

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th December, 2021 at 6:00pm

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

Membership

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

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ELAINE WAUGH

Assistant Director of Law and Governance

7th December, 2021

At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at the Civic Centre on WEDNESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER, 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Dodds, Heron (Vice Chair), N. MacKnight, Price, D. Snowdon and Speding

Also Present:-

Chris Binding	Local Democracy Reporter	
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
Bob Heron	Member of the Public	
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Andrew Newton	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire Service
Sandra Stephenson	VCS Community Support Officer	
Christine Tilley	Community Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Coalfield Area Committee meeting and in particular Station Manager Newton who was attending his first meeting of the Committee representing the Fire Service following the retirement of Kevin Burns, Station Manager.

The Chairman reported that the Sunderland Shining Star Awards were set up by Sunderland City Council that year to celebrate and congratulate the numerous individuals and groups who had supported local residents during some difficult times over the last 18 months and had gone the extra mile during the pandemic.

The Chairman stated that they had been amazed at the nominations received from across the Coalfield area, giving the local judging panel a very difficult task of selecting Winners and Highly Commended to go forward to the City final at the Stadium of Light the next month.

The Chairman stated that he would like to congratulate each and every one of the local residents and groups who had supported their community and especially those who would be representing the Coalfield area in the City finals on 6th October.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the following awards:-

Award		Coalfields
Organisation of the Year	Winner	ELCAP
	Highly Commended	Nightingale Hospital Vaccination Centre - Volunteers
	Highly Commended	Kepier
Outstanding contribution to the community (over 18)	Winner	Dave Ellison
	Highly Commended	Samantha Bell
	Highly Commended	Liz Lawrence
Best Use of Digital Technology for Communication	Winner	Gillas Lane Primary School
	Highly Commended	Cheryl Galloway
	Highly Commended	Dubmire Primary School
Community group that has supported residents' Mental health and wellbeing	Winner	ELCAP
	Highly Commended	Lesley Dixon - MBC Arts Wellbeing

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors K. Johnston, Mason-Gage, Rowntree and Thornton, Steve Passey, Acting Inspector Neighbourhood Policing Southern, Northumbria Police, Ellen Bewick Area Network Representative and Kay Rowham, Councillor, Hetton Town Council.

Declarations of Interest

The following declarations were received:-

Item 4 – Area Budgets Report -Application No.4 - Bicentennial Locomotive Artwork

Councillor Blackburn made an open declaration as a Member of the Friends of Hetton Country Park in the above application and he left the meeting prior to any discussion on the application and took no part in any decisions on funding which might affect the organisation. The Vice Chairman, Councillor Heron took the Chair for the item relating to Hetton Country Park.

Councillor Dodds made an open declaration as a Member and Treasurer of the Friends of Hetton Country Park in the above application and she left the meeting prior to any discussion on the application and took no part in any decisions on funding which might affect the organisation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 30th June, 2021 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Neighbourhood and Community Board Report

The Chair of the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated), which provided an annual update of the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan 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 Neighbourhood and Community Board, Councillor Heron highlighted a number of projects including opportunities for the Elemore Golf Club site, the installation of the Vehicle Activated Signs and the activity sessions during the school holidays.

The Committee viewed a short video setting out the achievements of the projects and the sessions delivered by way of showing progress against the Area Priorities.

Councillor Heron advised that she was pleased to say that Houghton Feast would be going ahead as planned that year and she proceeded to read out a thank you from Councillor K. Johnston, who was unable to attend the meeting that evening, to everyone on the Houghton Feast Committee for their support towards that year's Houghton Feast and a return of the town's much loved traditional programme of events.

Councillor Johnston thanked Councillors Heron, Mason-Gage and Price who had helped bring ideas forward and pull all the events together including the organisation of the carnival parade. He also specifically thanked Ms Michelle Whittle for the work she had done to support the Feast.

Councillor Johnston stated that it was important to acknowledge how much the City Council and the Coalfield Area Committee contributed to funding Houghton Feast and supported groups within the community, including schools, advising that the ox roasting was also supported from Community Chest Funds from the 4 Coalfield wards.

Councillor Johnston paid special mention to Mr Paul Lanagan from Houghton Heritage Society who had committed an extraordinary amount of time and effort to the event including the organisation of the ox roasting and being editor of the Houghton Feast brochure/programme of events.

Councillor Johnston commended the community spirit shown by everyone including Ms Ann Thompson and everyone at Zazz and local businesses who had contributed to the brochure and advertised the Feast on their premises.

Finally, Councillor Johnston thanked Mr Lee Harnett at Print2gogofor supplying additional Houghton Feast banners and all the volunteers and staff who would be working over all the events.

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

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the progress and performance update regarding the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 be noted and the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1, be approved; and
- ii) the Area Committee video update be noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

Station Manager Andrew Newton, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 compared with the same period in 2020.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Station Manager Newton highlighted that there had been no deaths recorded during the reporting period. There were 4 deliberate property fires a decrease of 6 from the previous year.

Station Manager Newton referred to the FireStoppers reporting details included in the report and advised that they were going to be publicised and that it would be promoted that it was a 100% anonymous contact number that could be used in an effort to stop antisocial behaviour fires.

Councillor Speding enquired whether the Fire Service would consider undertaking visits to primary schools to get the message across to schoolchildren at an early age.

Station Manager Newton confirmed that this was one of the links he would like to re-establish and to identify specific schools which might benefit, depending on the COVID restrictions in place and added that this could also assist with reducing the number of attacks on fire fighters.

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

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

Northumbria Police Update

Acting Inspector Steve Passey, Northumbria Police submitted a report (copy circulated), providing data in respect of Crime and Disorder for the Coalfield area in comparison with the previous year.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman asked Members to forward any questions on the report to Ms Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead who would forward them to Acting Inspector Passey for a response.

Members having considered the report it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update

Ms Wendy Cook, Area Voluntary and Community Sector Representative provided the Committee with a verbal update on the work of the Coalfield VCS Network, advising that the Network had met in June since the last Coalfield Area Committee meeting and that the July meeting had been cancelled out of respect for former Councillor Doris Turner who had passed earlier in July.

Ms Cook highlighted that the VCS had received advice on energy saving measures, switching advice, advice on damp and mould and energy awareness advice.

Ms Cook advised that she had represented the VCS at the Sunderland Alliance meetings. Ms Tracy Hassan had started on 1st September and was driving the group forward and explained that it stood independent from the Council with non-council email addresses and independent branding.

Ms Cook advised that Ms Sandra Stephenson, the recently appointed VCS Community Support Officer had engaged with approximately 20 groups providing a wide range of support, consultation, governance and building capacity.

Ms Cook advised that the next VCS Alliance meeting was being held on 7th October when the Chief Executive of the Council and a representative of Gentoo would be attending to provide support.

Councillor Speding welcomed the VCS Alliance and the prospect of the organisation re-engaging with community associations in the Shiney Row ward which he represented

and where a gap in youth provision had been identified; he hoped St Aidan's would be used.

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

5. RESOLVED that the contents of 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead, presented the report, drawing the Committee's attention to the current financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2021/2022 as set out in paragraph 2.1. She advised that there were four funding proposals for consideration set out in paragraph 2.3 with further detail at Annex 1. Paragraph 2.4 set out the funding which had been previously aligned to the Stephenson Trail project and was now being recommended for delivery of the project with the detail being agreed by the Stephenson Trail Task and Finish Group. The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval was £250,030 and if approved, the remaining balance would be £195,802.

Ms Hopper advised that £500,000 had been allocated for capital investments which complemented the Coalfield Area Investment Delivery Plan. The table at 3.1 detailed the projects already funded and she pointed out that there was a remaining balance of £243,039. There were no funding proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration that evening from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme.

Ms Hopper referred Members to paragraph 4 of the report detailing the Community Chest budget approvals and balance remaining.

Councillor D. Snowdon highlighted that the headings in the table needed to be changed to 2021/2022.

Councillor Speding requested more detail regarding application three which was in respect of Durham Wildlife Trust who was working in partnership with the Council, as to where the activity would be and how communities would benefit.

Ms Hopper advised that the full application was not ready yet but she would send the full detail when it was available to go to the Heritage Lottery Fund at the end of October as the project could not be submitted until it had secured match funding from the Area Committee. The Project Officer would attend the Neighbourhood Board meeting and the Board would steer the focus of the project should the application be approved at the Area Committee meeting that evening.

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

6. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1, be noted;
- b) the four Neighbourhood Fund applications set out in section 2.3 and Annex 1, be approved;
- c) the £50,000 (previously aligned funding) for the Stephenson Trail project set out in section 2.4 and Annex 1, be approved; and
- d) the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed in Annex 2, be noted.

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st August and 1st September, 2021 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

7. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Doris Turner who had passed away in July whilst serving as a Member of both the City Council and Hetton Town Council for a number of years and being a regular attender of the Coalfield Area Committee.

The Chairman commented that Councillor Turner would be greatly missed and invited all those in attendance to stand for a moment in silence as a mark of respect.

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

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

15 December 2021

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan 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 worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. 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.

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.

