 secondary fires, 9 vehicle fires and 1 property fire) in this reporting period, this is an decrease of 8 on last year when there was 67.

Ward	February	March	April	Total
St. Anne's Ward	2	11	2	15
Barnes Ward	1	1	3	5
Pallion Ward	8	5	0	13
Sandhill Ward	3	7	1	11
Silksworth Ward	2	1	0	3
St. Chad's Ward	3	8	1	12

3.6 LI21 Malicious false alarm calls attended

There were 0 Malicious False Alarm calls attended over this period.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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WEST AREA COMMITTEE
8th June 2016
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

Head of Area Arrangements, Scrutiny and Member Support

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2016/17 budget:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1
- (b) Approve the allocation of £60,000 for the West Walk and Talk Programme. **Item 5 Annex 1.**
- (c) Approve the allocation of £30,000 for Holiday Hunger Activities. **Item 5 Annex 2**
- (d) Align the remaining £48,579 from the West Health Programme to deliver projects which support young people's mental health and wellbeing. **Item 5 Annex 4.**
- (e) Note the 14 Community Chest approvals supported from 2015/2016 Community Chest as set out in. **Item 5 Annex 5**
- (f) Note the 10 Community Chest approvals supported from 2016/2017 Community Chest as set out in. **Item 5 Annex 6**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £442,175 for 2016/2017 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local 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?

8th June 2016**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF AREA ARRANGEMENTS, SCRUTINY AND MEMBER SUPPORT****Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources****1. Purpose of Report**

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

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2016/2017:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2016/2017 is £442,175				
				£442,175
Project Name				
No projects approved to-date for the 2016/2017 financial year				

- 2.2 At the April meetings the People and Place Board members agreed to recommend to Area Committee to approve the allocation of £60,000 to support the West Walk and Talk programme. **Item 5 Annex 1.**
- 2.3 At the April meeting the People Board agreed to recommend to Area Committee to approve the allocation of £30,000 (£5000 per ward), to support Holiday Hunger Activities and to support a Call for Project to be made to the West Area to deliver Holiday Hunger Activities across each ward within the West, through a collaborative approach to ensure activities can be accessed by all children of all age groups. Activities delivered must provide fun, educational activities as well as provide a healthy and nutritious meal. The call for project applications will be considered by the People Board following the small grant process. **Item 5 Annex 2.**
- 2.3 The total SIB budget requested for approval for the above projects totals £90,000, if approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be £352,175.

3 Maximising Green Spaces Funding

- 3.1 There were no maximising green spaces approvals between March and May 2016. **Item 5 Annex 3** details this approvals to-date as part of the maximising green spaces to improve health within the West.

4. West Health Programme

- 4.1 The table below shows the financial position of West Health Programme following the March 2016 Area Committee meeting.

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
West Health Programme including £20,000 match funding from CCG				£100,000
Project Name				
Mental Health and Wellbeing Call For Projects	03.12.14	-	£31,421	£68,579
Community Helpers	07.10.15		£20,000	£48,579
New Balance			£51,421	£48,579

- 4.2 At the April People Board members agreed to recommend to Area Committee to approve the alignment of the remaining West Health Programme SIB funding to deliver projects which support young people's mental health and wellbeing. SIB £48,579. **Item 5 Annex 4.**

5. Community Chest

- 5.1 The table below details the Community Chest Ward starting balances for 2016/2017. **Item 5 Annex 5** shows the approvals supported between February to March 2016 and **Item 5 Annex 6** shows the approvals supported between April to May 2016.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2016	Grant Returned	Balance
Barnes	£21,039	£2,980	£0	£18,059
Pallion	£16,655	£557	£0	£16,098
Sandhill	£16,029	£0	£0	£16,029
Silksworth	£15,138	£0	£0	£15,138
St Anne's	£16,139	£1,840	£0	£14,299
St Chad's	£19,800	£1,542	£0	£18,258
Total	£104,800	£6,919	£0	£97,881

