

At a Meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 2012 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Allan, Essl, Gallagher, Gofton, L. Martin, Morrissey, Porthouse, Tye, Waller, P. Watson, S. Watson, Wilson, A. Wright and T. Wright.

Also Present:-

Simone Common	West Locality Ops Manager	Sunderland City Council
Bill Blackett	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Angela Cousins	Area Community Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Kevin Douglas	Media Officer	Sunderland City Council
Alan Duffy	Head of Operations	Gentoo
John Fisher	Housing Options Manager	Sunderland City Council
Julie Gray	Head of Community Services	Sunderland City Council
Bill Leach		VCS Network
Chris Marshall	Head of Operations	Gentoo
Keith Moore	Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Julie Parker		Sunderland TPCT
Richard Parry	Area Officer	Sunderland City Council
Alison Patterson	Scrutiny and Area Arrangements Manager	Sunderland City Council
Edna Rochester		VCS Network
Cheryl Warcup	Inspector	Northumbria Police

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present introduced themselves.

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Chairman informed Members of the receipt of a letter of thanks from the Pennywell Community Centre and the Tansy Centre in respect of funding granted by the West Area Committee.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Gallagher, Gofton and P. Smith and on behalf of Lucy Malarkey and James Third.

Declarations of Interest

Item 3 – SIB Allocation, Plains Farm Primary School

Councillor Essl declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a Governor of Plains Farm Primary School and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

With regard to Resolution 6(iii) Bill Blackett, Area Response Manager advised that the £5,310 funding requested in respect of the Essen Way Railings improvements, would not now be funded from the 'Walk and Talk' Improvement Programme Budget. The repairs had been funded from mainstream budgets however funding for the painting had still to be secured.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th November, 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Community Action in Sunderland West: Identifying New Issues and Agreeing Actions – Community First

The Chairman advised that the report in respect of the Local Area Plan review process was being withdrawn from the agenda to enable a more detailed report to be considered by the Committee in March 2012. Various discussions were taking place on the further development of area arrangements and by which time there should be more to share with the Committee which would help inform Members' approach to agreeing priorities.

2. RESOLVED that the withdrawal of the report in respect of the Local Area Plan be noted.

Community Action in Sunderland West – Progress Review Work Plan 2011/2012 Update on Priorities

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of outstanding issues from the 2010/11 Work Plan with regard to:-

- (i) Job Prospects
- (ii) Crime and Community Safety
- (iii) Youth and Play
- (iv) Health and Well Being
- (v) Environment and Street Scene

(For copy report – see original minutes).

With regard to the Job Prospects item, Richard Parry, Area Officer referred to paragraph 3.3 and advised that the Cabinet report on apprenticeships expected in January had now been delayed. He had undertaken talks with the City Business and Investment Team who advised of the potential use of substantial ERDF 50/50 matched funding to assist people moving into self employment. Mr. Parry suggested that the Member only 'Task and Finish' group meet with the Enterprise Manager to progress the issue.

With regard to the Crime and Community Safety item, Inspector Warcup provided the meeting with the current crime statistics together with the percentage increase or decrease on the previous year.

Offence	No. Incidents	% Age + or -
Criminal Damage	86	- 2.3%
Violent Crime	550	- 5.3%
Vehicle Crime	337	- 8.4%
Burglary from dwellings	140	+ 2.9%
Theft other than handling	701	+10.0%
Youth Anti Social Behaviour	2065	-36.7%

All crime across the West Sunderland Area had decreased by 4.6% over the course of the year. The increase in cable was a key determinant in the rise in Theft other than Handling.

There had been 3 offences of vehicle fires in Grindon over 19th – 20th September, 2011 2 of which were linked. 3 arrests had been made and the suspects had been bailed until April. There had been an increase in drug offences over the year in the West Sunderland Area. 11 warrants had been issued in total with a further 3 pending.

Eden Vale and Silksworth had been targeted as two key areas of anti social behaviour. Incidents had decreased from 376 to 223 in Eden Vale this had reflected the work undertaken by the youth intervention workers and the Police and Crime Partnership. In Silksworth the incidents of anti social behaviour had dropped from 194 to 102. This figure however did not include the events of the previous weekend when there had been numerous incidents.

In conclusion Inspector Warcup advised that Sgt Ken Robinson who had regularly attended West Area meetings had retired from the Force the previous week. He would be replaced in the West Area by Sgt Colin Stephenson.

Councillor Tye welcomed the presentation from Inspector Warcup and highlighted the partnership approach with its reactive and proactive work, as the only successful means of tackling anti social behaviour. He believed the report in the agenda papers should have included a recognition of the work undertaken through youth provision and the XL Villages.

Councillor Porthouse referred Members to the Police UK website which he believed was an excellent resource.

Consideration was then given to the proposed re-assignment of the £9,750 underspend from Operation Freedom as detailed in paragraphs 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of the report.

Whilst not looking to curtail the proposal, Members expressed concern that it was another 'sticking plaster' used to address a serious issue that should not be tackled via a series of temporary measures. The view was expressed that the issue needed to be thoroughly investigated and appropriately resourced. Any decision should follow the Council's principles of decision making, including a crime and disorder impact assessment and compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty. It was suggested that the matter could be referred to an appropriate scrutiny committee to investigate and draw up proposals for consideration by Cabinet.

Consideration was then given to the Fire Service performance monitoring statistics for the year to date (1st April 2011 to 15th January 2012). Members being advised that Mr. Forster was not in attendance and having noted a number of errors in the report agreed that consideration of the figures be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

With regard to the Health and Well Being item, Mr. Parry advised that with regard to paragraph 6.2, the evaluation of the Health Champions project by Leeds University had been delayed and would not be presented to the Committee until April or May.

With regard to the Environment and Street Scene item the Chairman welcomed and introduced, Bill Blackett, Area Response Manager who briefed the Committee on the Walk and Talk timetables, the 'love where you live' springclean, and the short-listing of Sunderland in respect of both the Northumbria in Bloom and Britain in Bloom awards. With regard to the 'love where you live campaign', there had been an excellent response in September, 2011 with 13 events being held in the West Area. However because they had all been held on the same day a lot of good news stories had become lost. Mr. Blackett was therefore proposing to organise a rolling programme of events across the area commencing in the week beginning 12th March in order that publicity could be maximised.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the progress updates and actions as detailed in the report and the Work Plan be noted,
- (ii) approval be given to the proposal from the Eden Vale and Thornhill Group to allocate unspent resources from 'Operation Freedom' as detailed in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.5, and
- (iii) consideration of the Fire and Rescue Service statistics be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Community Action: Reviewing Progress and Agreeing Next Steps – Eden Vale and Thornhill Project Group

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of the progress against agreed actions in the Eden Vale and Thornhill Project Group Action Plan as detailed in Annex 3 and which appended a report from the Executive Director of City Services (Annex 4) which contained proposals for the allocation of £42,000 (SIP) funding in respect of environmental works to the former mineral line.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

With regard to the SIP funding application, Mr. Blackett, Area Response Manager stated that he had been advised that the works would now require planning permission. This would add a further £1,000 to the cost and delay commencement of the works by approximately one month. Mr. Blackett having provided a comprehensive briefing on the proposal, detailed discussion ensued with Members highlighting the following points:-

- the manner in which the issue had been reported to the Committee in the agenda papers had been confusing.
- young people and youth workers being allowed evening access to school facilities would help reduce the problem of anti social behaviour.
- the cost of the scheme appeared too high together with concerns as to whether SIP funding should be sought as opposed to mainstream funding.
- the claim that the Highways Section could carry out a scheme which would cost only £2,000 compared to the £43,000 being quoted by the Landscape and Reclamation Team.

Nevertheless the Committee acknowledged that a problem existed which needed to be addressed.

At the instance of the Chairman it was:-

4. RESOLVED that consideration of the report be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee and that, the relevant Portfolio Holder, appropriate Scrutiny Committee Chairman, together with representatives from the Highways Team and the Landscape and Reclamation Team be requested to attend the meeting to address any comments or questions from Members.

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

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Richard Parry, Area Officer, presented the item highlighting the financial statement for 2011/2012 together with details of three applications for SIB funding and 5 proposals for support from the Community Chest budget.

With regard to the Plains Farm Homing Society's Refurbishment project a concern was raised as to whether this was an appropriate use of SIB funding. Detailed discussion ensued following which it was moved by Councillor Morrissey that the Committee agree to grant 50% of the requested amount and that the organisation be signposted to the 'Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund' with a view to seeking the remaining 50% of the funding.