3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Boards will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Coalfield Area Committee City Councillors are invited to attend all board meetings.

3.5 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 May 2021.

4. Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023- Areas of Key Action/Progress

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

Priority/Issue	Update
Vacant land and properties – explore opportunities for the former Elemore Golf Club	The project group continue to meet regularly to develop and implement the agreed action plan. Ecology surveys have been completed and designs for the building and the site have been drawn up, in preparation for a planning application. A visitor centre, horticultural activity and a coffee shop, as well as walks, wildlife activities and educational provision, are part of the proposals for development. School and community action days including bird watching, tree identification and tree planting are taking place.
Support a local group to explore the feasibility of creating a heritage centre at the former Philadelphia Depot	Area Committee approved a project to carry out a condition survey of the building and to provide support to the Northern National Restoration Group (NNRG), who are currently tenants. The results of the draft survey were discussed at November 2021 N&C Board meeting. The Board will receive the final reports during December 2021 and will discuss at the February 2022 meeting. The group (NNRG) are being supported, via the Heritage Team, to develop a business plan to take forward the idea of a heritage centre.
Social prescribing and reducing social isolation	<p>The Coalfield Community Hub partners are supporting residents to take part in activities and services across the area. A network of partners, including the Coalfield GP Alliance social prescribing team, offer a range of social and community support to those who need it</p> <p>Projects approved for funding by Area Committee in June 2021, commenced in September and October and are delivering activities and events to combat social isolation. Further information is contained within the video which will be played at the end of this report.</p>
Transport and Highways – Installation of VAS	The September 2021 Area Committee approved funding for a further 4 vehicle activated speed signs (VAS) (one for each ward) to deploy in areas of concern. All Coalfield Sunderland Councillors receive a quarterly report containing analysis of results and future rotations. Members will be informed once the new signs are received.
Transport Highways – Highways Maintenance Programme	A report on what proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed. Further updates have been received and Members have put forward areas for consideration in the 2022/2023 programme. The suggested locations will be assessed, and further discussion will take place at the February Board meeting, with a recommendation being brought to March Area Committee.
Support the Voluntary and Community sector and continue to provide funding opportunities to local	The VCS continue to be supported by the Area Committee. The Community Hubs receive on-going support and the VCS Network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities.

<p>organisations via the VCS Network</p>	<p>Regular VCS Network meetings and contact with VCS Representatives to Area Committee ensure that views and input are incorporated into project ideas and actions. The September and November VCS Network meetings were held in person and were extremely well attended.</p> <p>Sunderland City Council continue to support a thriving voluntary sector and is a key partner in the VCS Alliance which is set up to support and build capacity in the sector. A presentation was given to the September meeting of the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> <p>The VCS Alliance Community Support Worker for Coalfield, Sandra Stephenson, is proactively supporting a number of local VCS organisations.</p>
<p>Support activities for children and young people during school holidays</p>	<p>In June 2021 Area Committee approved 8 projects across the Coalfield area to deliver holiday activities. During the July/August 2021 Summer Holidays a total of 69 sessions were delivered to 428 children and young people aged 4-14. During October half term 7 sessions were delivered to a total of 128 children and young people.</p>
<p>Youth activities for young people</p>	<p>A two year programme of youth support is currently being delivered by Community Opportunities. Clubs and activities for 11-19 year olds are being delivered twice a week in each ward. This year, to date, 65 sessions have been delivered, with 105 unique participants attending.</p> <p>The Coalfield Area Committee funded CHAT programme offers physical activity sessions for 13-19 year olds. The programme includes a Teen Gym at Hetton Wellness Centre and Houghton Sports Centre, and twice a week evening football for a nominal charge of £1 per session.</p>
<p>Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (West and East)</p>	<p>A Stephenson Trail Task Group, made up of Members from the three relevant areas, partners and officers was formed. To enable the Task Group to be proactive, Coalfields, West and East Area Committees each aligned £50,000 to the Task Group to allow them to deliver future proposals.</p> <p>The September 2021 Area Committee approved the art and education proposal presented to them which would see schools along the route engaged in a programme of activity covering a wide range of subject areas - nature, geology, health and wellbeing, history and industry, archaeology, art and design and music.. The remaining budget will be allocated to environmental improvements and branding/promotion of the trail. The Task and Finish Group met on 1 December to discuss best use of funding and agreed a programme of works which will be implemented from January 2022. The Task and Finish group will meet again in February 2022.</p>
<p>Develop a laptop loan scheme for pupils from the Coalfield area</p>	<p>In March 2021 funding to purchase devices for a loan scheme was approved by Area Committee. Hetton, Kepier, Biddick and St Roberts schools now have the equipment in place and are allocating to pupils who do not have access to suitable equipment. So far over 150 pupils, resident in the Coalfield area, have benefited from the scheme.</p>

<p>Provide digital support to local residents</p>	<p>The Coalfield Communities Connected project, delivered by Springboard, provides 1-2-1 and small group support to local residents who require advice or help with anything digital. The service has now been expanded to additional local venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday ELCAP • Tuesday Houghton Library • Wednesday ShARP • Thursday Houghton Racecourse CA
<p>Improve parks and play areas</p>	<p>Initial design ideas have been drawn up for Hetton Park and following consultation (between July and November 2021) the designs will be revised to take in comments and views of local residents.</p> <p>Area Committee has allocated £100,000 for improvements in Houghton Rectory Park. Consultation commenced in October 2021 and will continue throughout December 2021. A project steering group will meet to consider the results of the consultation and the development of a park plan. Costs for lighting in the park is also being explored</p> <p>A planned programme of works to improve and upgrade parks and play areas across the Coalfield area was discussed with the Board at the July 2021 meeting. A further update was presented to the Board in November 2021. Improvement work is almost complete on the following play sites, after which inspection will take place before they are fully reopened: Keir Hardie Elemore View Quarry House Gardens</p> <p>Further detail and timescales of work on other sites will be shared with members as the schedule progresses. The Board will consider allocating additional funding to ensure that accessible equipment is available.</p>
<p>Identify open and green spaces where land, not identified for other use, can be improved and/or used for community activity</p>	<p>A number of green spaces which can be improved or enhanced to encourage increased community use including Keir Hardie field, Newbottle, Flint Mill and Barnwell field have been identified. Other sites have been assessed and projects will be developed using the information provided. The LinkTogether project approved at the September 2021 meeting will improve open spaces, engage local people and encourage community use. An application for almost £1m has been submitted to the Heritage Fund to address this priority.</p> <p>To complement the work to date, and to encourage volunteering and resident participation, the N&C Board explored the development of a 'Clean and Green' type project at the November 2021 meeting. Further information was requested and will be presented to the February 2022 Board meeting.</p>

5. Recommendations: Members are requested to: -

5.1 Consider the progress and performance update regarding Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.

5.2 Note the Area Committee video update

Annex 1 Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead

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 Community.

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:

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

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		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better housing</i>		
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	Officers will attend the Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting in February 2022
Explore all types of enforcement powers to improve neighbourhoods	Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services. Request update on enforcement reporting and feedback	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, including the removal of a number of nuisance/derelict caravans which were causing a blight on neighbourhoods. The November 2021 Board Meeting discussed the development of a Coalfield Clean and Green project, funded via Neighbourhood Fund, and feasibility of linking to enforcement. Further information was requested and will be brought to the February 2022 Board Meeting.
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 in problematic areas.	As above. The Environmental Enforcement team has employed a number of additional officers who can work across all areas to increase capacity in the Coalfield area. Further information will be brought to the February 2022 Board Meeting
2 Review derelict land and properties to further create green and cultural communities		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		

Action		
Request an update on derelict land and properties to Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board	Invite relevant officers to a future Board meeting to inform specific areas where Area Committee can provide additional resources	The Green Infrastructure programme (now re-named LinkTogether) will address some of the areas identified by Members. Other areas will be discussed at future meetings with the Local Services Manager.
Carry out environmental improvements at Flintmill Park and other identified greenspaces	Invite the lead on the Coalfield Green Infrastructure Strategy to attend Area Board in order to explore further project development	A request for funding for £200,000 Neighbourhood Fund to deliver environmental improvements was approved by the December 2021 Area Committee as part of the Link Together project. This will be used as match funding for a project application for almost £1m which has been submitted to the Heritage Fund. The outcome will be reported to Area Committee as soon as a decision has been made.
Look at open and green spaces across the wards where derelict land, where not identified for other use, can be improved and/or used for community activity	Invite the lead on the Coalfield Green Infrastructure Strategy to attend Area Board in order to explore further project development	<p>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. The LinkTogether project is designed to engage local people and encourage community use.</p> <p>The N&C Board explored the development of a 'Clean and Green' type project at the November 2021</p>

		meeting. Further information was requested and will be presented to the February 2022 Board meeting.
3 Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods		
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, including tackling vehicle nuisance. Reporting mechanisms were discussed including a new Member 'Report it' system which will be implemented in late 2021.
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. LMAPS continue to monitor and take action to maintain improvements. Further information has been requested and an update will be presented to the N&C Board early in 2022.
4 Bloom Activities and Supporting Residents to Grow Their Own		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their community A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement		
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 Community Board and future Area Committee to identify actions
5 Transport routes and parking issues in residential and local shopping areas		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transport and travel links A Healthy Smart City More and better housing Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS		