6. Recommendations:

- 6.1 Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 above.
- 6.2 Approve the allocation of £60,000 for West Walk and Talk Programme. **Item 5 Annex 1.**
- 6.3 Approve the allocation of £30,000 for Holiday Hunger Activities. **Item 5 Annex 2**

- 6.4 Align the remaining £48,579 West Health Programme SIB Funding to deliver projects which support young people's mental health and wellbeing. **Item 5 Annex 4.**
- 6.5 Note the 14 Community Chest approvals supported from 2015/2016 Community Chest as set out in. **Item 5 Annex 5.**
- 6.6 Note the 10 Community Chest approvals supported from 2016/2017 Community Chest as set out in. **Item 5 Annex 6.**

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REVIEW OF WALK AND TALK

REPORT FOR WEST PEOPLE AND PLACE BOARDS

20th and 21st APRIL 2016

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To enable both the West People and Place Board to review their Walk and Talk, SIB funded projects to-date and ascertain future direction to ensure projects delivered by the Area Committee continue to be fit for purpose and achieving maximum benefits for communities across the West.

2. Background

- 2.1 Strategic Initiative Budget Funding allocated to-date to Walk and Talk activities:

Year	Amount allocated per ward	Outcome of funding
2011/2012	£6,000 – total budget £36,000	Place issues
2013/2014	£8,000 – total budget £48,000	People and Place issues
2014/2015	£10,000 – total budget £60,000	People and Place issues
TOTAL	£144,000	

- 2.2 Walk and talk current balances per ward as at April 2016:

Ward	Allocated since 2011	Spend to-date	Current balance available to spend
Barnes	£24,000	£15,439	£8,561
Pallion	£24,000	£12,597	£11,403
Sandhill	£24,000	£11,607	£12,393
Silksworth	£24,000	£13,810	£10,190
St Anne's	£24,000	£20,239	£3,761
St Chad's	£24,000	£16,211	£7,789
TOTAL:	144,000	£89,903	£54,097

- 2.3 To-date Councillors have allocated and spent £89,903 across all six wards in the West to fund 22 projects, working with various community groups.

3. Current objectives

- 3.1 The current objectives for the West walk and talk programme are broad and cover both People and Place issues. The main outcome however for the Strategic Budget funding is to support communities to improve the places and spaces within which they live and become empowered to maintain improvements moving forward, as well as continue to enhance and sustain.
- 3.2 Walk and talk walkabouts, West Area Tour, Trader liaison and feedback from local residents has identified a number of local environmental improvements that have been delivered across the West area, funded via the walk and talk budget throughout the year.

4. What works?

- 4.1 Flexibility to move quickly, grasping opportunities as they arise to take preventative action and to mobilise communities. Encouraging ownership of local issues by working with traders, community groups etc.
- 4.2 People and Place joint approach – allowing People to be enabled to complete and sustainably maintain Place- based projects.
- 5. What doesn't work? Discussion points and questions for the Board**
 - 5.1 High levels of underspend, currently stands at £54,097 across the six wards. Why is this? Are more ideas required or strategic planning to ensure funding is used in the right place at the right time, to achieve maximum outcomes?
 - 5.2 Do we use local intelligence enough to develop proposals with communities? Will the new RLS Operating model require a more intelligence-led approach moving forward?
 - 5.3 Are we able to monitor and review work undertaken as effectively as we would like to? Do we have any lessons learnt across the area, to create idea generation and potentially new ways of delivery?
- 6. New approach and opportunities. Discussion points and questions for the Board**
 - 6.1 Enabling sustainable joint working opportunities – in the face of severe budget cuts facing the Council.
 - 6.2 RLS – unable to deliver other than very core service offer – need to determine most effective use of funding to grow community capacity to support delivery at a local level - give communities the tools they need to develop spaces and places. Help don't hinder. In particular support our local community organisations to focus on horticultural activities.
 - 6.3 Supporting Communities to volunteer effectively and take control of areas which currently concern them. Adopt-a-plot approach?
 - 6.4 Waste Management – up-cycle and re-use. Linked to West Enterprise Scheme?
- 7. Future Objectives for West Walk and Talk Project**
 - 7.1 Continue to work towards sustainably improving the long-term health and wellbeing of residents.
 - 7.2 Influence and potentially fund Service delivery (above and beyond the basic core offer) based on local intelligence to ensure services delivered are fit for purpose and enable communities to do more for themselves as well as support community resilience and growth. Ensure Committee maintains a monitoring and reviewing role, negotiating amendments to accommodate unforeseen events or patterns of service failure.
 - 7.3 Empower communities to look after and develop places and spaces within the West through training & development, equipment provision, empowerment and leadership. Make it easier for communities to look after themselves – remove the restrictions whilst maintaining safety. Potentially look into an 'Adopt a Plot' model, using 'It's your neighbourhood' and 'Love where you live' as a catalyst for community ownership.
 - 7.4 Create volunteering opportunities and valuable work experience to increase confidence and self-esteem, hopefully leading to employment and improved aspirations and motivation across our community.
- 8. Recommendation**
 - 8.1 Boards are recommended to note the contents of the report and consider options to take a new approach in 2016 and beyond, aligned to the new Area Committee priorities for 2016/2017, which are currently being developed for approval by Committee in June 2016.