Accordingly it was:-

5. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement for 2011/12 be received and noted,
- (ii) approval be given to the granting of SIB funding of £4,000 to Farrington Residents' Association in respect of the Community Shop project,
- (iii) approval be given to the granting of SIB funding of £11,000 to Plains Farm Primary School in respect of its 'Safe Play' project, and
- (iv) approval be given to the granting of £1,750 SIB funding (i.e. 50% of the requested amount) to the Plains Farm Homing Society in respect of its 'Refurbishment' project and that the organisation be directed to the 'Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund' with a view to obtaining the remaining 50%.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them a safe journey home.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.

14TH March 2012**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Process for the Review of Local Area Plans and Priorities for 2012****1.0 Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides a proposed approach and timeline for the Area Committee to review its Local Area Plans and Priorities for 2012.

2.0 Background

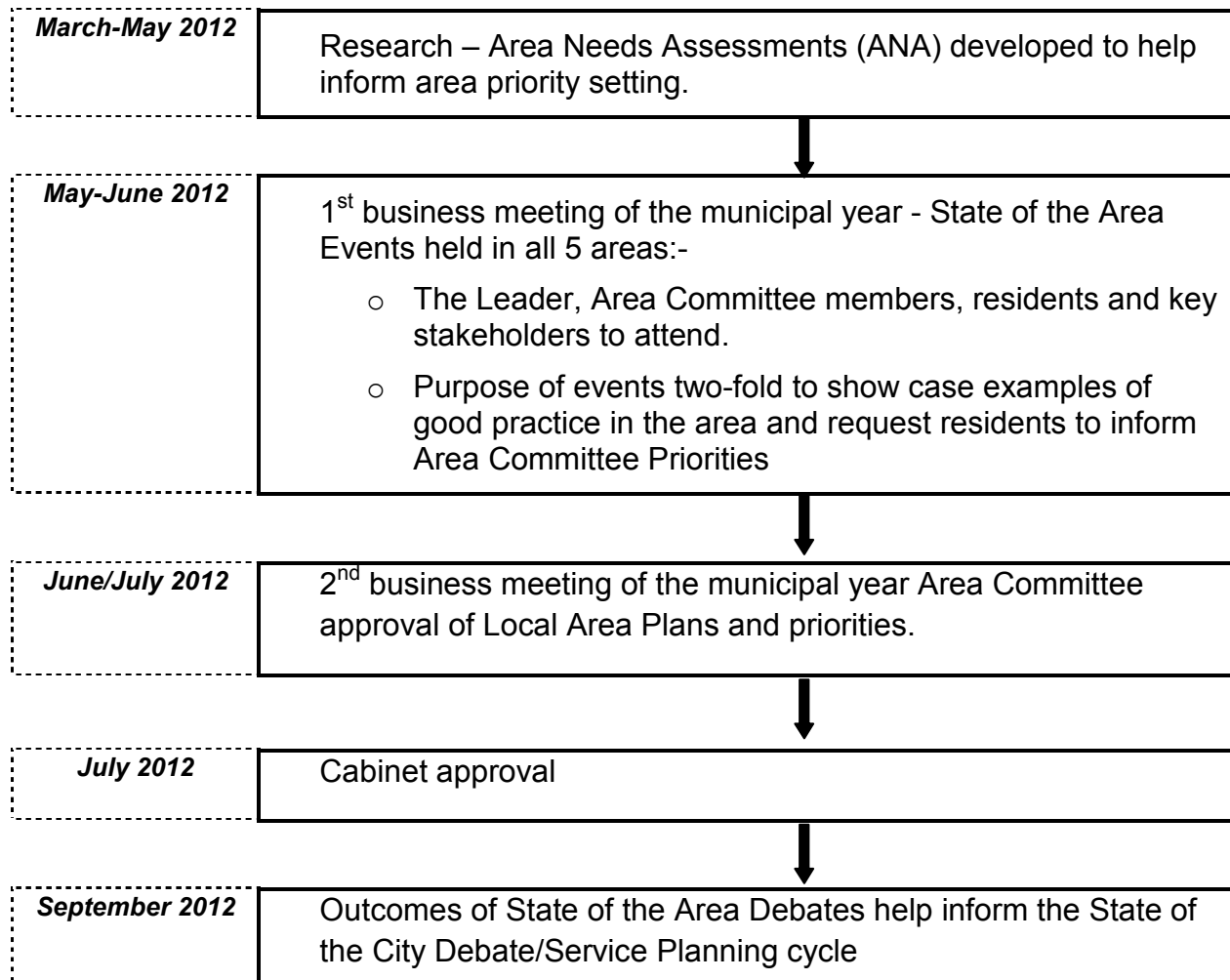
- 2.1 In February 2011 Sunderland Council agreed the approach to refresh the Sunderland Strategy, the purpose of which is to examine the robustness of the strategic framework for each Aim and identify ways to strengthen it, as well as the targets, milestones and delivery models, in addition to producing options for streamlined governance and a clear set of service delivery options for individual Aims.
- 2.2 The approach acknowledges it is vital that elected Members are central to the refresh of the Sunderland Strategy to ensure it reflects the needs of their communities, and that they, as community leaders, are able to identify and champion priorities to be addressed in their communities. As such it was agreed that the review and further development of Local Area Plans (LAPs) is integral to refreshing the Sunderland Strategy and would take place toward the latter stages of finalising the Sunderland Strategy refresh.

3. Role of Area Committees in the development of the LAPs

- 3.1 The role of Area Committee is to lead on the development and effective implementation of the Local Area Plan (as the local interpretation of the Sunderland Strategy, turning those priorities into reality and practical action for people in their area), Monitor the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the Area and actively encourage local residents to become involved in decision-making on matter which affect them.
- 3.3 The development of LAPs is a structured, evidence led approach to priority setting and problem solving at a local level. It supports the Area Committees in achieving an enhanced partnership/joint working approach in addressing issues at a 'grassroots' level, and informs the city's strategic framework. Providing for a more pro-active way of working with partners to address issues and grasp opportunities.

4. Proposed Approach and timeline

- 4.1 It is proposed that the initial desk top research commences in March and Area Needs Assessments are developed and used as the basis of Area Committee's further consideration and approval of priorities commencing late May through to July.



5. Recommendation

Committee is requested to:

- Consider and provide feedback on the information provided.
- Agree the proposed approach and timeline outlined in section 4.
- Continue to deliver actions against current workplans until approval of 2012 priorities.

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14th March 2012**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND WEST – NEW ISSUES: Healthy City Investment Area Funding.****1. Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 The Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust's (TPCT) Healthy City Delivery and Improvement Group are proposing to change the way in which the Healthy City Investment Fund is administered and are asking all five Area Committees to consider allocating and administering the fund as of March 2012.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Healthy City Investment Fund has existed for a number of years with funding being made available from both the TPCT and the council. The funding has been used to make small grants available to the voluntary and community sector to support activities that are likely to have a positive impact on health outcomes.
- 2.2 At a recent meeting of the Steering Group it recognized that an area based approach to supporting the voluntary and community sector was resulting in a more inclusive approach. The Steering Group proposed, therefore, that in future, the Healthy City Investment Fund might be delegated to Area Committees to allocate funding.

3. Priorities

- 3.1 The Healthy City Investment Fund is to be allocated to support the halt in the decline in cancer mortality for men in Sunderland, and there two strands to this: -
- Projects which address the main lifestyle causes of cancer: tobacco, alcohol and obesity;
 - Projects which promote awareness of the early signs and symptoms of cancer.
- 3.2 Bids for funding would be left to individual organisations to determine, based on the needs and assets of the organisation and of the families, neighbourhoods and communities they serve and there is a real opportunity here to work with Area VCS Networks to develop approaches to delivering activity to meet this priority.

4. Funding available in 2012/13

- 4.1 There is an allocation of £155,397 available (a combination of uncommitted resources from 2011/12 and a further £100,000 contribution from TPCT), which means there will be £31,079 for each Area Committee.

5. Future Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 It is proposed that Area Committees will utilise the existing SIB governance process as the mechanisms for making decisions on bids for funding and each Area Committee submit a report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on an annual basis summarising expenditure of the fund and outcomes achieved. (The Healthy City Delivery and Improvement Group will cease to exist by April 2012 and the governance

arrangements of this fund will therefore be overseen by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board during 2012/13)

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that Area Committee: -

- a. Agree to take on the allocation and administration of £31,079 Healthy City Investment Fund for 2012/13.
- b. Agree that the Area Officer develop and implement the approach for working with the Area VCS Network to develop initiatives in support of male cancer mortality, focusing on the two themes described in section 3.
- c. Note that each Area Committee's Public Health representative will be available to advise on the potential impact of any proposed projects to be funded.