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		This is part of the planning process and will be considered, as and when, developments are in the planning stage.
6 Highways, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Action		
Consider possibility of removal of derelict planters and replace or pave over (e.g. Gravel Walks/Stanley Street area, Houghton)	Invite Highways officers to an Area Board meeting to discuss	
Progress the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) programme within the Coalfield area.	Highways colleagues developed and implemented a programme of 8 signs, deployed across 31 sites on a 3 month rolling programme.	The September 2021 Area Committee approved funding to purchase a further 4 vehicle activated speed signs (VAS) (one for each ward) to deploy in areas where there is a concern, from residents and members, that vehicles are speeding and causing safety issues for pedestrians and other road users. All Coalfield Sunderland Councillors receive a quarterly report containing analysis of results and future rotations.
7 Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
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	New welcome signs will be installed at parks in the Coalfield area. The Stephenson Trail Task group will

		identify footpath and cycleway signage requirements on the route
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. Bins will be replaced in Hetton Lyons Country Park as part of a Citywide programme.
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	A project to explore improvements and use of the park is to be developed. Consultation is currently underway and results will inform next steps. New signage and bins will be replaced as part of a Citywide programme.
Support improvements in Rectory Park, Houghton le Spring	Set up a Task group with ward members and partners. Allocate capital funding to assist improvements	£100,000 has been allocated for improvements in the park. Consultation commenced in October 2021 and will continue throughout December 2021. A project steering group will meet to consider the development of a park plan. Costs for lighting in the park is being explored
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 and information was presented to the July 21 Board meeting. A further presentation was given to the November 2021 Board and available budgets are being worked on to discuss feasibility of enhancing planned works to include accessible equipment. Improvements to the play area and installation of a skate park at

		Easington Lane Flatts is now complete and was well received during the Summer Holidays.
8 Digital Learning Resources		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
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	<p>The Coalfield Communities Connected project, delivered by Springboard, provides 1-2-1 and small group support to local residents who require advice or help with anything digital. The service has now been expanded to additional local venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday ELCAP • Tuesday Houghton Library • Wednesday ShARP • Thursday Houghton Racecourse CA
Develop a 'loan' scheme to provide IT equipment to children and young people who do not have computers at home.	Funding was approved at the March 2021 Area Committee to purchase devices for loan.	Hetton, Kepier, Biddick and St Roberts schools now have the equipment in place and are allocating to pupils resident in the Coalfield area.
9 Shopping Centres and Local Businesses		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Action		
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.	The work of the Coalfield Community Hub (a partnership between Sunderland City Council and a range of VCS partners) has promoted the

	Use Coalfield Sunderland Community facebook page	<p>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.</p> <p>In addition to the local welfare provision, an Enhanced Winter Offer is being delivered across the Coalfield to support those who are struggling with food and fuel. Local shops in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row are being used for vouchers where possible. A 'Christmas Cheer' project funding by all four Coalfield Wards via Community Chest will use local shops in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row when purchasing vouchers</p>
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10 Vacant Properties and Land as Cultural Hubs and Leisure Activities

Links to: *A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Socially productive asset management*

Action		
Explore opportunities for Elemore Golf Course e.g. community farm, community forest and space for mini-festivals, training and apprenticeships.	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 'Elemore Park'. 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. March Area

		<p>Committee approved a sum of £100k to support the planned work. The project group continue to meet regularly to develop and implement the agreed action plan. Ecology surveys have been completed and designs for the building and the site have been drawn up, in preparation for a planning application. A visitor centre, horticultural activity and a coffee shop, as well as walks, wildlife activities and educational provision, are part of the proposals for development. School and community action days including bird watching, tree identification and tree planting are taking place.</p>
Explore the feasibility of creating a heritage centre at the former Philadelphia Depot		<p>Area Committee approved a project to carry out a condition survey of the building. The results of the draft survey were discussed at November 2021 N&C Board. The Board will receive the final reports during December 2021 and will discuss at the February 2022 meeting.</p>
Identify vacant sites and their current and future use	Task and Finish Group members to identify any other key sites for discussion	<p>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 for a café has been drawn up by Design Services</p>
11 Job Opportunities and Job Clubs		
<p>Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i></p>		

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 available and where additionality can be provided to enhance support locally	
Provide relevant information to support small and artisan business and encourage development of CIC companies where appropriate		
Support residents back into employment and maximise job opportunities		
12 Social Prescribing and Reducing Social Isolation		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
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	<p>The Coalfield Community Hub partners are supporting residents to take part in activities and services across the area. A network of partners, working with the Coalfield GP Alliance social prescribing team, offer a range of social and community support to those who need it</p> <p>A City Council funded Covid 19 Mental Health and Wellbeing project is 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 telephone befriending.</p>

		<p>A number of Neighbourhood Fund projects were approved at the June 2021 Area Committee and have now commenced activities to engage and support local residents, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Down at the Pit • Men's Shed at Elba Park • Our Day Out • Coalfield Singing Project • Penshaw Pals
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. Neighbourhood Fund projects including Our Day Out and Encouraging Participation include an element of befriending support. A number of seats or benches in the area have been identified as 'Happy to Chat' benches as a pilot for a Citywide project. The first bench identified is in the Hetton ward and with the support of Hetton New Dawn will be in place in December 2021
13 Enhance Local Greenspace and encourage wider use		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their communities</i>		
Action		
Explore the expansion of green gyms and adult exercise equipment in parks	ACDL to request further information from colleagues in Sport and Leisure	Equipment has been installed in Hetton Lyons Country park. Other venues will be explored if a need is identified

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	The N&C Board will further develop this as part of the LinkTogether project
Look into improved signage for footpaths and cycle routes	Discuss as part of the Green Infrastructure Strategy	This is being developed as part of the wider LinkTogether project. Signage for Hetton Bogs is currently being developed
14 Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services within local community venues as well as host community events/activities		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Action		
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	<p>A regular bulletin including information sharing and funding opportunities is circulated to all VCS Network members. The VCS continue to be supported by the Area Committee, the Community Hubs receive on-going support and the VCS Network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities.</p> <p>Regular VCS Network meetings and contact with VCS Representatives to Area Committee ensure that views and input are incorporated into project ideas and actions. The November VCS Network meeting was held in person and was extremely well attended.</p>

		Sunderland City Council continue to support a thriving voluntary sector and is a key partner in the VCS Alliance which is set up to support and build capacity in the sector.
15 Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience		
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)	A two year programme of youth support is currently being delivered by Community Opportunities. Clubs and activities for 11-19 year olds are being delivered twice a week in each ward. This year, to date, 65 sessions have been delivered, with 105 unique participants attending. The Coalfield Area Committee funded CHAT programme offers physical activity sessions for 13-19 year olds. The programme includes a Teen Gym at Hetton Wellness Centre and Houghton Sports Centre, and twice a week evening football for a nominal charge of £1 per session.
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. A Task group will be arranged to discuss further

Support activities for children and young people during school holidays	Based on consultation, Coalfield Area Committee made a Call for Projects for local groups and organisations to deliver a series of 'activity with food' sessions during school holidays from July 2021 to May 2022.	A total of £37,431 was allocated to 8 projects across the Coalfield area. During the Summer 2021 and October half term 2021 holidays a total of 76 sessions were delivered to 556 children and young people aged 4-14
16 Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i>		
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		Potential premises are currently being explored and Council Officers are working with Councillors to liaise with England Boxing to gather more information
17 Preserve and celebrate local heritage		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
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 developed an action plan and each of the three Area Committees have approved £50k funding. A Task and Finish group meeting in December received information on the educational programme which will take place from January to September 2022

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 2020 Area Committee, the artwork for the site was agreed, and has been included in the planning application which was approved at the November 2021 Development Control meeting. Further options for a mining memorial plaque are being explored.
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	The event took place on 28 August 2021

15th December 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 Coalfields Committee area from 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021 compared to the same period last year.

2 Background

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

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

There were 7 deliberate property fires, a decrease of 5 from last year. Operational crews and prevention education department have reinstated safe and well visits as of the 1st of September (formerly home safety checks) TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Environmental Health and other Local Authority partners have been working in partnership to reduce these incidents with estate visits and reporting of any empty/void property which may be accessible.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 27 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 26. 11 of the fires were in the Hetton ward with 2 within the School Road area. Subsequent LMAPS has been initiated. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police regarding any further similar incidents to help identify trends and perpetrators. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links.

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

There has been a decrease of 10% overall in secondary fires. During this report period TWFRS attended 125 deliberate secondary fires. Compared to 139 over the same period last year. There has been a 40% increase in incidents involving loose refuse. Hetton project, Extraordinary LMAPS Partner work underway to monitor, investigate and help reduce ASB.

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

There were a total of 159 deliberate fires in this reporting period. This is a decrease of 10% compared to the same reporting period last Year. This is due to a decline across all wards. TWFRS are working with Northumbria Police, Sunderland city council and partners carrying out estate and site visits, reporting and removal of loose refuse/fly tipping to try and reduce ASB and secondary fire incidents.

