

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th March, 2023 at 6:00pm

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

Membership

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

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Planning Applications (Coalfield)**

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ELAINE WAUGH

Assistant Director of Law and Governance

7th March, 2023

At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Sunderland on WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER, 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

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

Also Present:-

Jill Colbert	Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services	Together for Children Sunderland City Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Emma Horsman	Project Director	Cultural Spring
Nic Marko	Local Democracy Reporter	
Andrew Nelson	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire Service
Steve Passey	Inspector	Northumbria Police
Sandra Stephenson	VCS Community Support Officer	
Joanne Stewart	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Amy Swan	Area Network Representative	
Beth Wilkie	Head of Neighbourhoods	Gentoo

Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Burrell and Eileen Bewick, Wendy Cook and Emerly Christie.

Declarations of Interest

The following declarations were received:-

Item 4 – Coalfield Area Budgets Report

Councillor Thornton made an open declaration in relation to application 2 from the Neighbourhood Fund towards the Coalfield Pride 2023 project as Chairman of the LGBT+ Support Group and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Speding made an open declaration in relation to the application towards the Herrington Colliery Pitch Fencing as a member of the Football Association.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th September, 2022 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Neighbourhood and Community Board Report

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

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

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

Councillor Speding raised the issue of the playpark at Shiny Row and referred to the fact they were still outstanding. He referred to intervention plans that had been produced for other parks in the Coalfield area and asked that the park at Shiny Row be included in future programmes of work. Ms. Hopper advised that she could look in to who had produced the plan that Councillor Speding referred to and the Chairman commented that the issue could be followed up by Officers outside of the meeting.

Councillor Mason-Gage also asked if she could be provided with an update on the accessible play equipment for Barnwell Park.

At this juncture, the Chairman of the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board welcome Ms. Emma Horsman, Cultural Spring to provide a project update on the Stephenson Trail Project. Ms. Horsman advised that Marty Longstaff of the Lake Poets had commissions a piece of music called Stephenson's Engine and shared the video that had been produced. She advised Members that she would circulate a link to the resource packs that had been referred to.

The Chairman thanked all of the Officers supporting the Area Committee and praised Cultural Spring for the impressive presentation and outcomes of the photography project.

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

2. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update regarding the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 be noted and the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1, be agreed.

Northumbria Police Update

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

Inspector Passey informed the Committee that ASB had reduced by 31% compared to the last reporting period and that this was an exceptional achievement. He advised that the current ASB hotspots were Easington Lane, Fencehouses and Houghton.

Motorcycle disorder had also reduced by 38% and since the last Area Committee overall burglary rates had reduced by 10%; which was a 27% reduction when compared to the same time the previous year.

Inspector Passey advised that the HALO team continued to evolve and innovated to tackle issues in the Hetton ward and that they had recently forged new links with Sunderland AFC's Beacon of Light Project with a view to increase provision to the area.

Councillor Speding referred to issues with ASB in the Hedworth Terrace, Shiney Row area and explained that this was a longstanding problem for residents and asked how this could be resolved as they were not seeing any reductions in ASB. Inspector Passey commented that he was aware that team had visited the area and that they had strong links with the Council ASB Team so he could ensure that this could be picked up. The Area Committee had funded a post to proactively target ASB hotspots and the area was not on the radar for them but he could speak with the team to tackle an approach to the issues he had raised.

Councillor Thornton referred to an issue she had reported through the 111 service and with the Council ASB Team regarding the driving of vehicles which were chasing each other and churning up grass. She had the details of the two vehicles and they were both unregistered and asked what further could be done. Inspector Passey advised that if she could provide all of the details he could ask the team to look into the issue further.

The Committee having discussed the report, the Chairman thanked Inspector Passey for his attendance and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

Station Manager Andrew Nelson, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1st April 2022 to 14th December 2022 compared with the same period the previous year.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Speding commented that he was not surprised to see the 163% increase in incidents in the Shiney Row ward and commented that it had been a hotspot for a long time. Mr. Nelson advised that he could provide a direct link to the Watch Manage to discuss any areas of concern.

Councillor Mason-Gage referred to issues in Maple Terrace and commented that it was frustrating for residents in that area that no improvements were ever made and was informed that the area had been flagged through recorded incidents and the service were aware of the issues.

She also asked how worried the service were about residents making the decision to heat their own homes during the cost of living crisis and potentially putting themselves in danger and Mr. Nelson advised that crews were more vigilant and passing on advice to residents. If they saw seeing a family that may be struggling they could help advise where they could look to get additional support and help.

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

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

Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update

The Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an update on the work of the Sector to date.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Amy Swan, Area Network Representative presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Ms. Swan advised that meetings had taken place in October and November where they had focussed on the following areas; Warm Spaces, Holiday Activities, Findaway. The Well Bean Machine, The Household Support Update and Community Chest.

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

5. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Gentoo Update

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Beth Wilkie, Head of Neighbourhoods briefed the Committee on Neighbourhood Services and the proposed Investment and Renewal programme the area.

Councillor Thornton enquired how long a require should take in a property in East Rainton as residents had been advised it would be three months. Ms. Wilkie advised

that it would usually take 4 to 5 days but could look in to the matter further if the specific details were provided outside of the meeting.

In response to a query from Councillor Snowdon in relation to damp in homes, Ms. Wilkie advised that they had always had technical inspectors but due to the profile being raised they had put more resource into this area. They were dealing with the issue of damp in the same way as any other housing repairs but should Members have any specific concerns they could contact their local co-ordinators or raise the issue direct with herself and they could look to visit the property and explain how best to manage each case.

With regards to a question from Councillor Scott regarding the number of inspections outstanding and being undertaken, Ms. Wilkie advised that a team of advisers had received more training to ask more questions to better understand issues that residents were experiencing and explained that she could check on the current numbers and come back to Members with that information. The team were working with residents to get through as many inspections as they could and quickly diagnose where there were issues and concerns to be addressed as soon as possible.

Councillor Johnston asked if future reports could include the number of reported incidents and works being carried out so that Committee could look to monitor them and Ms. Wilkie advised she could provide these figures to the Area Officer.

The Committee having discussed the report; Ms. Wilkie was thanked for her attendance and it was:-

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

Coalfield Area Budget Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

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

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

7. RESOLVED that:-

(a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1, be noted;

- (b) approval be given to the allocation of £3,500 from the Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23 towards the Buddies Toddlers project;
- (c) approval be given to allocation of £11,325 from the Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23 towards the Coalfield Pride 2023 project;
- (d) the Neighbourhood and Community Board in February 2023 review and approve the ward based youth project applications from the previously aligned Neighbourhood Fund budget and report to the Area Committee at its meeting in March, 2023;
- (e) approval be given to the allocation of £40,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme towards the enclosure of the Class A football pitch at Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground; and
- (f) the Community Chest approvals supported from the 2022/23 budget as set out in Annex 3 to the report be noted.

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st October and 24th November, 2022 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

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

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

15 March 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the Coalfield Area Committee during 2022-2023.
- b. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 -2023.

2. Background

2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the Coalfield Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland.

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 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.

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 Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. All Committee members 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 Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2022.

3.6 Area Plans from 2023/24 onwards are being developed, with data/intelligence gathering underway. Members will take part in a series of workshops and discussions to recommend

priorities and actions for inclusion in these plans, which will be agreed at June 2023 Area Committee.