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SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

14th MARCH 2012

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND WEST – PROGRESS REVIEW Work Plan 2011/12: Youth and Play Provision; diversionary activities to alleviate anti social behaviour and disorder

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of outstanding issues from the 20010/11 work plan and progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan; **Annex 1**.

2. Work Plan 2011/12: Youth and Play

- 2.1 At its last meeting, the committee received a progress report and agreed to receive a further report on implementing its priorities:
- Out of school activity provision for 8 – 12 year olds;
 - Holiday activity provision (all age).
- 2.2 Members were particularly concerned with the future provision of holiday activities as additional activities previously funded by the Positive Activities for Young People grant had ended in March 2011.

3. Background

- 3.1 Area Committee agreed in July to provide £42,000, £7,000 per ward, to fund a programme of summer activities for young people. This was in addition to the £30,000 provided by Children's Services.
- 3.2 The £42,000 SIB funded a comprehensive programme of activities during the school summer holidays for children and young people aged 8 - 18, which was subject to a presentation to committee in September. Committee also agreed to the use of the Children's Services delegated budget to provide holiday activities in school holidays up until Easter 2012.

4. Overview

- 4.1 The 10 projects have continued to work together as a successful West Area partnership to deliver a wide range of youth and play provision for the school holiday periods of summer, October half term, Christmas, February half term and, currently, Easter.
- 4.2 During the 10 weeks of provision currently delivered, the combined projects made contact with 1,215 young people, of which 472 attended

three times or more. To date, almost 300 additional youth/play sessions were delivered.

- 4.3 All projects were visited by the Youth Development Group to ensure quality of provision and, in addition, all projects were subject to a full evaluation, which confirmed the quality of the programmes and their outcomes. The evaluation included the views of young people and outcomes included: developing new personal and social skills; volunteering and organisational skills; developing positive relationships; having fun and; gaining confidence.
- 4.3 The summer activities also produced another legacy in helping to break down projects working in isolation and developing real partnerships to maximise resources, create new and more opportunities for young people, sharing resources and responsibilities.

5. Future Holiday Activity Schemes

- 5.1 There is limited financial provision within the existing commissioned youth contracts to deliver holiday activities. A full re-commissioning exercise could have been undertaken for April 2012, however with significant uncertainties as to future funding levels and the need to better understand expectations for youth activities as part of the “Positive for Youth” initiative, it was agreed that the existing contracts would be extended for a further 12 months. Part of the discussions with providers has focussed on the need to provide additional activities particularly during school holidays although it is recognised that this will not be at the levels previously delivered with support from grant or from additional SIB resources.
- 5.2 Following the concerns expressed at the last meeting about the future provision of holiday activities, a consultation has been undertaken with the 10 projects. This has led to the development of proposals to ensure an extended offer of holiday activities across the West area can take place in 2012/13 and 2013/14.
- 5.3 The details of any programme are subject to consultation with young people, but would be at the same level as that reported to committee in September. At this meeting, a group of young people helped to present the report and thanked committee for its support.
- 5.4 During the holiday programmes, there could be an average of six additional youth sessions a week per ward, delivering activities such as: sports, arts, volunteering, outdoor activities, healthy lifestyles.
- 5.5 The costs of such a programme totals £75,000 over two years; £37,500 per year. This is broken down as follows:
- May/June half term, £2,500;
 - Summer, £21,500;
 - October half term, £3,000;

- Christmas, £2,500
- February half term, £3,000
- Easter, £3,000

5.6 The proposed programme compares to a expenditure this year of £72,000. The lower cost of the proposal in 5.5 is achieved by additional provision built into contracts for the next 12 months and for 8 – 12 year olds (see 6 below), reduction of building costs, greater use of the XL Villages and the partnership's work becoming smarter.

6. Out of School Activities for 8 – 12 year olds

- 6.1 Following the discussions described in 5.1 above, discussions with existing providers have also included extending their provision to include a minimum of one session per week for 8 – 12 year olds in each ward to be delivered within existing budgets.
- 6.2 This new provision must take place in the evening and it is anticipated that it will be delivered as a minimum one hour session prior to an existing programmed youth session.
- 6.3 Whilst provision will consist of age appropriate activities, it is envisaged that older young people may volunteer during these sessions and appropriate internally accredited social education programmes will be developed. An example of this would be a localised junior accredited scheme.
- 6.4 It is proposed to evaluate this provision after six months and bring a further report to committee.

7. Recommendations

Committee is requested to agree:

- Whether it wishes to support, in principle, a £75,000 SIB application for the provision of holiday activity in 2012/13 and 2013/14. This would be submitted to the next committee meeting.
- Note the progress on out of school provision for 8 – 12 year olds and receive a further report following evaluation after six months.

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SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES

14 MARCH 2012

LAKESIDE TOWERS RESIDENTS PARKING PROPOSALS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The committee's Work Plan identifies 'Traffic and Parking' as a key priority. An issue has arisen regarding parking problems at Lakeside and their effect on the local road network.
- 1.2 During discussions between the City Council and GENTOO, it has been indicated that GENTOO may provide 50% funding towards a capital scheme to increase parking provision within the development. This report details options and provides a basis to open correspondence with GENTOO in respect to matched funding.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The provision of available parking space for residents is currently inadequate to serve the numbers of flats; this has been exacerbated when the blocks were renovated and demand has increased.
- 2.2 This has led to the receipt of a number of requests for service which are predominately in relation to indiscriminate parking within the site access roads. This situation has resulted in accessibility problems for refuse vehicles and emergency vehicles.
- 2.3 Whilst the problem is recognised to have an impact on the adopted highway it is not considered appropriate to utilise Local Transport Plan funding to provide residential parking on private land.
- 2.4 There is an opportunity to fund the provision of additional parking provision from alternative funding sources. Previous discussions between Ward Councillors and GENTOO identified the potential to match fund the improvements.

3.0 DESIGN CONCEPTS

- 3.1 Four design options have been developed to provide additional parking provision within the site. Each option is described in detail with Appendix A together with a feasibility cost estimate based on known criteria and defined risk items. Appendix A also includes a number of sketches that identify the location and design intent of the proposal.
- 3.2 The following table provides a summary of the provision and costs associated with each option;

Option No.	No of Spaces	Total cost	Cost per Space
1	15	£34,500	£2300
2	13	£30,500	£2350
3	26	£66,000	£2540
4	31	£71,500	£2160

- 3.6 These proposals could be mixed and matched to provide the most effective solution both in terms of additional numbers and distribution within the site.
- 3.7 The need for a Section 278 to allow modification to the adopted highway in Options 1 and 4 will add to the complexity of the delivery process and will introduce additional legal costs and process.
- 3.8 A design cost has been included within the estimates as the potential workload is significantly greater than other minor works.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The provision of additional residential spaces can be practically delivered through a number of options.
- 4.2 While formalising parking on the highway footways (Option 1) serves some purpose, it does not significantly add to the available kerbside space to produce greater availability.
- 4.3 The provision of additional spaces within a hardened verge on Amsterdam Road (Option 4) will enhance numbers without reducing carriageway space. However, it could be considered that this facility is positioned too far away from the properties to be truly effective.
- 4.4 It is therefore considered that the most effective way in providing additional space is through the delivery of Option 2 or 3.
- 4.5 Option 3 provides the most amount of spaces in a defined location. However, the cost per space is also the greatest, due to the level of new construction. There are also some risk elements, specifically in relation to the provision of positive drainage. A contingency sum has been added to the initial estimates to cover any requirements for modification to the existing drainage system or provide attenuation within the proposals.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1.1 West Area Committee considers whether it wishes to progress any of the proposals, which could progress for SIB funding to alleviate the residents parking issues, subject to match funding from GENTOO;
- 5.1.2 An approach to GENTOO is made to identify the availability of match funding for the scheme; and
- 5.1.3 Streetscene is instructed to complete the detailed design of the proposals and confirm the costs of the construction works.

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PROPOSAL OPTION DETAILS AND ASSOCIATED DRAWINGS

Option 1 – Footway reconstruction

Description

15no. spaces created by modifying the existing adopted flagged footway into a longitudinal parking area, delineated by white lining. The existing footway will be removed and reconstructed to adoptable carriageway specification, using reinforced concrete.

Assumptions

The parking area will be constructed on adopted land, making the Council responsible for the maintenance thereof. A Section 278 Agreement under the Highways Act will be needed to formalise the conversion of footway into parking area with all the inherent fees involved (10% of scheme cost and £750 Legal fees).

Risks

If utilities are present in the footway then protection/diversion of utilities may be required dependant on depth and location. A provisional sum of £1000 has been included in estimate for this eventuality.

Potential Savings

Flexible construction materials could be considered for the surfacing, but such materials would be different from the existing surface finishes in the area.