Copt Hill Ward Has seen a decrease from 31 incidents to 36, during this period. Incidents over this period are predominately loose refuse (14 incidents). 9 of the 27 Vehicle fires were within this ward, TWFRS are working with Northumbria police to monitor and identify any

trends/patterns/underlying issues. School Road initiative with partners is helping monitor and share information to help reduce ASB and improve local area

Houghton Ward Has seen a decrease from 46 to 49 incidents over this reporting period. Vehicle fires have increased but loose refuse/fly tipping remains problematic.

Hetton Ward Has seen a 5% decrease in incidents. For all a decrease the main area of concern is loose refuse and vehicle fires. Hetton ward remains an area of concern, partnership initiatives are on going.

Shiney Row Ward Has seen a decrease of 15% in incidents over the reporting period. Loose refuse/fly tipping is the main cause of incidents over this period.

3.6 Community Involvement

Where crews are available to support and attend community events they shall continue to do so depending on restrictions. Partnership initiatives will be welcomed and considered for attendance/support. 2022 hopes for an increased number of visitors to the Fire Stations, as restriction improve allowing small community group to re-engage with the service as well as the service hosting open days.

The service recommenced safe and well visits as of the 1st September 2021 targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities ensuring they have working smoke alarms and if necessary, referring to partner agencies for further support

3.7 On-going Issues

Service darker nights campaign has been launched with crews from Rainton community fire station continuing to be proactive to help reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. Attacks on emergency services are on the increase across the Tyne and Wear service area. Additional fire safety/ASB school talks have taken place at Hetton and Kepier secondary schools with a view of setting up regular contact, which will hopefully help reduce ASB and attacks on crews.

It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Andrew Nelson, 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.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

Contact Officer: Andrew Nelson, Tyne and Wear Fire Service,
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Sunderland Coalfields LMAPS Report

Contents

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.

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.

Please note: The dashboards are interactive, and you need to select the date range from the "Date Range" slicer located in the top left of the dashboard. Once selected, this will sync through to the rest of the dashboard pages. The data shown in the visuals ONLY relate to the date range specified.

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Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority are responsible for the gathering, storing and processing of data. In order to ensure that the data is accurate and represents a true reflection of our performance we consistently monitor and scrutinise the data through a process of validation.

The information provided in this summary has been obtained from the Incident Recording System (IRS) and is correct AS AT 09:00hrs of the day the following dashboards are viewed.

Please note:

Some incident data may be subject to change, also some incidents may not appear in the report at the time of production. If you have any queries regarding the data included in this document please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also be grateful for any suggestions, comments and feedback, please feel free to contact a member of the Data and Information Team:

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Date Range

4/1/2021

9/30/2021

LI 14- Number of deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
7	11	-36.36 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
49024007	9/29/2021	02:35:46	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Houghton	Building/Dwelling/Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy
49023568	9/25/2021	06:27:34	Washington (S)	Sunderland	Shiney Row	Building/Dwelling/Bungalow - single occupancy
49016353	7/10/2021	11:04:13	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Copt Hill	Building/Dwelling/Bungalow - single occupancy
49007604	4/10/2021	01:03:56	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Building/Dwelling/House - single occupancy
49007650	4/10/2021	17:22:46	Farrington (O)	Sunderland	Shiney Row	Outdoor/Grasland, woodland and crops/Stacked/baled crop (incl...

Ward Breakdown

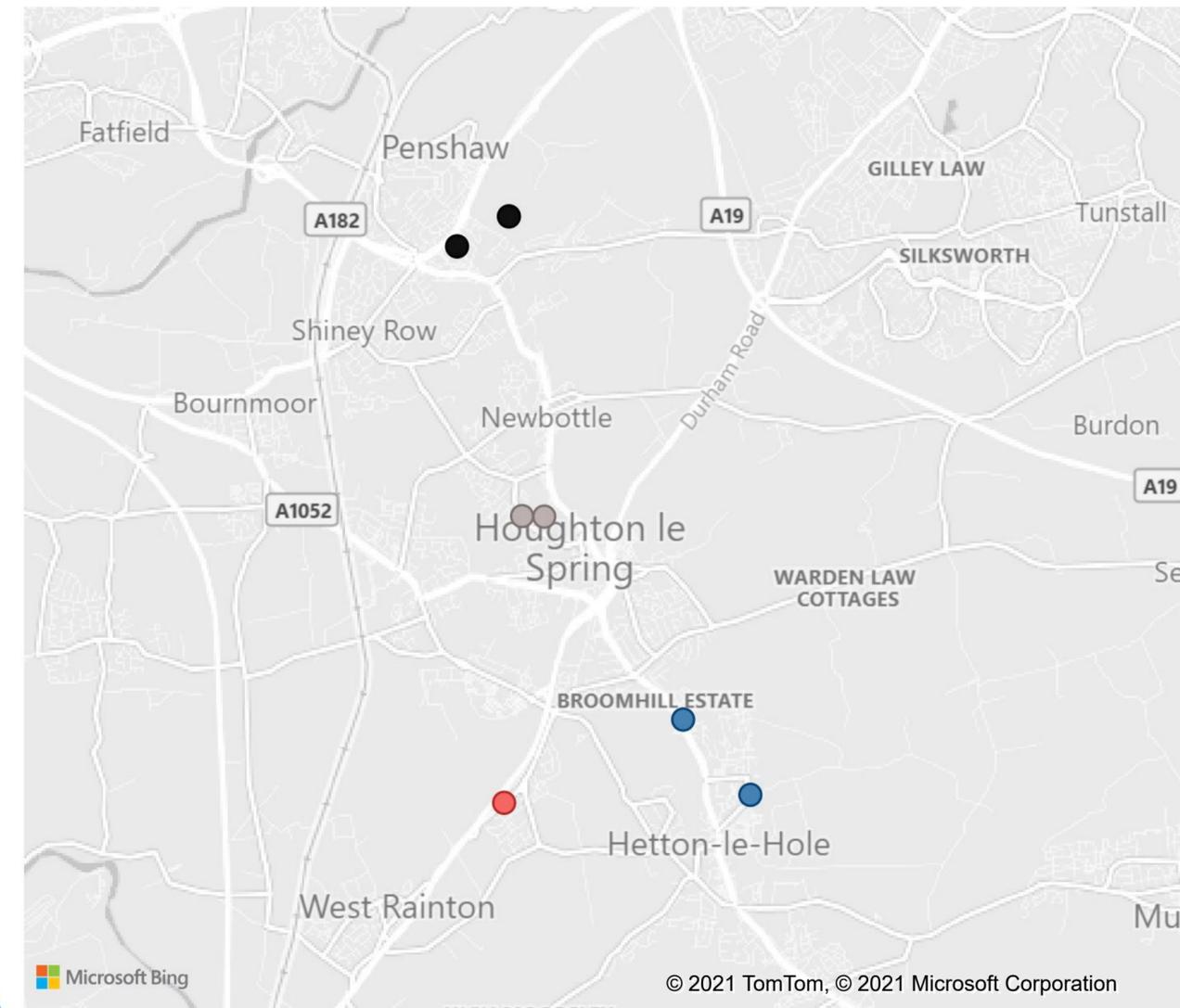
Ward Name	Incident Count
Copt Hill	2
Houghton	2
Shiney Row	2
Hetton	1
Total	7

Property Type Breakdown

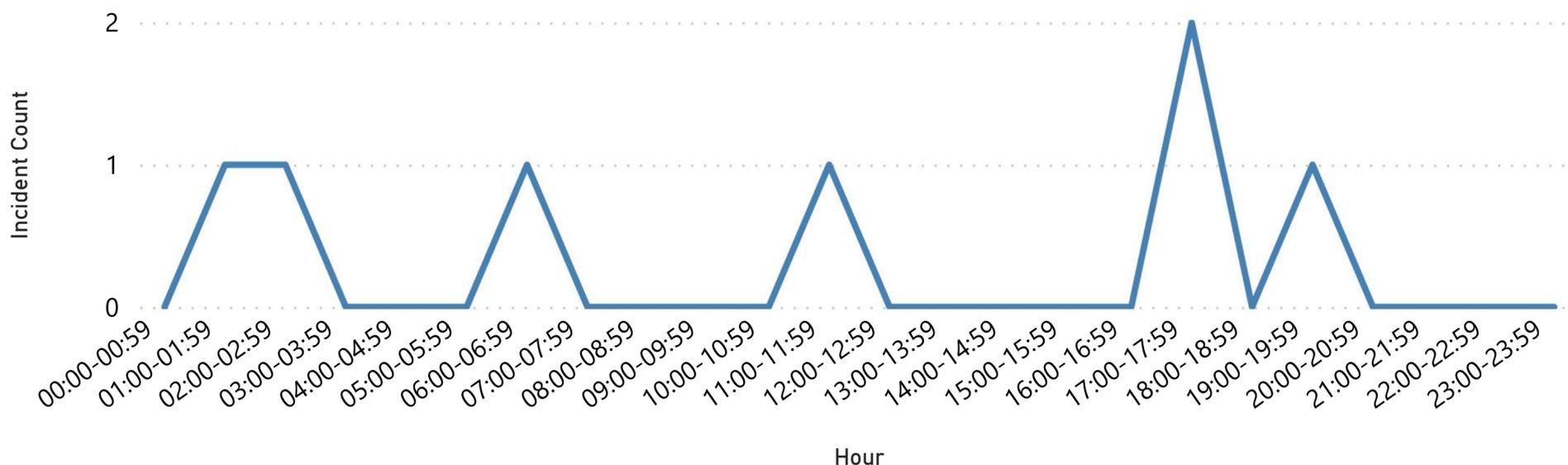
Property Level 4	Incident Count
Bungalow - single occupancy	2
Other private non-residential building	2
House - single occupancy	1
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Total	7

