

## COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

**Meeting to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 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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**ELAINE WAUGH**

**Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

**19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

**At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Sunderland on WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Burrell, Dodds, Heron (Vice Chair), K. Johnston, Mason-Gage, Price, Rowntree and Thornton

**Also Present:-**

Phil Baker	Inspector	Northumbria Police
Chris Binding	Local Democracy Reporter	
Emerly Christie	Area Network Representative	
Jill Colbert	Chief Executive and Director of Children's Services	Together for Children Sunderland City Council
Wendy Cook	Area Network Representative	
Vicky Gamblin	Head of Neighbourhoods	Gentoo
Pauline Hopper	Partnership and Community Resilience Manager	Sunderland City Council
Sean Laws	Councillor and Chairman of Washington Area Committee	Sunderland City Council
Amy Swan	Area Network Representative	
Christine Tilley	Team Leader, Community Governance Services	Sunderland City Council
Scott Wilson	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire Service

**Chairman's Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Coalfield Area Committee meeting and in particular Councillor Sean Laws, the newly appointed Chairman of the Washington Area Committee, Phil Baker, Vicky Gamblin and Scott Wilson who were attending their first meeting of the Area Committee and introductions were made.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Scott, D. Snowdon and Speding and Councillor Bill Little, Hetton Town Council.

## **Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations were received:-

### **Item 5 – Coalfield Area Budgets Report**

Councillor Johnston made an open declaration in relation to the application regarding Coalfields Family Fun Swims from the Neighbourhood Fund as an employee of Everyone Active and withdrew from the meeting and took no part in any consideration of this item.

Councillor Mason-Gage made an open declaration in relation to the application regarding Elba Park Holiday Activities as an employee of Groundwork and withdrew from the meeting and took no part in any consideration of this item.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Variation of Order of Business**

At this juncture it was moved by the Chairman and duly seconded that the order of business of the meeting be varied in order to consider the report of Inspector Phil Baker next on the agenda as Inspector Baker needed to leave the meeting to attend another engagement.

2. RESOLVED that the order of business be varied accordingly.

## **Northumbria Police Update**

Inspector Phil Baker, Northumbria Police submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a community update and key information in relation to Coalfields Area between the 8-week period 5<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Inspector Baker firstly updated the Committee with regards to the HALO Project advising that this was moving into Easington Lane and was live from 1<sup>st</sup> June. He advised that they were hoping to do a community event which was likely to take place in the first week of the summer holidays.

Inspector Baker highlighted that the most significant crimes recorded in Coalfields in this period were violence against a person with no injury, criminal damage and then theft. The area with the most crimes recorded was Shiney Row followed by Houghton Town centre and then Easington Lane.

Inspector Baker also highlighted that in this 8-week period there had been 219 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents. Most of the disorder was around motorcycle disorder, nuisance and then under 18 youth related disorder. The ASB hot spots for the sector were Houghton Town Centre followed by Shiney Row and Houghton (area bordered by the A690 and Gillas lane). He added that he was hoping to put in a

significant resource into combatting ASB. There had been an increase of 3 new Neighbourhood PCs in the area and they were looking to increase numbers in the HALO team also.

Councillor Heron reported that there was an issue in Houghton Town Centre with schoolchildren after school and with motorbikes.

Inspector Baker replied to say that he would look into the issues regarding school children after school in the Town Centre and the motorbikes which he stated he had witnessed personally.

Councillor Mason-Gage advised that she had been advising residents to report issues in the Shiney Row ward and therefore the figures might be up as a result of this.

Inspector Baker stressed the importance of reporting crimes so as the Police were aware of issues and they had the opportunity of doing something about them. He briefed the Committee on the internal meeting arrangements where issues were discussed which would feed into the Summer Plan. He advised in response to Councillor Rowntree that the Summer Plan was a confidential document which could not be shared with Members and residents.

In response to Councillor Burrell, Inspector Baker advised that with the 3 new Neighbourhood PCs they were not back to 2010 level but this was pushing them towards that level and with more resources again, they would be pushed over the level they had previously had.

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

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023**

The Chair 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 and an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2023-2026.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chair 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, for example the priority to provide support for Children and Young People where 334 individual young people had accessed youth services/activities in the Coalfield's locality area. The Chair read out some of the comments from the young people.

Ms Pauline Hopper, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager delivered a presentation on behalf of Springboard on the 'Clean it, Green it' Project, which was started in October 2022 and which set out the main achievements of the project so far.

Councillor Mason-Gage asked that Councillors be advised when the project was taking place so as they could have the opportunity of going along to help.

Ms Hopper advised that she would feed this back to the project.

Ms Hopper circulated a booklet on the Stephenson Trail and updated the Committee on the progress of the project

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

4. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update regarding the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 be noted and that a copy of the 'Clean it, Green it' presentation be circulated to the Committee.

### **Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026**

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated), presenting for consideration and approval the Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan for 2023-26 and an update on Area Committee Area Plan Governance arrangements.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager briefed the Committee on the report highlighting the development of the Plan to date at the Area Committee workshops held in March and May and the work being undertaken by Council services and partners in collaboration with the Area Committee on the priorities identified for the area.

Ms Hopper referred the Committee to the proposed Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan and Area Priorities for the Area Committee's consideration and approval which was set out at Annex 1.

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

5. RESOLVED that:-

- a) approval be given to the draft Area Committee Area Plan for 2023–2026 as set out at Annex 1, External Priorities for referral to Cabinet for approval;
- b) the internal priorities, which were discussed and agreed at the Area Committee Workshop in May, be shared with Council Service Leads and Partners to consider the feasibility of delivery and provide feedback; the priorities were currently proposals where the Area Committee wished to influence/add value to existing service provision;
- c) discussions on the Service Plans with Sunderland City Council Service leads continue and a list of Area Priorities for the Coalfield area be developed; to be appended to the Area Committee Area Plans and that arrangements be made for quarterly updates;
- d) the Area Committee continue to collaborate with key partners (currently including Gentoo, Police, TWFRS, and the Voluntary Sector Alliance) to provide their plans for future activity in the Coalfield area; to be appended to the Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan and that arrangements be made for quarterly updates; and
- e) the Terms of Reference set out at Annex 2 of the report, be noted.