Cost

The estimated construction cost for this scheme is approximately £32,000. When the design cost of £2500 is included the scheme total is £34,500. This equates to £2300 per parking space.

Option 2 – Additional spaces to rear of footway, Aldenham Tower

Description

13no. spaces can be created by converting a portion of private open space into a reinforced concrete hard standing, positioned at the back of the footway and delineated by white lining. Access will be over the existing adopted footway, which will require strengthening and replacing of existing 100mm face kerbing.

Assumptions

It is assumed that no utilities are located within this 'green area'.

Risks

If utilities are found in the 'green area' or the adopted footway they may need protection/diversion. A provisional sum of £1000 has been included in the cost estimate for this eventuality.

Potential Savings

Flexible construction materials could be considered for the surfacing, but such materials would be different from the existing surface finishes in the area.

The depth of construction (currently 250mm Type 1 sub-base, 150mm reinforced concrete) could be reduced in the parking area. This may, however, lead to future maintenance issues.

Cost

The estimated construction cost for this scheme is approximately £28,000. When the design cost of £2500 is included the scheme total is £30,500. This equates to £2350 per parking space.

Option 3 – New car park adjacent to Aldenham Tower

Description

A formal 26 space car park created by converting a portion of private open space area into a reinforced concrete hard standing, delineated by white lining. Access will be from a new formed entrance into the parking area.

Assumptions

It is assumed that no utilities are located within this 'green area'.

Risks

Any utilities found in the 'green area', or the new entrance location, may need protection/diversion. A provisional sum of £1000 has been included in the cost estimate for this eventuality.

There may be insufficient street lighting in the area to properly light the car park to required standards. Additional street lighting may be required.

There is a need for positive drainage infrastructure in the parking area. A suitable outfall manhole will need to be located and consent obtained from NWL to discharge into this position. A provisional sum of £5000 has been included in the cost estimate for this eventuality.

Potential Savings

Flexible construction materials could be considered for the surfacing, but such materials would be different from the existing surface finishes in the area.

The depth of construction (currently 250mm Type 1 sub-base, 150mm reinforced concrete) could be reduced in the parking area. This may, however, lead to future maintenance issues.

Cost

The estimated construction cost for this scheme is approximately £61,500. When the design cost of £4500 is included the scheme total is £66,000. This equates to £2540 per parking space.

Option 4 – Spaces within highway verge, Amsterdam Road

Description

31no. spaces can be created by modifying the existing adopted verge into longitudinal parking area, delineated by white lining. The existing verge will be dug out and replaced with reinforced concrete hard standing to adoptable standards.

Assumptions

The series of existing street lighting is present to the rear of the verge, it has been assumed that the positions do not impact on the design or construction of the parking bays. There is no evidence of utilities in the verge (apart from street lighting).

The parking area will be constructed on adopted land, making SCC responsible for maintenance thereof. Also a S278 Agreement will be needed to formalise the conversion of verge into parking area, with all the inherent fees involved (10% of the cost of the scheme and £750 Legal fees)

Risks

It is considered unlikely that any utilities (apart from street lighting) are present in the verge; therefore no provisional sum in the estimate has been included for protection/diversion.

The existing street lighting may need repositioning outside of the proposed parking bay area. No provisional sum in the estimate has been included for this eventuality.

Potential Savings

Flexible construction materials could be considered for the surfacing, but such materials would be different from the existing surface finishes in the area.

Cost

The estimated construction cost for this scheme is approximately £67,000. When the design cost of £4500 is included the scheme total is £71,500. This equates to £2160 per parking space.

SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

14th MARCH 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND WEST – PROGRESS REVIEW

Work Plan 2011/12: Job Prospects

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of outstanding issues from the 20010/11 work plan and progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan; **Annex 1**.

2. Work Plan 2011/12: Job Prospects

- 2.1 At its last meeting, the committee agreed to convene the Member only 'Task and Finish' group, which met on 29th February, to consider:
- Progress on city wide proposals to investigate apprenticeships and possible action by the Council;
 - The potential of developing an 'Enterprising Coaching' project, utilising unspent European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), within the West area, to promote and support self employment.
- 2.2 This report sets out a number of options arising from the meeting of The Task and Finish group.

3. Apprenticeships

- 3.1 A city wide working group was established, in December 2011, to provide a consistent approach to apprenticeships.
- 3.2 In the light of any proposals to develop a city wide scheme, the Task and Finish group was keen to see some progress in the West in implementing this priority.
- 3.3 It was noted that a number of Area Committees had agreed projects aimed at progressing youth employment, including 'Road shows'.
- 3.4 The Task and Finish group agreed to pursue the option of there being a West 'Apprenticeship Road Show', to engage with employers and explain the existing apprenticeship offer and the benefits of employing apprentices. To this end a report to the next Area Committee will outline options for a Road Show.
- 3.5 Should the committee agree to the principle of organising a Road Show, it is proposed to bring a report to the April committee on delivering this.

- 3.6 A further report with an update and options on developing apprenticeship proposals will be considered at the first committee meeting of the new municipal year.

4. Enterprise Coaching

- 4.1 The 'Enterprise Coaching in Sunderland' Project commenced in April 2009 and has successfully assisted 538 Sunderland residents into self employment, according to the latest project statistics drawn from the Hanlon Database for the period. 113 of these have been in the West area, which as an overall percentage is 21%. Using Banksources Data (this data uses new business bank accounts set up as a source) for the same period there were 566 new business accounts set up across the West Committee area from a total of 3330 for the whole of Sunderland this is 16.9% of the total. Barnes has the highest ward statistics at 155 of the total.
- 4.2 The project provides intensive, bespoke one to one business support and advice to budding entrepreneurs and has penetrated deep into hard to reach communities with excellent results. There has been a whole range of businesses set up from window cleaners to silver polishers demonstrating the variety of the skill set that exists within Sunderland across communities. However, since the project ceased operating, there has been a drop in the number of new business start ups: 7% less in 2011 and 12% less in January 2012, compared to corresponding periods.
- 4.3 The project was originally funded from Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) and ERDF. WNF provided the 50% match funding required to 'draw down' the European funds and since its ending, the project has been unable to find the whole amount to match the maximum approved level of ERDF. Consequently, there is £170,000 of approved funding which if fully matched would allow a delivery amount of £340,000. If further funding isn't secured, the £170,000 will be returned to the Government.
- 4.4 In practical terms £340,000 would allow support to be provided to a further 211 budding entrepreneurs – of the 211, 169 or 80% would be enterprise ready (capable of starting up in business) Each £50,000 of support would support 31 people of which 25 would be enterprise ready (capable of starting up in business). This seems a lot but is a very competitive amount when compared to levels of resources required for job creation.
- 4.5 Committee may wish to consider whether the West area could benefit from such a project. However, the terms of the European Funding for the original project would not allow it to have delivery focused just on one area of the City, but there would still be added benefits to be achieved for the West. This is because any area funding

secured would be used 100% for the benefit of that area, this would allow a draw down of funds to be utilised across the City and the area in question would get a proportion of this spend as well. This is better explained as an example.

- 4.6 If the project receives area funds of £50,000, this would allow draw down of a further £50,000 of ERDF, giving a project total of £100,000. However, as previously mentioned, ERDF is not allowed to be spent on an area in this way and would have to be used across the city. This means the West would get an additional £10,000 of provision for every £50,000 it committed to Enterprise Coaching.
- 4.7 The outputs the area would receive for £50,000 of West Committee support would be: 31 people receiving assistance, as well as a percentage of the additional £50,000 to support a further 31 people across the city. Based on the historical project figures of 21% of beneficiaries from the West receiving support (a further 6 people) making a total of 37 from the West would benefit. Providing 50% of the funding would provide the West with 60% of the project's beneficiaries.

The table below illustrates the outputs using different amounts of funding.

Match Funding Amount	ERDF Amount	Total project amount	Outputs for area	Additional Outputs	Total Area Outputs	Total LA outputs
£50k	£50k	£100k	31	6	37	62
£100k	£100k	£200k	62	12	74	124
£150k	£150k	£300k	93	18	111	186
£170k	£170	£340k	105	21	126	211

- 4.8 The costs per beneficiary, should the Area Committee agree funding is just over £1,600. The cost per West beneficiary would be £1,350.

5. Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- i) Note the contents of the report;
- ii) Agree to receive a report at the next meeting on the options for an Apprenticeships Road Show;
- iii) Consider whether it wishes to pursue an Enterprise Coaching option in the West.