- 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 March 2023. Further updates are contained in Annex 1, Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan

Priority/Issue	Update
Digital Learning Resources	<p>Following approval at the September 2022 Area Committee, two Neighbourhood Funded projects being delivered across the area will continue until March 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A partnership project, between Springboard and ShARP, provides a much needed Universal Credit (UC) support service to assist residents who are applying for, or managing, their Universal Credit benefit, including job searches and maximising of income. During the period from April 2022, 38 people have been supported into employment or training. • Springboard continues to deliver the ‘Communities Connected’ project in four local Hubs across the Coalfield area, supporting residents to get online and access services. Venues are reviewed regularly to ensure that the best reach across all wards is being achieved and that services are accessible to people where they are most needed. During the period from April 2022, the project has worked with 206 people, supporting with e.g. pension credits, application for a disabled bus pass, council tax application and downloading forms. This quarter has also seen the project support clients who have personal barriers in IT use. For example a client’s dexterity was a barrier, so the tutor was able to provide the most appropriate support to overcome that issue. Clients also have physical barriers such as broken phone or an asylum seeker with no IT access so the Hubs are able to provide the tools to have access to IT. In all hubs in which the project is delivered, participants have access to laptops and PCs, they also get support in improving their knowledge on the use of their personal mobile phone and tablets (using venue’s wifi) to enable them to access online services such as shopping and banking and to use their devices for hobbies and recreation purposes.
Parks and Play Areas	<p>Further work has taken place at Houghton Rectory Park and a phased programme of work including installation of new seats and benches, improvements to the play area and new signage will be implemented between February and April 2023. Work on the play area has now commenced.</p> <p>Following approval of £35,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme funding at the June 2022 Area Committee, match funding has now been identified to carry out a programme of works at Old Durham Road fixed play site. Work has commenced on site and will be complete by April 2023.</p>

	<p>Following approval of three projects totalling £91,000 from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme, work will be carried out at Herrington Colliery Welfare ground in three phases. Works to the pavilion will commence in April 2023, followed by improvements to the Class A football pitch and a programme of environmental improvements in the wider grounds area.</p>
<p>Open spaces, walking and cycling routes</p>	<p>The Stephenson Trail project continues to be delivered in two phases. The educational and cultural phase and the environmental improvements phase. Working with Councillors, Council Officers and partners, improvements to the trail are ongoing to encourage people to use and celebrate the Stephenson Trail which follows the route of the former Hetton Colliery Railway. The Coalfield 'Clean it, Green it' project has been carrying out environmental improvements to a number of locations on the Coalfield section, including barrier painting, repairing of seats and removal of overgrowth to footpaths.</p> <p>To complement the above project and to enhance a local area of significant historic and environmental interest, the Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend the development of an improvement scheme at Copt Hill/Seven Sisters. Further information contained in Item 4 Budget Report.</p>
<p>Provide Support to the Voluntary and Community Sector</p>	<p>The Voluntary and Community Sector Network, Chaired by the Vice Chair of Area Committee, continues to meet monthly to share information and give support to local organisations across the area. The Community Support Worker for the Coalfield area is available to support local groups with funding, governance, training etc...</p> <p>Coalfield Sunderland Councillors have provided Neighbourhood Fund support to 20 organisations to deliver activities and projects within the area since June 2022. Over £350,000 Neighbourhood Fund budget has been awarded to voluntary and community organisations including Shiney Row CA, Durham Wildlife Trust, Springboard, Community Opportunities, Hetton Buddies and Coalfield LGBTQ+. Further recommendations for funding are included in Item 4 Budget report including support to Philadelphia Community Cricket Club.</p>
<p>Improve Local Greenspaces</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Funded Clean it Green it project delivered by Springboard is implementing a series of clean up events and educational programmes across each ward in the Coalfield area. The project manager is now in post and will be developing an action plan to tackle priority areas in each ward. Working with Local Services colleagues, the project is designed to support and complement mainstream environmental works by carrying out community engagement and activity in identified areas, initial projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claremont Drive, Shiney Row; this is the lane by the football field. In the hedgerow were tyres and cans and litter, which was bagged up and disposed of. Revisited since and a

	<p>noticeable improvement and good feedback from locals on a good job done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mallard Way, close to Rainton Meadows. Both sides had hedgerows and ditches with lots of litter. The normal, cans, bottles also sofa cushions, paint pots and general rubbish, this was all bagged up and removed with regular follow ups. Good feedback from members of the public as this is the main access to the park and creates a good impression when litter free. • The lane rear of North view, off Murton Lane, Easington Lane. Litter picking normal cans, bottles etc, also tyres, old suitcases, plastic bags. Much improved and welcomed by The Head Teacher of the local school who was very happy we were cleaning up the area. We also returned to an area to the side of the school with a large trailer to spots where there had been fly tipping. Old plastics toys, bed frames, bottles, cans, plastic delivery trays etc. All taken to Houghton Depot and disposed of. Litter and environmental activities to be carried out with the school in the Spring. • Area near The Blind Centre, Houghton le Spring, We cut back overgrown vegetation around the trees at the entrance. Also along the side of the building small trees and bushes had overgrown and were blocking light from the windows, making access to clean them impossible and lots of mess with leaves. All the small trees/shrubs were cut down and the side of the building cleared using a large trailer to dispose of them at Houghton Depot. The lady running the centre was very happy and will return to keep on top of the situation in the future. <p>The above are projects carried out in the first quarter of delivery. During this short period of time 11 clean ups have taken place, removing 9 tons of rubbish from local neighbourhoods. Members will be asked for priority locations within their own wards which will be reviewed by the project in partnership with Gentoo and Sunderland City Council local services.</p>
<p>Support for children and young people</p>	<p>The Coalfield Youthie Project, funded via Neighbourhood Fund, currently delivered by Community Opportunities in each of the four wards, provides at least two youth sessions per ward per week at a variety of indoor and outdoor venues, appropriate to the needs of the young people. The project is due to end in June 2023 and following budget allocation at the September 2022 Area Committee, a call for projects was carried out and recommendations for approval are contained within Item 4 Budget Report.</p> <p>The CHAT programme has been delivered over the course of the past 12 months. Project delivery is now complete and, following a review of all activity, the Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to receive an application to continue and develop a successful element of the programme. A recommendation for funding is contained in Item 4 Budget Report.</p>

	<p>Holiday Activities funded via Neighbourhood Fund have been delivered by 10 organisations during holiday periods since July 2022. The programme is due to end in May 2023 and a recommendation for funding is contained in Item 4 Budget Report.</p> <p>Further to discussions at the Neighbourhood & Community Board, a proposal to deliver a bespoke Phoenix/Spark programme to young people across the Coalfield area is presented at Item 4 Budget Report. The Board recommends approval of funding to deliver the programme which is designed to provide diversionary activities and build skills of young people.</p>
<p>Improve highways, pavements and street lighting</p>	<p>Colleagues from Highways attended the November 2022 Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to consult with members regarding the development of the Coalfield highways maintenance programme for 2023/24. Further updates have been received and Members have put forward areas for consideration in the 2023/2024 programme. The suggested locations will have been assessed and following discussions at the February 2023 Board meeting, recommendations are contained at Annex 2 to this report.</p>

5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery contained above, and within **Annex 1**
- 5.2 Agree the recommendations contained in **Annex 2** in relation to Highways Maintenance Programme 2023/24

Annex 1 Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

Annex 2 Highways Maintenance Programme 2023/24

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Coalfield Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan was developed as a 3 year proposal which committed the Area Committee to deliver a significant number of priorities in the Coalfield area , to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan has been monitored by the Area Committee and actions addressed over the last three years via the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Communities Board. Regular updates have been provided to the Board and to Area Committee over the last 3 years and the actions and priorities which continue to be delivered are outlined below.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Review derelict land and properties to further create green and cultural communities		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Carry out environmental improvements at Flintmill Park and other identified greenspaces	Invite the lead on the project to attend Area Board to update on plans for the 13 sites. Include project in the Area Plan for 2023/24	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. Funding for the development phase of the project has now been approved by Heritage Fund and an application for additional funding to bridge the gap between development and delivery phases was approved by Area Committee at the June 2022 meeting. A project officer for the project has now been appointed and