## **Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update**

Station Manager Scott Wilson, Tyne and Wear Fire Service submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee's area from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 24<sup>th</sup> May compared with the same period in 2022.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Station Manager Wilson presented the report highlighting that there had been no deaths during the reporting period and that there had been a decline in reported incidents in deliberate property fires, primary road vehicle fires started deliberately and secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately across the area with the exception of the Copt Hill ward in relation to the last category, where there had been a significant increase. Copt Hill ward had also seen an increase in deliberate fires.

Councillor Heron reported dust bins being burnt out in Houghton, the burning out of the play park at Old Durham Road and the burning out of a local yard over the weekend.

Ms Pauline Hopper, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager reported that there had been 9 fires in play areas across the city, 3 in the Coalfield, 3 in Washington and 3 in the West Area.

Station Manager Wilson advised that they were keeping an eye on the play area locations on an evening.

Councillor Rowntree stated that communications needed to go out from the Council stating that when the play areas were damaged there was no funding to replace them and that they were therefore depriving the community of a facility.

In response to Councillor Rowntree, Ms Hopper advised that an Officer from the Play Team would be getting in touch with the ward Councillors about getting something out in the press about the recent damage to play areas.

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

6. RESOLVED that the content of the report be received and noted and that the Fire Stoppers reporting number be promoted in community groups to drive down deliberate fires.

## **Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update**

The Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) providing an update to the Committee on the work of the Sector since the last meeting of the Area Committee in March.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Amy Swan, Area Network Representative briefed the Committee on the report which detailed the VCS meetings which had taken place in April and May 2023 and the issues and topics which had been discussed.

Councillor Heron commented that the meetings of the VCS Network were very well attended and the issues discussed were very useful.

The Chairman thanked the VCS on behalf of the Area Committee for the work they were doing and it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

### **Gentoo Update**

Gentoo submitted a report (copy circulated) providing an update for the Coalfields Area on their work from April 2023 to June 2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Vicky Gamblin, Head of Neighbourhoods, Gentoo briefed the Committee on the performance of Neighbourhood Services and the proposed Investment and Renewal planned works for the area for 2023/24.

Councillor Heron referred to the appendix to the report detailing the Property Investment Programme and queried the programme 'Fire Alarm Removal Scheme'.

Ms Gamblin said she would check what this was.

Councillor Burrell enquired what the plans/strategy were when they did the garage demolitions.

Ms Gamblin stated that she was not privy to this information however she did not think that there was any long-term plan and that it was more about the garages not being fit for purpose and an eyesore.

The Chairman referred to re-let times and commented whether this was affected by the stripping out copper by vandals as the houses were being brought back into use.

Councillor Johnston asked for an update on the damp and mould programme.

Ms Gamblin advised that calls had dropped off in relation to damp and mould but that she would get the information as to how many cases had been reviewed. There was a two-day turnaround for the wash. There were some demand issues, it was aged stock, properties were not accessible but there was nothing to say that they could not be re-let.

In response to Members questions, Ms Gamblin reported that the stock condition survey did not just look at damp and mould and that it was expected that residents/tenants reported it. Gentoo operatives were in every property every year for gas servicing and if workers were in for repairs, they too could call it in. It was everyone's responsibility to do this. Ms Gamblin stated that there were lots of tenants who were already identified as being vulnerable.

Members advised that they would pick this up with Ms Gamblin outside of the meeting.

Ms Gamblin invited Members to send her details of any issues.

Full discussion having taken place on the report; Ms Gamblin was thanked for her attendance and it was:-

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.



## **Coalfield Area Budget Report**

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated), providing a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds and Community Chest and presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager, presented the report, drawing the Committee's attention to the current financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/2024 as set out in paragraph 2.1, which detailed that the Area Committee had been allocated £357,946.

Ms Hopper briefed the Committee on the applications for funding set out in the report at paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 advising that the Coalfields Family Fun Swims sessions would be provided at Hetton Community Pool and Washington Community Pool for Coalfield residents.

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

9. **RESOLVED** that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 be noted;
- b) Approval be given to the allocation of £10,000 contribution from the 2023/24 Neighbourhood Fund towards the Elemore Park Music Festival set out in paragraph 2.3 and Annex 1 to the report;
- c) Approval be given to the 12 project proposals for Holiday Activities for Children and Young People and the balance of £13,554 from the 2023/24 Neighbourhood Fund as set out in paragraph 2.4 and Annex 2 to the report; and
- d) the 9 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2022/2023 budget, as detailed 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 1<sup>st</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes)

10. **RESOLVED** that the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions stating that he looked forward to seeing them at the next meeting, before he closed the meeting.

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,  
Chairman.



27 September 2023

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

### Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the Coalfield Area Committee during 2023-2024.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function. The purpose of the Area Committees is to:

- Lead on the development, implementation, and effective delivery of an Area Plan, working closely with residents to ensure the plans include all main priorities for the Area, which enables residents to be resilient, The Area Plans are linked to the City Plan and other significant strategies for the city.
- Actively encourage local residents to become involved in shaping the Area Plan, ensuring delivery of activities to support matters which affect them.

- 2.2 The Article 10 Area Committee Area Plans for 2023 - 2026 were agreed by Area Committees in June 2023 and approved at Cabinet in July 2023.

- 2.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Area Plan.

