

Coalfield Area Committee: **PEOPLE BOARD** Work Plan 2017/18

Area Priority	Actions	Progress/Updates
Working in partnership to address key issues that affect residents emotional and mental wellbeing	<p>Reduce stress caused by financial concerns by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting access to advice services Developing 'advice' volunteers or champions in local community venues 	<p>Advice services are promoted regularly via the Area VCS Network and weekly information sharing bulletins. Colleagues from ShARP attend meetings and update members on the First Tier Advice service.</p> <p>The ShARP Advice on Prescription service offered exclusively in the Coalfield area is delivered in GP practices in each ward. This service is promoted via health professionals and community organisations.</p> <p>A further project to support this priority is contained in Item 5 Area Budget Report.</p>
	<p>Reduce isolation and improve social participation in older and vulnerable adults by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support social activities and services in all wards for specific target groups Support for carers (young and adult) Taboo breaking – make the issue of mental health acceptable Continue to support and further embed good practice from current SIB funded social activities 	<p>A range of SIB funded Social isolation projects continue to be delivered throughout the Coalfield with many groups running on the good will of volunteers.</p> <p>Following a Call for Projects by the People Board, 12 local groups were awarded a total of £33,193 SIB funding to deliver a range of social activities across the Coalfield area. Over 150 people benefit from these activities each week.</p> <p>The Community Transport project, supported by Area Committee, has delivered a shopping bus service and a door to door transport scheme to social activities to 569 people during the period 2017/18.</p> <p>The March Area Committee allocated additional SIB funding to develop alternative activities to improve mental and physical health. See Item 5 for further information.</p>
Encouraging and supporting local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity.	Support families with cooking on a budget /menu planning	Cookery workshops, demonstrations and cooking tips/menu sheets have been incorporated to a number of community events and activities across the year. Community Chest funding has supported local groups to deliver activities.
	Support low income families during school holiday periods with alternatives to school lunches	A total of 678 individuals attended 44 additional youth and play sessions delivered during school holiday periods in 2017. An allocation of £20,000 was approved for the development of initiatives and activities for children, families and young people to meet local need, support school holiday periods and involve young people in community activity. It is proposed that 5 projects providing support and activities for young people are approved. See Item 5 Area Budget Report for further details.

	Develop activities and projects incorporating 'performing arts' such as dancing, theatre, singing and music to encourage residents to participate in different types of activity	This priority was considered by the People Board and following a Call for Projects it is proposed that 6 projects to improve mental and physical health are approved. See Item 5 for further details.
	Continue to promote and support sporting activities previously developed through the Coalfield Olympic programme	This is incorporated into holiday activities for children and young people as above.
Increase opportunities to access training and learning to enhance life and employability skills	<p>Increase digital inclusion in local communities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options to increase the level of public access computers in Coalfields • Explore options to provide Digital Champions and / or tutors in local centres • Develop a programme to support residents to gain the necessary skills and confidence to use I.T. • Promote what is available across coalfield in terms of access to training and facilities with access to I.T. 	<p>A total of 7 projects have been funded via SIB to support local residents to develop skills, access and engage with on-line services and facilities to improve their social outcomes. The projects commenced in January and February 2018 and a Coalfield Digital Network has been developed by Springboard. The People Board identified that there is an increasing and changing need within the community to support and enable residents to get online and allocated a further sum of SIB funding at the March 2017 meeting.</p> <p>The roll out of Universal Credit in July 2018 has raised many issues and as a result the People Board has developed a project in partnership with ShARP and Springboard which is presented in Item 5 Area Budget Report.</p>
	Encourage young people to engage with local councillors and develop confidence to present ideas for projects - Continue CAN DO fund. Invite successful applicants to feedback results to People Board	The Shiny Row Summer Football group presented their idea to the People Board in April 2018. The group were awarded £387 for equipment to expand delivery of football sessions on green spaces within the ward.
	Explore mechanisms to develop skills and sustainable progression routes into employment or business start up for local residents.	The SIB Craft Academy project is now complete. The project provided job training to 44 local residents. All have moved on to either volunteering, employment or further training.
Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working	Expand the membership and attendance at VCS Network meetings	The Coalfield VCS Network meetings continue to be well attended and is recognised by the Community as the forum to communicate with the Council and with each other.
	Encourage collaborative working amongst local organisations	<p>SIB project proposals identify the importance of partnership working, which forms part of the scoring/assessment of applications for funding. All SIB funded projects are encouraged to work in collaboration with other providers of similar services and attend the VCS Network meetings.</p> <p>During 2017/18, 74 community groups and projects have been supported to develop their organisation, seek funding, recruit and train volunteers and work in partnership with other local organisations.</p>

	Continue to work with volunteers as part of the SIB 'Step up' project	Throughout the year 145 new potential volunteers have registered with the Step Up project. 56 are currently actively volunteering in local organisations, 10 are signed up to a 'pool' of volunteers for one off events, and 5 have gone into employment.
	Deliver a 'Volunteer Celebration' event	The first Coalfield Volunteer Celebration was held on Saturday 21 October at the Hetton Centre. Around 120 people attended the event which was hosted by SNCBC's SIB funded Step Up Project. An event for 2018 has been arranged to take place in June to link with Volunteer Week.
Support provision of activities for young people that increase their involvement in community and area events and projects	Continue to develop Youth Social Action project to engage young people in positive activity.	9 young volunteers have been actively volunteering as part of the project. It is proposed that the project is re-focused to meet the new Area Priorities for 2018/19.
	Understand the role / contribution of young people in projects as their brief is developed by the People Board throughout the year	The recent Call for Projects to provide activities for children and young people will inform understanding of the role of young people in area activity. The CAN DO fund provides a platform for young people to demonstrate their contribution to local projects.
	Support positive engagement for children and young people to address local issues and provide activities during holiday periods	<p>A Call for Projects to provide activities and initiatives for children and their families was made by the People Board in January 2018. 8 projects were approved and are now being delivered across the Coalfield area.</p> <p>Following a period of disorder in Houghton Town Centre and parts of Hetton ward, People Board discussed the need for some initial engagement with young people to gain their input and promote clubs and activities available. Senior youth workers are providing an outreach service at weekends for a period of 12 weeks with a view to diverting young people into positive activity. A Call for Projects has resulted in 6 SIB proposals being presented to this Area Committee. Further details at Annex 5 Area Budget Report.</p>