West Holiday Hunger 2016/2017

Report to West People Board

1. Purpose of report

People Board to approve the recommendation to Area Committee to fund a West Holiday Hunger Programme to deliver activities throughout the School holidays from July 2016 through to May 2017 inclusive. The projects delivered by the West VCS will be developed via a Call for Projects, which will be approved at the People Board in July 2016. The projects must deliver school holiday activities, which include lunch and healthy snacks, as well as education in relation to keeping the environment clean and tidy and the benefits of keeping fit and active.

2. Lessons Learnt from previous holiday hunger projects

Lessons learnt from previous Holiday Hunger voucher scheme – vouchers were issued to families whose children were already in receipt of free school meals. The scheme had low take-up and the Council would not be able to administer again, due to lack of human resources.

The use of the underspend from the previous voucher scheme project, which was used at Christmas 2015 to distribute food to families in need over the Christmas period was far more successful, as the local VCS organisations were able to target their promotion of the available support, in ways that they knew would attract those families most in need.

Following a recent Food Poverty conference, research from You Gov stated that almost a third (31%) of parents on lower incomes have skipped a meal so that their children could eat during the school holidays. More than four out of 10 (41%) said they sometimes felt isolated during the holidays due to being unable to afford to go out and entertain their children.

A number of regional authorities (e.g. Live Well Gateshead; Food Newcastle) were able to demonstrate that the outcomes of the Holiday Hunger schemes created many community benefits including service signposting; improved safe guarding; gateway into education and training; environmental improvements.

3. Evidence of need

A presentation was made to the West People Board in April by Cllr Tye in relation to what young people were saying during youth activity sessions delivered across the West. Young people are presenting themselves as hungry and session Staff are recording an increasing number of young people in urgent need of food. Projects are trying wherever possible to include meals within delivered sessions, but it is not sustainable as a single means of tackling the issue.

People Board discussed options to support families who are struggling to cope, due to welfare reform, benefit cap and unable to move into long-term employment. Board agreed that if food was to be provided during the holiday period, then there was an absolute need to ensure 'Day out, not hand out'.

People Board discussed the need (as part of any activity), to sign post young people if there are safe guarding concerns, as well as ensure parents and carers are signposted to support available, to reduce poverty and support our most vulnerable families.

4. Call for Projects – Scope and delivery timescales

Deliver school holiday activities which provide fun, educational activities as well as provide a healthy and nutritious meal. The activities must include the following key activities:

- Environmental clean-ups
- Physical activity
- Library reading scheme
- Growing food and understanding the benefits of eating fresh food – Feed your family for £20 approach
- Awareness of free activities available and use of space within communities to keep fit and healthy – such as Park walks, fitness trails etc.
- Sign-posting for parents to West Community Helpers for further advice and support
- Report Safe guarding issues

5. Funding required

£30,000 would enable 6 projects (£5,000 each) to deliver 11 weeks' of holiday hunger activities, to be delivered across each of the six wards in the West, to cover the following holiday periods:

Summer – 5 weeks
 Autumn – 1 week
 Christmas – 1 week
 February – 1 week
 Easter – 2 weeks
 May – 1 week

6. Recommendations

To recommend to Area Committee to approve £30,000 to deliver Holiday Hunger activities throughout the school holidays as detailed within item 5 of this report.