- 2.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board supports the work of the Area Committee and specifically the delivery of the Area Plan. The Boards are chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee and are practical and action-orientated groups. The role of the Board is to respond to all priorities in the Area Committee Area Plan, as agreed by the Area Committee. They develop and implement plans for the delivery of each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research and working closely with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure effective delivery of the plan.

- 2.6 The Board is not a decision-making body, the work of the board is presented to each Area Committee via this Report of the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The purpose of the report is to update on progress in relation to the delivery of the Area Plan in addition to making any recommendations of the Board to the Area Committee for final approval. Funding decisions to support delivery of the plan can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**.

- 2.7 Additionally all Sunderland City Council Service leads, when producing Service Plans this year, provided a list of Area Priorities, where relevant, for each of the five geographical Areas of Sunderland and have agreed that regular updates for those priorities will be appended to this report, to the relevant Area Committee, to provide quarterly performance updates (Annex 2).

### **3. Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026- Areas of Key Action and Progress**

- 3.1 Attached as **Annex 1** is the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.2 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress for information purposes only.

### **4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:**

- 4.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026.
- 4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

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Pauline Hopper, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager

## Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated **September 2023**



The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the Coalfield Sunderland area. This Delivery Plan provides an update on progress on the Area Committee's Area Plan and will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
<b>Dynamic Smart City</b> <b>We will have</b>	
A Can Do Project to develop skills of young people	A Call for Projects will be sent out to groups and schools during September to develop applications to present at the November Neighbourhood and Community Board. Deadline for applications is 31 October 2023. Members are requested to promote this opportunity which is available for groups of young people aged 11-19
Coalfield Communities Connected Project to develop digital skills of residents	The Coalfield Communities Connected IT project is delivered by Springboard in four locations, 'Community Hubs', each week. In all hubs, participants have access to laptops and PCs, and also get support in improving their knowledge on the use of their personal mobile phone and tablets (using venue's wifi). It has been identified that digital poverty is a factor for many residents so the project offers free data via the databank to be able to offer additional resources to clients to support their digital development. Hubs are reviewed regularly to ensure the best coverage for all sectors of the community. Members were provided with an update via the project performance report circulated in July 2023.
Support to residents to improve financial resilience via R U Ready	The RU Ready for UC project, funded by Coalfield Area Committee, and delivered in partnership by Springboard and ShARP continues to support residents to apply for and maintain their Universal Credit requirements including job search, journal upkeep and providing advice and guidance where relevant.

A VAS and Road Safety programme	The current VAS programme consists of 32 locations and 8 signs which are rotated on a quarterly basis. Members are provided with performance and data reports each quarter.
A Tree planting programme across the area	In addition to proposals put forward to plant trees on a number of the 13 sites included in the LinkTogether project, members have been asked to submit relevant locations within their ward for consideration for inclusion in a 'community orchard' programme.
Developed and delivered low carbon initiatives in the community	
<b>Healthy Smart City We will have</b>	
Provision of positive activities for young people during school holidays	The Coalfield Area Committee approved 12 project applications, totalling £55,932 at the June Area Committee to deliver a programme of holiday activities from July 2023 to May 2024. Projects will provide a wide range of activities such as sports, swimming, crafts, cooking, environmental activities and day trips and will all include a drink and snack. An update will be given following each holiday period, including a report in October 2023 outlining activities for the summer holidays.
Youth clubs in each of the four wards	The two year Neighbourhood Fund project 'Youth Choices', delivered by Community Opportunities, provides two sessions of youth activity, per ward, per week. Current sessions are delivered at outdoor and indoor venues including Flatts Youth Centre (and field), Shiney Row CA (and Claremont Drive field), Houghton Racecourse CA (and Kirklea field), Houghton Sports Centre (and MUGA). Members were provided with an update via the project performance report circulated in July 2023. The project venues and finance/performance will be reviewed with the lead organisation during September/October 2023.
A Coalfield Healthy and Active Teen (CHAT) programme	Delivered by Everyone Active, the project offers the opportunity for 11-15 year olds in the Coalfield area of the city to participate in a programme of junior gym and wellness sessions at Hetton and Houghton Sports Centres. The project will engage 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 also put on a regular weekly bootcamp for 15-19 year olds.

Activities to reduce Social Isolation	
Social Prescribing Services	
<b>Vibrant Smart City</b> <b>We will have</b>	
The Coalfield Clean it, Green It project	The two year Clean it, Green it project continues to deliver activity across all four wards on sites and locations which are not currently on a maintenance schedule and need environmental improvement. Following a request for an elected member from each ward to be part of the steering group, a meeting took place in September 2023 to discuss progress and propose locations for action by the team. Volunteers and residents are supported to carry out improvements within their own neighbourhood, and Springboard and Community Opportunities (in partnership) tackle larger scale works. The project complements mainstream cleansing schedules and works alongside Sunderland City Council Environmental Services and Gentoo. A Clean it, Green it facebook page is under development.
Heritage Activities and Community Events	
Delivered the Houghton Feast community programme	The planning for Houghton Feast 2023 has been ongoing since the beginning of the year. The Houghton Feast Steering Group is attended by Councillors from across the Coalfield area, Council Officers, partners and members of the community. A funding request is presented to the September Area Committee to support the Friday evening community programme on 6 October.
Improvements to Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground facilities	Following allocation of Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Capital Improvement Programme, works are underway to improve the pavilion at Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground. The Class A football pitch has been improved and fencing will be installed to protect the site from unauthorised use.
Improvements to Houghton Rectory Park	Improvements at Rectory Park are ongoing and the next phase will see new benches being installed as part of the Area Committee funded works.
Delivered the Stephenson Trail heritage programme	The Stephenson Trail programme has delivered a wide range of environmental and educational activity across the Coalfield, East and West areas. A comprehensive update was sent to members of all 3 Area Committees in August 2023. A 12 month programme of maintenance