		<p>a steering group including two representatives from Area Committee has now been set up. The aims of the project are To restore habitats, helping nature recover, on 13 greenspaces across the Coalfields, and to work with local communities, to involve everyone with caring for and using greenspaces, with added benefits of promoting good health and well being</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Invite the lead on the Coalfield Clean it, Green it project to attend Area Board in order to discuss priority areas with Members. Include the priority in the 2023/24 Area Plan</p>	<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 Coalfield Clean it, Green it project commenced in November 2022. An application from Springboard to deliver the project was approved by Area Committee at the June 2022 meeting. The project has employed a Clean it, Green it project officer and a volunteer support worker. Delivery commenced in October 2022. The project manager will be developing</p>

		<p>an action plan to tackle priority areas in each ward. Working with Local Services colleagues, the project is designed to support and complement mainstream environmental works by carrying out community engagement and activity in identified areas, initial projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claremont Drive, Shiney Row In the hedgerow were tyres and cans and litter, which was bagged up and disposed of. Revisited since and a noticeable improvement and good feedback from locals on a good job done.• Mallard Way, close to Rainton Meadows. Both sides had hedgerows and ditches with lots of litter. The normal, cans, bottles also sofa cushions, paint pots and general rubbish, this was all bagged up and removed with regular follow ups. Good feedback from members of the public as this is the main access to the park and creates a good impression when litter free.• The lane rear of North view, off Murton Lane, Easington Lane. Litter picking normal cans, bottles etc, also tyres, old suitcases, plastic bags. Much improved and welcomed by The Head Teacher of the local school who was very happy we were cleaning up the area. Large items
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		<p>such as old plastics toys, bed frames, bottles, cans, plastic delivery trays etc. were all present and a trailer had to be utilised to remove and take to Houghton Depot for disposal, in conjunction with local services. The project will carry out litter and environmental activities with the school in the Spring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area near The Blind Centre, Houghton le Spring, We cut back overgrown vegetation around the trees at the entrance. Also along the side of the building small trees and bushes had overgrown and were blocking light from the windows, making access to clean them impossible and lots of mess with leaves. <p>The above are projects carried out in the first quarter of delivery. During this short period of time 11 clean ups have taken place, removing 9 tons of rubbish from local neighbourhoods. Members will be asked for priority locations within their own wards which will be reviewed by the project in partnership with Gentoo and Sunderland City Council local services.</p>
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Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood

Action	Next steps	Progress
Consider dealing with unsightly caravans, unroadworthy cars and advertising vehicles taking up space on grass verges	Receive updates via the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Actions by Environmental Enforcement and ASB teams has taken place, including the removal of

		<p>a number of nuisance/derelict caravans which were causing a blight on neighbourhoods.</p> <p>An update was given to the February 2023 Board meeting by the Enforcement Manager regarding resources available within the Coalfield area including street watch cameras and access to a drone.</p> <p>The council 'report it' system should be used to report any incidents of ASB or environmental damage.</p> <p>Resources are deployed in areas of highest reporting and therefore it is important that all residents ensure reporting is carried out.</p> <p>An officer has been employed to deal with nuisance and abandoned vehicles. A number of derelict or abandoned caravans and vehicles have been successfully removed from the Coalfield area in recent months</p>
<p>Continue the multi agency approach to large and ongoing fly-tips at the former Forest Estate, Easington Lane</p>	<p>Invite relevant officers to provide and continue to feed issues into further information on</p>	<p>The multi agency action at this site is ongoing. LMAPS continue to monitor and take action to maintain improvements. Although there have been some successes in terms of prosecution/fines/vehicle removal it is difficult to obtain evidence on which to tackle the issue entirely. Senior Council officers are in discussion with other land owners to identify a strategic partnership solution to the issue, including environmental</p>

		improvements to the site and options for disposal for development.
Bloom Activities and Supporting Residents to Grow Their Own		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Request further information regarding 'Gateway' improvements and how Area Committee may be able to enhance/further develop plans	Local Environmental Services Manager to agree locations for bulb and wildflower planting with ward members	A number of initiatives, supported by Area Committee funding, have been developed, including railing and barrier displays at gateways to shopping areas. New seats and troughs/tubs have been installed in various locations including Hetton and East Rainton.
Highways, pavements and street lighting		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Progress the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) programme within the Coalfield area.	Provide regular update reports for each ward	Highways colleagues developed and implemented a programme of 8 signs, deployed across 31 sites on a 3 month rolling programme
Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Explore the feasibility of installing additional/improved signage at key locations	Continue to receive information regarding	New signs have been installed at Hetton Park. The Stephenson Trail Task group will identify footpath and cycleway signage requirements on the route and an educational project/competition is now complete and a design for waymarkers has been finalised.
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. New bins for Hetton Lyons Country Park have been ordered and will be installed as part of a Citywide programme.

<p>Support improvements in Rectory Park, Houghton le Spring</p>	<p>Environmental Services Manager to provide an updated plan to include details on future works (with timescales)</p>	<p>Area Committee allocated £100,000 for improvements in Houghton Rectory Park. Consultation was carried and a project steering group formed to consider the results of the consultation and develop a park plan. The top suggestion for improvement was lighting in the park. Area Committee approved further funding of £35,000 as a contribution to the total cost of lighting the park. New bins have been installed in the park, the fountain has been cleaned and re-painted. The lighting to the park has now been installed consisting of the supply and installation of lighting on all footpaths.. Work is underway on the play equipment and new seating will be installed during the next phase of improvements</p>
<p>Provide additional, accessible, play equipment in key parks across the Coalfield area</p>	<p>Receive an updated report from Capital team regarding progress and planned works</p>	<p>Keir Hardie play area is now complete, despite a number of set backs due to criminal damage and vandalism during installation. The area will be monitored for ASB.</p> <p>Improvements to the play area and installation of a skate park at Easington Lane Flatts is now complete and was well received during school holidays.</p> <p>Improvements to Rectory Park play area will be carried out as part of the wider park plan.</p>

		<p>A draft design to upgrade Old Durham Road play area was agreed and additional funding to contribute to improvements was approved by the June 2022 Area Committee. Work on the site is now underway and expected to be complete by late Spring 2023</p> <p>Inclusive play equipment will be installed at all sites</p>
Carry out improvements to Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground	Provide update report to members via the N&C Board	Following approval of three projects totalling £91,000 from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme, work will be carried out at Herrington Colliery Welfare ground in three phases. Works to the pavilion will commence in April 2023, followed by improvements to the Class A football pitch and a programme of environmental improvements in the wider grounds area.
Digital Learning Resources		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Implement the next phase of the Neighbourhood Funded Digital Inclusion programme to enable support to residents within the community	Receive regular reports. Include project in 2023/24 Area Plan	Springboard continues to deliver the 'Communities Connected' project in four local Hubs across the Coalfield area, supporting residents to get online and access services. Venues are reviewed regularly to ensure that the best reach across all wards is being achieved and that services are accessible to people where they are most needed. During the period from April 2022, the project has worked

		<p>with 206 people, supporting with e.g. pension credits, application for a disabled bus pass, council tax application and downloading forms. This quarter has also seen the project support clients who have personal barriers in IT use. For example a client's dexterity was a barrier, so the tutor was able to support in the use. Clients also have physical barriers such as broken phone or an asylum seeker with no IT access so the Hubs are able to provide the tools to have access to IT. In all hubs in which the project is delivered, participants have access to laptops and PCs, they also get support in improving their knowledge on the use of their personal mobile phone and tablets (using venue's wifi) to enable them to access online services such as shopping and banking and to use their devices for hobbies and recreation purposes.</p>
<p>Vacant Properties and Land as Cultural Hubs and Leisure Activities</p>		
<p>Action</p>		
<p>Explore opportunities for Elemore Golf Course e.g. community farm, community forest and space for mini-festivals, training and apprenticeships.</p>	<p>Continue to receive updates and include in Area Plan for 2023/24</p>	<p>Sunderland City Council has set up a project group to protect and develop the site, now known as 'Elemore Park'. Work to create a visitor centre and garden centre is almost complete and is due to open in April 2023. Resident forums took place in September and following site visits with residents in November 2022, work to the lakes area was agreed.</p>