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SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

14th March 2012

REPORT OF WEST VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) NETWORK REPRESENTATIVES

WEST VCS NETWORK

1.0 Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 Committee Members requested West VCS Network members provide an update on the West VCS Network, which contributes to delivery of Local Area Plan priorities.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The West VCS Network was established in December 2009 to ensure a coordinated approach to representing the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) at Area Committee and to work together to develop and share good local VCS practice.
- 2.2 The Network is Co Chaired by the Area Committee Vice Chair Councillor Michael Essl and a Network Representative (to be decided).
- 2.3 There are three VCS Representatives who represent the Sector as a partner at Area Committee:
- Bill Leach (Pennywell Community Centre)
 - Edna Rochester (The Tansy Centre)
 - Anita Heskett-Saddington (Fiscus) (newly nominated)
- 2.4 The secretariat for the Network is provided by the Area Community Coordinator, Community Development, City Services. Support includes arranging Network meetings, engaging with the Sector to deliver on actions from Area Committee and Task & Finish groups and facilitating VCS and Council priorities such as local community events, campaigns and activities. Further support from the Community Development Team includes work on capacity building, VCS governance, Community First Panels, implementation of Surplus Building Policy and the Sunderland in 2012 programme.
- 2.5 There are currently 49 organisations on the West VCS Network mailing list who receive the minutes of meetings and weekly information sharing. More than half of these organisations have attended a Network meeting over the last two years. All organisations are encouraged to sign up to and operate in accordance with the Sunderland Compact.
- 2.6 Membership is open to all VCS Organisations (VCSOs) that operate in Sunderland West, however, any organisation that operates across Sunderland is welcome to attend any Area VCS Network.

3.0 VCS Contribution to Local Area Plan (LAP)

LAP Priority	Area Committee Action	VCS Contribution	Outcome
Health & Wellbeing	Task & Finish Group to establish 'Health Champions' Project	VCS reps invited to attend Task & Finish Group to ensure the project is promoted to the VCS to train their staff and volunteers	<p>VCSOs commissioned to deliver the project by PCT (Bridge, NECA, MIND, CAB, Continuum)</p> <p>64 Qualified Health Champions from the West Area including 38 from the VCS</p> <p>2nd Health Champion Celebration Event planned to take place on 13th March 2012</p>
Youth & Play	Task & Finish Group to address lack of holiday provision and out of school activity for 8-12 year olds	VCS Youth Projects in the area invited to attend Task & Finish Group. 2 VCS reps also attended.	<p>Holiday programme devised with Youth projects from each ward working in partnership and sharing funding.</p> <p>Summer Holiday brochure produced, Christmas and half term activities offered.</p> <p>DVD produced and shared with the West VCS Network to show good practice and effective collaborative working.</p>
Environment and Street Scene Improvements	'Love Where You Live' Campaign 21 st September 2011	Through the Network VCS Projects asked to participate in area clean ups, litter picks etc	<p>13 VCSOs volunteered to take part in events in each ward and worked in partnership with the RLS Manager and Area Community Coordinator</p> <p>Over 100 volunteers engaged in the campaign</p> <p>Regular monthly litter picks now taking place in some areas such as Ford Quarry</p>

			and Farringdon
	Walk & Talk programme	VCSOs will be invited to take part	VCS having direct contact with their local Councillors and RLS team to raise issues.
	Greenspace audit and green infrastructure	VCS invited to Greenspace local workshops in 2011 held at Pennywell Community Centre	VCS had a direct input into the green space audit to improve the local environment.
	Eden Vale/Thornhill	VCS invited to events planning sub group (Youth Almighty, Friends of Barnes Park, Eden Vale Residents group, Richard Avenue School)	Community event for local residents planned to take place in Barnes Park on 12 th April 2012

4.0 VCS Contribution to Community Development in the Area

4.1 Sunderland Volunteering Strategy

The West VCS Network is working to implement the Sunderland Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan (agreed by the Council's Cabinet in February 2011) which aims to support Volunteering in Sunderland by:

- Increasing the number and diversity of people volunteering in Sunderland
- Recognising and rewarding volunteers
- Supporting volunteer confidence, learning, skills and employability
- Increasing the number of Employer-Supported Volunteering Schemes
- Improving volunteer management and volunteering programmes

As such the West VCS Network has looked to recognise the valuable contribution of volunteers through holding volunteer celebration events.

4.2 Volunteer Celebration Events

The West VCS Network has held three Volunteer Celebration events since its inception where volunteers are recognised and presented with a certificate by the Area Committee Chair and Vice Chair. The events held include:

- A coffee morning held at the Sandhill Centre in January 2010 with 25 volunteers attending
- A Christmas Celebration meal held at Thorney Close Action & Enterprise Centre in December 2011 with 60 volunteers attending
- A Valuing Volunteer Event including a 3 course meal held at the Tansy Centre in January 2012 with 80 volunteers attending from 17 organisations.

A total of 165 volunteers were involved in these events.

4.3 VCS Partnership Working

There is some joint working between VCSOs in the West such as the joint working between the Tansy Centre and Pennywell Community Centre, who share resources, volunteers and a development worker.

4.4 The Youth & Play Task & Finish group has been a good example of collaboration and dividing up funding between organisations in each ward to deliver activities.

4.5 A Collaborative Working workshop was held for the VCSOs in the West last year and was well attended. There is a desire to work together, however the lack of capacity in some organisations can prevent this from getting off the ground. Some cannot take on any extra responsibility as staffing is low.

5.0 **Other Local Events Currently Planned**

5.1 The following local events are currently planned (subject to funding):

5.2 Diamond Jubilee

- Unity are planning a Diamond Jubilee Mela – 3rd June 2012, 12-6pm at Lambton St Playing Fields.
- The Tansy Centre are planning a Songs of Praise Festival event on 9th June 2012 at the Boat House, South Hylton.
- The Launch Pad are working with a group of young people to do a Jubilee plant display in Farrington (to tie in Love Where You Live and Britain In Bloom) starting on 15th March 2012
- The Friends of Barnes Park are planning an event in the Park to incorporate a Mini proms in the bandstand (TBC).
- Richard Avenue School is planning a Jubilee celebration on 31st May 2012
- There are also numerous Diamond Jubilee community celebrations planned in community centres.

5.3 Sunderland in 2012

The VCS Network has welcomed the allocation of funding from the Area Committee to support the Sunderland in 2012 programme delivery in the community.

5.4 A toolkit has been devised to assist organisations to apply for the funding and to affiliate their activity to the programme of events. The closing date for applications is March 30th 2012. The following events are in the planning stages:

- Silksworth Independent Methodist Church are planning a Silksworth Festival on 4th August 2012 in Silksworth Junior School grounds
- Pennywell Community Centre are planning an Area Trampolining competition for local young people (TBC)
- The Friends of Barnes Park are planning a celebration event in the park incorporating games in the Park (TBC)

- Richard Avenue School is planning a Summer Fair in June 2012 (TBC) with an Olympic theme

6.0 Funding to the West Area

- 6.1 There are opportunities for funding and greater VCS partnership working at a neighbourhood level within the West Area, for example the development of the Community First panels in Pallion and Silksworth will provide an opportunity for more grass roots work.
- 6.2 Many find the application and monitoring procedures of funding bids time consuming and challenging and time away from the 'day job' is difficult particularly where projects are dependant on volunteers.
- 6.3 Funding through the Task & Finish groups has also been welcomed and has engaged the VCS in delivering at grass roots level.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.

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14th March 2012**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES****COMMUNITY ACTION: REVIEWING PROGRESS AND AGREEING NEXT STEPS****EDEN VALE AND THORNHILL MINERAL LINE****1.0 Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 Committee will recall from its last meeting in February, receiving a report detailing the progress of the 'Eden Vale and Thornhill Project Group'.
- 1.2 Contained within the report, was a proposal to allocate resources to reduce the height of the mineral line, which currently overlooks houses, remove walls and realign the path at Eden Vale Mineral Line. This proposal was one of a series of measures designed to alleviate anti social behaviour (ASB) in the area.
- 1.3 Committee agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting, to include relevant Scrutiny Chairs and Portfolio holders, and following discussion with a Portfolio Holder and the Chair and Vice Chair of committee, it was agreed to bring a further report to committee outlining the options available.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In March 2011, both Sunderland West and East Area Committees recognised that Eden Vale (West) and Thornhill (East) have been experiencing particular difficulties with anti social behaviour (ASB), exacerbated by a perceived lack of co-ordinated youth provision and community tensions. A number of initiatives were being delivered by numerous organisations within the area to tackle the problems, however it was recognised that they could benefit from greater co-ordination.
- 2.2 In May 2011, in order to move forward and maximise the impact of interventions and ensure clear prioritisation, a conference with key stakeholders involved in delivering services in the area was held. From this a draft action plan was produced.
- 2.3 In July 2011, both Area Committees agreed the action plan, and nominated Members from both Committees to establish a new cross boundary working group: the 'Eden Vale and Thornhill Project Group'. The Project group would monitor the quality and effectiveness of the services and improvements made, reporting directly back to both Area Committees.
- 2.4 Prior to last months report, the Project Group had reported to committee through updates to the Area Committee's work plan (Annex 1).