	works is now being developed with community organisations in each of the 3 areas. Waymarkers will be installed during September/ October, and information boards will be located in three locations in the autumn. A map/booklet has been designed and printed and is available in various venues and electronically.
Contributed to habitat and ecological improvements via Link Together	Development proposals for each of the 13 sites have now been prepared. Consultation on each site plan has been carried out and will be used to inform the final spec for each site. This development stage of the project has engaged residents and groups across the area. The delivery phase of the project is planned to commence in 2024.
Continued the Proactive Coalfield Anti-social behaviour project	The additional, proactive, ASB Officer for Coalfield is working alongside partners, businesses and residents to identify and target problematic areas in a planned way. A performance update with specific ward based information was provided to members in July 2023.
Held a Coalfield Pride Event at Houghton	The Coalfield Pride event was held on 19 August at The Rectory Field, Houghton le Spring. It was a successful family focused event, building on the inaugural event in 2022. In addition to headline music and drag acts, craft stalls, children's entertainment, food court, wrestling and dance displays were provided.
Developed environmental improvements at Copt Hill and Seven Sisters	Following approval of Neighbourhood Capital Improvement Programme funding, a number of site visits have take place at the Copt Hill/Seven Sisters site. Proposals for improvements include information boards and signage. This will complement work to be carried out as part of the LinkTogether project. Further updates will be presented to members following the next site meeting, with Durham Wildlife Trust, to be held during September 2023.
Supported VCS organisations and Community Hubs	A Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings are chaired by the Vice Chair of Area Committee and continue to be well attended, participative and informative and provide a mechanism for attendees to network with Council Officers, partners and community organisations.
Improved Community Assets	
Supported the celebration event at former Houghton Colliery site	



A Christmas Tree at Newbottle	A site survey has been undertaken to establish costs to include Newbottle as a 'new' location for a Christmas Tree. A proposal for funding will be presented to the September meeting of the Coalfield Area Committee. Working in partnership with the local community, a celebration event will be planned.
A Music Event at Elemore Park	The first live event took place at Elemore Park on Saturday 26 August 2023. The event included a number of acts such as Marty Longstaff (Lakes Poets), Houghton Brass, Dennis and James Thoroughgood. Fun entertainment and activities for all of the family were also provided. The event attracted approximately 500 residents.

## Service Plans – Coalfield Area Priorities – for information only

## 1. ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Doric View	Development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	TBC	TBC	Bernicia are to proceed with completing suitable drawings and a planning application. The necessary improvement works are expected to start in the next financial year.

## 2. CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration (City Development)

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood & Community Boards	9/23	3/24	
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include implementation within individual Area Committee areas			
Houghton library improvements				Library redevelopment projects are due to begin this autumn.  Houghton Library will close at the end of October to prep for work on site to begin in December. Houghton library will be back in operation at the end of March based on the current project plan.

				<p>City Library, which is hosted by Sunderland Museum will remain open throughout the redevelopment period.</p> <p>We are planning to develop pop up library spaces where we can hopefully engage new users in Houghton during the transition period. Although provision will be temporarily reduced, I hope we can offer a wide range of engagement activities that will grow community investment in the library spaces ready for them to be reopened. We will be developing the pop up library plan over the next few weeks</p>
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### 3. City Development: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
ASB Project (currently AC funded)	1 x ASB officer Proactive approach working in identified areas across the 4 wards in Coalfields	09/22	09/24	AC update submitted July 2023 via agreed reporting
Elemore Festival	Community Folk music event	8/23	9/23	Event to be held 26th August

### 4. CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: <a href="http://www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com">www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</a>

## 5. CORPORATE SERVICES; Property Services (Strategic)

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Houghton New Depot	Design and construction of a new Coalfields depot to replace the current provision at Market Place Industrial Estate	4/23	4/28	Site has been identified on the Rainton Bridge Industrial Estate. Site investigation are being scheduled to assess its suitability and inform design.
Hetton Park	Renewal / Re-surfacing of tarmac footpaths	4/23	3/24	Awaiting update

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:

### Bereavement Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Cemetery Improvements	Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand	June 22	Ongoing	<p><b>Meetings:</b> The Cemetery Improvement Boards are now established and convene bi-monthly bringing together representatives from local Ward Members and managers from relevant Council departments. These meeting serve as a platform to identify pressing issues and local concerns in each cemetery and to reach agreement on the priority attached to each.</p> <p><b>Key improvements:</b> Through site visits and local knowledge key areas of improvement have been identified in each cemetery developed into an action plan.</p> <p>Our immediate focus relates to Regulatory compliance for lawn section graves and the requirement to remove unauthorised grave surrounds and install formal personalisation areas where personal items are placed on graves. This uniformity and standardisation of grave sizes will enable us to achieve a higher standard of maintenance which will contribute to an overall enhancement of these areas.</p> <p>Additionally, to protect public safety within all cemeteries we have launched a dedicated memorial testing programme to assess the stability of all memorials. Upon receipt of the stock condition report in September, the Cemetery Improvement Boards (CIB) will review the findings, determine necessary works, establish a public communication strategy and prioritise tasks accordingly until the programme is adopted and forms part of standard operations</p>