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Copt Hill ● Hetton ● Houghton ● Shiney Row



Incident Count Time Of Day



Date Range

4/1/2021

9/30/2021

LI 15- Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
27	26	3.85 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
49024073	9/29/2021	22:24:32	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Road Vehicle/Car
49024077	9/29/2021	22:32:49	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Road Vehicle/Car
49023549	9/25/2021	01:32:02	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Road Vehicle/Car
49022458	9/14/2021	00:37:45	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Road Vehicle/Multiple Vehicles
49022050	9/10/2021	02:09:48	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Copt Hill	Road Vehicle/Car

Ward Breakdown

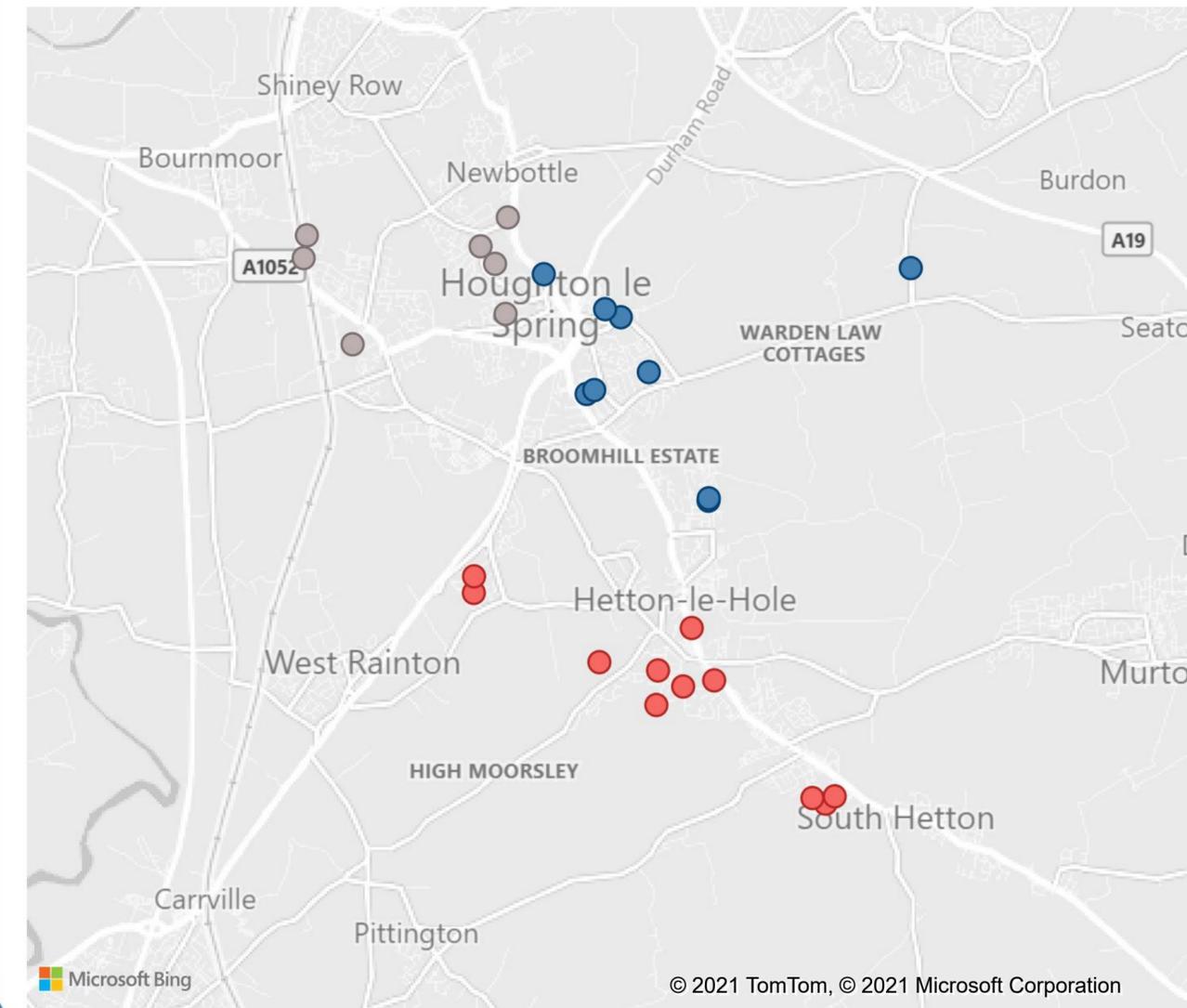
Ward Name	Incident Count
Hetton	11
Copt Hill	9
Houghton	7
Shiney Row	0
Total	27

Property Type Breakdown

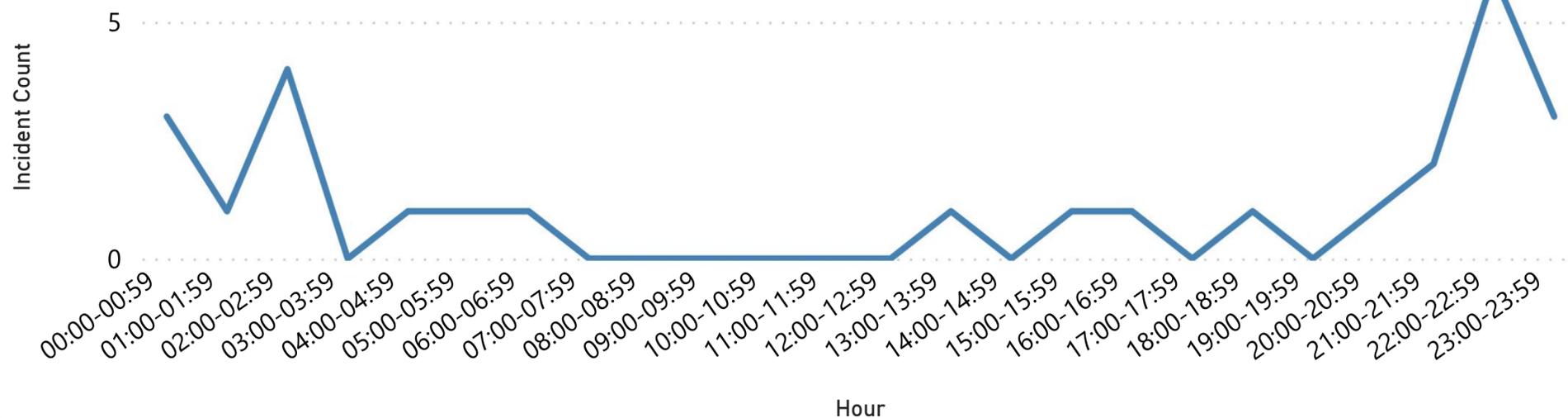
Property Level 3	Incident Count
Car	17
Caravan unspecified	2
Motorcycle	2
Multiple Vehicles	2
Van	2
Total	27

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Copt Hill ● Hetton ● Houghton



Incident Count Time Of Day



Date Range

4/1/2021

9/30/2021

LI 16- Number of deliberate secondary fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
125	139	-10.07 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
49024084	9/30/2021	00:00:49	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Wheelie Bin
49023921	9/27/2021	20:34:20	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in garden)
49023736	9/26/2021	16:13:49	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Outdoor/Grassland, woodland and crops/Tree scrub (includes single
49023810	9/26/2021	19:32:51	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Houghton	Outdoor/Grassland, woodland and crops/Tree scrub (includes single
49023525	9/24/2021	19:43:40	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Outdoor/Grassland, woodland and crops/Straw/stubble burning