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 The Project Group's role is to ensure individual services add value to each other as a coherent whole and, to this end, has produced a comprehensive Action Plan and Communication Plan.

- 3.2 The Project Group's Action Plan, agreed at the last committee, focuses on four interlinked work streams:
- Youth and Children;
 - Environment;
 - Anti Social Behaviour (ASB);
 - Community Cohesion.
- 3.3 Achievements to date include:
- Audit of young people's provision and suitable building resources;
 - Agreed programme of young people's provision;
 - Establishing an 8 – 12 year olds out of school centre at Richard Avenue Primary School (building work funded by West and East Area Committees);
 - Thornhill School, Business and Enterprise College agreeing to join the Project Group;
 - Progress on continued delivery of successful lunch time youth sessions at Thornhill School;
 - Agreement in principle for evening youth access to Thornhill School's facilities;
 - Continuation of Police led 'Operation Freedom' with scope to introduce further youth and family interventions;
 - Organising an events programme with local residents' groups, themed on 'Love Where You Live', Sunderland 2012 and the Jubilee;
 - Establishing a web page: www.sunderland.gov.uk/evtopportunities
- 3.4 The above achievements should be seen as a whole, multi service response to the identified difficulties of the area and it is within this context that the 'Environmental Improvements to Eden Vale Mineral Line' were developed.

4.0 Anti Social Behaviour

- 4.1 As reported at the last Committee, anti social behaviour (ASB) has reduced throughout the West by 35%. This has been replicated at Eden Vale, but the Police consider it, as reported at the last committee, a hotspot of ASB. Whilst ASB at Eden Vale has decreased by 34% from February 2011 to February 2012, compared to the previous 12 months, the last six months has seen an increase of 30% compared to the previous six months. The increase over the last six months across the West, in comparison, was 4.5%.
- 4.2 Whilst a range of interventions are being undertaken, the mineral line is seen as a major contributing factor to ASB at Eden Vale, due to its role as a gathering point for large groups of young people. The Police consider the entrance to it, on Eden House Road, and the adjacent highway area as the major gathering points for the large groups of youths who can cause major disturbances for local residents and is considered as one of the contributory factors in the recent rise in incidents of ASB.
- 4.3 The mineral line, at this point, has an extensive walled area, which is a natural seating and gathering point. This wall and path, at this point, rise to overlook residents' houses which, coupled with the ASB reported in 4.1, has been a major cause of tension between residents and the young people.
- 4.4 It is the 'role' of this part of the mineral line as a gathering point and a consequent flashpoint, which has seen the development of proposals, within the Eden Vale Action Plan, to address the issues the embankment lends itself to.

5.0 Environmental Improvement Options

- 5.1 The Eden Vale and Thornhill Project Group has looked into a number of possible options to reduce the attractiveness of the mineral line as a gathering point, which contributes to ASB.
- 5.2 Four options are presented to committee. A video will be shown to provide location and context:
- Do nothing;
 - Removal of the wall at the Eden House Road end of the mineral line;
 - This is a new option, which is, as above and excavate the raised land, lower the path and grade the embankment;
 - Full removal of the mineral line embankment.
- In addition, a further proposal was considered, which was to open up the embankment to vehicles, by removing a bollard to enable police cars to access the mineral line. This was not progressed on engineering and safety grounds in that the path is not designed or wide enough to carry vehicles, there is no turning area, little lighting and there would likely be considerable damage to the embankment and grassed areas. In addition, it could have served to attract vehicles on to it.
- 5.3 Do nothing.
This would incur no capital costs.
Outcome.
The embankment is likely to remain a major attraction for large gatherings of young people, which will maintain the likelihood of area remaining a hotspot of ASB and the problems this has brought for local residents.
- 5.4 Removal of the wall.
This would cost £7,277 and would involve the removal of those parts of the wall that currently act as seating and which adds to the area's attraction as a gathering point and would involve minor alterations to the Eden House Road end of the mineral line. This would be undertaken by demolishing a 5 metre section of the external wall against the Beachville Street back lane. An additional 5 metres of internal wall would also be demolished as this too is used for seating. A small section of embankment to the path would be graded to 1:3.
Appendix 3 illustrates this option.
Outcome
It is uncertain whether this will make the area less attractive as a gathering point, as whilst two five metre sections of wall would be demolished, there would be the need for a retaining wall, which would provide seating. The path and the land on the other side of it would remain overlooking the houses, with the path entrance directly adjacent to the highway area.
- 5.5 Excavate and lower the level of the path
This is a new option and will cost £21,790, including planning fees and contaminated land study. This option focuses on the embankment entrance and the immediate incline, rather than the proposals to the last committee, which had, in addition, further proposed excavations further to the east of this plan. This new option will involve demolition of the walls, as above, but, instead of grading the bank from the wall to the path, the land would be lowered, from its apex and graded down to the back lane. In addition, to the east of the embankment entrance, from its high point, the land would be graded in a westerly direction. This would require a new path, which would be 1.5 metres below its current height. The path entrance would be moved, in the direction of the A690. Appendix 4 illustrates this option.
Outcome

This is likely to have a greater affect on the area as a gathering point as the seating area would be totally removed. However, in addition, the grading of the land in two directions and the steepness of the land with the new path leading east, is likely to mitigate against its attraction as a gathering point, which has helped to foster ASB. This area of the embankment is that which the Police feel is the main gathering point of large numbers of youths and the point at which most ASB originates and it would no longer overlook the houses on Beachville Street at this point. Further, this scheme would not, in itself, prevent youths from congregating further up the embankment, beyond the area of this scheme, but it is felt there is less to attract them there and the proposed changes may help to discourage this.

5.6 Full removal of the mineral line

This would cost £360,000 and involve the full removal of the raised mineral line from Eden House Road to Chester Road. This is a minimum estimate and takes no account of any additional costs associated with contamination.

Outcome

Whilst this may not prevent any large scale gatherings of young people, it is likely to have a major effect. No houses would be overlooked and there would be no seating area.

6.0 Options

6.1 Committee is asked to agree one of the options outlined in section 5.

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Removal of the walls.

Costs are as follows:

- Wall demolition, reshaping of footpath = £4,253.
- Wall demolition and reshaped embankment
(internal wall section) = £2,524.
- Pothole repairs along full length of track to
Chester Road end = £500.

Total £7,277

Item No	Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	£
	<u>CLASS A: GENERAL ITEMS</u>				
	<u>Contractual Requirements</u>				
1	Insurance of the Works		Item		
2	Insurance of Construction Plant		Item		
3	Insurance against damage to persons and property		Item		
4	Provision of performance Bond		Item		
	<u>Specified Requirements</u>				
5	Allow for setting out the whole of the works including all labour, instruments and materials in accordance with clause 17 of the Conditions of Contract.		Item		
6	Allow for complying with Traffic Safety and Control (Traffic Safety Measures) as clause 117 of the Specification for Highways.		Item		
7	Provide samples of all materials to be used in the works in accordance with clause 36(2) of the ICE Conditions of Contract.		Item		
8	Allow for all works involved in the location, protection and maintenance of existing statutory services for the duration of the contract including trial holes where necessary.		Item		
9	Allow for keeping all highways, roads, footpaths and the like clear from mud and dirt at all times including the use of mechanical brushes, wheel washers etc.		Item		
10	Allow for provision of a work programme in accordance with clause 14 of the ICE Conditions of Contract		Item		
11	Allow for the protection of existing trees hedges and vegetation during the course of the works and the reinstatement of any damage caused by the contractor as directed by the Engineer.		Item		
12	Allow for the provision of a method statement in accordance with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (1998 COSHH)		Item		