		<p>Work commenced at the beginning of March 2023 including: Dredging around the outside of the lake & for the silt to be levelled in a localised area Installation of a floating island. Partial removal of wall to create new entrance / exit point for wildlife Pipe cover to protect duckling loss has been manufactured and installed</p> <p>Contractors undertaking the works are proficient in ensuring the safety of wildlife and will be liaising with the City Ecologist throughout the works to ensure the Swans are safe.</p>
Enhance Local Greenspace and encourage wider use		
Action		
Explore the expansion of green gyms and adult exercise equipment in parks	ACDL to request further information from colleagues in the landscape team	Equipment has been installed in Hetton Lyons Country park. Outdoor gym equipment for Hetton Park has been ordered and will be installed as part of the overall park improvements
Consider the improvement and promotion of local greenspaces, not identified for other use, for community activity	As above	The LinkTogether project, which commenced in October 2022, will further develop this as part of the project.
Look into improved signage for footpaths and cycle routes	As above	This is being developed as part of the wider LinkTogether project. New signage for Hetton Bogs has been installed. The Stephenson Trail project will also develop appropriate signage
Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services within local community venues as well as host community events/activities		
Action	Next steps	Progress

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>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.</p>
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Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe

Action	Next steps	Progress
Support the development of a 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. Include in 2023/24 Area Plan	The Coalfield Youthie Project, funded via Neighbourhood Fund, currently delivered by Community Opportunities in each of the four wards, provides at least two youth sessions per ward per week at a variety of indoor and outdoor venues, appropriate to the needs of the young people. The project is due to end in June 2023 and following budget allocation at the September 2022 Area Committee, a call for projects was carried out and recommendations for approval are contained within Item 4 Budget Report.

Support activities for children and young people during school holidays	Carry out a Call for Projects following Area Committee approval	Holiday Activities funded via Neighbourhood Fund have been delivered by 10 organisations during holiday periods since July 2022. The programme is due to end in May 2023 and a recommendation for funding is contained in Item 4 Budget Report.
Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together		
Develop long term strategies, with partners, for dealing with ASB	Include in Area Plan for 2023/24	Following a meeting of the ASB Task and Finish group, the Board received further information regarding current initiatives and services available to tackle ASB across the area. It was agreed funding would be provided to employ an additional ASB Officer to strengthen a proactive and partnership approach. An additional ASB Officer dedicated to working proactively in the Coalfield area has now been appointed and commenced the role on 5 December 2022.
Explore the feasibility/benefits of setting up a boxing club in Hetton		With the support of the Voluntary Sector Alliance, Houghton Boxing Club has been successful in an application to Biffa to carry out repairs to the roof and interior of their building to enable the club to re-open the centre. A match funding contribution to the project has been agreed as part of a previously approved Neighbourhood Fund project.
Preserve and celebrate local heritage		
Action	Next steps	Progress

Support the development of a commemorative mining statue/memorial on the old Houghton Colliery site	ACDL to liaise with colleagues in Land and Property development to receive an update	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. Work to develop a new retail offer is due to commence on site in Spring 2023.
Explore the feasibility of creating a mining 'map' at the site of the new retail development at Houghton		As above
Continue to support local events and celebrations via Neighbourhood Fund	Consider inclusion in 2023/24 Area Plan	<p>A number of projects have been delivered during 2022/23 including Remembrance parades, Miners banner parades and Christmas events.</p> <p>A request for funding to carry out environmental improvements at Seven Sisters, Copt Hill, is contained in Item 4 Budget Report</p>

COALFIELD AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Annex 2

Members Recommendations for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2023-2024

STREET NAME	WARD	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Edward Street - part	Copt Hill	Road Resurfacing		10,625
Garden Street, Newbottle	Copt Hill	Road Resurfacing		8,600
Shop Row - gable end	Copt Hill	Road Resurfacing		6,700
Office Place	Hetton	Road Resurfacing		7,950
Quarry House Gardens	Hetton	Road Resurfacing		19,250
Gertrude Street - rear	Houghton	Road Resurfacing		13,100
Station Avenue North - Gable Ends 1&2	Houghton	Road Resurfacing		11,600
Chester Road -Bowes Lea- footway	Shiney Row	Footway Surfacing	5,500	
Church Street to Derwent Street	Shiney Row	Road Surfacing		5,300
Golf Course Road - corner	Shiney Row	Road Surfacing		10,400
Golf Course Road – footway	Shiney Row	Footway Surfacing	4,450	
		SELECTION TOTAL	9,950	93,525

TOTAL = £103,475

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

15 March 2023

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Coalfields area between the following 8-week period (1st January 2023 – 5th March 2023)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to 05-03-23

Crime numbers are below 2020 figures and on a par with 2021 and 2022 figures which is a fair position to be in as Covid-19 had a big impact on crime reporting especially in 2021. The most significant crimes recorded in Coalfields in this period are violence against a person with no injury, criminal damage, and then theft. The area with the most crimes recorded is Easington lane followed by Houghton Town centre.

Burglary Dwelling.

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes a crime type that has proved a challenge in this sector the Coalfields area is performing very well in this crime category. We are significantly below reporting levels in all the past 3 years. It is important not to rest on our laurels and we will continue to maintain focus in this area, indeed within the past week the HALO team have made several excellent arrests linked to burglary offences.

There is a continuing issue in relation to garage burglaries throughout the area command the target of these offences has been pedal cycles/scooters/mopeds. Please be reassured that there is a great deal of work on going in relation to these offenses and suspects.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. Most of the reports are within Houghton Town centre but as discussed, the low number does not result in the sector becoming a hot spot.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crime is showing an increase on previous years and is a focus for the team at present. The sector does not flag as an area command hot spot due to relatively low numbers however it a priority for the team as it also impacts on anti-social behaviour performance. The team with partners has several operations underway and have made several arrests with more to follow.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 05-03-23

In this 8-week period there have been 147 ASB incidents, most of the disorder is around motorcycle disorder, nuisance and then under 18 youth related disorder. The ASB hot spots for the sector are Houghton Town Centre followed by two foot beats within Easington Lane.

We are currently tracking below reporting levels from the last 3 years which is positive news. The team are working on our Spring operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners. The Spring plan will focus on Easington Lane and the surrounding area and motorcycle/pedal cycle theft and ASB.

Darker nights plan update

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

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Coalfield AREA COMMITTEE

15 March 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1. Purpose of Report

The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Coalfields Area Committee from December to March 2023.

2. Background

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

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 Gentoo continue to work on a tenancy sustainability plan to support tenants impacted with the cost-of-living crisis, who may be facing poverty because they cannot heat their home, pay their rent, or buy the essentials they need for themselves or their children. Tenancies fail for multiple reasons of which financial resilience is only one, and often a symptom of the real cause, such as vulnerability, relationship breakdown, low incomes, and unemployment. The Gentoo support teams work with tenants to provide extra support and the Department of Levelling up Housing and Communities has held up the work of Gentoo's Positive Engagement officers, as good practice. The PEO's work with tenants who have complex needs, such as drug and alcohol issues, which impact their ability to sustain their tenancy.

A Gentoo cost-of-living survey was sent out through social media during November 2022, with tenants asked twelve questions relating to how well they thought they might cope with the cost of living. Within two weeks 1550 responses had been received.

When asked *'how worried are you about the cost-of-living crisis?'* 51% said extremely or very worried with only 6% saying not worried at all. When asked *'how well do you think you will be able to cope with the cost-of-living crisis?'*, 46.47% said either extremely or very well. With 17.78% saying not so well or not well at all. Of all respondents, 76.27% had used a food bank in the previous 6 months. In response to *'What is your biggest concern about the cost-of-living crisis?'* 45.41% of respondents, stated, *'paying rent'* with *'paying energy bills'* at 24.59% and *'buying food'* at 22.47%.