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	September 2023	<p>The 2023 trial which commenced on the 1st of April which is due to conclude on the 30th of September 2023 is enabling Local Services to ensure we capture a full weed season. The process is allowing us to monitor the impact of using alternative methods to Glyphosate, understand how effective other weed control methods can be, the impact these treatments have on the effectiveness of maintenance, resource, costs, equipment/training requirements, environmental and visual impact, and importantly the views of our residents.</p> <p>To date detailed records on all aspects of the trail are being gathered and analysed. Aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application process</li> <li>• Environmental Impact</li> <li>• Cost</li> <li>• Effectiveness</li> <li>• Resident Feedback</li> </ul> <p>We are continuing to engage with residents, our wider council colleagues, key city stakeholders and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>We are also engaging with several other Authorities and organisations such as Cardiff Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Brighton Council the Amenity Forum and APSE.</p> <p>A final report will be produced and published following the conclusion of the trial.</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>Tree inspections and mapping commenced in May 2023. Starting in the East area to date we have surveyed and digitally mapped over 5000 trees. The survey will move into the West area over the coming weeks. The survey will enable SCC to fully understand our tree stock, which will in turn increase our ability to manage the risk more effectively. The survey will also facilitate a much more proactive approach to tree planting and replacement, establish how much carbon as a city our trees can sequester, it will also inform us of the</p>

				overall impact of Ash Dieback disease. The data base as it grows will provide a deeper case by case record of each tree and its inspection record which will improve member and customer journeys as the information held will provide more detailed information when responding to customer requests and complaints.
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		We continue to trial alternative kit not only to reduce carbon emissions but to reduce the hand arm vibration some kit exposes our workforce to. To date we have tested Electric hedge trimmers, chainsaws, strimmers and grass cutters. We are hoping in the coming weeks to explore hybrid chipper technology. We are also working with our fleet team to future proof our kit replacement programme factoring in the feedback we capture as part trials and are confident that over a period of time to further reduce our reliance upon petrol tools and equipment.
Coalfields In Bloom	Improving green spaces in Coalfields.	April 2023	March 2024	Shiney Row war memorial was given an overhaul and some new plants we're planted in the tubs to give more colour and a better display. Easington Lane war memorial was also treated to some new plants in the planters and the brick structured beds given a general tidy up. Hetton town centre planters refreshed with some new sustainable planting to compliment the hanging baskets.
Rectory Park Improvements	Rectory Park Improvements.	April 2023	March 2024	New planters implemented to close off the unofficial car park, these will be distributed into the park following the decision with property services about the space. New benches are currently awaiting installation by building services. Stored in Houghton Depot currently. New bins installed. Initial meeting with The Old Rectory about the possibility of getting the park to Green Flag standard.

## 8. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing of various options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	The selection, trial, and testing of additional Smart Road Surface Temperature measuring equipment supplied by the Smart City Team, remains ongoing. It is hoped that the additional equipment options being trialled will accurately enhance existing road monitoring and weather forecasting service provided by the Environmental Services, Winter Maintenance gritting team, and give the team are greater insight into the condition or road surfaces across the city during periods of cold.

Development of a salt barn in Houghton.	Construction of a new Coalfields depot to replace the current provision at Market Place Industrial Estate including a salt barn.	April 2023	April 2028	A preferred site at Rainton Bridge has been identified and is now subject to due diligence – site investigations etc. A project brief has also been agreed for the development, high-level concept plans and costs have been prepared and a revised funding application submitted for approval.
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## 9. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Warm spaces – developing into Community Hubs	The current warm spaces which were funded to support residents during the cost-of-living crisis will be supported to develop their offer, to support residents longer term, with five permanent community hubs established linked with social prescribing	April 2023	March 2024	Links for Life delivery plan developing, working closely with the VCS. Call for projects will be circulated in September to support VCS to enhance delivery within communities.
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	As above
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	<p>VS Alliance developing their offer to support the sector. Since securing charitable status in April, the Sunderland VS Alliance asked the sector across Sunderland for a view on current needs and gaps in service offer. Following the completion of the surveys and further work with the Alliance Strategic and Operational Boards, funding priorities have been agreed which will inform future funding applications as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Older peoples' services</li> <li>•People with disabilities</li> <li>•Young people (the need for more youth services)</li> <li>•Veterans</li> <li>•People affected by the cost-of-living crisis</li> <li>•People furthest from the job market,</li> <li>•Refugees</li> <li>•Mental health services</li> </ul>

				<p>The Alliance has secured £45,000 ICB funding via VONNE to employ a Capacity Mapping Officer as part of a regional piece of work to review social prescribing and look at best practise for Sunderland and the Northeast region. The Alliance are working hand in hand with the Links for Life programme team to provide recommendations which will improve communities and prevent escalation of specialist services, to benefit the outcomes for local people.</p> <p>The Alliance is part of the Community Foundations Participatory Grant process developing funding opportunities for grass roots voluntary and community groups. Launch date to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Alliance will launch their membership scheme in October and will be promoting to all of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations in Sunderland, asking them to register.</p> <p>The Alliance will also be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recruiting, inducting, and training new staff</li> <li>•Re-launching their website (with a membership hub)</li> </ul> <p>The Alliance is working hard to secure the following members for the Alliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•A Treasurer</li> <li>•Trustees</li> <li>•Operational Board members</li> </ul>
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	<p>Using household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform support across services.</p> <p>Establishing partnerships to deliver support to communities, including the VCS through Links for Life Sunderland</p> <p>Working through the Partnership Task Force Group to share knowledge and insights, leading to collaborations, such as a working arrangement with Gentoo on Cost-of-Living issues, including workshops to develop information and ensure the best support is provided to residents across all services.</p> <p>The team continues to talk to residents in Welcoming Spaces about their experience and report on issues and themes from the conversations. The work is facilitated by excellent relationships already established with local VCS organisations.</p> <p>We are combining quantitative and qualitative data to provide context and a deeper understanding of the Lived experience of residents.</p>



				We are currently refining a recording and reporting system to manage both statistical and anecdotal information so that if a service or partner organisation requires some contextual information we can find and provide it.
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#### 10. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Empty Properties	<p>This is not a specific project. The following wards show a high prevalence of empty properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hetton</li> <li>• Copt Hill</li> </ul> <p>The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.</p>	Progressing	<p>Initial presentation complete</p> <p>Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</p>	<p>A presentation on Empty Properties has been delivered to all Area Committees. This showed the data relating to area, Ward and across the City.</p> <p>An Empty Homes Report is being developed following the views and questions provided as part of the Area Committee discussions.</p> <p>This report will be presented to Area Committees quarterly.</p>