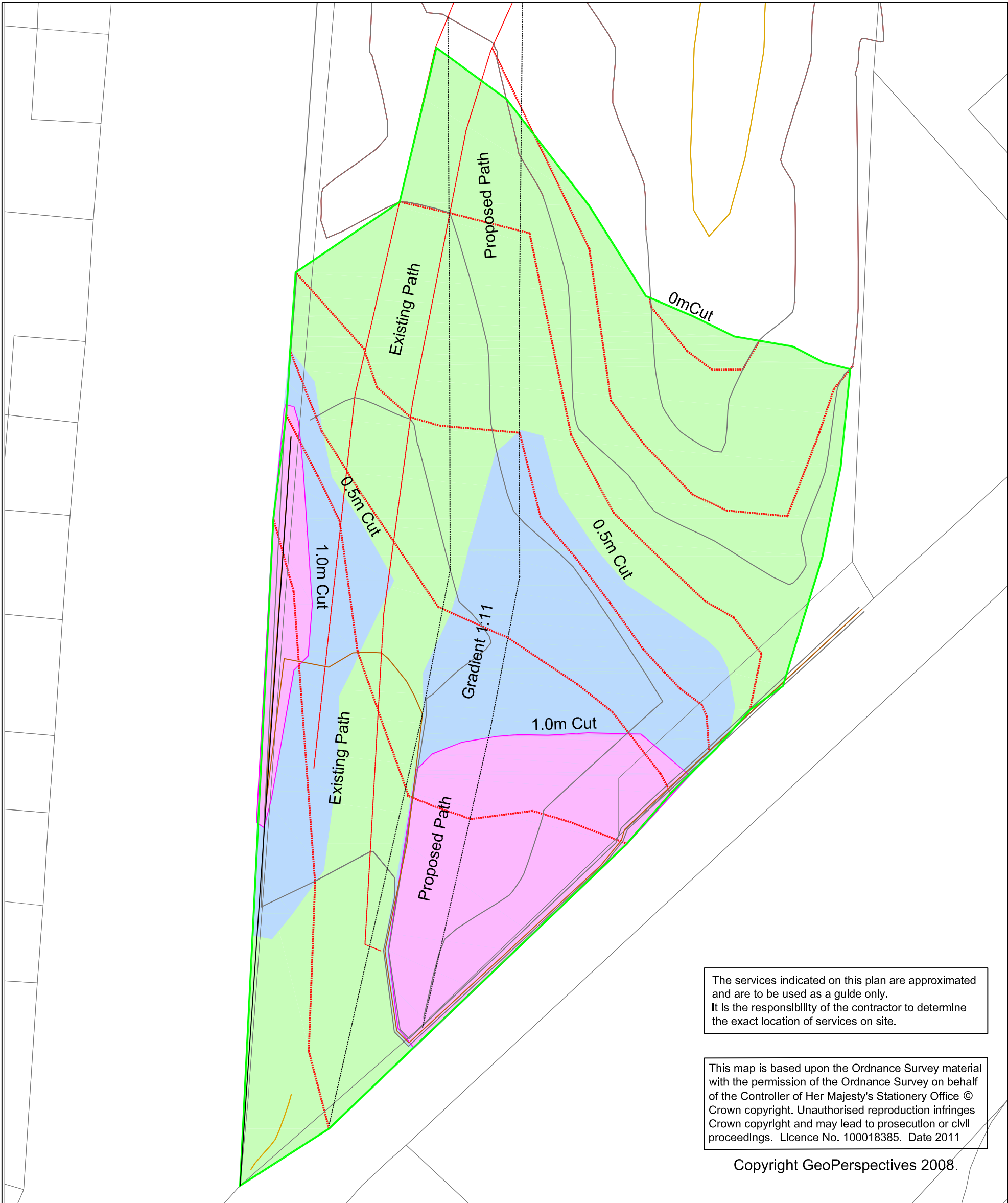
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Bill no. 1

General Items

Item No	Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	£
	<u>CLASS A: GENERAL ITEMS</u>				
13	Break out 178m2 tarmac footpath to depth 250mm and dispose of site	12.6	m3	25	315.00
14	Strip Existing soils	22	m3	5	110.00
15	Take down walls Backstreet	40	m	60	2400.00
16	Take down walls Mainstreet	30	m	60	1800.00
17	Step down incremental from 2m to ground level (backstreet)	10	m2	60	600.00
18	Step down incremental from 2m to ground level (mainstreet)	10	m2	60	600.00
19	Excavate & dispose of embankment to proposed formline	123	m3	25	3,075.00
20	Excavate & dispose of material to form new path	12	m3	25	300.00
21	Supply, spread & compact Type 1	52	m2	7	364.00
22	Lay tarmac binder course 50mm	52	m2	10	520.00
23	Lay tarmac wearing course 25mm	52	m2	8	416.00
24	Pins	58	m	15	870.00
25	Bollards	15	no	200	3000.00
26	Spread soil	22	m3	5	110.00
27	Import topsoil	22	m3	18	396.00
28	Cultivate & seed	216	m2	1.5	324.00
29	Removal of trees	1	no	300	300.00
30	Establishment & maintenance	1	Item	1500	1500.00

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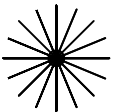
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Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing	Outcome Measure	Date	RAG
Youth and play provision; diversionary activities to alleviate ASB and disorder	Lack of out of school activity for 8-12 yr olds	Task and Finish Group to map provision and need and develop options for the Area Committee. Group met 9.1.12.	Jane Eland Michael Hoy	Update was given at to September's meeting . Audit of provision is to be carried out. Report detailing increased provision presented to this committee meeting.	Identification of gaps in service; commission activity	Increase no. of young people engaged in positive activities.	Mar-12	
	Lack of holiday activity provision			Easter programme currently being organised, utilising Children's Services devolved budget. Report detailing options for 2012/14 to be presented at this committee meeting.	Ensure services meet local requirements	Increase no. of young people engaged in positive activities.	Mar-12	
	There is a need for Community Leader training to assist the transition for volunteers			To be considered as part of the Job Prospects priority. City wide group preparing report for Cabinet.	Consult, engage and involve local partners in developments	Increase the no. of young people influencing local decisions	Apr-12	
	Map youth anti social behaviour and possible activity to alleviate it			Youth Response Teams to operate from November -March. Further report in May.	Identify and review services/activities and the success	Identify projects and agencies to commission	May-12	
	Levels of disorder and ASB	Area Committee to receive updates at each meeting.	Insp Cheryl Warcup, Bill Forster, TWFRS	Update given at November's meeting. Update prepared for next meeting.	Identify and review services/activities and the success	Area Committee influencing partners	Mar-12	
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing	Outcome Measure	Date	RAG
Traffic and highways, including repairs, speeding and dangerous driving	Programmes for 20mph safety zones	Future programmes to be brought to committee	James Newell	The Lead Agent attended the September meeting to provide an update regarding the strategic approach to traffic related issues. New system for prioritising safety and speed reduction schemes has been discussed at Scrutiny. Policy position paper prepared from march and will be presented to EMT/Cabinet. Report to Area Committee in April/May.	Ensure services meet local requirements	Ensure local initiatives meet local requirements	May-12	

	New assessment system for prioritising road safety and speed reduction schemes	For 2012/13, works identified and proposed through new system will be brought to committee for approval			Actively review activities of agencies and services within the area		May-12	
	Area and zonal approach to routine maintenance and minor works	2012/13 programme will be brought to committee for consideration of areas and zones to be included		Routine maintenance prioritised at a city level.	Ensure services meet local requirements		May-12	
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing	Outcome Measure	Date	RAG
Job Prospects	Increasing employability	Task and Finish Group to map provision and need and develop options for the Area Committee	Karen Alexander, Nikki Vokes	Member Task and Finish group to focus on young people, which met again on 29.02.12. City wide group is looking at apprenticeships, from which a report is expected to go to Cabinet. Further consideration and report to committee in July. In addition, report to this committee on Enterprise Coaching and Apprentice Roadshow.	Supporting Economic Masterplan	Increasing opportunities for employment, enterprise and guidance	Apr-12	
	Support to increase job skills of the most vulnerable and hard to reach	Options to develop specialist, intensive support			Initiatives are delivered to meet local requirements		Apr-12	
	Accredited training for volunteers to improve skills and confidence	Develop a training programme to help volunteers gain work related skills		Link to volunteer training within Youth and Play priority. Address once above has been agreed.	Involve partners in developing a work plan.	Increasing links between volunteering and employment opportunities	Apr-12	
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing	Outcome Measure	Date	RAG
Health and well being, focussing on areas of concern and risk taking behaviour	Task and Finish Group	Task and Finish Group to continue to propose options to Area Committee. Group met 20.12.11.	Gillian Gibson, Victoria French	TPCT reported to committee in September with an interim evaluation. Full evaluation being undertaken with presentation to committee in May and to City's Health and Well Being Board.	Involve partners and residents	Ensure local initiatives meet local requirements	May-12	
	'Health Champions' project	Continue to roll out training		New programme published	Ensure services meet local requirements	Increase in trained champions	May-12	

