

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th March, 2021 at 6:00pm

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Membership

Cllrs Blackburn (Chairman), Heron (Vice Chairman), Johnston, Lawson, N. MacKnight, Rowntree, Speding, Thornton and Turner.

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ELAINE WAUGH

Assistant Director of Law and Governance

9th March, 2021

**At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on
WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER, 2020 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Heron, Johnston, Lawson. N. MacKnight, Rowntree, Speding, Thornton and Dr G. Walker

Also Present:-

Jill Colbert	Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services	Sunderland City Council
Wendy Cook	Area Network Representative	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Neil Hudspeth	Sergeant	Northumbria Police
Allison Patterson	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Kay Rowham	Councillor	Hetton Town Council
Christine Tilley	Community Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Coalfield Area Committee meeting and advised that the meeting would be live streamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel.

The Chairman introduced the Vice Chairman, Councillor Juliana Heron.

Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Turner.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 29th September, 2020 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Community Wealth Building Champions

The Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and the Cabinet Member Communities and Culture submitted a report to advise the Coalfield Area Committee of the next steps, following Cabinet Approval in March 2020 of the Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy, taking into consideration the additional action to be taken to continue to grow community wealth across the City's communities.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Helen Peverley, Area Co-ordinator provided the Committee with a powerpoint presentation on the Community Wealth Strategy for Sunderland and how the Area Committee could support delivery of the Strategy.

Ms Peverley briefed the Committee in relation to the Council's journey in growing the proposals around Community Wealth, highlighting the Let's Talk Sunderland engagement and pointing out how this had been fed into the City Plan and the Neighbourhood Investment Plan which would focus on delivery on the ground.

Ms Peverley advised that as part of the resident consultation it had become really clear that residents wanted to make sure that the wealth was kept in the city and that they looked wherever they could to improve employment opportunities, to improve opportunities for residents to earn the living wage and also that they were able to grow the City's VCS capacity.

Ms Peverley drew Members' attention to the number of partners the Council was working with across the City in support of the Community Wealth Strategy. She highlighted by way of an example of the strength of the partnership arrangements, the COVID-19 virtual community hubs which were pulled together to support residents most in need by using technology to coordinate services and volunteers.

Ms Peverley referred the Committee to the seven key priorities of the Community Wealth Strategy and asked the Committee to focus on two of them that evening, namely 'Demonstrating our Commitment' and 'Improving Community Resilience,' looking how the Area Committee could start and demonstrate this commitment and become the champion for community wealth.

Ms Peverley briefed Members on the role of the Community Wealth Champion and the considerations to be taken into account when making a Call for Projects, Supporting Local Traders, managing Land and Assets and working with partners, all of which the Committee was in effect, already doing to support the Strategy on a day to day basis. She asked the Committee to commit to continue to support the Strategy and agree that the Area Chair be named as the Champion for the Coalfield Area.

Councillor Dr G. Walker commented that he was pleased to see that the Community Wealth Strategy had filtered down to the Area Committee and stressed the importance of a Community Wealth Strategy during a pandemic. He pointed out that COVID-19 was not only a public health crisis but that it was also an economic crisis and that the country was facing an economic recession. The Community Wealth Strategy had been launched almost two years previously and there had been a great deal of interest in it since it had come into being and he was grateful for advice and support which had been provided from many organisations.

Councillor Dr Walker welcomed the report giving it his support but moving from the Chair of the Area Committee being the Champion for the Coalfield Area, that all Elected Members across the area be Community Health Champions.

Councillor Rowntree commended Ms Peverley for the presentation and commented that she would be pleased for the approach to be adopted by the Area Committee as it would help to drive forward the growth and sustainability of the area's communities. Having Elected Members as Community Health Champions would enable a stronger economy, but focus must also be on tackling unfair practices from housing and energy to financial services and supporting local businesses so that everyone benefitted from the Community Wealth approach.

Councillor MacKnight commented that he was very happy to support the report and endorse the comments. He reminded colleagues of the merits of best value, although they was a need to look at the potential impact of this on local suppliers and the need to be cognisant of community value by using local suppliers in all of this.

Councillor Rowham complimented Ms Peverley on the presentation and commented with regards to Land and Asset Management and improving green spaces, how the Committee felt about this issue, bearing in mind that some of the Council's partners were trying to build on open spaces.

Ms Peverley clarified that the reference to Land and Asset Management in the Community Wealth Strategy was in relation to the assets which were owned by the Council and to making sure that those assets were developed. Therefore, for example if there was an opportunity to bring in volunteers to a park or develop facilities in the park on the play area or greenspace, which could increase employment or opportunities in this regard. The issue in respect of other partners' land, could be picked up as a separate discussion.

Councillor Rowham welcomed the opportunity of further discussion in respect of the issue she had raised, as detailed above, on another occasion.

Full consideration having been given to the report and the Chairman having thanked Ms Peverley for her report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the contents of the report be noted and the work undertaken to support the growth of Community Wealth across Sunderland be acknowledged and that the Committee agree to continue to support the delivery of the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy; and
- ii) the Committee agree to support the Area Committee Chair to deliver their Community Wealth Champion role on behalf of the residents of Sunderland, demonstrating the commitment of Coalfield Area Committee to support growth.

Neighbourhood and Community Board Report

The Chair of the Coalfield Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated), which presented the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chair of the Coalfield Neighbourhoods and Community Board, Councillor Heron invited Councillor Rowntree to share some information with the Committee.

Councillor Rowntree reported that she was delighted to share with the Committee that Easington Lane Community Access Point (ELCAP) had been recognised as a North East small Charity of the Year.

Councillor Rowntree reported that the Organisation worked hard every day to ensure that residents were supported. She thanked every volunteer who had worked with ELCAP especially through the pandemic to support the community to get through the unprecedented time. The recognition from the North East Charity Awards was a testament to everything they had achieved.

Councillor Heron commented that she was sure all Members of the Area Committee would endorse Councillor Rowntree's comments.

Councillor Heron proceeded to brief the Committee on the report and reminded Members of the Let's Talk consultation undertaken with residents to develop the area's priorities. She advised that this consultation had continued during the pandemic to ensure the priorities were still appropriate.

There were now 17 priorities which the Task Groups were going to look at. One Group had already begun to meet and another Group would be starting in January.

Councillor Heron referred the Committee to the Annex to the report which detailed progress on the projects and pointed out the Vehicle Activated Signs programme. She highlighted that all sites had now been agreed and a procurement exercise completed to acquire 8 signs to be deployed at 31 sites on a 3 month rotation plan. It was hoped that installation of the signs would be in the new year.

Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 be noted and the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1 be approved.

Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update

The Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Representatives submitted a report (copy circulated), advising that the Coalfields VCS Network had commenced VCS Network meetings via Teams since the last Coalfield Area Committee meeting.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Wendy Cook, Area Voluntary and Community Sector Representative advised that Coalfields VCS Network had met twice in November and she highlighted the activity for each of those meetings advising that Councillor Blackburn had been introduced as the new Area Chair of the Coalfields Area Committee and that the Network would like to extend its thanks to Councillor Anne Lawson for her support as Area Chair.

Ms Cook advised that approximately 18 Groups had attended the initial meeting and that it had been fantastic to hear about the great work taking place in the Coalfields and the support being offered to the area's most vulnerable residents.

The network was attended by approximately 30 groups at the following meeting where they had received the Green Doctor Presentation delivered by Julia Bentley from Groundwork NE & Cumbria. The project supported people to address fuel poverty offering tips and installing small energy measures such as draft excluders and reflective panels behind radiators etc. Ms Cook reported that Julia had advised that 1 in 10 residents in the UK experienced fuel poverty.

Ms Cook stated that over the past 3 months, the Coalfield VCS organisations and groups had been invaluable in providing support to residents. A large number of organisations had continued to deliver through the Covid-19 pandemic and had been successful in securing funding to develop work in the Coalfield locality area.

Ms Cook referred Members to examples of the projects being delivered in the Coalfield Area. She reiterated the sentiments of Councillor Rowntree with regards to the fantastic work Easington Lane Community Access Point had delivered in the Coalfields Area and that they had been recognised for this.

The Chairman having thanked Ms Cook for her report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the contents of the report be received and noted;
 - ii) the Committee continue to support the Sector when developing and implementing actions against local priorities and;
 - iii) the Committee use information gathered from Network meetings to inform current and future priorities and the Area Committee Plan.

Northumbria Police Update

Sergeant Neil Hudspeth, Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated), providing data in respect of Crime and Disorder for the Coalfield area comparing year to date figures with the preceding year for the same period.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Sergeant Hudspeth reported that most of the crime categories were down, although there were two areas relating to Youth ASB and Violence against the Person without injury which had shown an increase of 5% and 12% respectively. Overall total crime for the Coalfield Area was down by 4% on the year.

Sergeant Hudspeth advised that Youth ASB related to 15 reported incidents. The main area of concern was the recent increase in Hetton Town Centre, primarily around the Hetton centre and the welfare football ground, as well as Tesco extra where there had been an arson the previous week to the bin shed and the fire appliances that arrived had had eggs thrown at them. He highlighted the relaunch of Operation Avalanche in order to manage the incidents, full details of which were included in the report.

Sergeant Hudspeth advised that there have been no reported ASB incidents at the Hetton centre since the bin fire on the 4th December.

Sergeant Hudspeth stated that their priority in recent months had been to combat burglaries to both dwellings and commercial premises. The figures showed a decrease in dwelling house burglaries for the year and significant reductions in commercial burglaries. Operation Castle had been launched which had increased patrols and officers allocated to patrol burglary Hot Spot areas, which included Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row. Known burglary offenders had been identified and actively targeted.