#### 11. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion by	Area Committee quarterly update
Foodbank Support	Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all area of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year	N/a	N/A	<p>Information to be collated for December Area Committee papers. Future quarterly updates will include information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• foodbank usage in each local area (to cover Sunderland Foodbank Distribution Centres, Washington Community Food Project , Salvation Army , Loaves &amp; Fishes, Space 4 and Bethany Houghton)</li> <li>• links to SC webpages covering food support / advice provision etc</li> </ul>

## 12. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Hetton Park	5/23	7/23	Complete and operational from 25/8/23
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Swim Bike Run programme	Create new opportunities to participate in SBR and Go Tri – in HLCP	7/23	Ongoing	In progress
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop SBR Hubs from HLCP	7/23	Ongoing	In progress
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Work with HALO and to explore opportunities for partnership working	11/23	Ongoing	Ongoing
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Work with SARA and to explore opportunities for partnership working	4/23	Ongoing	Ongoing
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Consultation and development of Bid for Playzone in Coalfield - location tbc	7/23	10/23	Engagement session in member diary 12th Sept

## 13. HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Progressing model development

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## REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Coalfield area between the following 8-week period (26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023)

### 2.0 Key Updates

#### Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to 30-08-23

Crime numbers are tracking below data for the last 3 years which is a positive position and is an improvement on my last report where I indicated a slight rise on the last two years. The most significant crimes recorded in Coalfield in this period are violence against the person with no injury, criminal damage, and then theft. The area with the most crimes recorded is Shiney Row followed by Easington Lane and then Hetton. Which is a slight change on my last report in that Houghton Town Centre does not feature which is pleasing to highlight after the work the team did with partners in this area.

#### **Burglary Dwelling.**

Burglary Dwelling has proved a challenge in this sector however it is good to report that the sector continues to track below the last 3 years in relation to offences and as such the Coalfields area is performing very well in this crime category. However, it is important that we are continuing to focus efforts in this area and all my teams are fully aware of target locations and offenders.

#### **Burglary Commercial**

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors and as such I would highlight the sector is not a hot spot for these types of offences. The teams do however continue to target and disrupt our offenders.

#### **Vehicle crime**

Vehicle crime continues the good news in that we are tracking below the last three years (this bucks the force trend) Despite those figures this is still a key focus area for me and the teams since these offences can impact on anti-social behaviour performance therefore the team with partners have several operations underway. The teams have also made several excellent arrests in the reporting period which have resulted in stolen vehicles being recovered.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

ASB: 8-week period to 30-08-23

We are currently tracking below reporting levels from the last 3 years which is positive news. In this 8-week period there have been 178 ASB incidents a reduction of 30 reports on the last period. The most prevalent reports of disorder are around motorcycle disorder, nuisance and

then under 18 youth related disorder. The ASB hot spots for the sector are Shiney Row followed by Easington Lane and Houghton Town centre.

Within this period, we have had the National ASB week of action. Our efforts were concentrated within the above three foot beats. All 3 had the benefit of multi-agency days and we saw some good results. Most notably the recovery of several stolen bikes and arrests in relation to significant offences and excellent partnership work with Gentoo and the local authority ASB team.

The team are continuing to work on our Summer 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 Summer plan focuses on Houghton, Shiney Row and Easington Lane and concentrate on motorcycle/pedal cycle theft and ASB.

### **Autumn plan update**

The Summer plan campaign is working 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.

We will continue to build on that with our autumn plan which will commence in mid-September. I am advised that members will be provided with a redacted version of the plan for information.

**REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7011 Baker**

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## REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Committee area from 04<sup>th</sup> June - to 22<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

## 3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

## 3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

## 3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

Ward Name	Incident Count
Copt Hill	2
Hetton	2
Houghton	0
Shiney Row	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

Property Level 4	Incident Count
House - single occupancy	1
Mines and quarries - buildings above ground	1
Other buildings/use not known	1
Other private non-residential building	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

4 deliberate property fires, compared to 3 in the same period last year (33% increase). Hot strikes from operational crews and safe and well targeting has been conducted by operational crews and the TWFRS Prevention and Education department. Partnership work with the Police, Gentoo and Sunderland city council continues where appropriate to reduce repeat incidents using a joint approach.

## 3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Houghton	3
Copt Hill	2
Hetton	2
Shiney Row	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

7 vehicle fires reported during this period which is the same number as last year. No patterns identified. TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified.

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

Ward Name ▲	Incident Count
Copt Hill	12
Hetton	25
Houghton	12
Shiney Row	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>

Property Level 4 ▲	Incident Count
Fence	2
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	9
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	3
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	25
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Refuse/rubbish tip	1
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	11
Wheelie Bin	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>

There have been 55 deliberate secondary fires over this period compared to 114 in the same period last year, a decrease of 52%. Large Improvements across all wards seeing a 10 - 80% reduction.

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

Ward Name ▼	Incident Count
Hetton	29
Copt Hill	16
Houghton	15
Shiney Row	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>

There were a total of 66 deliberate fires in this reporting period, down from 124 last year, a decrease of 47%. The weather this year has been one of the contributing factors in the reduced number of incidents, the extended periods of rainfall over the summer has assisted with reducing the numbers. All wards with the exception of Hetton ward (same figures as last year) have seen a large decrease of over 30%. 25 fires involved loose refuse and 20 fires involved grassland and tree scrub.