Pension Credit is one of the most underclaimed benefits in the UK and is extra money to help you cover your costs if you're over State Pension age and living on a low income. Gentoo have promoted Pension Credit eligibility through social media and the website to encourage this group of tenants to claim. To also support this age group of vulnerable tenants, Gentoo have worked in partnership with the DWP and Northumbrian Water to identify those pensionable age tenants who would qualify for water rates support, the collaborative work with the agencies has resulted in approximately 2,762 tenants being awarded a discount of between 10 and 50% of their water charges (Gentoo now have 8,629 tenants who have benefited from this support).

There continues to be poverty for families receiving universal credit, Gentoo currently has 10,683 tenants claiming universal credit. These tenants are supported monthly during the first four months of their claim by specialist officers, who ensure that access to all available services and financial support is discussed.

We continue to support initiatives such as 'Share the Warmth' campaign which distributes used coats, scarfs, and hats to individuals in need, we continue to work with utility suppliers to support tenants struggling to pay their bills and offer support through Gentoo's 'Crisis Fund'. Currently this year (up to the end of February) 774 requests have been assessed, and a spend of £28,549 has already issued to tenants to top up their gas and electricity meters. Tenants are still able to access professional Money Matters support should they find themselves in financial difficulty and demand for this service has dramatically increased in the last three months.

- 3.2 The Tenant Satisfaction Measures were created by the Regulator of Social Housing as a new system for assessing how well social housing landlords in England are doing at providing good quality homes and services.
- From 1 April 2023, landlords must start collecting data for the tenant satisfaction measures (TSM's) ready for submission to the regulator in Summer 2024, these results will be published in Autumn 2024.
- The measures are intended to enable residents to scrutinise their landlord and hold them to account. The measures will also be used as a source of intelligence to the Regulator on whether landlords are meeting the regulatory standards. TSM's will be used alongside other tools to gain assurance that housing providers are providing good quality homes and services.
- The TSMs, which will be collected through tenant surveys and landlord data, will cover five main themes, including repairs, building safety, effective complaint-handling, respectful and helpful tenant engagement, and responsible neighbourhood management.
- The Group already have a pilot project underway to ensure readiness for the provision of data to the Regulator. The tenant surveys are being carried out by an independent organisation to allow for honesty and transparency.

4 Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 External decoration works are now complete in Easington Lane and Villa.
- 4.2 Ongoing internal works at East Rainton including kitchens, bathrooms and rewires. Our principal contractor is ESH and 106 properties are now complete with 15 in progress.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE 15 March 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Coalfield Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director Housing and Communities	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: Committee are requested to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1. b) Approve the 3 Neighbourhood Fund applications from 2022/23 budget as set out in Section 2.3 and Annex 1 c) Approve the 4 Youth projects at 2.4 and Annex 2, from the previously aligned Neighbourhood Fund budget d) Approve the 2 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme applications set out in 3.4 and Annex 3 e) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023, as detailed in Annex 4 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation £439,200 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £208,039 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2022/23 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 March 2023

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

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 2022/2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total Neighbourhood Fund for 2022/2023 is £439,200 (357,946, plus £81,254 unspent balances returned to budget)				
Project Name				£439,200
Shiney Row Community Centre Refurb/Improvements	15 June 2022		£3,790	£435,410
Houghton Brass Championships of Great Britain	15 June 2022		£4,420	£430,990
Link Together – bridging the gap	15 June 2022		£18,500	£412,490
Houghton Feast – community programme	15 June 2022		£10,000	£402,490
Holiday Activities	15 June 2022		£4,895	£397,595
Copt Hill Holiday Zone	15 June 2022		£4,129	£393,466
Hetton Holiday Zone	15 June 2022		£4,129	£389,337
Houghton Holiday Zone	15 June 2022		£4,129	£385,208
Shiney Row Holiday Zone	15 June 2022		£4,129	£381,079
Wild Green Days	15 June 2022		£4,920	£376,159
ABEL Club	15 June 2022		£1,818	£374,341
Elba Park Holiday Activities	15 June 2022		£4,970	£369,371
Buddies Life Skills	15 June 2022		£4,116	£365,255
Early Years Holiday Programme	15 June 2022		£4,900	£360,355
Active Adventurers	15 June 2022		£4,940	£355,415
RU Ready for UC	28 Sept 2022		£44,500	£310,915
Coalfield Communities Connected (Digital Inclusion)	28 Sept 2022		£31,500	279,415
Ward based Youth Provision	28 Sept 2022		£200,000	79,415
Buddies Toddlers	14 Dec 2022		£3,500	75,915

Coalfield Pride 2023	14 Dec 2022		£11,325	64,590
Balance				64,590

- 2.2 Coalfield Area Committee currently has £64,590 Neighbourhood Funding available for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There are 3 applications to the 2022/23 Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration, detailed at **Annex 1**
- Phoenix/Spark Programme £7,845
 - Holiday Activities for Children and Young People (alignment of funding) £42,378
 - CHAT (Coalfield Healthy and Active Teens) £14,367
- 2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£64,590** If approved, the remaining balance will be **£0**
- 2.4 Following alignment of £200,000 (£50,000 per ward) Neighbourhood Fund to deliver youth provision/activities, extensive discussions have taken place by the Neighbourhood and Community Board, and at a ward level. It was agreed at the November 2022 N&C Board meeting that a project brief would be drawn up to deliver activities and support for young people in each ward. Project applications have been assessed and the recommendation is to approve the following (from the previously aligned budget) as summarised in **Annex 2:**

- Youth Choices Copt Hill £50,000
- Youth Choices Hetton £50,000
- Youth Choices Houghton £50,000
- Youth Choices Shiney Row £50,000

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	£334,039
Improving Rectory Park	17.03.21	-	-	£100,000	£234,039
Lighting up Rectory Park	16.03.22	-	-	£35,000	£199,039
Old Durham Road Play	15.06.22			£35,000	£164,039
Environmental Improvements to Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground	28.09.22	-	-	£10,000	£154,039
Improvements to Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground Pavillion	28.09.22	-	-	£41,000	£113,039
Footpath Improvements to Fenton Tce/Railway Tce	28.09.22	-	-	£14,300	£98,739
Enclosure of Class A football pitch at Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground	14.12.22	-	-	£40,000	£58,739

- 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 is now in the final year of a three year programme and the budget was available to allocate across one or more years depending on the proposals presented.
- 3.4 There are two requests for funding presented to this meeting as outlined below and in **Annex 3**.
- Secure the Club £38,000
 - Copt Hill/Seven Sisters Environmental Improvements £20,739
- 3.5 Should the 2 projects be approved, the total Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme balance remaining would be **£0**

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 For 2022/23 Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row wards have been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest has now moved online to make it easier for Groups to access the funds, however, if Groups need digital support Area Arrangements will provide it to ensure inclusivity. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 4.2 The table below details the Community Chest current budget position for 2022/2023. **Annex 4** shows the approvals supported to date (up to February 2023) for 2022/23.

Ward	Start Balance for 2022/2023	Project approvals since April 2022	Grant Returned	Balance
Copt Hill	£10,000	£7,261		£2,739
Hetton	£10,000	£9,330		£670
Houghton	£10,000	£9,505	£500	£955
Shiney Row	£10,000	£5,906		£4,093
Total	£40,000	£31,543		£8,457

5. Recommendations:

- Committee are requested to:-
- f) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1.
 - g) Approve the 3 Neighbourhood Fund applications from 2022/23 budget as set out in Section 2.3 and Annex 1
 - h) Approve the 4 Youth projects at 2.4 and Annex 2, from the previously aligned Neighbourhood Fund budget
 - i) Approve the 2 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme applications set out in 3.4 and Annex 3
 - j) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023, as detailed in Annex 4

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Neighbourhood Fund proposals

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Phoenix/Spark Programme
Lead Organisation	Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£17,173	£9,328	£7,845

Project Description:

The Coalfields Phoenix Project will provide a programme of diversionary activities for 36 young people from targeted locations within the Coalfields area. It will be delivered in partnership by Northumbria Police, the Coalfields Area Committee and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS).