Violent crime with injury was down over the course of the year and some of this might be able to be attributed to the reduction in the night time economy, due to Covid19. There was a set domestic violence protocol to assist victims who reached out and reported matters to the police and this would remain a priority for the 24/7 response teams.

Sergeant Hudspeth referred to the increase of 12% in violence against the person without injury (which included Public Order offences) and commented that he was unable to explain why this had increased.

There had been a decrease in theft from motor vehicles and damage to motor vehicles across the whole of the sector and the neighbourhood teams had focused on letting residents know to lock their vehicles overnight and to remove valuables when unattended.

Sergeant Hudspeth stated that the teams had been very busy attending and enforcing reports of Covid19 breaches over the past year and would continue to do so in line with the government's current policy.

Councillor Rowham referred to the welfare football ground and issues regarding access to it. She reported that she had requested as a Member of Hetton Town Trust, that the

Trust meet to discuss the matter. She asked that the Area Committee make a recommendation to the Trust that they hold a meeting to discuss the issue of access to the football ground.

The Chairman advised that the above matter was not within the remit of the Area Committee.

There being no further questions of Sergeant Hudspeth and the Chairman having thanked him for his attendance, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the information detailed in the report be received and noted.

At this juncture the Chairman asked that if Members had questions or wanted any further information on the following two partner reports that they submit them to Ms Hopper who would forward the questions to the relevant partner representative for a response.

The Chairman advised that both Station Manager Kevin Burns, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and Mr Michael Donachie, Head of Operations, Gentoo had sent emails asking for their Christmas Wishes to be passed on to the Committee Members.

Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

Station Manager Kevin Burns, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1st September, 2020 to 25th November, 2020, compared with the same period in 2019.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Speding reported that in the lead up to November 5th that he had received a number of emails about fireworks and objections to companies selling them. He enquired whether the issue could be discussed at one of the Working Groups of the Area Committee.

The Chairman commented that he felt this was an issue which could be discussed at the Neighbourhood Board and it was:-

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

Gentoo Update

Mr Michael Donachie, Head of Operations, Gentoo provided an update from Gentoo for the Coalfield Area Committee from September to November 2020 to enable Members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Coalfield Area Budget Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing the Committee's attention to the current financial position of the Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme as set out in paragraph 2.3, advising that there was one proposal for funding under that item for a mining heritage project.

Ms Hopper advised that the Council was close to finalising negotiations for the development of the former Houghton Colliery site and a key element of the site's development was the requirement to include a sculpture commemorating the Colliery's history and heritage.

As part of the capital receipt received for the sale of the site, a sum of £25,000 was available as a contribution to the artwork/sculpture. Area Committee's Work Plan included a proposal to award Neighbourhood Fund or Capital Programme funding to the project. Therefore, to ensure the sculpture was a fitting tribute to the Houghton le Spring area the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board recommended that a contribution of £50,000 was approved from the Capital Investment Programme.

Ms Hopper highlighted the funding which the Committee had approved to date detailed at paragraph 3.

Ms Hopper referred the Committee to paragraph 3.4 which provided details of two projects for further funding. She advised that the first one was a budget that the Committee usually put aside every year for Celebrating Heritage and Local Events and the proposals for this were either done through a Call for Projects or come through the Board meeting. £30,000 was proposed to be put aside for this. The next project was the Wellbeing in the Community proposal which had been discussed through the Board and agreed that a proposal for £8,000 was put forward to this meeting on condition that MBC Arts Wellbeing was successful in obtaining a grant of £40,000 to deliver an arts wellbeing and activity project across the whole of the Coalfield Area.

Councillor Heron passed on positive comments from a resident who had undertaken the Wellbeing project.

Councillor Johnston commented that he was delighted to have got to this stage with the mining heritage project and to have secured some capital funding working with the developer. With the support of the Area Committee they would be able to push forward in the new year with this exciting project. He thanked everyone who had supported the Working Group and himself with the project.

Ms Hopper referred Members to paragraph 4 and to Annex 3 of the report detailing the Community Chest budget, approvals and balance remaining for 2020/2021.

The Chairman referred to the remaining Community Chest allocations and invited Members to email local groups in their ward who might need funding to help them through the pandemic to invite them to make an application.

Councillor Thornton referred to the wonderful video Eppleton Primary and Nursery Academy had made with support from Community Chest, encouraging everyone to view it on the Coalfield Community Facebook page and thanking the Committee for the financial support provided.

Councillor Speding commended the hard work which Ms Hopper had been carrying out throughout the Coalfield on the Christmas illuminations. Shiney Row was excellent that year and had been well received within the community.

Ms Hopper accepted the thanks and replied that she would pass on the thanks to everyone involved.

Councillors Blackburn, Lawson and Heron also expressed their appreciation for the Christmas lights in their wards which residents had been enjoying.

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

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in table one, two and three, be noted;
- b) approval be given to an allocation of £50,000 from the 2020/22 Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme Fund for the Mining Heritage Project as set in paragraph 2.4 of the report and Annex 1;
- c) approval be given to the 2 projects detailed in paragraph 3.4 and in Annex 2 from the Neighbourhood Fund 2020/21 budget as follows:-
 - Celebrating Heritage and Local Events £30,000
 - Wellbeing in the Community Opportunity £8,000and
- d) the approved Community Chest grants between September and November 2020, as set out in Annex 3, be noted.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms Jill Colbert, Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services mentioned that there was some work ongoing within Together for Children called 'Change the Language Campaign' which she would like to speak to the Committee about at a future meeting.

Ms Colbert advised that the campaign was led by the Young People Together for Children cared for in Sunderland and they were asking that they looked at the language used when talking about young people who were in the looked after system. She considered that it was a campaign which the Committee would want to support because the way in which they referred to young people and the language used was pivotal in forming opinions about those children and what happened in life for those children. Ms Colbert proposed that she brought an update to a future Committee meeting adding that she thought it was something the Committee would want to give some commitment to as it was something which spoke to the values of the Council and the values of the Committee.

The Chairman referred to the visits which Members used to do to some of the children's homes to speak to the children living there.

Ms Colbert advised that different arrangements were now in place in this respect, however there were two very good children's homes in the Coalfield Area where the children were very well looked after.

Councillor Heron commented that the homes were indeed really lovely homes and that it would be great to hear from the young people.

Councillor Speding enquired whether the Committee would continue to receive information on planning applications in the area.

Ms Alison Patterson, Area Co-ordinator advised that the item had been removed due to capacity issues, however she would make enquiries with Officers in the Planning Department as to whether the item could be re-instated and the information provided for future agendas for Members' information.

The Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and participation in the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year before closing the meeting.

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

17 March 2021

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Presents the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the Coalfield Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plan. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

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

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

- 3.2 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.

- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen (attached at Annex 1).

- 3.5 The Neighbourhoods and Community Board will be the working group for the Area Committee and the board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Coalfield Sunderland Councillors are invited to attend all board meetings.

- 3.6 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. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

4. Areas of Key Action/Progress

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to March 2021.

Priority/Issue	Update
Enforcement	The Enforcement Task and Finish group met in December 2020 and received updates on the different types of enforcement roles, and reporting mechanisms for each. Specific issues were discussed and a longstanding issue of derelict/abandoned/nuisance caravans within neighbourhoods in the Coalfield was explored. Officers have worked together to communicate with owners of these vehicles and as a result have successfully arranged for the removal of a number of problem vehicles.
Improvement of Highways	The Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021-2022 is under development. Officers attended the February Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to discuss the programme with Members and presented detail on proposals put forward. All suggested sites were assessed and prioritised for inclusion in the 2021-22 programme. A progress report on the current year's (2020-21) programme of work was presented to the Board. Recommendations from the Board are presented to Area Committee at Annex 2 .
Progress the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) programme planned for the Coalfield area	Following approval of Neighbourhood Fund resources, the VAS programme for the Coalfield area has acquired 8 signs which will be deployed across 31 sites on a 3 month rolling programme. Installation of the first signs has taken place and updates will be given to the Board at regular intervals.
Support the development of a commemorative mining statue/memorial on the old Houghton Colliery site	Further to approval of £50,000 at the December Area Committee, a procurement exercise has been undertaken and the Development Director of Land and Property, in partnership with developers of the site, has commissioned Ray Lonsdale to create an appropriate piece of artwork to be installed at the Gateway to the new retail development at Houghton. Now the main artwork for the site is secured, this can be included in the planning application and options will be explored for a mining memorial plaque. Final arrangements for this will be made once all permissions for the development have been confirmed.
Improve access to digital learning resources	A loan scheme to provide IT equipment to children and young people, who do not have access to computers at home, has been developed by the Board. Discussions with four secondary schools has taken place and detail was agreed by the Board in February 2021. It was agreed that funding would be allocated to Hetton, Kepier, Biddick and St Roberts schools, proportionate to the number of Coalfield students who attend each school. Further information and a request for funding is

	contained within Item 4, Area Budget Report.
Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage including Hetton Colliery Railway 200 year anniversary (2022)	The Stephenson Trail Task and Finish group (with members also from the East and West areas) took place in January 2021. The group included Councillor representation from each area, Council officers and partners from relevant organisations and community groups. The group developed an action plan, listing key activities and projects they would like to take forward, and agreed that each of the three Area Committees would be approached for a contribution from their Neighbourhood Fund budget. Further information and a request for funding is contained within Item 4, Area Budget Report.
Vacant Properties and Land for Culture and Leisure	<p>The Task and Finish group met in January 2021 and discussed the buildings included in the Work Plan.</p> <p>Former Elemore Golf Club</p> <p>The site is currently unused and the building is deteriorating and subject to vandalism. The Elemore Greenspace Project group has been set up and £500k Capital Programme has been agreed by Full Council as part of budget proposals. It is proposed to develop the club house and the greenspace area. Progress to date includes: Planning restrictions info received, Environmental surveys commissioned, Survey of Club House underway, Consultation survey underway, Action plan to develop Social Enterprise being developed, Project steering group set up. Ideas being explored include visitor centre, café, nursery and garden centre, walking/cycling hub, wildlife area and importance of the site as historically important and the start of the Stephenson Trail. Further information and a request for Neighbourhood Capital Investment fund is contained in Item 4, Area Budget Report.</p> <p>Philadelphia Power Station – Members identified the potential of the building as a community or heritage centre and wish to move forward with a condition survey of the building to inform next steps. Further detail and a request for funding is contained in Item 4, Area Budget Report.</p> <p>Herrington Country Park – The building in the park is under utilised and there are plans to develop it to include a larger café area. A budget for the building was agreed as part of the 2020/21 Capital programme and an outline design is being drawn up by Design Services.</p>
Provide additional, accessible, play equipment in key parks across the	The Board received a report, at their February 2021 meeting, listing all parks in the Coalfield area, their current condition, repairs/upgrades required and suggestions for an enhanced