West Sunderland Area Committee

**“A day out, not a hand-out”
Reducing Holiday Hunger 2016/2017**

**CALL FOR PROJECTS
XXX Ward**

1. Introduction and Background

Sunderland West Area Committee recognises that Holiday Hunger is a problem for families who normally receive free school meals. Providing those extra meals during school holidays can be a real struggle for many families.

There is a genuine concern that some families will struggle to meet the costs of feeding their children during the holidays. Evidence also suggests that food banks experience a peak in demand during school holidays.

Following a recent Food Poverty conference, research from You Gov stated that almost a third (31%) of parents on lower incomes have skipped a meal so that their children could eat during the school holidays. More than four out of 10 (41%) said they sometimes felt isolated during the holidays due to being unable to afford to go out and entertain their children.

A workshop is being held on **13th June 9.30 till 10.30 in Committee Room 4, Civic Centre, Sunderland**, to discuss the call for project in more detail.

2. Key Outcomes - All proposals must:

Produce a programme of activities where families who are eligible for free school meals can access Holiday Hunger activities over the following 11 weeks' of the school holidays:

- Summer 2016 – 5 weeks
- Autumn 2016– 1 week
- Christmas 2016– 1 week
- February 2017– 1 week
- Easter 2017– 2 weeks
- May 2017– 1 week

Each planned activity should incorporate at least one of the following:

- Environmental clean-ups within the ward
- Physical activity
- Library reading scheme
- Growing food and understanding the benefits of eating fresh food
- Raising awareness of free activities available and use of space within communities to keep fit and healthy – such as Park walks, fitness trails etc.
- Sign-posting for parents to West Community Helpers for further advice and support
- Report Safeguarding issues

In addition to the above, applications should demonstrate the following:

- A collaborative approach to delivery, working in partnership to ensure delivery throughout the ward.
- Increase the number of children and young people accessing positive activities by setting achievable targets
- Complement and add value to existing children and young people provision, for example, Sunderland City Council's commissioned youth contracts, XL mobile bus provision, local 'youth' sports clubs and uniformed youth groups
- Clearly demonstrate consultation with children and young people
- Clearly demonstrate successful delivery of school holiday activities including SIB funded projects.
- Be in addition to the applicants core offer over the school holiday period.
- Provide a creative and innovative programme of activities including details of how this will be promoted and acknowledge Sunderland City Council support
- Ensure beneficiaries of the project reside in the West Area of Sunderland
- Clearly identify usage of a wide range of green spaces covering the wards of West Sunderland – Barnes, Silksworth, St Chad's, St Anne's, Pallion, Sandhill
- Provide evidence of event management knowledge including health and safety, access permissions, licensing etc.
- Include a range of ideas which address issues of Holiday Hunger
- Identify and include details of match funding which could include income generation, linkages with projects/groups across the City and further external funding sources
- Provide a comprehensive breakdown of costs
- All activities will target families who are eligible for free school meals, under the banner of '*a day out, not a hand-out*'
- Consideration will need to be given to monitoring, measures and demands.

3. Budget

The funding approved is £5,000, we would expect an application to be a ward-based collaborative approach to ensure an even spread across the ward, utilising various venues to ensure all age groups are included.

4. Return Date

The deadline date to return the completed application (in two formats), along with necessary documents is **noon on the 24th June 2016**. Two formats will need to be submitted.

Format One: (Hard Copy)

A signed hard copy of the application form, along with all relevant paperwork should be posted into Sunderland City Council, Gilly Stanley Area Community Development Lead (West) Area Arrangements, Scrutiny and Member Support, Room 3.98, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7DN.