The Coalfields Phoenix Project will use TWFRS's reputation as a trusted and respected community partner to provide targeted activities for vulnerable children and young people who are considered by police, schools and local authority services to be at risk of offending, or disengaging from education and support.

The Phoenix Project's unique approach has a proven track record of supporting vulnerable children and young people in becoming more resilient to life's challenges and consequently achieve more positive outcomes. This helps to build stronger and safer communities, and means young people are less likely to need or instigate 'blue light services'. TWFRS's Phoenix Project uses evidence based educational activities combined with active fire-service training activities. The project is delivered by positive fire-service role-models on operational fire-stations using fire service equipment and facilities. Activities include: hose running, hydrant operation, fire appliance drills, search and rescue in the fire-house (blindfolded and with dummy breathing-apparatus), outdoor activity and an overnight residential (full Phoenix only).

Programmes will run during term time with schools marking participants as 'educated off site' in registers to avoid attendance issues. It is hoped that investing young people's time in the programme will result in more effective engagement and attendance in the future as they use the skills learned during their Phoenix experience.

The Coalfields Phoenix Project proposes to deliver one full Phoenix programme (11 Days over 9 months) around the Hetton area and two shorter Spark programmes (6-8 days over 3 months) in each of the Houghton and Shiney Row Areas. All young people selected for a Phoenix or Spark programme will be from the Coalfields area.

Each project strand has been allocated to an identified area of need by Northumbria Police and will be recruited to with the co-operation of local schools. The young people will be selected for the programme through discussions between local community policing teams, local authority services and schools. Although 11-13 is the target age group as identified by police, younger or older students may be referred if appropriate. TWFRS will use this information in liaison with each local school(s) to secure participation in the programme. Schools will be able to recommend additional young people who they may feel are at risk of disengaging from education up to the maximum number of course participants.

Regular monitoring and mentoring with participants will take place in-between the face-to-face sessions to ensure changes in attitude and behaviour are being evidenced. Young people will have to demonstrate improved behaviour to progress onto the next stage of their programme.

Recommendation: Approve: The project will meet the Delivery Plan priority of 'Support for Children and Young People'.

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Holiday Activities for Children and Young People
Lead Organisation	TBC via a Call for Projects

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
-	-	£42,378 (alignment of funding)

Project Description

The current programme of holiday activities for Children and Young People ends in June 2023. There are currently 11 organisations providing holiday activities during Easter, May, Summer, October and Christmas holidays. To date, over 80 sessions have been delivered across all wards. Over 400 children and young people have benefited from activities including fitness sessions, craft and cookery workshops, games and challenges, healthy lifestyle education and trips out. During the summer holidays over 300 meals and snacks were provided as part of the sessions. It is proposed that a call for projects is made to continue support for families, during holidays, for 2023/24.

Recommendation – Approve alignment of funding

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend alignment of £42,378 Neighbourhood Fund to deliver a 1 year holiday programme via a Call for Projects. The project applications will be assessed and consulted upon and presented to the June 2023 Area Committee for approval

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	CHAT (Coalfield Healthy and Active Teens) Junior Gym
Lead Organisation	Everyone Active

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£14,549	£182	£14,367

Project Description

To provide the opportunity for teenagers in the Coalfield area of the city to participate in a programme of junior gym and wellness sessions at Hetton and Houghton Sports Centres. Everyone Active will also put on a regular weekly bootcamp for 15-19 years, initially at Houghton Sports & Wellness Centre with the intention of moving it over to Hetton depending upon take up. The project will work in partnership with Community Opportunities and work alongside the 'This Girl Can' campaign to encourage girls to the bootcamp sessions.

Free membership will be provided for 12 young people per quarter. Referrals for full membership will be taken from our partners including the HALO project, Community Opportunities, local ASB officers and youth workers. The young people will be given 12 months free for use of our gym and swimming facilities. In the following quarter another 12 people will be given the opportunity and referred in and so on until all four quarters are complete.

Everyone Active will provide full support from the Everyone Active team throughout their journey with definitive times for junior sessions after school and during the weekend for extra help and support. In partnership with Community Opportunities, during the youth football session that takes place each Wednesday and Friday, we will offer an Everyone Active circuit session to encourage young people aged 15-19 years to come and give it a try. At the end of each session, information or an arranged taster session will be given out to allow young people the chance to see what is available to them and to help towards guiding them towards other activities and healthy living. Taster sessions will include session from local partners including Houghton Archers and Houghton Boxing (other partners to be confirmed).

Outputs and outcomes

Engaging 12 young people per quarter, 48 different young people over a year. The young people will be given a gym induction of the safe use of the equipment and will be free to come and use the gym and swim facilities at certain allocated times throughout the week. Everyone Active will engage with

hard to reach young people and offer them support and information on physical activity and healthy eating. This gives them the knowledge and tools to make healthy life choices such as cutting out smoking and alcohol and living a healthy lifestyle.

It's giving young people a safe environment and setting them a goal and achieving it with the ability to shape their own life and the world around them. It will help towards their self-belief and self-esteem that goals can be achieved with hard work and opportunity. It will give them a chance to use their self-discipline and self-management of their own time. All skills that will help towards employment. It will improve health and wellbeing amongst young people by taking part in exercise and getting support they need around them. Spending time at the centre will allow Everyone Active to build up a rapport with the young people and allow them to interact with people that have similar interests. Being part of the Leisure industry invites opportunity with Leisure apprenticeships and open learning available to them if they show interest and willing to develop their skills further.

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of the project which will meet the Neighbourhood Investment Plan priorities 'support for children and young people' and 'improve health and wellbeing'

Coalfield Area Committee

15 March 2023

Neighbourhood Fund Call for Projects – Youth Activities 2023-25

Following a Call for Projects, in December 2022, for ward based youth provision, applications were assessed, scored and consulted on. All information was presented to the February 2023 N&C Board for consideration and based on all information the Board recommend the following for approval from the previously aligned Neighbourhood Fund budget of £200,000.

Project Name	Organisation	Total Cost	Funding Requested
Youth Choices (Copt Hill)	Community Opportunities	£60,567	£50,000
<p>Community Opportunities propose to provide <u>two, term-time, sessions per week of youth work in the Copthill ward</u> from accessible, through centre based, outreach and detached work, in safe spaces, enabling young people to socialise and provide access to activities available in the wider Sunderland and North-East geography that contribute to YP's learning and development. We will engage and work with <u>120 young people, during term-time over a 24 month period</u>, from two venues and compliment this with detached, diversionary and outreach activities. The activities offered will be meaningful, enjoyable, healthy, promote positive relationships and achievement. Activities are varied, age appropriate and will consider the different needs, requirements and abilities of the young people and are all designed to enable progression. Match funding has been secured from the Good Vibes project and Ballinger Trust, and our delivery model will actively encourage partnership working.</p> <p>We will ensure the engagement and input of young people is embedded in the design and development of our activities/sessions they wish to see in their locality, and we will support and encourage YP to access provision. We engage young people in the evaluation of our current delivery in each session and document and review case studies. We are gathering further views through engaging an evaluator to consider our youth work delivery over the last three years and also surveying YP's views through a questionnaire to help inform future delivery, particularly aimed at engaging those not currently participating in structured activity.</p> <p>A term-time weekly session with run from the <u>Kirklea football field</u>. This is a well-established session that young people have asked to continue as part of our consultations. It has been difficult to find indoor facilities in the area that young people will engage with and we are therefore proposing a model of some session delivery from <u>Houghton Racecourse Community Association (HRCA)</u> providing such as dance sessions, music workshops, healthy cooking and eating as programmes of activity and combined with trips out and taster sessions at local sports activities/places of interest. We have engaged with Sunderland Music Hub who have provided a pilot music education programme in the Houghton ward and we propose to replicate this into our sessions in the Copthill ward. We also plan to deliver some one-off issue based sessions in the ward through pizza and pop nights and will research local venues that are suitable to deliver these from. The numbers of young people set to be engaged is reflective of the numbers that can effectively take part in two football sessions per week. Numbers of engagements will be reviewed as we develop the HRCA delivery strand which would increase numbers.</p>			
Project Name	Organisation	Total Cost	Funding Requested
Youth Choices Hetton	Community Opportunities	£60,567	£50,000
<p>Community Opportunities propose to provide two, term-time, sessions per week of youth work in the Hetton ward from accessible, through centre based, outreach and detached work, in safe</p>			

spaces, enabling young people to socialise and provide access to activities available in the wider Sunderland and North -East geography that contribute to YP's learning and development. We will engage and work with 140 young people, during term-time over a 24 month period, from Flatts in Easington Lane and compliment this with detached, diversionary and outreach activities including partnership working with Springboard Adventure at Hetton Lyons Country Park. The activities offered will be meaningful, enjoyable, healthy, promote positive relationships and achievement. Activities are varied, age appropriate and will consider the different needs, requirements and abilities of the young people and are all designed to enable progression. Match funding has been secured from the Good Vibes project and Ballinger Trust,