Coalfield area	offer. Costs and available budgets are currently being compiled and a further update will be provided to the Board to enable a decision to be made regarding Area Budgets.
Enhance Local Greenspace	<p>The Board discussed a number of areas where enhancement of greenspace would benefit communities. Improvements at a number of sites is being explored including 'The Square', Herrington, Flintmill Park and Keir Hardie field. This will be further discussed at the next Board meeting, with an update being given at the June 2021 Area Committee.</p> <p>The Board also identified the importance of Rectory Park, as a key park in the centre of the Coalfield area, and agreed to allocate funding to the improvement of this key greenspace to benefit the local community. Further information and a request for funding is contained in Item 4, Area Budget Report.</p>
'Bloom' activity and installation of flower planters/tubs	<p>It is proposed to install barrier troughs along the Shiney Row shopping parade to enhance the visual appearance.</p> <p>It is also proposed to enhance the area around the Easington Lane memorial clock, to include upgrades to the existing planters, and to provide a number of tubs planted up with flowers. The clock was built 100 years ago, and in addition to the environmental improvements a celebration will be held this year (restrictions permitting).</p> <p>It is proposed to align Neighbourhood Fund resources to this priority to enable works to be carried out as part of the seasonal planting. The request for funding is contained within Item 4 Area Budget Report.</p>

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to: -

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1
- Agree the recommendations for the 2021/22 Highways Maintenance Programme as contained in Annex 2
- Note the Area Committee video update

Annex 1 Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

Annex 2 Highways Maintenance Programme 2021/22 recommendations

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Coalfield Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.



The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the Coalfield area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Coalfield Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

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| 1. Tackle empty properties | 10. Vacant Properties as Cultural Hubs and Leisure Activities |
| 2. Derelict land and property | 11. Job Opportunities and Job Clubs |
| 3. Enforcement | 12. Social Prescribing – Reduce Social Isolation |
| 4. Bloom Activity | 13. Local Greenspace |
| 5. Transport and Parking | 14. Support voluntary and community sector |
| 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting | 15. Youth Clubs |
| 7. Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes | 16. Reduce fear of crime |
| 8. Digital Learning | 17. Preserve and celebrate local heritage |
| 9. Shopping Centres and Local Businesses | |

It is now the responsibility of Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and which will form the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.

NB: numbers are for reference only, they do not list priorities in order.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1 Tackle Empty Properties		
Action	Next Steps?	
Explore the feasibility of implementing a time limit on how long properties can be boarded up.	Request an update on current delivery in the area from the Empty Property Team and invite officers to attend a Board meeting	The Assistant Director of Housing Services attended the November Board meeting to discuss issues and update the Board on current activity and plans. Further discussions will take place throughout the year.
Explore all types of enforcement powers to improve the neighbourhood around 'The Square' at Herrington	Request further information on future plans around 'The Square' at Herrington. Set up Enforcement Task Group to consider all enforcement powers the Council have. Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services	The Enforcement Task and Finish group received updates from a number of officers on the various enforcement powers available. Actions by Environmental Enforcement and ASB teams has taken place and the Neighbourhood and Communities Board are discussing relevant project ideas using Area Budgets. Further discussions will take place at the March Board meeting, with recommendations presented to the June Area Committee
Improve the physical environment of areas with high levels of empty properties and transient tenants	Request information on what environmental services provide in terms of maintenance around 'The Square/Doorstep Green' at Herrington, including issues with unadopted road	As above
	Request further information regarding issues/solutions at Britannia Tce, Fencehouses	
2 Review derelict land and properties to further create green and cultural communities		
Action		

Request an update on derelict land and properties to Coalfield Neighbourhood and Communities Board	Invite Housing colleagues and Property Services to a future Board meeting to inform specific areas where Area Committee can provide additional resources	
Look at tidying up the Doorstep Green and other areas adjacent to Herrington Country Park, including the rear of Southburn Tce	Request an update from Environmental Services to inform where Area Committee can provide additionality to existing arrangements	The March meeting of the Neighbourhood and Communities Board will discuss specific issues and actions with relevant Council services and develop a project to address this priority
Carry out environmental improvements at Flintmill Park	Request an update from Environmental Services to inform where Area Committee can provide additionality to existing arrangements	A request for funding for environmental improvements will be presented to the June 2021 Area Committee to include this location. In the meantime, work has commenced to identify specific issues and how they can be tackled
Look at other green spaces across the wards where derelict land, where not identified for other use, can be used for community activity	Invite the lead on the Coalfield Green Infrastructure Strategy to attend Area Board in order to explore further project development	The February 2021 Board meeting discussed issues and solutions for some aspects of greenspace. A report has been provided identifying a number of green spaces which can be improved or enhanced to encourage increased community use including Keir Hardie field, Newbottle and Barnwell field. Other sites have been assessed and projects will be developed using the information provided.
3 Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Action		
Consider dealing with unsightly caravans, unroadworthy cars and advertising vehicles taking up space on grass verges	Set up Enforcement Task Group to consider all enforcement powers the Council have. Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services	The Enforcement Task and Finish Group discussed the enforcement powers available and relevant actions were agreed. Officers from relevant services have worked

		together to arrange removal of a number of identified vehicles. An update report was presented to the February 2021 Board meeting.
Tackle private businesses carrying out and using the highway for vehicle repairs, including using the highway as a car park (e.g. Church Street, Shiney Row and Allendale, Penshaw)	Set up Enforcement Task Group to consider all enforcement powers the Council have. Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services	Environmental Enforcement officers have received information on specific locations and begun to address the most problematic issues, resulting in some positive outcomes, such as vehicles/caravans being removed from the highway or greenspaces
Continue the multi agency approach to large and ongoing fly-tips at the former Forest Estate, Easington Lane	Invite relevant officers to provide information to the Task group (above) and continue to feed into LMAPS	The multi agency action at this site is ongoing. Deployment of CCTV, patrols of the area, vehicle monitoring and investigation of waste has shown some improvement to the area. LMAPS continue to monitor and action the issue and the Council's Environmental Enforcement Officers are working with all relevant partners to maintain improvements
Request information on all types of enforcement powers available to the City Council	To be presented to the Task group (as above)	Officers from Northumbria Police and Sunderland City Council attended the Enforcement Task and Finish Group meeting in November 2020 to update the Group on enforcement powers relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways • Planning • Environment • Public Health • Crime • Civil and Parking

		Reporting and feedback mechanisms were discussed and an update was given to the Board at the February 2021 meeting.
Support a multi-agency/multi disciplinary approach to addressing a range of ASB and environmental issues at Railway Tce North and surrounding area	ACDL to request information regarding ongoing work and bring back to Task group (as above)	An ongoing multi-agency programme has been underway at this location. A number of actions have been taken and the reports of ASB and disorder have reduced significantly. The Coalfield ASB Officer, working with local police officers and police support officers, monitors the area regularly and retains contact with local residents. The issue remains on the LMAPS agenda
4 Bloom Activities and Supporting Residents to Grow Their Own		
Action		
Request further information regarding 'Gateway' improvements and how Area Committee may be able to enhance/further develop plans	ACDL to request further information on planned 'Gateway' improvements	Information on 'gateways' to the area is being gathered and will be presented to the Neighbourhood and Communities Board to identify actions
Explore the feasibility of installing flower tubs/railing troughs in more locations across the Coalfield area e.g. Easington Lane memorial clock, Shiney Row shopping centre	ACDL to explore options/costs with Environmental Services	A request for funding to provide floral displays in key locations is presented to the March 2021 Area Committee
5 Transport routes and parking issues in residential and local shopping areas		
Action		
Work with Gentoo to explore solutions to parking issues on some estates		
Work with colleagues to ensure adequate parking is provided on new housing estates		
Explore feasibility of additional resources to address persistent offenders around local shopping centres	Discuss enforcement powers and potential to provide additional resources at the	An update on parking enforcement was given to the Enforcement Task