Version Two: (Electronic Copy)

An electronic copy of the application should be emailed to louise.preece@sunderland.gov.uk or gilly.stanley@sunderland.gov.uk

After the deadline date, all received applications will be assessed against a scoring matrix and consulted upon, with recommendations being presented to Sunderland West Area Committee to agree and endorse the recommendations outlined.

MAXIMISING GREEN SPACES TO IMPROVE HEALTH - PROJECTS APPROVED – March – May 2016

Total Funding awarded: **£60,000**

Funding awarded to date: **£49,803**

Remaining Funding to date: **£10,197**

Project	Amount	Match Funding	Start Date	End Date
Purchase of Goal Posts – Purchase of two sets of goal posts to be installed at - Children's Forest, St Anne's - Site outside the Comrades, Silksworth.	£1,200	-	November 2014	February 2015
Installation of Goal posts – Installation of two sets of goal posts at - Children's Forest, St Anne's - Site outside the Comrades, Silksworth	£622	-	November 2014	February 2015
Be Active in our Greenspace – Provision of marked out routes, suitable for walking, jogging or running at Silksworth Sports Complex and Barnes Park extension, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x 5k accessible circular routes - distances will suit a new walker through to more experienced athletes • Accessible routes - encourages a range of target audiences e.g. beginners, older adults, mums with pushchairs etc. • Opportunity for users to walk / jog / run from 1k to up to 9 k within the circular routes - with the opportunity to build on the distance • Detailed information signs at the start/finish of each circular route • Way markers positioned along the route with arrows and distances 	£4,500	£4,000	November 2014	June 2015

West Area Signs – Installation of 10 area signs to 3 attractions in the West at -Barnes Park, -Silksworth Sports Complex and -Quarry View Playing Fields.	£3,720.34	-	December 2014	March 2015
Trees and Shrub Planting – Planting of trees and shrubs within Sandhill Ward at; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme Road • Tasmin Road • Toronto Square • Twickenham Road • Tadcaster Road • Trevallyn • Saltburn Road 	£2,967	Match funding of £2,000 agreed by Gentoo	November 2014	April 2015
Victory Street Improvements – Cleaning of site around Victory Street with the installation of boulders and grass at the entrance to improve the overall appearance.	£583	-	November 2014	January 2015
Plains Farm CA - Clear overgrown shrubs and waste from rear of premises. This will open up the site and make it more visually appealing. Treat the soil to enable future growing within the space to support creation of an allotment and community garden.	£2,500	-	January 2015	April 2015
Children's Forest Consultation – Two consultation events at Pennywell Community Centre and South Hylton Tansy Centre to gather local resident's views on addressing the problems associated with the Children's Forest and suggestions about changes and improvements that could be made. Following the events focus groups will be formed to implement changes and to maximise the use of this space for local residents. Part of the event will include a small-scale tidy up of the site as well as designing a community logo for the Children's Forest	£4,600	£1,000	April 2015	September 2015

Incredible Edible In Pallion – To develop a green route in Pallion ward with the VCS and Pallion Traders as part of the Incredible Edible programme where local traders and community groups grow and look after edible planting.	£1,311	£460	February 2015	April 2015
Newport Dene Consultation – Consultation event as part of a Community Family Fun Day for residents of Silksworth to gather local resident's views and suggestions on improvements or changes within the Newport Dene area.	£4,800	£1,500	August 2015	October 2015
Hollinside Square - Create additional parking spaces for up to 10 vehicles within Hollinside Square, to enable those people parking in the square to visit the playing fields.	£13,000	£4,534 from Gentoo and £15,000 from St Anne's Walk & Talk Budget	October 2015	November 2015
Lambton Street / Hylton Playing Fields – Clearance work to thin the undergrowth in the inner plantation which bounds the playing fields, removal of brambles, self seeders and any litter etc on site.	£5,000	-	November 2015	February 2016
Sunderland Training & Education Farm – Installation of new fencing as part of the Dene project to regenerate the farm dene into a children's adventure trail.	£5,000	-	February 2016	September 2016
Total	£49,803			

REPORT TO WEST AREA PEOPLE BOARD

Mental Health and well-being - Self-harming of young people in the West

20th April 2016

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update the People board on the findings of the research carried out to date.