	Further engage and support local partners in the delivery of local priorities	Develop closer links with partner organisations and other agendas: children and young people; families; older people; child and family poverty		Sunderland Local Engagement Board, partners and VCS being engaged.	Involve partners in developing work programme	Embedding health and lifestyle services in local provision	Mar-12	
	Community engagement and connecting people to services	Develop closer links with local VCS and neighbourhood projects		Neighbourhood organisation being targetted, new ways of course delivery being examined. Report to Area Committee on Healthy City Investment Fund.	Involve residents and VCS in developing the work programme		Mar-12	
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing	Outcome Measure	Date	RAG
Child Poverty	City's Child and Family Poverty Strategy has been approved	Neighbourhood model of service delivery is being piloted	Raj Singh	Results of pilot was reported to November's Area Committee.	Initiatives are delivered to meet local requirements	Development of local projects in support of new models of delivery	Jun-12	
	Child Poverty Needs Assessment has been approved							
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing	Outcome Measure	Date	RAG
Environmental and street scene improvements, including shopping centres	Task and Finish Group	Task and Finish Group to continue to propose options to Area Committee	Bill Blackett	A number of projects are being delivered and the 'Walk and Talk' programme will enhance local problem solving and community leadership.	Identify projects for progression	Activity to improve quality of local environment	Apr-12	
	Responsive Local Services	Continue to respond to local needs and concerns		Identify areas where services can be targeted/decreased to ensure maximum impact and resident satisfaction. Verbal update to committee	Ensure services meet local requirements	Reduction in service requests and complaints	On going	
	Greenspace audit and Green Infrastructure	Review proposed ground improvements against policies and link with other priorities		Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy Framework in place. Final consultations and report to Cabinet. Report to Area Committee following this.	Development of land use to meet local needs	Linking land improvements to Framework	May-12	
	Derelict/neglected land	Audit and prioritise land for potential works		Being collated through Ward Walk programme and Walk and Talk programme.	Identification of problem areas and where greatest impact will be achieved	Improvements to the local environment	Quarterly	
	Shopping centres and public areas	Audit and prioritise potential improvements to public areas						
	Derelict/neglected buildings	Audit and prioritise as part of improvement programmes		To be included as part of improvement schemes identified during Walk and Talks.			Quarterly	

Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	Date	RAG
Eden Vale	Task and Finish Group	Establish a Project Group to implement the Action Plan and co-ordinate activities across Eden Vale and Thornhill area.	Richard Parry Nicol Trueman	Action Plan covering environment, children and young people, ASB and community cohesion drawn up. Progress report to Area Committee highlighting youth work and SIP environmental proposals in Feb. Further report on ASB to this committee.	Identfy projects for progression	Coordination of services, development of new initiatives	Mar-12	

<p align="center">SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE 14th March 2012</p> <p align="center">EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report:</p> <p>Reviewing Progress</p>	
<p>Author(s):</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report:</p> <p>This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.</p> <p>This report denotes an item relating to an executive function</p>	
<p>Description of Decision:</p> <p>The Committee is requested to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2011/12. • Annex 5: Approve 12 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest budget. 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</p> <p>Each Area Committee has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p> <p>The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2011/2012; £10,000 for each Ward.</p> <p>Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was an additional one-off allocation of £1.426m to Area Committees. The amount allocated to each Area Committee was the same as SIB allocation for 2008-09. SIP can only be used to deliver capital projects, deliver key priorities identified in the Work Plan with its main purpose to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</p> <p>The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan?</p> <p align="center">No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committee:</p>

SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

14th March 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) – Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

1. Why has it come to Committee

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Work Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement and update on progress in relation to allocating SIB, SIP and Community Chest.

2 Financial statement: West Area Committee Funding streams 2011-2012 as at 14th March 2012

2.1

<u>SIB: West SIB Statement March 2012</u>				
* £331,887 was allocated for 2011 - 2012, £322,546 was carried over from 2010 – 2011 Providing a Balance of £654,433				
	Committee Date	Budget	Approvals	Balance
List of approved projects from 2011 - 12				
Sunderland Festival Celebrating Mining Heritage	25.5.2011	£654,433	£3,000	£651,433
Farrington Detached Football	6.7.2011	£648,733	£5,000	£643,733
Pennywell Community and Tansy Centres	6.7.2011	£643,733	£42,000	£601,733
Plains Farm Comm. Youth Centre	6.7.2011	£601,733	£19,000	£582,733
Richard Ave Primary School	6.7.2011	£582,733	£18,000	£564,733
Houghton Feast Red Machine	6.7.2011	£564,733	£3,000	£561,733
Allotments	6.7.2011	£561,733	£14,700	£547,033
St Mary and St Peter's Community Project	6.7.2011	£547,033	£6,000	£541,033
West Children's Summer Activities	6.7.2011	£541,033	£42,000	£499,033
Sunderland Pride Community Garden (Tunstall Hills Allotments)	21.9.2011	£499,033	£3,400	£495,633
The Great North Big Band Festival	16.11.2011	£495,633	£10,000	£485,633
	16.11.2011	£485,633	£1,500	£484,133

Walk and Talk	16.11.2011	£484,133	£36,000	£448,133
Community and Educational (subject to full application)	16.11.2011	£448,133	£34,500	£413,633
Sunderland 2012	16.11.2011	£413,633	£10,000	£403,633
Farringdon Community Shop	1.2.2012	£403,633-	£4,000-	£399,633-
Safe Play	1.2.2012	£399,633	£11,000	£388,633
Plains Farm Homing Society	1.2.2012	£388,633	£1,750	£386,883
Funding returned				
Balance	-	£386,883	£267,550	£386,883

<u>SIP: West Statement March 2012</u>			
	SIP Budget	Approvals	Balance
Available Funding 2011/2012	£83,230	-	£83,230
Humbledon Tree Bays	£83,230	£2000	£81,230
Funding returned	£81,230	-£30,000	£111,230
Balance	£111,230	-	£111,230

Community Chest:- West Statement March 2012

Ward	Budget	Approvals	Balance
Barnes	£11,715	£4,322.06	£7,392.94
Pallion	£17,420	£8,381.50	£9,038.50
Sandhill	£19,434	£8,516.00	£10,918.00
Silksworth	£13,236	£11,008.00	£2,228.00
St Anne's	£10,624	£8,858.00	£1,766.00
St Chad's	£10,634	£10,428.35	£205.65
Total	£83,063	£51,513.91	£31,549.09

2.2 Strategic Initiatives Budget

Following the February 2012 Committee meeting, a balance of £386,883 remained. There are no funding proposals presented to committee.

2.3 Strategic Investment Plan

2.3.1 Following the February 2012 Committee meeting, £81,230 remained to be allocated. There have been no applications for funding since the last Committee.

2.3.2 In addition, £30,000 approved for the 'Hastings Hill Path Improvements' project in September 2010, has been returned to budget. Unfortunately, the current land owner has withdrawn from the project, making it impossible to achieve.

2.3.3 Following this return of funding, the SIP allocation is now £111,230.

2.3 Community Chest

2.4.1 The table below details the balances allocated following the last meeting. The total project proposals received are set out in Annex 5, together with the balances remaining should these proposals be approved.

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Proposals	Money returned	Balance
Barnes	£7,392.94	£1374	£415.82	£6434.76
Pallion	£9,038.50	£5111	£592.33	£4519.83
Sandhill	£10918.00	£660	£86.43	£10344.43
Silksworth	£2,228.00	£2309.27	£81.27	£nil
St Anne's	£1,766	£1923.74	£157.64	£nil
St Chad's	£205.65	£361.23	£155.58	£nil
Total	£31,549.09	£11,739.24	£1489.07	£21298.92

Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in section 2.1
- Approve the 12 proposals for support from 2011/2012 Community Chest set out in Annex 5.

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**COMMUNITY CHEST 2011/2012 WEST AREA
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2011/2012	Project Proposals	Previous Approvals	Money Returned to AC to date	Balance Remaining
BARNES							
	Sunderland Amateur Boxing Club	1000					
	City Wide Sunderland Orphanage	60					
	St Gabriel's Men's Institute	314					
	Totals		11715	1374	4322.06	415.82	6434.76
PALLION							
	Kidsmatter- Derwent Hill trip	4237					
	City Wide Sunderland Orphanage	60					
	St Gabriels Mens Institute	314					
	Lambton Street Under 13's Football Club	500					
	Total		17420	5111	8381.50	592.33	4519.83
SANDHILL							
	St Mary and St Peter's Holiday activities	600					
	City Wide Sunderland Orphanage	60					
	Totals		19434	660	8516	86.43	10344.43
SILKSWORTH							
	Youth Almighty Project	2309.27					
			13236	2309.27	11008	81.27	Nil
ST ANNE'S							
	Sunderland City Council- St Anne's Hanging basket	1923.64					
			10624	1923.64	8858	157.64	Nil
ST CHAD'S							
	Launch Pad Zone- Football equipment	361.23					
	Totals		10634	361.23	10428.35	155.58	Nil