(Shiney Row and Newbottle Street) where inappropriate parking can damage business for local traders	Enforcement Task Group (as in 1 and 3 above)	and Finish Group in November 2020. Colleagues from Parking Services provided information on available powers, and reporting mechanisms
6 Highways, pavements and street lighting		
Action		
Consider possibility of removal of derelict planters and replace or pave over (e.g. Gravel Walks/Stamley Street area, Houghton)	Invite Highways officers to an Area Board meeting to discuss	
Explore the feasibility of removing bollards at Edwin Street, Gravel Walks.		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Coalfield Area Committee	<p>The Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021-2022 is under development. Officers attended the February Neighbourhood and Communities Board meeting to update Members on the assessment of all sites put forward. Recommendations from the Board are presented to the March 2021 Area Committee.</p> <p>A progress report on the current year's (2020-21) programme of work was presented to the Board.</p>
Progress the VAS programme planned for the Coalfield area consisting of 8 signs deployed across 31 sites on a 3 month rolling programme	Highways colleagues to complete a procurement exercise and provide an update to the November 2020 Area Board meeting	8 signs have been procured for the Coalfield area and are now installed as a first phase of the project. The signs will be deployed across 31 sites on a 3 month rolling programme.
7 Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes		

Action		
Explore the feasibility of installing additional/improved signage at key locations	Request further information from the PROW Officer on current footpath and cycleway signage to inform next steps	
Support the development of the Lakes Café in Hetton Lyons Country Park	Pledge support via Spacehive	The Area Committee pledged £950 to ensure that the Lakes Café reached it's target before the deadline date. Improvements to the Café will provide a great facility for visitors to the park all year round.
Support renewal of bins in Hetton Lyons Country Park (and other areas where relevant)	Request location and condition information of rubbish/dog bins in parks to inform next steps	An audit has been carried out on the condition of bins and seats in parks across the area. The results of this audit are being assessed by Local Services to prioritise renewal and repair. Once this exercise is complete, the Neighbourhood and Communities Board will consider where Area Committee can add value by allocating Area Budgets
Support the improvement and increased use of Hetton Park	Request further information on the future plans for Hetton Park to inform next steps and the potential development of a park management plan	
Provide additional, accessible, play equipment in key parks across the Coalfield area	Invite Assistant Director of Environmental Services to an Area Board meeting to discuss condition survey, future plans and areas where Area Committee can add value to planned provision	A condition survey of all fixed play sites has been carried out. The February Neighbourhood and Communities Board received a report which identified required/suggested works. Costs and available budgets are being worked on and further information will be presented to the Board at their March meeting to discuss feasibility and costs of enhancing planned works.

Support cycling proficiency in schools and with youth providers. Provide prizes to local schools. Encourage young people to take up cycling to school etc..	ACDL to request information on what is currently delivered and how AC can enhance the road safety offer to young people	Highways colleagues have attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board to provide information on current schemes. Meetings have taken place with the Road Safety Team to discuss enhancing existing programmes.
8 Digital Learning Resources		
Action		
Implement the next phase of the Neighbourhood Funded Digital Inclusion programme to enable support to residents within the community	ACDL to develop project brief and invite applications via the VCS Network	The Coalfield Communities Connected project was approved by Area Committee in September 2020. The project, delivered by Springboard, commenced in December 2020 and provides 1-2-1 and small group support to local residents who require advice or help with anything digital.
Explore the feasibility of developing a 'loan' scheme to provide IT equipment to children and young people who do not have computers at home	ACDL to gather information from schools and groups to inform next steps	In partnership with Hetton, Kepier, Biddick and St Roberts schools, The Neighbourhood and Communities Board has developed a 'Laptop Loan Scheme'. A request for funding is presented to the March 2021 Area Committee.
9 Shopping Centres and Local Businesses		
Action		
Continue to support improvement of the physical environment in local shopping centres	Area Board to discuss opportunity of aligning Neighbourhood Fund budget to environmental improvements	Funding is requested at the March Area Committee. If approved, floral displays will be installed in Easington Lane and Shiney Row
Encourage use of Shop Local and using smaller traders in the community	Build on the support for local business messages developed during lock-down. Promote the benefits of local shopping. Use Coalfield Sunderland Community facebook page	The work of the Coalfield Community Hub (a partnership between Sunderland City Council and a range of VCS partners) has promoted the services provided by

		local retailers within the Community. Shopping support to those who are isolated or vulnerable has been carried out by local groups and volunteers and has supported, where possible, shops and services within the local community. Supporting the local economy has become more important than ever to the community.
Support improvement of parking issues in shopping centres (as in 5 above)	Discuss enforcement powers and potential to provide additional resources at the Enforcement Task Group (as above)	
10 Vacant Properties and Land as Cultural Hubs and Leisure Activities		
Action		
Explore opportunities for Elemore Golf Course e.g. community farm, community forest and space for mini-festivals, training and apprenticeships. Area Committee to consider funding a feasibility study/business plan	Set up a Task Group to explore vacant properties and feasibility for future use for cultural and leisure activity.	Sunderland City Council has set up a project group to protect and develop the site, now known as the 'Elemore Greenspace Project'. The group, made up of officers, partners, Councillors and members of the local community has developed a comprehensive action plan. It is proposed to develop the club house and the greenspace area for the benefit of the local and wider community as a location of natural and historic importance. Ideas being explored so far include a visitor centre/café, nursery and garden centre, walking/cycling hub, wildlife area and initiatives to promote the site as historically important and the start of the Stephenson Trail.

		A request for funding from the Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme is presented to the March Area Committee.
Explore the feasibility of creating a heritage centre at the former Philadelphia Depot		The Task and Finish group reported potential opportunities to the February Neighbourhood and Communities Board and Members identified the potential of the building as a community or heritage centre and wish to move forward with a condition survey of the building to inform next steps. A request for Neighbourhood Fund is presented to the March Area Committee
Identify vacant sites and their current and future use	Task and Finish Group members to identify any other key sites for discussion	The Group discussed the currently underutilised building in Herrington Country Park, and the potential for future use. Funding was agreed by Council to develop the building and an outline design is being drawn up by Design Services
11 Job Opportunities and Job Clubs		
Action		
Support local residents with employment-related information and training in local venues via VCS organisations	Set up a Task Group, and liaise with VCS partners, to explore what is currently	

Provide relevant information to support small and artisan business and encourage development of CIC companies where appropriate	available and where additionality can be provided to enhance support locally	
Support residents back into employment and maximise job opportunities		
Continue the Neighbourhood Funded RU Ready for UC project (partnership between Springboard and ShARP) to support people claiming Universal Credit to move further towards the employment market	ACDL to work with the project leads to adapt the project to current need. ACDL to provide update reports to the Area Board	The next phase of the RU Ready for UC project (delivered jointly by Springboard and ShARP) commenced on 1 December and will support claimants by telephone, on line or in person on a 1-2-1 basis (appointments only)
12 Social Prescribing and Reducing Social Isolation		
Action		
Continue to provide affordable wellbeing activities to reduce social isolation and improve health (e.g. Zumba, dance fit, walking football etc...)	Area Board to discuss allocation of Neighbourhood Fund via a Call for Projects to the VCS Network	The Neighbourhood and Communities Board will discuss at the March 2021 meeting.
Provide befriending and welfare support to local residents via telephone, facetime or 1-2-1 in person	Area Board to discuss allocation of Neighbourhood Fund to address this priority	The Coalfield Community Hub, set up in response to the Covid 19 pandemic, has continued to provide befriending support and keep in touch calls to residents who require them. The Hub partners also provide a range of support and services including emergency food, shopping support, prescription collection and debt/budgeting advice. As restrictions ease, projects and groups will support residents to be reintroduced to activities and services in person. A City Council funded Covid 19 Mental Health and Wellbeing

		project is currently being delivered in the Coalfield area by 5 organisations who have come together to form a 'Mental Health Partnership'. One element of the project is a telephone befriending service. The Neighbourhood and Communities Board will discuss at the March 2021 meeting.
Work with GP Alliance Social Prescribing Team and VCS Network to identify gaps in local provision	ACDL to liaise with VCS Network to identify local need, and feed back to Area Board to inform next steps	Regular contact with the Coalfield Social Prescribing Team has enabled a joined up approach to supporting residents who would like to have more social contact and participate in clubs, services and activities. As restrictions ease, more in-person activities will be available and VCS Network members will share information at their monthly meetings.
Continue to provide support to ELCAP Community Transport project to develop new ways of working to provide social opportunities to those most at risk of isolation	Area Board to receive an update from ELCAP Community Transport regarding current and proposed transport services	At the September Area Committee, the 'Lifeline' project was approved to enable ELCAP Community Transport to provide a limited shopping bus service to residents who wanted to re-engage socially, following a period of self isolating/shielding as a result of Covid 19 restrictions. The project has been on hold since January, due to social distancing requirements. However, regular contact has been made with users of the service, and once guidance allows, the service will re-commence.

Continue with the development of the Neighbourhood Fund Coalfield Healthy and Active Programme (CHAP) projects	Area Board to receive an update on current and planned projects and support delivery of the Programme	Due to restrictions regarding meeting in person/group activity/social distancing, projects have employed alternative methods of delivery to support residents with physical and mental wellbeing. The Coalfield Community Hub and Coalfield Social Navigator (B Active N B Fit) continue to provide befriending calls and visits to those who require them.
13 Enhance Local Greenspace and encourage wider use		
Action		
Explore the expansion of green gyms and adult exercise equipment in parks	ACDL to request further information from colleagues in Sport and Leisure	To be discussed by the Neighbourhood and Communities Board at the March 2021 meeting.
Explore feasibility of dog exclusion areas for Herrington Country Park	ACDL to request information on current restrictions/legislation to inform next steps	To be discussed by the Neighbourhood and Communities Board at the March 2021 meeting.
Consider the improvement and promotion of local greenspaces, not identified for other use, for community activity	Invite the lead on the Green Infrastructure Strategy to discuss with the Area Board to inform next steps	To be discussed by the Neighbourhood and Communities Board at the March 2021 meeting.
Look into improved signage for footpaths and cycle routes	Discuss as part of the Green Infrastructure Strategy	To be discussed by the Neighbourhood and Communities Board at the March 2021 meeting.
14 Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services within local community venues as well as host community events/activities		
Action		
Continue to support the VCS Network and its member organisations	Area Board to ensure links with VCS Network are further strengthened and views/input from the sector are considered when developing projects	Regular VCS Network meetings, and contact with VCS Representatives to Area Committee ensure that views and input are incorporated into project ideas and actions.