2. Research and Findings

- 2.1 Desk top research has been carried out including learning from other areas in the City. This information was collated and information from the West Area was considered.
- 2.2 Young people with emotional distress is widespread, and existing services do not meet demand, with hospital admission rates for 10-24 being higher than the England Average. Throughout the West an increased awareness of the bigger picture and level of information is required for parents, young people and schools. It is felt that parents and young people would benefit from understanding the services that are available and where they can go to get information.
- 2.3 An area that was identified when carrying out the research identified the need for more mental health training. Whilst this would need to be explored further the initial findings have identified that if more people were trained (such as schools assistants, governors, lunch time assistants, young people, and parents) this would tackle the stigma and raise awareness of self-harm in particular.
- 2.4 The Health and Well-being board reported in January that it would be working on a campaign for suicide prevention for men and young people, signposting to support, advice and guidance. This campaign would need to be considered when looking at how to make improvements in the West and should complement any city wide campaigns, the local transformation plan for young people and mental health and well-being would also need to be considered.
- 2.5 Whilst the topic of the mental health of young people is being explored by many, all other schemes are city wide and not West specific. The research has shown that any initiative that is delivered would benefit from being a collaborative approach delivering early intervention's, information and preventative programmes to support young people who self harm and their parents/carers.

3 Options to consider

- 3.1 The Area Committee previously approved £80,000 SIB to support the West Health Plan on a page; following the previous approval £48,579 is remaining.

- 3.2 The People Board could consider recommending to Area Committee to align the remaining £48,579 towards young people's mental health and wellbeing. The People Board could then consider working with professionals to develop a Call for Project where groups (working with young people) suggest how to develop new approaches to work towards resolving the critical issue of young people's mental health and wellbeing.
- 3.3 An alternative option would be to wait and see what City-wide campaigns are implemented and then review the gaps within the West.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Consider an approach to support the delivery of the West Health Plan on a page and consider options to work with professionals to develop a Call for Project to support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2015/2016 WEST AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED February 2016 – March 2016

Ward	Project	Allocation 2015/2016	Project Proposals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned since April 2015	Balance Remaining
Barnes	No applications received between February and March 2016					
	Total	£15,292	£0	£4,253	£0	£11,039
Pallion	St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust - Contribution towards the delivery of holiday play scheme for children aged 8-13 over the summer school holidays over a six week period. Cost include a trip, room hire, craft sessions, healthy eating sessions etc		£1,600			
	Lambton Street Youth Centre - Contribution towards the delivery of various recreational activities for young people aged 11-19 across the Easter, Spring half term and summer school holidays.		£1,778			
	Pallion Action Group - Contribution towards securing ownership of a community van to source unwanted furniture to up cycle with members of the community and unemployed people to provide them with work experience.		£2,000			
	Highfield Primary School - Funding towards all children from Year's 5 & 6 to attend an outdoor residential experience at Kingsway Activity Centre in Middleton-In-Teesdale		£1,500			
	Parker Memorial House - Purchase of a Hoover and cost of cleaning all of the carpets within the building		£440			
	Total	£22,446	£7,318	£8,473	£0	£6,655

Sandill	No applications received between February and March 2016					
	Total	£14,784	£0	£8,755	£0	£6,029
Silksworth	Youth Almighty Crisis Support - Contribution towards a support fund to help vulnerable local residents in need of immediate support while awaiting referral to specialist support through the Community Helper.		£580			
	Total	£14,544	£580	£8,826	£0	£5,138
St Anne's	2nd South Hylton Guides - Contribution towards transport costs to take 30 Guides to a national Guiding centenary event in London on 20th February 2016.		£648			
	South Hylton Estate Signage - Installation of brick signage at the entrance of South Hylton Estate.		£1,500			
	St Anne's Hanging Baskets - Cost of supplies to make hanging baskets, railing baskets and window troughs to be positioned across the St Anne's Ward.		£3,190			
	Pennywell Youth Project - Purchase of various equipment for the Youth Project including a pool table, table tennis topper, balls and bats, console game and controllers, and craft materials.		£750			
	Sunderland Royal Jazz Band - Purchase of 'Starlite Marching Bells' to advance the musical education of members of the group and to train them to play instruments as part of the marching band.		£695			
	South Hylton Estate Signage - Drive Slowly Sign - Installation of brick signage at the entrance of South Hylton Estate.		£200			
	Total	£21,062	£6,983	£7,940	£0	£6,139