Ward Breakdown

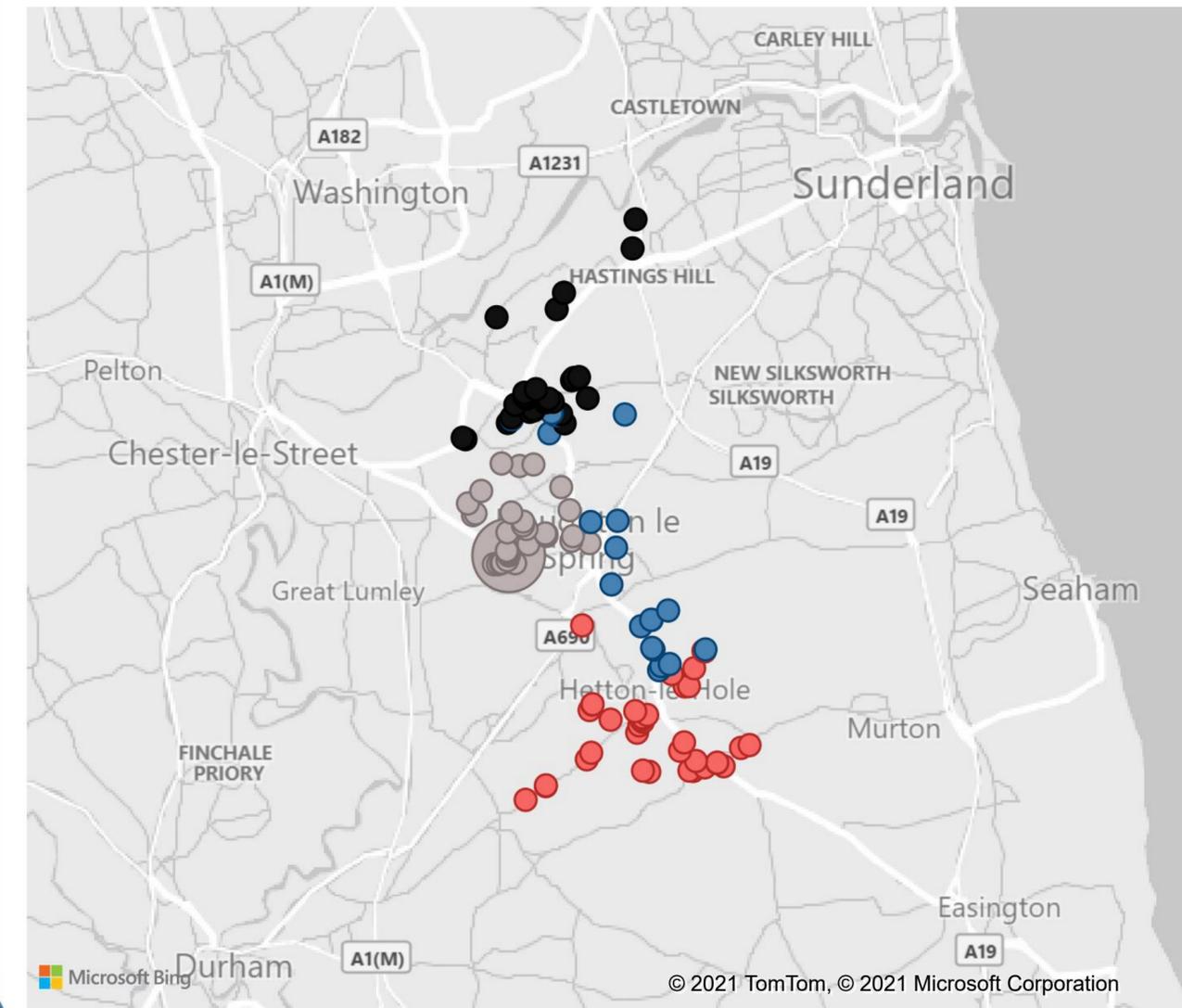
Ward Name	Incident Count
Hetton	37
Houghton	37
Shiney Row	31
Copt Hill	20
Total	125

Property Type Breakdown

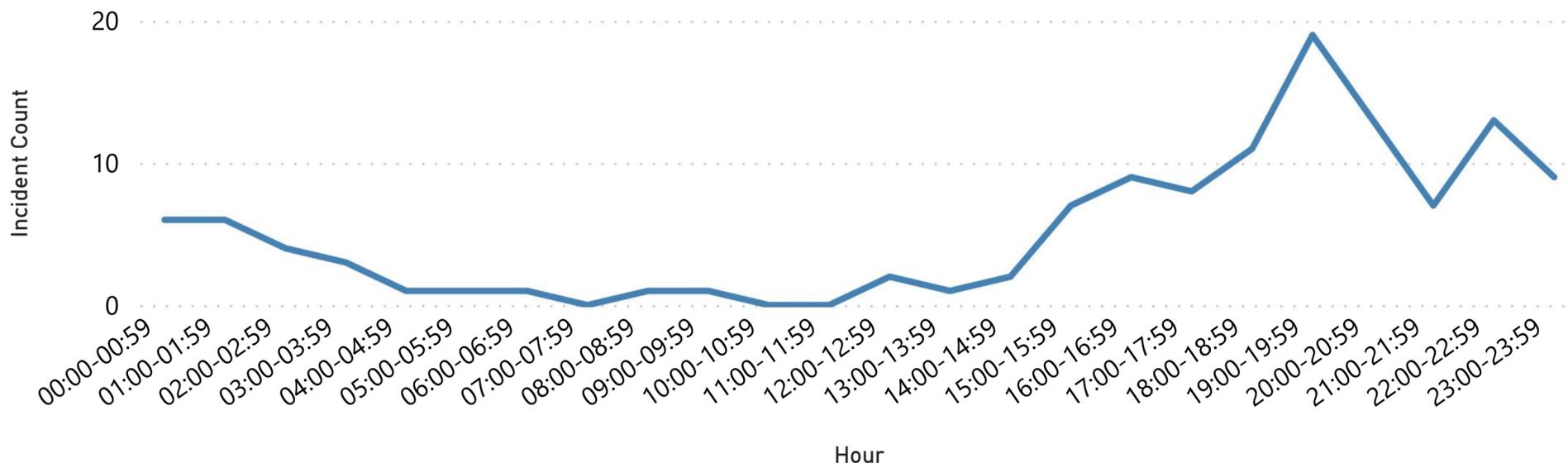
Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	71
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	10
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	10
Total	125

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Copt Hill ● Hetton ● Houghton ● Shiney Row



Incident Count Time Of Day



Date Range

4/1/2021

9/30/2021

LI 33- Number of Deliberate Fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
159	176	-9.66 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
49024084	9/30/2021	00:00:49	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Wheelie Bin
49024007	9/29/2021	02:35:46	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Houghton	Building/Dwelling/Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupanc
49024073	9/29/2021	22:24:32	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Road Vehicle/Car
49024077	9/29/2021	22:32:49	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Road Vehicle/Car
49023921	9/27/2021	20:34:20	Rainton Bridge (H)	Sunderland	Hetton	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in garden)

Ward Breakdown

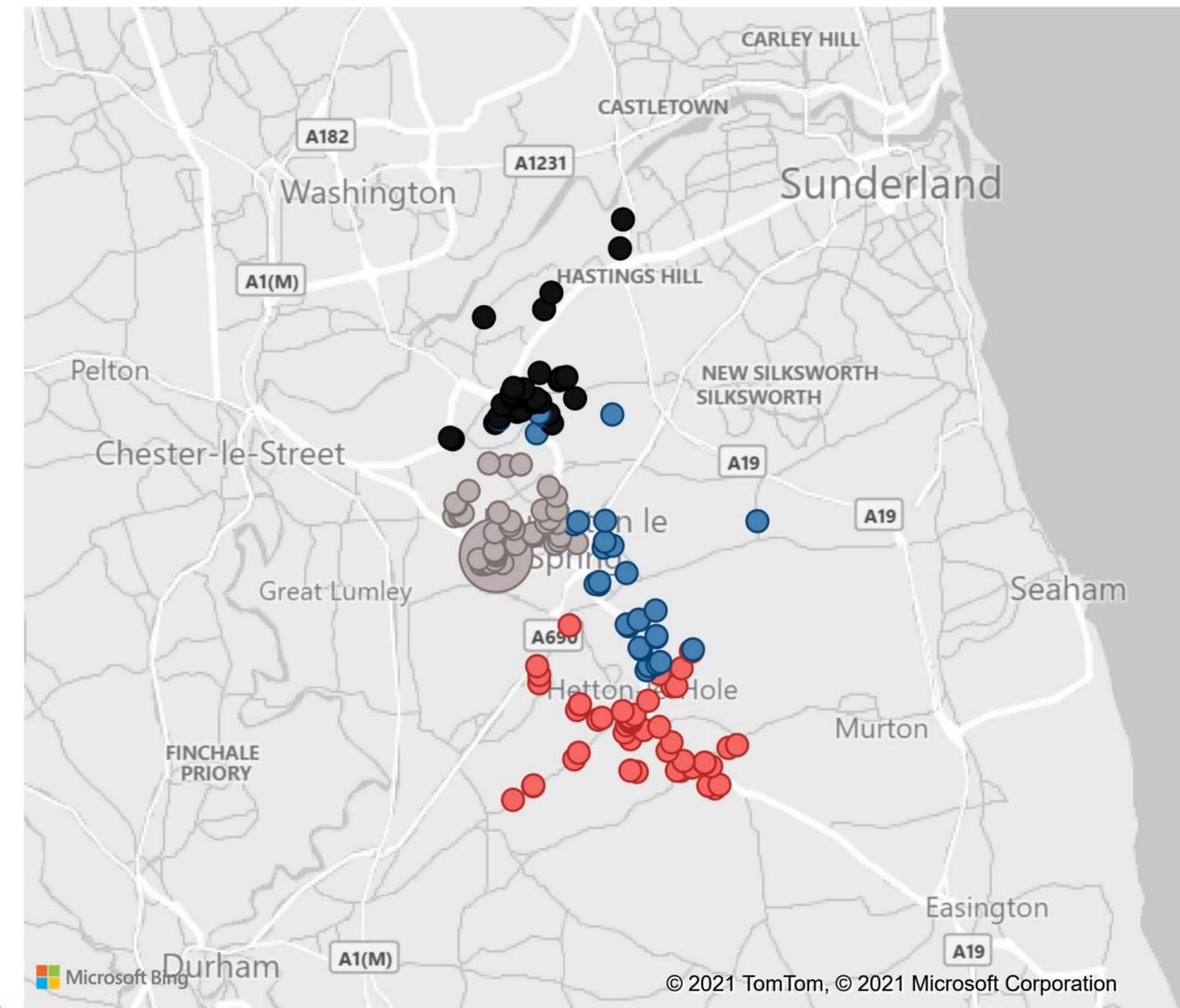
Ward Name	Incident Count
Hetton	49
Houghton	46
Shiney Row	33
Copt Hill	31
Total	159