		Sunderland City Council continue to support a thriving VCS and seeks to bring additional capacity to the sector through the recruitment of 5 Community Support Workers.
Explore a way of saying thank you to the VCS organisations formally	Area Board to discuss a marketing campaign, or celebration event	
Continue to provide funding opportunities to local organisations via the VCS Network	All funding opportunities (internal and external) to be circulated to the VCS Network via information sharing from the Area Team	A weekly bulletin including information sharing and funding opportunities is circulated to all VCS Network members each week
Develop a community and volunteer programme across the Coalfield to support local residents	ACDL to provide Area Board with information regarding the recently completed Neighbourhood Fund 'Step up' project to inform next steps	The Coalfield Community Hub is supported by community groups and volunteers who are providing essential and social support to local residents. The recruitment of a Community Support Worker for the area (as above) will strengthen this work
15 Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Action		
Support the development of the 2 year Neighbourhood Funded Youth Activity project	ACDL to monitor the project closely, ensuring members have the opportunity to feed in views/proposals to the lead agent (SNCBC)	The NF Youth project is now underway, employing alternative engagement methods due to Covid 19 restrictions. Activities and support is available to young people aged 11-19. Between September and December 2020, a total of 251 young people accessed the service. Holiday provision for young people, families and children is also funded. Short break sessions for those with disabilities and learning difficulties is still being provided.

Identify suitable venues for youth clubs and sessional work	SNCBC to consider and assess local venues for delivery	The Safe Places, Safe Spaces project provides counselling sessions at four local venues (Houghton Racecourse CA, Flatts Youth Centre, Penshaw CA, and Houghton Blind Centre). The project provides emotional support for up to 8 young people per session by invitation only due to Covid restrictions.
Explore the development of a responsive service that can deal with problematic areas as they arise	Set up a Task group to look at ASB prevention and longer term strategies	The NF youth project is designed to respond to areas of need/concern and provides outreach work in those areas.
16 Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together		
Action		
Develop long term strategies, with partners, for dealing with ASB	Set up a Task group to look at ASB prevention	
Explore the feasibility/benefits of setting up a boxing club in Hetton		
Explore and research neighbourhood watch-style initiatives.		
Set up regular meetings between the Police and Sunderland City Councillors	ACDL to discuss with Area Board and Police Inspector to develop a programme of meetings	Police/Councillor meetings have commenced and will take place quarterly.
17 Preserve and celebrate local heritage		
Action		
Explore opportunities to celebrate Hetton Railway 200 year anniversary	Area Co-ordinator to discuss with other areas of Sunderland, who have also identified this opportunity	A Stephenson Trail Task and Finish group with members from the Coalfield, East and West areas has now met. The group includes key

		stakeholders and links with the HCR 200 group already established. A comprehensive action plan has been developed and in order to progress the plan each of the three Area Committees are requested to provide funding.
Support the development of a commemorative mining statue/memorial on the old Houghton Colliery site	ACDL to liaise with Development Director of Land and Investment to explore how Area Committee can enhance proposals for the site	Further to approval of £50,000 at the December Area Committee, a procurement exercise has been undertaken and the Development Director of Land and Property, in partnership with developers of the site, has commissioned Ray Lonsdale to create an appropriate piece of artwork to be installed at the Gateway to the new retail development at Houghton. Now the main artwork for the site is secured, this can be included in the planning application and options will be explored for a mining memorial plaque. Final arrangements for this will be made once all permissions for the development have been confirmed.
Explore the feasibility of creating a mining 'map' on the paving of the new retail development at Houghton		As above
Continue to support local events and celebrations via Neighbourhood Fund	Celebrate 100 year anniversary of Easington Lane memorial clock which was unveiled by Lord Joicey on 27 August 1921	A community celebration will be arranged, the format of which will be explored in line with any restrictions in place at the time regarding gatherings and events. Environmental improvements

		including the installation of floral displays will be made.
	ACDL to bring a proposal for funding to Area Committee to support local groups via VCS Network	Neighbourhood Funding was approved at the December 2020 Area Committee. ACDL to work with the Neighbourhood and Communities Board and the VCS Network to develop ideas and projects relevant to the local area

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021-22

Neighbourhood and Community Board Recommendations (in bold) for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2021-2022

STREET NAME	WARD	Area (m2)	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Balfour Street/Elizabeth Street	Copt Hill		Resurface carriageway		21800
Heath Grange	Copt Hill		Slurry footways	2100	
High Downs Square	Copt Hill		Resurface carriageway		13850
John Street	Copt Hill		Localised carriageway patching		8700
Lawnswood	Copt Hill		Overlay road with Micro asphalt		25950
Lincoln Crescent from 18 to 27	Hetton		Slurry footway	1050	
Mardale Street	Hetton		Resurface carriageway		14150
Pimlico Road	Hetton		Resurface carriageway		14000
Rear Rectory Road	Hetton		Resurface carriageway		5800
Urwin Street	Hetton		Resurface carriageway		5200
Wordsworth Avenue	Hetton		Slurry footway	2400	
Abbey Drive	Houghton		Localised footway repairs	10500	
Brancepeth Avenue	Houghton		Localised carriageway patching		3150
Grange Avenue	Houghton		Localised carriageway patching		2100
Hillview Road (part)	Houghton		Resurface carriageway		4750
Morley Terrace	Houghton		Localised carriageway patching		2100
Murray Avenue	Houghton		Localised carriageway patching		2100
Thorneyburn Close (part)	Houghton		Resurface carriageway		6000

STREET NAME	WARD	Area (m2)	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
B1286 Herrington Road	Shiney Row		Slurry footway	2100	
Eden Terrace	Shiney Row		Resurface carriageway		10900
Collingwood Drive	Shiney Row		Resurface carriageway		10850
Golf Course Road	Shiney Row		Localised Carriageway resurfacing		19200
McClaren Way	Shiney Row		Localised Carriageway resurfacing		3900
Rear Hedworth Terrace	Shiney Row		Resurface carriageway		8000
			AREA TOTAL	18150	182500
			SELECTION TOTAL	14700	85300

TOTAL = £100,000

Schemes highlighted in bold represent recommendations from the Neighbourhood and Communities Board

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

17 March 2021

REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) NETWORK

The following report provides an update from Coalfield VCS Network for the Coalfield Area Committee from December 2020 to March 2021.

The Coalfields VCS Network have met on two occasions via Teams since the last Coalfield Area Committee.

28th January 2021

Presentations delivered:

Coalfield Community Hub – Pauline and Shaun updated VCS members about the work being delivered through the community hub. Easington Lane Community Access Point and Hub partners have continued to deliver support for residents, with shopping, befriending, prescription collection etc. The shopping bus is also being used. The group recognised that the befriending calls are taking longer as some residents are socially isolated and have been at home for almost a year with little contact with the ‘outside world’.

Support for young people/Coalfield Youth Project – Wendy updated the network with information about the play and youth services currently being delivered in the Coalfields area including Good Vibes, Safe Space Safe Place, Play work and Short breaks.

Additional items

Food bank discussion – the VCS partners discussed the food bank referral processes and the network discussed where food was available across the Coalfields. The distribution points noted were Penshaw Pantry, Loaves and Fishes, Space 4, St John’s Methodist Church and The Bethany Centre.

Elmore Consultation discussion – Pauline updated the group about Elmore Golf Course following the Let’s Talk consultation. Pauline shared the ideas which have come forward so far and asked VCS groups to encourage/support residents to complete the questionnaire.

25th February 2021

Presentations delivered:

Step Up Sunderland – Laura Bartlett introduced the Step Up Sunderland App to the group and shared with VCS organisations the benefits of using the app, rewards available, challenges, badges etc. As the app is used through a smart phone as a network, we discussed support for any residents who were struggling with ICT could be provided through Ken Lamb from Springboard, who is delivering the Coalfield Communities Connected project.

Social Prescribing – Dominic Harvey updated the network about the work of the Social Prescribing Team.

Lighthouse Therapy Group CIC – Mark Walsh updated the group about the project which was set up a couple of years ago and is based in Washington Village. The group deliver one to one, family therapy and try to keep it affordable to all. They also run Lighthouse Adventures for young people and have worked with Springboard Adventures to deliver this programme.

Additional item

Coalfields VCS video – the VCS partners have agreed it would be great to put together a small promotional clip showcasing some of the fantastic work being delivered across the network and to promote what is being delivered. Wendy offered to work with young people from the Flatts youth forum on this project.

All meetings have been well attended on Teams with 30+ organisations taking part. All meetings close with an information share and it is fantastic opportunity to hear about the delivery of services/activities for residents by VCS groups in these unprecedented times.

Sunderland City Council in its continued commitment to support a thriving VCS in the city seeks to bring additional capacity to the sector through the recruitment of 5 Community Support Workers.

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17 March 2021**REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE****Coalfields Crime and Disorder Report**

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Coalfields comparing fiscal year to date figures with the previous year.