St Chads	The Box Youth Project - Contribution towards four activity sessions for young people aged 11-19 during the Easter school holiday. Costs include activity entry costs and transport.		£300			
	2nd Herrington Scout Group - Contribution towards the installation of a telephone/internet connection to the building to be used for training and information gathering by the local guiding and Scout group's based at the centre.		£283			
	Total	£17,096	£583	£6,713	£0	£9,800
	Overall Total	£105,224	£15,464	£44,960	£0	£44,800

COMMUNITY CHEST 2015/2016 WEST AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED April 2016 – May 2016

Ward	Project	Allocation 2016/2017	Project Proposals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned since April 2016	Balance Remaining
Barnes	St Gabriel's Rainbows - Purchase of foldable tables, craft suppliers, books, badges and a trip to Rosebud Ceramics on 14 th July for members of the Rainbow unit.		£1,500			
	Ewesley Road Methodist Church Luncheon Club - Cost of a day trip and meal on 15 th June for 26 members of the group		£480			
	Plains Farm Boxing Club - Purchase of boxing equipment for the club including head guards, punch balls, bags and gloves.		£1,000			
	Total	£21,039	£2,980	£0	£0	£18,059
Pallion	Line Dance Ladies of Pallion – Contribution towards a day Trip to York in June for members of the group.		£557			
	Total	£16,655	£557	£0	£0	£16,098
Sandill	No approvals between April and May 2016					
	Total	£16,029	£0	£0	£0	£16,029
Silksworth	No approvals between April and May 2016					
	Total	£15,138	£0	£0	£0	£15,138
St Anne's	South Hylton Residents Association - Contribution towards an afternoon tea dance & entertainment on 1 st June to celebrate the Queen's 90 th birthday for local residents and groups.		£375			

	Pennywell Community Centre - Contribution towards an afternoon tea dance & entertainment on 9 th June to celebrate the Queen's 90 th birthday for local residents and groups.		£375			
	Sangini - Contribution towards a joint community engagement programme with Pennywell Community Centre, for local groups and residents to explore the history and impact on the area of the Battle of the Somme through arts and heritage.		£1,090			
	Total	£16,139	£1,840	£0	£0	£14,299
St Chads	1st Herrington Rainbows - Funding towards the cost of a day trip to Hall Hill Farm for members of the Rainbows pack.		£392			
	Farringdon Residents Association - To purchase a free standing floor heater for the Community Shop		£150			
	Farringdon Academy – Purchase of two goalposts to be used within the grounds of the school for local football teams		£1,000			
	Total	£19,800	£1,542	£0	£0	£18,258
	Overall Total	£104,800	£6,919	£0	£0	£97,881

Current Planning Applications(West)

Between 01/05/2016 and 23/05/2016

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
16/00069/FUL	121 Front RoadFord EstateSunderlandSR4 0BY	Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear.	03/05/2016	28/06/2016
16/00760/FUL	10 Lilac StreetSunderlandSR4 0PN	Erection of first floor extension to rear.	16/05/2016	11/07/2016
16/00681/FUL	11 Durham RoadSunderlandSR3 3NS	Provision of hard standing driveway to front of property and associated access including new sliding gate.	05/05/2016	30/06/2016
16/00410/FUL	Carlisle House, Cragside House, Culzean House, Bede House, Deal House, Bowes House And Belsay HouseSunderland	Replacement windows and entrance doors to apartment blocks	09/05/2016	04/07/2016
16/00826/PRI	12 Woodside TerraceSunderlandSR3 3SG	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 4.3m from the original dwelling, 3.15m in height and 2.65m to the eaves)	10/05/2016	21/06/2016