Property Type Breakdown

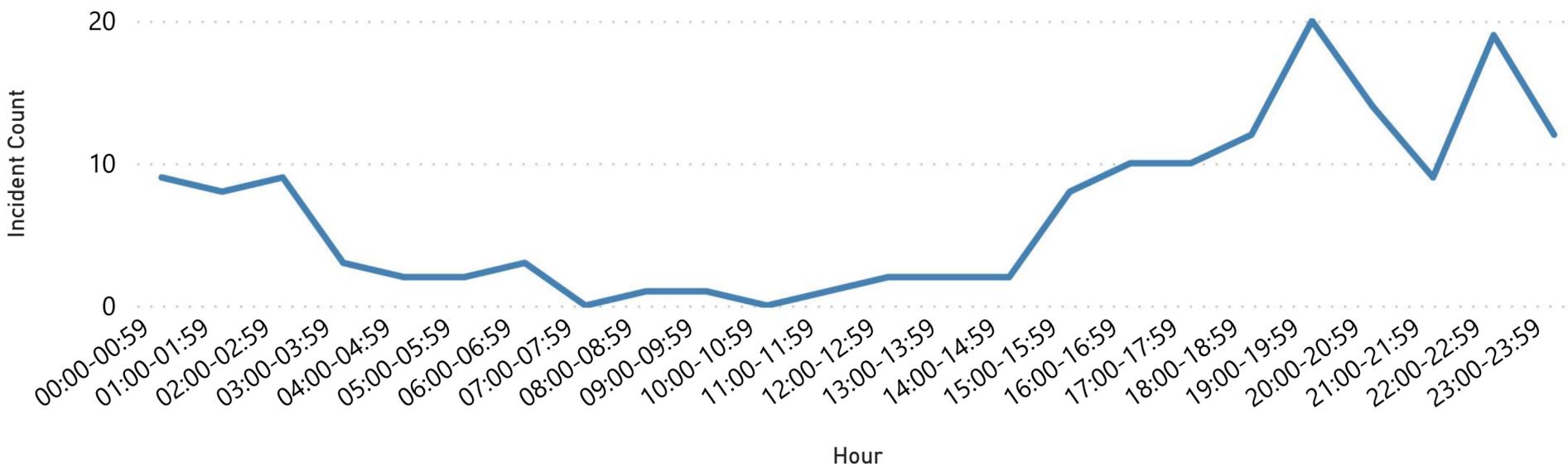
Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	71
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	10
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	10
Total	131

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Copt Hill ● Hetton ● Houghton ● Shiney Row



Incident Count Time Of Day



COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE 15 December 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:- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1. (b) Approve one Neighbourhood Fund application set out in Section 2.3 and Annex 1 (c) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed in Annex 2	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation £537,720 (inc Youth allocation) for 2021/2022 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £234,039 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	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

15 December 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2021/2022:

Project Name	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total Neighbourhood Fund for 2021/2022 is £517,720 plus £20,000 from Children's Services for Youth Activities – total allocation is therefore £537,720				
Project Name				£537,720
Project Sunshine	30.06.21		£4,923	
Wildlife Explorer Days	30.06.21		£4,973	
Out and About	30.06.21		£4,900	
Copt Hill Kids Club	30.06.21		£4,409	
Hetton Kids Club	30.06.21		£4,409	
Houghton Kids Club	30.06.21		£4,409	
Shiney Row Kids Club	30.06.21		£4,409	
Active Adventurers	30.06.21		£4,999	
Active Exercise and Play	30.06.21		£5,000	
Our Day Out	30.06.21		£3,152	
Elba Park Social	30.06.21		£4,925	
Encouraging Participation	30.06.21		£5,000	
Creative Engagement	30.06.21		£5,000	
Coalfield Singing Project	30.06.21		£5,000	
Have a Meal with Us	30.06.21		£4,010	
Penshaw Pals	30.06.21		£4,010	
Down at the Pit	30.06.21		£4,991	
Secure the Ground	30.06.21		£9,169	
Energy Efficient Eppleton	30.06.21		£4,200	

Kawasaki Mule	29.09.21		£18,210	
Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)	29.09.21		£20,000	
LinkTogether	29.09.21		£200,000	
Stephenson Sculpture	29.09.21		£11,820	
Balance				£195,802

2.2 Coalfield Area Committee currently has £195,802 Neighbourhood Funding available for capital and revenue projects.

2.3 There is one application to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**

- Improved Access Shiney Advice and Resource Project (ShARP) £6,000

2.4 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£6,000**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£189,802**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 – 2023

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020/2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Balance
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
Shiney Lighting	17.03.21	-	-	£5,961	£434,039
Elemore Greenspace	17.03.21	-	-	£100,000	£343,039
Improving Rectory Park	17.03.21	-	-	£100,000	£243,039

3.2 Coalfield Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.

3.3. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.

3.4 There are no requests for funding presented to this meeting, therefore the remaining balance is £243,039.

4. Community Chest

4.1 The table below details the Community Chest current budget position for 2021/2022. **Annex 2** shows the approvals supported to date for 2021/22.

Ward	Start Balance for 2021/2022	Project approvals since April 2021	Grant Returned	Balance
Copt Hill	£10,000	£5,291	£0	£4,709
Hetton	£10,000	£4,805	£0	£5,195
Houghton	£10,000	£5,717	£0	£4,283
Shiney Row	£10,000	£6,050	£519	£4,469
Total	£40,000	£21,863	£519	£18,656

5. Recommendations:

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1.
- (b) Approve the one Neighbourhood Fund application set out in Section 2.3 and Annex 1
- (c) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed in Annex 2

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Neighbourhood Fund Proposal

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Improved Access
Lead Organisation	Shiney Advice and Resource Project (ShARP)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£6,000		£6,000

Project Description:

ShARP currently provides 1st tier welfare advice to customers from across the Coalfield area. The service offers information, advice, guidance and support to residents regarding debt, benefit and finance related issues. The ShARP centre, based in Shiney Row, also provides IT support, Universal Credit support and other services such as craft and social activities. ShARP is requesting funding to improve the access to the centre. The existing door is ill fitting and is difficult to access for some, especially those with limited mobility and those who need to use wheelchairs. ShARP would like to install new doors with auto access which are appropriate for the broad range of service users. Three estimates have been received, with the preferred option costing £6,000.

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project. The proposal delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority to Provide Welfare Support to local residents.

Coalfield Area Committee**15 December 2021****Community Chest Awards April 2021 to March 2022**

Copt Hill Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hetton Juniors FC (3 wards)	14.07.21		£667
Houghton Feast Trust (all wards)	15.09.21		£500
1 st Houghton Scouts (2 wards)	12.10.21		£1,000
Active Families	12.10.21		£2,124
Hetton New Dawn (all wards)	15.11.21		£500
Hetton Town Council (2 wards)	15.11.21		£500
Remaining balance		-	£4,709
Hetton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hetton Juniors FC (3 wards)	14.07.21		£667
Houghton Feast Trust (all wards)	15.09.21		£500
Hetton New Dawn (all wards)	16.11.21		£500
Hetton Town Council (2 wards)	16.11.21		£1,000
Community Opportunities	16.11.21		£2,138
Remaining balance		-	£5,195
Houghton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hetton Juniors FC (3 wards)	14.07.21		£667
Houghton Feast Trust (all wards)	15.09.21		£500
St John's, Fencehouses Community Hall	15.09.21		£900
SCC CCTV column	15.09.21		£1,650
1 st Houghton Scouts (2 wards)	22.10.21		£1,000
Hetton New Dawn (all wards)	17.11.21		£500
Kepier Trust	17.11.21		£500
Remaining balance		-	£4,283
Shiney Row Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Aidan's Community Group	17.09.19	£519	-
New Herrington Bowls Club	28.05.21	-	£1250

Herrington FC	14.07.21		£500
St John's Community Food	14.07.21		£1,000
Trinity Community Hall	05.08.21		£800
Houghton Feast Trust (all wards)	15.09.21		£500
Shiney Row Primary School	15.09.21		£500
Monument View (TfC)	15.09.21		£1000
Hetton New Dawn (all wards)	15.11.21		£500
Remaining balance		-	£4,469