The centre-based sessions at Flatts will continue the successful activities that have been established there on an evening providing access to generic youth activities and the opportunity to participate in various positive activities, involving sports, music, gaming, exploring healthy cooking and eating, themed arts and crafts, board games, soft indoor sports games and access to IT. We will offer dance sessions, music workshops and activities in our recently refurbished UV sports hall facility including racquet and ball games. We are also developing other areas of the site for and working in partnership with New Beginnings to deliver some daytime individual specialist intervention work from the Flatts base. We will also offer sessional opportunities to engage in external activities through offering tasters at local sports activities/places of interest

We will use ICT, video and music to gather young peoples views, document case studies and continue the development of our outcome star within our targeted work with individuals. Attendance at sessions will be recorded on a register and activities and reflections recorded on evaluation sheets. We will be working with YP in the early weeks of the service to give the ward-based project a name. We consulted with young people engaging in our sessions as part of designing this project and they highlighted more sessions, trips out and cooking as things they really wanted to do.

Project Name	Organisation	Total Cost	Funding Requested
Youth Choices Houghton	Community Opportunities	£60,567	£50,000

Community Opportunities propose to provide two, term-time, sessions per week of youth work in the Houghton ward from accessible, through centre based, outreach and detached work, in safe spaces, enabling young people to socialise and provide access to activities available in the wider Sunderland and North -East geography that contribute to YP's learning and development. We will engage and work with 120 young people, during term-time over a 24 month period, from Houghton Sports Centre and compliment this with detached, diversionary and outreach activities. The activities offered will be meaningful, enjoyable, healthy, promote positive relationships and achievement. Activities are varied, age appropriate and will consider the different needs, requirements and abilities of the young people and are all designed to enable progression. Match funding has been secured from the Good Vibes project and Ballinger Trust, see attached letter from Sunderland All Together Consortia. and our delivery model will actively encourage partnership working

We propose to deliver two weekly, term-time, centre-based sessions at Houghton Sports Centre, continuing the successful work that has been established there on an evening. The session also attracts a range of young people to watch and we are working in partnership with Everyone Active to trial a boot camp and potentially some dance sessions to run in parallel with the football. We will also research how we can bring music, gaming, healthy cooking and eating into the session delivery either through accessing an external partners premises or through offering tasters at partners venues. We have developed a comprehensive equipment bank that we are able to take to outreach/partner venues. The numbers of young people engaged are reflective of the numbers that can effectively take part in football sessions. This may however rise if we are able to establish a local generic youth delivery base and we are currently researching options on how to do this through the Youth Investment Fund. Numbers of engagements would be reviewed accordingly if

this was established. The sessions include access to issue-based support and with additional access to health counselling, skills and employment advice and guidance, tasters at external partners venues, detached engagement work and access to group trips to places of interest.

Project Name	Organisation	Total Cost	Funding Requested
Youth Choices Shiney Row	Community Opportunities	£60,567	£50,000

Community Opportunities propose to provide two, term-time, sessions per week of youth work in the Shiney Row ward from accessible, through centre based, outreach and detached work, in safe spaces, enabling young people to socialise and provide access to activities available in the wider Sunderland and North -East geography that contribute to YP's learning and development. We will engage and work with 100 young people, during term-time over a 24 month period, from two venues and compliment this with detached, diversionary and outreach activities. The activities offered will be meaningful, enjoyable, healthy, promote positive relationships and achievement. Activities are varied, age appropriate and will consider the different needs, requirements and abilities of the young people and are all designed to enable progression. Match funding has been secured from the Good Vibes project and Ballinger Trust, see attached letter from Sunderland All Together Consortia. and our delivery model will actively encourage partnership working.

We propose to deliver a term-time weekly centre-based session at Shiney Row Community Centre, continuing the successful session that has been established there on an evening providing access to generic youth activities and the opportunity to participate in various positive activities, involving sports, music, gaming, exploring healthy cooking and eating, themed arts and crafts, board games and soft indoor sports games. A term-time weekly session with run from the Grangewood football MUGA from the spring to autumn and indoor sports activities will be provided across the winter such as dance sessions, music workshops etc. We will also offer sessional opportunities to engage in external activities through offering tasters at local sports activities/places of interest.

Sessions include access to issue-based support, employment advice and guidance, tasters at external partners venues, detached engagement work and access to group trips to places of interest. We will use ICT, video and music to gather young peoples views, document case studies and continue the development of our outcome star within our targeted work with individuals. Attendance at sessions will be recorded on a register and activities and reflections recorded on evaluation sheets. We will be working with YP in the early weeks of the service to give the ward-based project a name.

For all four proposals there will be a dedicated team of staff working across the wards who will continue to build effective relationships with young people. The team will be led by a Youth Co-ordinator, who is a senior qualified worker and has vast experience in delivering detached, sports and centre-based activities. She will be supported by a team of three staff qualified in youth, sports or a discipline relevant to the work area. Our Youth and Community Manager will provide cover for any of the Co-ordinators holiday or sickness absence.

Staff have regular discussions with young people about their lives, family, school, interests, socialising activities, risk taking behaviour, ambitions, future aspirations, job search, education choices, bereavement, safeguarding etc. We support young people to explore their individual issues and feelings in their life and to address concerns/worries that they may not wish to discuss with family members or friends. Staff are trained and will continue to provide early intervention/issue-based learning in areas such as:

- Sexual Health – we will offer C-card, Chlamydia Screening, age-appropriate sexual health information and discuss making positive choices around their sexual health.
- Substance misuse – supporting young people to learn the facts about drugs, alcohol and vaping, the danger of misusing substances, and supporting them to make informed choices.

- Healthy Lifestyle – exploring what a healthy lifestyle is, encouraging young people to incorporate it in their everyday lives (sport, dance, walking, smoking cessation, activities that have a positive impact on their mental health) and providing taster access to try new things. Staff are Street Games approved in sports delivery and will bring those skills into outreach and centre-based delivery.
- Healthy Eating, and cooking – learning about nutrition, healthy ways to eat and cook tasty nutritious meals that are easy to replicate at home and not too expensive to buy. Following training in food hygiene guidelines. We hope to ‘adopt a plot’ and develop a growing corner with vegetables then being used in the cooking sessions.
- Independent Living Skills – self-care, hygiene, budgeting, travel, being responsible for own decisions and actions, being a responsible citizen.
- CEOP education (Child exploitation and Online Protection) exploring how to stay safe online, avoiding negative social media or creating negative social media.
- Gambling – understanding gambling, including how it is embedded in gaming, exploring gambling-related harms, providing structured brief interventions and referring into the most appropriate external support services.
- PREVENT - discussing the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.
- Anti-Social -Behaviour – exploring bullying, conflict and anti-social behaviour, discussing its consequences and impacts and working in partnership with other relevant agencies including the Neighbourhood Police Team and Sunderland Council ASB team to reduce ASB.
- Mental Health First Aid – Our staff are trained to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need. Dedicated Counselling support is built into the programme as part of the partnership working with the Good Vibes project.