There is a slight increase in youth Anti- Social Behaviour. We had seen almost twelve months of reductions in youth ASB across the sector but we have noted an increase in reports in recent weeks with Shiney row and Houghton bearing the brunt of the calls as well as more latterly Herrington Country Park and the better weather. I intend to continue with the revamped Op Avalanche 2 and will be focusing on these areas as well as Hetton and Easington Lane. We have noticed a slight increase in calls since the easing of restrictions and groups of youths in much larger numbers than before. We have seen this particularly around the shops in Shiney Row and the Burnside areas of Houghton. It is a trying time as we usually work closer with the schools to address this but since the schools only went back this week it is something that we are going to have to tread carefully around as the focus will be catching up on missed work.

Adult ASB recording has gone through the roof in this period largely since every breach of Covid 19 regulations has been classified in this way and it will take until next year before we can make any sense of the data as it has been such an unprecedented period. The Local neighbourhood Team have worked tirelessly to attend as many of these reported breaches as possible and dozens of tickets have been issued as well as Community Protection Warnings for persistent offenders.

Our priority in recent months has been to combat burglaries to both dwellings and commercial premises alike. The figures show a decrease in dwelling house burglaries for the year. More recently this has centred on the streets in and around Gravel Walks Estate and business premises in Newbottle Street. We have worked hard to apprehend offenders and made several arrests which resulted in one receiving imprisonment. Rather than just traditional house burglaries we are finding that sheds and stand-alone garages have been targeted very often where entry has been gained overnight to as they were unlocked.

In more positive news you will see that theft in general is significantly down which is largely due to the disappearance of lead thefts and fewer scrap vehicles operating on the roads.

It is worth noting that the Neighbourhood Team have spent a lot of time in East Rainton in the last few months and in particular premises in School Road. We have had almost a constant presence in the area. This has included utilising our Operations department (traffic, dogs and Firearms) tasked to the area due to several issues of crime and disorder. There is also currently a multi-agency tasking group solely focusing on this area which also has a large environmental clean-up plan.

Crime / Disorder	Previous fiscal year to date 2020	Current fiscal year to date 2021	+ / -
Youth ASB	417	447	Up 30
Burglary Dwelling	310	289	Down 21
Commercial Burglary	85	89	Up 4
Violence against the Person	386	366	Down 20
Theft from Motor Vehicle	164	144	Down 20
Theft and handling	613	353	Down 260
Total Crime	4520	4157	Down 363

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17 March 2021

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 Coalfield Area Committee area. The data is a direct comparison for January 2021 in relation to the same period 2020

2 Background

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

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

L.I 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

L.I 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

0 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 1 incident in the previous year for this period. TWFRS and partners will continue to work to identify vulnerable buildings and ensure these are secured.

LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire

There has been an increase in the number of Vehicle fires from 3 to 4. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police to identify trends and perpetrators.

LI 33 Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

16 incidents, this is a decrease from 31 incidents (48%) from the same period last year, (loose refuse 13-6 and rubbish 3-3). For all most areas have seen a decrease the reduction in loose refuse incidents and wheelie bin related incidents have seen the biggest reductions. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/deliberate fires have occurred.

Copt Hill Ward Has seen a decrease from 8 incidents to 3, a decrease of 62% during this period. Incidents over this period vary from loose refuse to rubbish.

Houghton Ward Has seen a decrease from 7 to 2 a 71% decrease in the number of fires. Refuse and rubbish predominately are the cause of the decrease

Hetton Ward has seen a 50% decrease in incidents 14-7. Refuse and rubbish predominately are the cause of the decrease

Shiney Row Ward has seen an increase in incidents (2-4) over the reporting period. Loose rubbish/refuse are responsible for the increases.

4 Lighter /Darker Nights

Service lighter nights campaign will be launching soon but work has started at Farringdon to reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action with my crews. Each of my watches have been given ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). This is not just about ASB fires but all deliberate fires, ensuring proper stacking/ storage of items outside a premise that may have an impact on property and life. Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

Summary

There are significant decreases within all wards but Shiney Row. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority to investigate and identify any trends. Refuse also remains problematic, Station Manager Burns will be working closely with partners to reduce these incidents.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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Sunderland - Coalfields CAF Report

January 2021

The following data set contains general information relating to fire incidents/ASB fires in this reporting area. This is for public information and sharing for the purposes of reducing ASB and fire crime.

If in doubt about the level of security contact the D&I team SHQ.

Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances.

Secondary fires include refuse, bin, derelict vehicle fires and grass fires. A secondary fire does not involve casualties or rescues.

Data and Information Audit	
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LI33 Incidents

Number of all deliberate fires:

January 2020	January 2021
31	16

LI14 Incidents

Number of primary fires started deliberately excluding toad vehicles:

January 2020	January 2021
1	0

LI15 Incidents

Number of deliberate primary roads vehicle fires:

January 2020	January 2021
3	4

LI16 Incidents

Number of deliberate secondary fires:

January 2020	January 2021
27	12

LI33 Incidents - Ward Breakdown

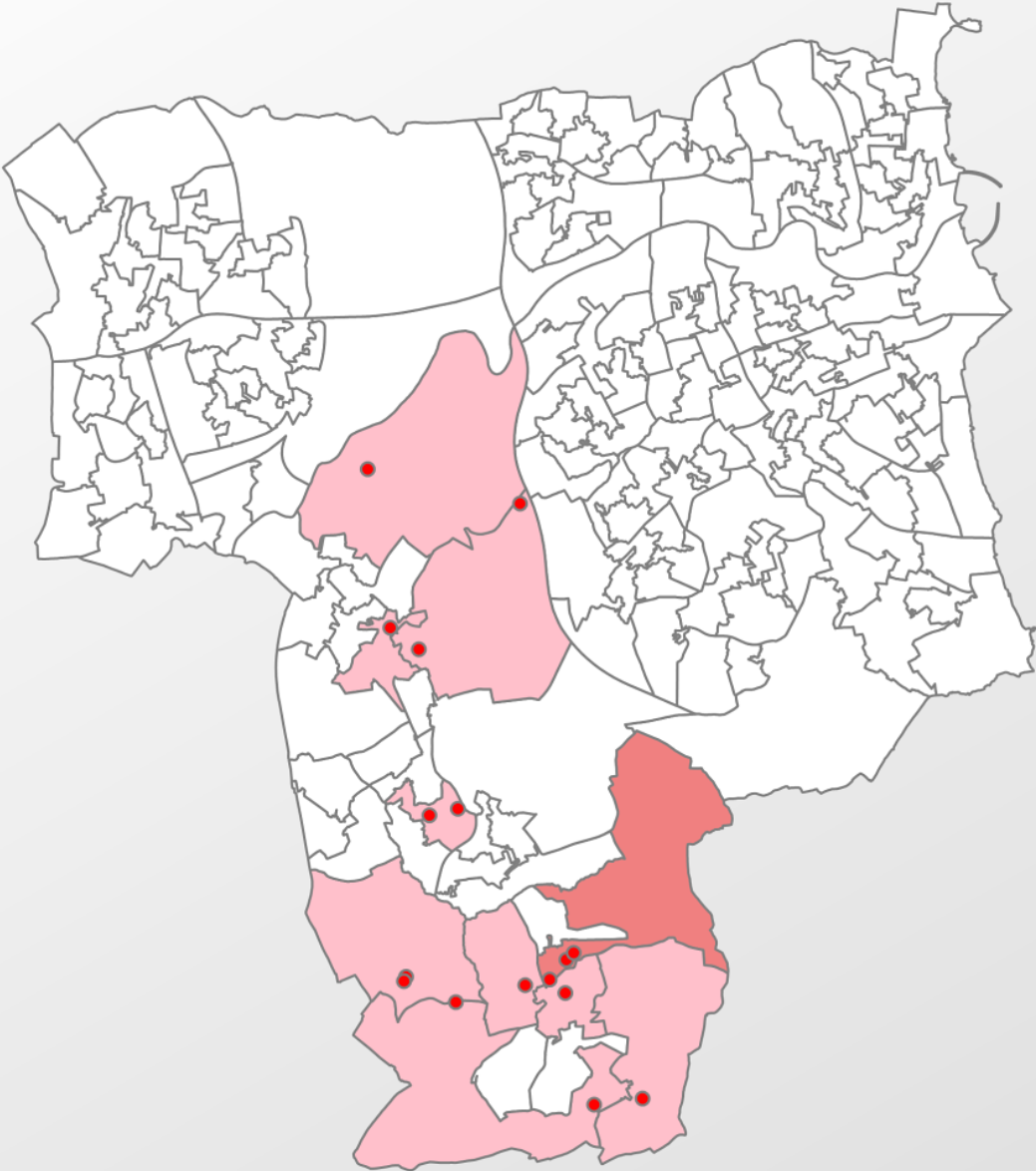
Ward	January 2020	January 2021
Copt Hill ward	8	3
Hetton ward	14	7
Houghton ward	7	2
Shiney Row ward	2	4
Total	31	16

LI33 Incidents - Property Type Breakdown

Property Type	January 2020	January 2021
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1	0
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	3	1
Van	1	0
Car	2	3
Other outdoor location	0	1
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	1	0
Motorcycle	0	1
Park	1	0
Wheelie Bin	5	1
House - single occupancy	1	0
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	13	6
Refuse/rubbish tip	3	3
Total	31	16

LI33 Incidents - Map Breakdown

There was **16** incidents in the Sunderland - Coalfields area during January 2021