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields)

Between 01/10/2021 and 30/11/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02430/FUL	Stoneygate Stables Burdon Lane Burdon Sunderland SR3 2PT	Erection of storage barn associated with the use as stables and kennels.	21/10/2021	16/12/2021
Copt Hill				
21/02562/FUL	Land At The Hemmel10 Over The Hill Farm Steadings Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4NY	Hard standing 75mm road hard stone chippings laid on top of subsoil, to allow storage of round bales over winter period for feeding to livestock and sheep (Retrospective)	02/11/2021	28/12/2021
Copt Hill				
21/02260/FUL	9 Lumley Crescent Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4TD	Erection of single storey kitchen extension to rear.	10/11/2021	05/01/2022
Copt Hill				
21/02635/FUL	37 Balmoral Crescent Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 8HQ	Erection of single storey side extension.	10/11/2021	05/01/2022
Copt Hill				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02656/PRI	7 George Street Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9AL	Erection of a single storey extension to rear (Extends 4.50m from the original dwelling, 3.80m in height and 2.45m to the eaves)	11/11/2021	23/12/2021
	Copt Hill			
21/02309/FUL	7 The Grove Rainton Bridge Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 8NT	Raise roof of existing dwelling to create first floor accommodation, comprising 4no. bedrooms with en-suites and storage. External changes to materials and glazed openings.	12/11/2021	07/01/2022
	Copt Hill			
21/02361/FUL	Land At Chapel Street/Edward Street Hetton Le Hole Houghton-le-Spring	Erection of 6no. apartments with associated parking and landscaping	18/11/2021	13/01/2022
	Copt Hill			
21/02312/FUL	7 Hartside Gardens Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 0NQ	Erection of a single storey side extension	04/10/2021	29/11/2021
	Hetton			
21/02336/FUL	Reserve Forces And Cadet Association Hetton Resource Centre Office Place Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9JL	Installation of replacement windows and rooflights.	04/10/2021	29/11/2021
	Hetton			

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
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21/02408/FUL	Land At Logan Street Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring	Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking and access	14/10/2021	09/12/2021
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Hetton

21/02364/FUL	10 Hedgelea Road East Rainton Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 9RR	Replacement boundary fence to side	15/10/2021	10/12/2021
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Hetton

21/02418/FUL	5 Gilesgate Road Easington Lane Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0EZ	Erection of first floor extension above existing garage and porch to front.	15/10/2021	10/12/2021
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Hetton

21/02417/FUL	Hetton Lyons Park Downs Pit Lane Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9NL	Installation of Heritage Locomotive artwork manufactured from 5mm Corten weathering steel to commemorate the Bicentennial of Hetton Colliery Railway in 2022.	21/10/2021	16/12/2021
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Hetton

21/02543/FUL	1A Moorhouse Gardens Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 0AD	Erection of single storey extension to rear and conversion of garage into habitable room.	01/11/2021	27/12/2021
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Hetton

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02625/FUL	HillcrestDurham RoadEast RaintonHoughton-le-SpringDH5 9QT	Erection of a two storey rear extension, including alterations to existing juliet balcony to rear.	10/11/2021	05/01/2022
	Hetton			
21/02440/FUL	Hetton CentreWelfare RoadHetton-le-HoleHoughton-Le- SpringDH5 9NE	Installation of 4 new floodlights and new payment kiosk (retrospective)	11/11/2021	06/01/2022
	Hetton			
21/02551/LP3	25 Grasmere AvenueEasington LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0PW	Change of use from extra care housing to 1 no. dwelling house.	12/11/2021	07/01/2022
	Hetton			
21/02380/FUL	Gateway North EastElemore LaneEasington LaneHoughton-le- Spring	Creation of first floor within existing roof space, refurbishment of existing windows and installation of rooflights. Demolition of the existing single storey central in-fill extension and replacement with larger entrance structure, and demolition of the existing single storey side entrance/extensions and replacement with larger structure, which will accommodate a hydrotherapy pool and plant room.	15/11/2021	10/01/2022
	Hetton			

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21/00384/FUL	12 Burn CrookHoughton-Le-SpringDH5 8NR	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey extensions to front, side and rear.	22/11/2021	17/01/2022
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Hetton

21/02330/FUL	2 Tudhoe CloseHoughton-le-SpringDH4 6GA	Erection of single storey side extension and single storey extension to rear.	04/10/2021	29/11/2021
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Houghton

21/00078/FUL	24 WatergateHoughton-le-SpringDH4 6GL	Change of use of open space to private garden and boundary fence enclosure (retrospective).	04/10/2021	29/11/2021
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Houghton

21/02475/FUL	6 Tudhoe CloseHoughton-le-SpringDH4 6GA	Erection of rear single storey extension.	22/10/2021	17/12/2021
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Houghton

21/02509/VAR	Land AtAvenue VivianFence HousesHoughton-le-Spring	Variation of condition 3 attached to approved application 20/00704/FUL (Application for the erection of 6no replacement dwellings including demolition of 6no existing dwellings with associated landscaping works), to change the colour of the roof tiles to 4no plots (44, 45, 48 & 49) from red to grey.	27/10/2021	22/12/2021
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Houghton

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02557/FUL	9 Redburn Close Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5DP	Erection of front porch.	02/11/2021	28/12/2021
	Houghton			
21/02629/SUB	45 Abbey Drive Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5LA	Erection of first floor extension to East elevation including balcony area and roof height raised. Dormer window to rear.	10/11/2021	05/01/2022
	Houghton			
21/02647/ADV	Land To The South Of Black Boy Road Fence Houses Houghton-le-Spring	Erection of 4no non illuminated sign boards.	16/11/2021	11/01/2022
	Houghton			
21/02708/VAR	4 Oak Tree Rise Land Opposite The Mews Redburn Row Chilton Moor Houghton-le-Spring	Variation of conditions 2 and 4 attached to approved planning application 21/00685/REM (Reserved matters approval for scale, appearance and landscape relating to planning application 16/00091/HYB (Hybrid planning application - Outline planning application for the erection of 4 no. detached dwellings (approval sought for access and layout) and Full planning application for the erection of 1 no. detached dwelling (Plot 3)) to vary house design of plot 4.	17/11/2021	12/01/2022
	Houghton			

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21/02648/VAR	Land Opposite The MewsRedburn Row Chilton MoorHoughton-le-Spring	Variation of condition following approval of 16/00091/HYB (Hybrid planning application - Outline planning application for the erection of 4 no. detached dwellings (approval sought for access and layout) and Full planning application for the erection of 1 no. detached dwelling (Plot 3) - AMENDED SCHEME.) to vary the approved house type of plot 2.	18/11/2021	13/01/2022
Houghton				
21/02688/SUB	32 Sherburn GroveHoughton-le-Spring DH4 5HW	Erection of a single storey extension to front, side and rear. (Resubmission)	25/11/2021	20/01/2022
Houghton				
21/01718/FUL	School House Offerton Village SunderlandSR4 9JP	Change of use to coffee/sandwich shop including associated external seating area and car parking.	01/10/2021	26/11/2021
Shiney Row				
21/02343/LP3	Herrington Park CafeHerrington Country Park Chester RoadPenshawSunderland	Change of use of ground maintenance storage area to provide extension to existing café. Works to include new kitchen/ servery, entrances and seating area. External alterations to include new windows and enlarged terrace area for seating.	08/10/2021	03/12/2021
Shiney Row				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
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21/02344/FUL	29 Ferndale Road Penshaw Houghton-Le-Spring DH4 7JE	Erection of single storey side/rear extension.	08/10/2021	03/12/2021
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Shiney Row

21/02466/FUL	Co-operative Food 1 - 2 Percy Terrace Penshaw Houghton-le-Spring DH4 7PG	Installation of 2 No. satellite dishes.	21/10/2021	16/12/2021
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Shiney Row

21/02600/FUL	Wood Villa Alice Well Villas Coxgreen Sunderland SR4 9JU	Erection of a roof top balcony to rear and 2no. juliet balconies to first floor front elevation.	08/11/2021	03/01/2022
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Shiney Row

21/02612/FUL	9 Penshaw Place Houghton-Le-Spring DH4 7AY	Erection of single storey extension to front of existing garage and front porch.	10/11/2021	05/01/2022
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Shiney Row

21/02714/FUL	2 Pebworth Cottages McClaren Way Houghton-Le-Spring DH4 4NP	Erection of a single storey side extension	17/11/2021	12/01/2022
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Shiney Row

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02707/PRI	111 Weymouth Drive Houghton-le-Spring DH4 7TZ	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 5m from the original dwelling, 3.80m in height and 2.80m to the eaves).	17/11/2021	31/12/2021
Shiney Row				
21/02690/FUL	82 Hunter Street Shiney Row Houghton-Le-Spring DH4 4PB	Erection of 1.8m high timber close boarded fence off public highway in place of 3m high hedge and 1.1m high timber close boarded fence. (Retrospective)	23/11/2021	18/01/2022
Shiney Row				