Recommendation: Approve – the projects will meet the Area Committee priority ‘provide support to children and young people’.

Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme proposals

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Secure the Club
Lead Organisation	Philadelphia Cricket and Club

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£45,576	£7,576	£38,000

Project Description:

The project will install a 10m high, 65m length 'stop the ball' fence to protect adjacent properties from stray cricket balls and enable the Club to secure its future for the benefit of the community.

The Club runs 4 senior teams (which include many juniors), a women's team and 5 junior teams. Due to the current economic climate and the hardships people are facing the Club has decided to offer free membership for juniors for the 2023 season.

Following a recent inspection by Sunderland City Council, the Club's kitchen, clubhouse and tuck shop have all been rated 5* - the highest level possible. The Club has linked up with Sunderland City Council to provide a "warm space" in the clubhouse. The clubhouse will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm - 3 pm and on Sundays from 11 am - 3 pm. There is the opportunity to enjoy hot soup, bread roll, tea, coffee and biscuits and company in a safe, friendly environment, free of charge.

Recommendation: Approve. The club provides a valuable asset within the community and the project contributes to 'Improve health and wellbeing' and 'support to voluntary and community organisations' priorities.

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Copt Hill/Seven Sisters Environmental Improvement
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
-	-	£20,739

Project Description

The Seven Sisters at Copt Hill is a historically significant and important feature. The site is part of the National Heritage List for England – 'Seven Sisters Round Barrow, Copt Hill, Houghton le Spring' and is important to the local history of the Coalfield area. It is proposed that an environmental improvement programme takes place at the entrance and footpath to the site, to include clearer signage, vegetation and footpath works and a new interpretation board and seating.

The detail of the project including a site plan and costings will be developed with a number of Sunderland City Council colleagues including landscape, ecology and local environmental services, in consultation with Area Committee members.

Recommendation – Approve

The project will contribute to 'celebrate local heritage' and 'improve green spaces' priorities.



Coalfield Area Committee

15th March 2023

Community Chest Awards April 2022 - February 2023

Copt Hill Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
HCR200 (joint with Hetton)	09.06.22		£500
Houghton Archers (joint with Houghton)	30.06.22		£600
Hetton Juniors FC (joint with Hetton & Houghton)	11.07.22		£667
Houghton U3A	16.09.22		£300
Houghton Heritage Society (All 4 Wards)	16.09.22		£500
The Houghton Feast Trust (All 4 Wards)	16.09.22		£500
Houghton Racecourse CA	15.12.22		£200
1st Houghton Scouts (joint with Houghton)	15.02.23		£660
Hetton Methodist (joint with Hetton)	15.02.23		£570
Houghton-Le-Spring Mothers Union	15.02.23		£780
Eppleton Banner Group	15.02.23		£1000
Eppleton Cricket Club	15.02.23		£984.30
Remaining balance - £2738.70		-	£7261.30
Hetton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
HCR200 (Joint with Copt Hill)	09.06.22		£500
Hetton Juniors FC (joint with Copt Hill & Houghton)	11.07.22		£650
HALO-Nidderdale	15.08.22		£1000
Houghton Heritage Society (All 4 Wards)	16.09.22		£500
The Houghton Feast Trust (All 4 Wards)	16.09.22		£500
Hetton Buddies	21.10.22		£500
Community Opportunities	24.11.22		£1800.14
Springboard Adventure	24.11.22		£700
HALO	12.12.23		£240
New Beginnings North	12.12.23		£300
Moorsley & District CIC	12.12.23		£270
East Rainton Community Group (Approved pending offer conditions)	15.02.23		£1800
Hetton Methodist (joint with Copt Hill)	15.02.23		£570
Remaining balance - £669.86		-	£9330.14

Houghton Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
HOPE (Houghton Older People's Enterprise)	13.05.22		£466.30
Gateway Wheelers	16.06.22		£784.74
Kepier Hall	16.06.22		£786
Houghton Archers (joint with Copt Hill)	30.06.22		£600
Hetton Juniors FC (joint with Copt Hill & Hetton)	11.07.22		£600
Dubmire FC Over 40's	15.08.22		£1,000
Houghton Heritage Society (All 4 Wards)	16.09.22		£500
The Houghton Feast Trust (All 4 Wards)	16.09.22		£500
The Old Rectory	06.10.22		£500
Houghton Le Spring Residents CIC (withdrawn after approval)	20.10.22	£500	-
Space4	21.10.22		£950
HOPS	24.11.22		£500
Durham Elvet Rotary Club	24.11.22		£698
The Old Rectory	15.12.22		£200
Gilpin WI	15.02.23		£300
1st Houghton Scouts (joint with Copt Hill)	15.02.23		£660
Remaining balance - £954.96		-	£9045.04
Shiney Row Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Together For Children	16.08.22		£500
Trinity Methodist	31.08.22		£576.83
Houghton Heritage Society (All 4 Wards)	16.09.22		£500
The Houghton Feast Trust (All 4 Wards)	16.09.22		£500
Trinity Methodist Church	12.12.22		£300
St Aidans Worship Centre	12.12.22		£60
Hadleigh Court Residents Association	15.02.23		£1000
Penshaw Community Association	15.02.23		£1000
New Herrington Banner Group	15.02.23		£1000
Hew Herrington Bowls	15.02.23		£470
Remaining balance - £4,093.17		-	£5906.83

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields) Between 01/02/2023 and 28/02/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/00372/DEM	Sunderland City Council's Houghton Depot Gravel Walks/Market Place Industrial Estate Houghton Le Spring DH5 8AN	Demolition of redundant central block. - consists of three single storey warehouses and a single storey toilet block.	16/02/2023	16/03/2023
Copt Hill				
23/00428/CLP	2 Sycamore Close Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8BU	Certificate of lawfulness for change of use to a dwelling for a children's home for a single child, with a carer working overnight on a rota basis and a site manager/ carer visiting during weekdays	23/02/2023	22/04/2023
Copt Hill				
23/00185/CLP	6 Whitethroat Close Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0GB	Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed detached garage to rear garden.	01/02/2023	29/03/2023
Hetton				
23/00378/FUL	14 Crossgate Road Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 0EN	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey extensions to front and rear.	27/02/2023	24/04/2023
Hetton				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
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23/00261/FUL	Land To The Rear Of 94 Abbey Drive Houghton-le-Spring	Erection of 3 no. three bedroom terraced houses with front and rear gardens (Amended address)	02/02/2023	30/03/2023
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Houghton

23/00262/FUL	Land To The Rear Of Abbey Drive Houghton-le-Spring	Erection of 3 no. three bedroom terraced houses with front and rear gardens	02/02/2023	30/03/2023
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Houghton

23/00425/CLP	8 Station Avenue South Fence Houses Houghton-Le-Spring DH4 6HW	Certificate of lawfulness for loft conversion with installation of 2no. new rooflights	23/02/2023	22/04/2023
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Houghton

23/00293/SUB	Employment Training Herrington Miners Hall Herrington Burn Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4JW	Change of use of vacant building last used for office purposes to 9no. flats. Works to include external alterations existing windows and doors and insertion of new windows and doors, extension of existing hardstanding to provide car park with 10no. parking spaces and erection of noise attenuation fencing.	08/02/2023	05/04/2023
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Shiney Row

23/00299/FUL	1 Wescott Terrace Penshaw Houghton-le-Spring DH4 7EW	Erection of a single storey extension to front/side and rear of property.	08/02/2023	05/04/2023
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Shiney Row

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/00327/FUL	18 Whitefield Crescent Houghton-Le-Spring DH4 7QT	Erection of single storey side and rear extension.	10/02/2023	07/04/2023
Shiney Row				