LI33 Incidents - Detailed Breakdown

There was **16** incidents in the Sunderland - Coalfields area during January 2021

Incident Number	Date	Time	Station	Ward	Property Type
49000176	03/01/2021	18:05:43	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
49000456	09/01/2021	14:12:48	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Motorcycle
49000463	09/01/2021	16:04:04	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
49000588	11/01/2021	18:28:39	Washington (S)	Shiney Row ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
49000633	12/01/2021	19:44:19	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
49000644	13/01/2021	00:48:08	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Other outdoor location
49000749	15/01/2021	05:30:45	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Wheelie Bin
49000803	15/01/2021	22:25:47	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Car
49000845	17/01/2021	02:15:51	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
49000937	19/01/2021	03:03:20	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
49001111	22/01/2021	04:22:19	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Car
49001496	28/01/2021	17:07:59	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
49001516	29/01/2021	01:05:05	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
49001591	30/01/2021	16:25:05	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
49001610	30/01/2021	22:30:22	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Car
49001631	31/01/2021	06:32:49	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)

COALFIELDS AREA COMMITTEE**17 March 2021****REPORT OF GENTOO****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Coalfields Area Committee from December 2020 to March 2021.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up-to-date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

3. Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 Gentoo has carried out a review of service charges to ensure they are consistent, fair and transparent. Service charges cover only the cost of providing the service and no profit is made. The review included charges not currently made (such as stair lift maintenance and communal laundries) as well as existing charges. We have written to 7,000 tenants and leaseholders to advise them how this will affect them. Charges will be phased in over the next three years to allow for a period of adjustment.
- 3.2 86% of tenants will see an increase of less than £5 per week and 95% of leaseholders will see an increase of less than £10 per week. Many will have the new elements of the charges covered by Housing Benefit or Universal Credit. Both leaseholders and tenants with an increase of more than £2 per week who are not covered by benefits will be proactively contacted by our Money Matters Team and local Neighbourhood Coordinators to offer assistance, budgeting guidance and benefit checks.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 The Avenue Vivienne site continues to progress, and we have advertised and conducted viewings on the first 5 new homes. All 5 potential tenants have accepted and will be due to move around then of March. We eagerly anticipate more new homes late Spring/early Summer. This date may change if further restrictions are imposed due to Covid 19.
- 4.2 Further investment works continue, throughout the Coalfields area. A mix of heating upgrades, window replacements, roofing and gable end works. Unfortunately, our contractors are encountering quite a few access issues. However, we and our contractors, are trying to resolve these issues quickly, at the convenience of our tenants.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE 17 March 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Coalfield Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: Committee are requested to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial information detailed in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 (b) Approve/Align the five projects, detailed in section 2 and Annex 1, from the Neighbourhood Fund (c) Approve/Align the three projects, detailed in section 3 and Annex 2, from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme (d) Note the approved Community Chest grants within section 4, from 1st April 2020 as detailed in Annex 3 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £361,514 (inc Youth allocation) for 2020/2021 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery 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 Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

17 March 2021

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Coalfield Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2020/2021:

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020/2021 – (inc youth funding £20k)					£361,514
Kepier Hall	15.07.20	-	-	£10,000	£351,514
Phoenix Project	20.03.19	£4,560	-	-	£356,074
Lifeline Project	29.09.20	-	-	£5,000	£351,074
Celebration, Events & Heritage Programme	09.12.20	-	-	£30,000	£321,074
Wellbeing in the Community	09.12.20	-	-	£8,000	£313,074

- 2.2 There are five funding proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2020/2021 Neighbourhood Fund, set out below and further detailed at **Annex 1**

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| • Condition Survey (Philadelphia Power Station) | £8,300 |
| • Laptop Loan Scheme (four schools) | £40,000 |
| • Community Loco | £15,000 |
| • Stephenson Trail | £50,000 |
| • Bloom and Love Where You Live | £20,000 |

- 2.3 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£133,300**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£179,774**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

- 3.1 Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Coalfield Area Investment Delivery Plan. The table below shows the financial position of the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, 2020/2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020/2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting Project	15.07.20	-	-	£10,000	£490,000
Mining Heritage Project	09.12.20	-	-	£50,000	£440,000

- 3.2 There are three funding proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2020/2021 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, set out below and further detailed at **Annex 2**

- Shiney Lighting £ 5,961
- Elemore Greenspace £100,000
- Improving Rectory Park £100,000

- 3.3 The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme budget requested for approval is **£205,961**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£234,039**

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 The table below shows the financial position of the Area Committee, Community Chest Fund 2020/2021. Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made from 1st April 2020 to 5 March 2021, detailed in **Annex 3**.
NOTE: A number of applications were pending a decision at the time of writing the report.

Ward	2020/2021 Allocation	Budget Returned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Copt Hill	£10,000	-	£7,994.50	£2,005.50
Hetton	£10,000	-	£2,962.50	£7,037.50
Houghton	£10,000	-	£5,570.50	£4,429.50
Shiney Row	£10,000	-	£4,462.50	£5,537.50
Total	£40,000	-	£20,990	£19,010

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial information detailed in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1
- 5.2 Approve/Align the five projects, detailed in section 2 and **Annex 1**, from the Neighbourhood Fund
- 5.3 Approve/Align the three projects, detailed in section 3 and **Annex 2**, from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
- 5.4 Note the approved Community Chest grants from 1st April 2020, as detailed in **Annex 3**

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Annex 1 Neighbourhood Fund
 Annex 2 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
 Annex 3 Community Chest

Applications for Coalfield Neighbourhood Fund**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Philadelphia Power Station Condition Survey
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities (SNCBC)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
	£0	£8,300
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
	April 2021	September 2021

Project Description:

Community Opportunities propose to lead a project to understand the condition of a local building with heritage significance, specifically the Old Power Station, Philadelphia, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4UG. The building is a large former power station constructed from solid brickwork, masonry walls, an insitu concrete lower ground floor, a suspended reinforced concrete and steel upper ground floor and with a dual pitched roof on steel trusses covered with profiled steel sheeting. The building dates from around 1914 and has been vacant and subject to a range of anti-social behaviour and theft for most of its recent past and is currently being leased to provide storage facilities for a regional heritage bus group.

The building will be surveyed using a combination of drone footage and external ground level inspection by Doonans Architects who will lead the inspection and will include BT Bell Consulting Engineers. Their comments will be incorporated within the report which alongside the written report will include photographic records, sketch plans etc. The work to be carried out is of a specialist nature and Doonans have experience of carrying out similar works to a range of heritage sites in Sunderland but also nationally and regionally and are familiar with co-ordinating a team of specialists to produce the condition report.

We will liaise with the Owner and current tenants of the site to enable the Conservation Architect, Surveyors, and relevant contractors to visit and complete works and will hold inception and update meetings to enable the final report document to be compiled. The condition survey report will enable then inform the appropriate next steps and will form the basis of funding applications for future financial support.

The purpose of the condition survey is to understand the capital works requirement to the building with a view to examining whether it may provide a venue for a community heritage attraction in the longer-term. The survey will provide the detail of the scope of capital repairs that will be required to the building structure to make it habitable for wider purposes than storage. This project therefore links with the Coalfield Work Plan Priority: to Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage and links with the Vibrancy workstream of the Sunderland City Plan.

Recommendation

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage.

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Laptop Loan Scheme
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council on behalf of four schools

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
	£0	£40,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
	April 2021	September 2021

Project Description:

The Coalfield Area Committee Work Plan identifies the need to support local young people who may not have access to relevant or suitable IT equipment to complete their studies. Students are more and more reliant on home working and without access to equipment may struggle to complete tasks or participate in online learning. It has been identified that although the DfE has provided a limited number of devices for children and young people eligible for pupil premium or free school meals, there are far more pupils in need than devices available. Alongside this cohort of pupils are large numbers of children and young people who do not fall into the 'disadvantaged' category but do not have access to relevant equipment for many reasons. Therefore Members have been keen to explore how a wider range of pupils can be supported.

In addition to the two secondary schools based in the Coalfield Area (Hetton and Kepier), it has been identified that many pupils with a DH4 or DH5 post code attend Biddick and St Roberts Schools in Washington. Therefore, the project has been discussed with all four schools to ascertain need and process for the proposed scheme.

Key features of the project include:

- Pupils must live in the Coalfield area to be eligible
- Each school will have responsibility for the purchase, management and distribution of the laptops. Retaining ownership of the equipment
- Each school will ensure that the correct and relevant software and security systems are installed on each laptop and ensure that acceptable use policies are in place with parents and pupils
- Each school will identify pupils who would benefit most from the equipment and ensure that if they do not have access to the correct device they will be a priority for the scheme
- Priority will be given to exam year pupils, where possible
- Each school will monitor and evaluate use and benefit
- Recognition will be given to Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee and Sunderland City Council
- The laptops will be owned by each of the schools with any future administration, updates and repairs being the responsibility of that school
- Each school will report, to us, the benefits the project has brought to their school, and more importantly, the pupils

Each school has submitted indicative costs for purchase and preparation of a laptop which would enable all pupils to access programmes relevant to their studies,

compatible with school systems, and installation of software and security programmes. Costs per device range from £330 to £450.

Each school has indicated that any financial support towards purchasing laptops would be appreciated and be of great benefit to individual pupils. To make a real difference it is recommended that £40,000 is awarded to this project, and allocated on a pro-rata basis depending on the number of pupils from the Coalfield area

- Hetton School £10,000
- Kepier £16,800
- Biddick £5,600
- St Roberts £7,600

Recommendation

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Support Digital Learning.