#### Ward Breakdown and hotspot analysis

Hetton ward 0% No change



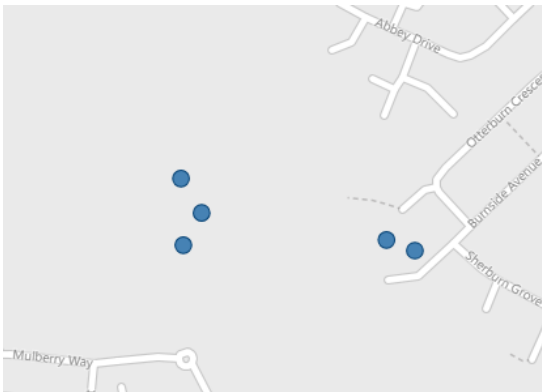
Out of 29 incidents, 10 were loose refuse and 8 were tree scrub. The main hotspot over the reporting area is in the Meadows Pit area, where there has been tree scrub on fire on 4 occasions.

### Copt Hill ward **30%** reduction



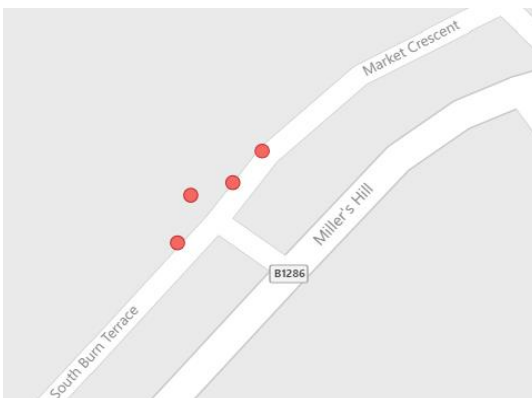
Out of 16 incidents, 6 were loose refuse and 4 were grassland / tree scrub. The main hotspot over the reporting period is around the area of Baker Street. WM Lane's W/W are regularly patrolling this area as part of ASB rubbish uplifts and are in the process of delivering Fire Stoppers leaflets around Baker Street and the surrounding area.

### Houghton ward **62%** reduction



Out of 15 incidents, 5 were grassland and 4 were loose refuse. The main hotspot over the reporting area is within the Moors Burn area away from the built up areas. WM John Coopers R/W patrol Houghton ward and have been focusing on the perimeter of Moors Burn to report fly tipping and any loose refuse.

### Shiney Row ward **51%** reduction



Out of 6 incidents, 5 were loose refuse. The main hotspot over the reporting area is the grassed area north of South Burn Terrace. Rubbish uplift patrols have been increased in this area. WM Sirey's B/W have done a Fire Stoppers leaflet drop in conjunction with a Safe and Well initiative in this area.

### 3.6 Community Involvement

Throughout the summer period, operational crews have attended 8 events in the local area. This has included school visits and community engagements.

TWFRS continue to support partners involved in the HALO project. Over this period, crews from Rainton Bridge supported ASB week (3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July). Crews attended Brick Garth and Tower Court to support the installation of the boulders and carry out a multiagency walk about.

Our Phoenix team have begun to deliver their diversionary and early intervention activities to a range of young people across the Coalfields area.

Young people at risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour (ASB), or disengaging from school have been identified in partnership with local schools, community police teams and community partners such as HALO and the Flatts Youth Centre.

The first block of our 9 month PHOENIX programme has been delivered to the first 6 11-15 year olds from Hetton Academy, and their first mentoring sessions in school will take place in September. The remaining blocks of activity will take place throughout the autumn, and councillors will be made aware of the dates when we would welcome visits to see the provision in action.

Throughout the summer we have also ran two IGNITE Projects for 9 & 10 year olds from the Easington Lane area: a Tuesday group with support from HALO, and a Thursday group supported by the Flatts Youth Centre.

Both programmes have had extremely positive outcomes as evidenced by formal evaluations and student, parent and partner feedback.

Attendance has been an issue on the programmes during the holidays, and evaluation of both programmes along with steps to further develop provision will be included in the funding evaluation documents completed at the end of each programme.

Our Safe and Well targeting system has recently been updated and improved, ensuring we target our most vulnerable members of the community. Rainton Bridge crews have completed 206 Safe and Wells visits in the reporting period. Hot strikes continue following domestic premises fires and further support the delivery of fire safety in the home.

Early planning has started for our darker nights campaign 2023 and TWFRS are in the process of identifying specific schools.

TWFRS Recruitment is also currently open and positive action events have been running throughout the summer at the TWFRS headquarters to recruit underrepresented groups from the community.



### 3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce hotspot incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective Ward areas to create links through community engagements. The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

Over this reporting period there were 1 verbal attack on crews in the Coalfield area.

Street	Locality	District Name	Postcode	Ward Name	Property Type	Incident Category Type	Attack On Crew?	Type Of Attack
YORK CRESCENT	HETTON-LE-HOLE	Sunderland		Hetton	Wheelie Bin	Fire	Yes	Verbal abuse

## 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the content of this report. Promote the Fire Stoppers reporting number in community groups to drive down deliberate fires.

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**27 September 2023****REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

**2. Background**

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Coalfield Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.
- 2.3 The Coalfield VCS Network is made up of over 100 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin distributed via the Sunderland VS Alliance.

**3. Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report**

- 3.1 The Coalfield VCS Network met in June, July and September 2023 at Easington Lane Community Access Point (ELCAP)
- 3.2 The meetings have included the following agenda items:

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2023****Welfare Support & First Tier Providers**

A PowerPoint was shared by Alison Aisbitt & Julie Egan giving an overview on welfare rights & financial wellbeing.

This included:

- Why advice & support is so valuable to our residents.
- Sunderland welfare rights advice provision-VAR
- The three-year financial resilience programme which recognises the links between financial & wider wellbeing
- First & second tier specialist advice services

**Houghton Thai Boxing**

Jake introduced Thai Boxing & shared a video of him competing the previous weekend. In the 6 months of forming his own club, Jake has been able to leave his previous job to train full time. He is looking to form partnerships with the VCS Network and to signpost for support. Jake advised that reasons for taking part in sessions include improving fitness, overcoming addiction and helping with mental health. Houghton Thai Boxing is currently operating from the former Houghton Carpet shop.