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Community Loco
Lead Organisation	Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust (HCR200)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
	£3,279	£15,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
	June 2021	June 2022

Project Description

It is proposed to create a community structure to commemorate 200 years since the opening of the Hetton Railway, the intention is to create a sculpture using fabricated steel, coloured glass and light. A simplified 3d steel frame will be fabricated, using drawings of the original engine, to provide a steel skeleton of the locomotive. Paper templates will be taken of the open faces and these will be used to cut 350 glass tiles. The tiles will then be taken to workshop sessions in schools of 2 to 2½ hours. Each session would comprise a brief history of the Hetton Colliery Railway and its international importance. Work will be carried out with participants to create their own glass panel inspired by the history, learning and key themes. Ceramic techniques will be used to fuse the glass, giving each panel texture. When all of the tiles have been completed they will be fired in a glass kiln to form larger panel sections, which will be fitted to the steel frame of the locomotive to form the body panels of the sculpture, which will have LED lighting fitted. The completed work, approximately 4.5 feet long by 3.5 feet high by 2 feet wide, will be displayed at a local venue, such as the former Elemore Golf Club or the Hetton Centre.

Students and parents will learn of the international importance of the Hetton Colliery Railway. It will celebrate and commemorate the heritage of the Hetton Colliery Railway which, when it opened on the 18th of November 1822, was to be a landmark event of international importance in the development of railways. The railway ran from Hetton to the Staithes at Sunderland, the development of railways would follow at pace with the acclaimed Stockton to Darlington railway opening in 1825 and the

Liverpool to Manchester in 1830. George Stephenson designed the Hetton Colliery Railway and it was built by his brother Robert. George would become known as the Father of Railways, this was the start of momentous changes leading to the Victorian rail building revolution, which changed the world. An unveiling event will also be arranged.

Recommendation

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage.

NF Alignment Proposal 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Stephenson Trail
Lead Organisation	Stephenson Trail Task Group
ALIGN	£50,000

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan refers to the fact that the Stephenson Trail was opened on the 18 September 1822 and Area Committee want to look at opportunities to improve the visual appearance, its usability and raise awareness about its purpose to preserve and celebrate local heritage. In addition, Members want to host a celebration event in partnership with the East and West Area Committees, which the trail runs through, at the turn of its 200th 'birthday' in September 2022.

The Stephenson Trail starts at Hetton le Hill Community Golf Course and ends at the River Wear. The trail is 11 miles long and takes approximately five hours to walk it from start to end. Further information about the Trail can be view via this weblink: https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/media/19367/The-Stephenson-Trail/pdf/The_Stephenson_Trail.pdf?m=636410807640400000

The November 2020, Area Committee endorsed the nominations to appoint three Councillors from the Coalfield area to attend a Multi Area Task Group, which is a joint initiative with the East and West Sunderland Area Committees.

In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the development of an Action Plan with ideas and actions being formed under the following headings.

- a) Information boards and signage
- b) Sculptures along the trail/ Iconic art at beginning and end
- c) Environmental improvements (cutting down vegetation etc..)
- d) Enhance cycle route options
- e) Walking maps/guides
- f) Educational programme
- g) Install rest spots
- h) Raise awareness of route
- i) Promote historic importance
- j) Promote health benefits/encourage use

k) Hold celebration event/s in Summer 2022

To enable the Task Group to be proactive members are requested to consider supporting a request to align £50,000 to enable the delivery of the Action Plan, with further detail of funding proposals being presented to a future meeting. Potential project ideas identified to date, include:

- Interpretation boards
- Waymarkers
- Sculptures
- Iconic art works
- Digital trail
- Environmental improvements
- Cycle / walking route improvements
- Maps and guides
- Celebration events
- Educational programme

Recommendation

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board recommend alignment of funding to this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Preserve and Celebrate Heritage

NF Alignment Proposal 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Bloom and Love Where You Live
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council
ALIGN	£20,000

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan outlines plans to enhance 'Gateways' to the area and install flower tubs and barrier troughs (where feasible) in key locations. The Neighbourhood and Communities Board will develop the detail of each project which will include the purchase, planting, watering, maintenance and future upkeep of a number of planted floral schemes in the area. The locations agreed, to date, are Easington Lane around the memorial clock, and Shiney Row shopping area.

Recommendation

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board recommend alignment of funding to this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Bloom Activity

Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme**Approval Application No. 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
Name of Project	Shiney Lighting
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIF Application
	£0	£5,961
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
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Project Description:

The project will provide enhanced lighting to a currently unlit section of housing at Council Avenue, The Haven and the Anchorage in Shiney Row. Following an assessment by Balfour Beatty it was identified that provision of 5 lighting columns would be sufficient to light the area and improve safety and security for residents. The specification of columns and associated infrastructure works required have been assessed and a quote received.

Recommendation:

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board recommend approval of funding from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, to this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Improving Highways, Pavements and Street Lighting.

Alignment Proposal 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
Name of Project	Elemore Greenspace
Lead Organisation	Elemore Greenspace Project Group
ALIGN	£100,000

Project Description

The former Elemore Golf Club, Elemore Lane, Easington Lane is currently unused. The building is deteriorating and subject to vandalism, and the course and surrounding greenspace has been accessed and damaged by riders of quads and off road motorcycles. Sunderland City Council agreed to set up a project group to protect and develop the site, now known as the 'Elemore Greenspace Project'. A project group, made up of officers, partners, Councillors and members of the local community has now been set up and a comprehensive action plan has been developed. The Council awarded £500k core Capital Programme funding to the project at the recent annual budget meeting. It is proposed to develop the club house and the greenspace area for the benefit of the local and wider community as a location of natural and historic importance. Progress to date includes - Planning

restrictions info received, Environmental surveys commissioned, Survey of Club House underway, Consultation survey underway, Ideas being explored so far include a visitor centre/café, nursery and garden centre, walking/cycling hub, wildlife area and initiatives to promote the site as historically important and the start of the Stephenson Trail.

Recommendation

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board recommend alignment of funding from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, to this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Vacant Property and Land for Culture and Leisure

Alignment Proposal 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
Name of Project	Improving Rectory Park
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council
ALIGN	£100,000

Project Description

The project will provide improvements to Rectory Park in the centre of Houghton le Spring. The park is well used and forms an important part of local heritage. There is an increasing body of evidence which shows the value of spending time in natural environment for mental health and the value of exercise in promoting well being. A need which has been reinforced during the Covid Pandemic. The Neighbourhood and Communities Board has identified a need for some enhancements of the park for the benefit of the local community and recommend aligning a sum of £100,000 Capital Investment to bring change to the Park for the local and wider community which include the following benefits:

- Create better spaces for the community to access
- Create spaces and place where people can build activity into their everyday lives
- Create spaces and place which provide a safe and secure environment for exercise and play for all ages and abilities

A Project Steering group will be set up to develop plans for the park.

Recommendation

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board recommend alignment of funds to this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Improve Local Greenspaces, and, Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage.

Coalfield Area Committee
17 March 2021
Community Chest Awards April 2020 to March 2021

Copt Hill Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Easington Lane Community Access Point (Multi Ward)	01.04.20	-	£1,250
Northumbria Police (Multi Ward)	03.06.20	-	£475
Houghton Town FC (Joint with Houghton)	27.08.20	-	£500
Springboard NE (Multi Ward)	01.09.20	-	£237.50
Houghton Community Nursery School	01.10.20	-	£1,150
Eppleton Academy Primary School	02.12.20	-	£1,000
Hetton New Dawn – acting as lead organisation for the area (Multi Ward)	02.12.20	-	£500
Hetton New Dawn Ph 2 (Multi Ward)	18.12.20	-	£500
1 st Eppleton Scouts	23.02.21	-	£949
Gillas Lane Primary Academy	23.02.21	-	£1,433
Remaining balance		-	£2,005.50
Hetton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Easington Lane Community Access Point (Multi Ward)	01.04.20	-	£1,250
Northumbria Police (Multi Ward)	03.06.20	-	£475
Springboard NE (Multi Ward)	01.09.20	-	£237.50
Hetton New Dawn – acting as lead organisation for the area (Multi Ward)	02.12.20	-	£500
Hetton New Dawn Ph 2 (Multi Ward)	18.12.20	-	£500
Remaining balance		-	£7,037.50
Houghton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Easington Lane Community Access Point (Multi Ward)	01.04.20	-	£1,250
Northumbria Police (Multi Ward)	03.06.20	-	£475
Northumbria Police	20.07.20	-	£108
Houghton Town FC (Joint with Copt Hill)	02.08.20	-	£500
Springboard NE (Multi Ward)	01.09.20	-	£237.50
Hetton New Dawn – acting as lead organisation for the area (Multi Ward)	02.12.20	-	£500
Hetton New Dawn Ph 2 (Multi Ward) Phase 2	18.12.20	-	£500
Houghton Community Nursery	23.02.21	-	£1,000

Kepier Trust	23.02.21	-	£1,000
Remaining balance		-	£4,429.50

Shiney Row Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Easington Lane Community Access Point (Multi Ward)	01.04.20	-	£1,250
Northumbria Police (Multi Ward)	03.06.20	-	£475
TFC Monument View	03.06.20	-	£500
TFC Early Help Team	03.06.20	-	£500
Springboard NE (Multi Ward)	01.09.20	-	£237.50
Friend of West Lodge	21.09.20	-	£500
Hetton New Dawn – acting as lead organisation for the area (Multi Ward)	02.12.20	-	£500
Hetton New Dawn Ph 2 (Multi Ward)	18.12.20	-	£500
Remaining balance		-	£5,537.50