## **4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

### **Digital Inclusion Plan**

A PowerPoint was shared by Nicol McConnell giving an overview on Sunderland's Digital Inclusion Plan. Below are the key links with Nicol referenced-

- Access to devices
- Improve digital skills and knowledge
- Designed for All

### **Holiday Activity Programme**

Poster and details of children and young people's summer activities shared with group. There was a range of activities across all wards available. VCS groups encouraged to share information with all residents.

### **August – No meeting**

## **5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Elemore Park**

A verbal presentation was received from Anthony Hindmarsh from Elemore Park. Anthony updated the group regarding the developments at the park and regarding the recent music festival at the site. The site has a coffee shop available and there are future developments including walks, cycling hubs etc.

### **ELCAP ambitions**

Gemma O'Brien provided an update to the group regarding proposed building improvements to ELCAP. Images of the improvements drawn up by architects were shared with the group. ELCAP are looking to secure funding to complete the work.

All meetings continue to be well attended with over 28+ organisations represented. The information sharing element of the meetings are very useful and allow VCS organisations to develop information and knowledge of activities and services available for local residents.

### **Coalfield Area Representative Update**

Emerly Christie has stepped down from her role at The Old Rectory and subsequently her role as Coalfield VCS Representative. The VCS network would like to thank Emerly for the contribution she made in her time as a VCS Representative.

3.3 Members of the Network joined Sunderland Council and the Sunderland Integrated Care Board (Health) for breakfast on Thursday 15th June 2023, to discuss future opportunities to work together in the city, developing community hubs and our community support offer for residents. The following themes were consistently discussed at each table with a high amount of consensus over the challenges or opportunities associated with the themes. Members of the network were asked to sign the pledge for Links for Life

In summary they were:

- Funding,
- Opportunities to network and collaborate,
- Potential and challenges of Links for Life,
- Capacity in the sector
- Attitudes to the NEPO portal.

- 3.4 Moving forward from the Warm and Welcoming spaces, we are working closely with the sector to extend and co-produce the 'welcoming warm spaces'. Members of the network have been informed there will be launch for a new call for projects in September, to enable the community support offer to move into 'Links for Life' – Sunderland's social prescribing community support programme. The programme will build on the learning from the warm and welcoming spaces, ensuring we are able to offer services and support within our communities – support and activities which bring residents together, enable active engagement and improve health, wellbeing and financial resilience. The opportunity has been shared with the VCS network and the closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- 3.5 Members of the network continue to welcome funding opportunities and social value opportunities from SVSA. The Area Arrangements team are working in collaboration with the Sunderland VCS Alliance (SVSA) and wider Council services and partners to bring forward social value from investments and from businesses delivering in the city, to support the voluntary and community sector. The Area Arrangements team and the SVSA are also working together to understand where local community services are currently being delivered within the area, to support resident community resilience and wellbeing.
- 3.6 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

#### **4. Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA) update August 2023**

- 4.1 Since securing charitable status in April, the Sunderland VS Alliance asked the sector across Sunderland for a view on current needs and gaps in service offer. Following the completion of the surveys and further work with the Alliance Strategic and Operational Boards, funding priorities have been agreed which will inform future funding applications as follows:
- Older peoples' services
  - People with disabilities
  - Young people (the need for more youth services)
  - Veterans
  - People affected by the cost-of-living crisis
  - People furthest from the job market,
  - Refugees
  - Mental health services
- 4.2 The Alliance has secured £45,000 ICB funding via VONNE to employ a Capacity Mapping Officer as part of a regional piece of work to review social prescribing and look at best practise for Sunderland and the Northeast region. The Alliance are working hand in hand with the Links for Life programme team to provide recommendations which will improve communities and prevent escalation of specialist services, to benefit the outcomes for local people.
- 4.3 The Alliance is part of the Community Foundations Participatory Grant process developing funding opportunities for grass roots voluntary and community groups. Launch date to be confirmed.

- 4.4 The Alliance will launch their membership scheme in October and will be promoting to all of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations in Sunderland, asking them to register.

The Alliance will also be:

- Recruiting, inducting, and training new staff
- Re-launching their website (with a membership hub)

- 4.5 The Alliance working hard to secure the following members for the Alliance:

- A Treasurer
- Trustees
- Operational Board members

## **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Coalfield VCSN.

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27 September 2023

## REPORT OF GENTOO

### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Coalfields Area Committee for the period June to September 2023.

### 2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be provided to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects, and priorities and to ensure members are fully aware of their opportunities to work collaboratively with Gentoo.

### 3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 **An Invitation from Louise Bassett, CEO of Gentoo Group.** The relationship between Gentoo and Sunderland City Council is very important to Gentoo's CEO and she would welcome the opportunity to further strengthen this and has arranged dates (which you should have received), to meet with you in each of the City's localities. The date for the Coalfield councillors is:

**19 September**      The Skyline Centre, Houghton, DH4 4AJ

- 3.2 **Estate walks** are now all arranged within the wards, and invitations sent to you all should you wish to attend. The dates for the wards are as follows:

Shiney Row & Penshaw	10 October 2023
HALO area	6 October 2023
Racecourse/ Hetton Road	5 October 2023
Fencehouses	4 October 2023
Houghton / Burnside	2 October 2023

- 3.3 **Tenancy Sustainment Fund.** In July 2023, Gentoo Board approved several measures to support tenancy sustainability. These measures include interventions such as, providing carpets for new customers who have been housed with us on a priority basis and below the age of 25. Supporting this group of customers to have their water rates paid if they are really struggling financially (for a limited period). We also identified measures such as the provision of Ring Doorbells for victims of domestic abuse or antisocial behaviour, and a small budget to support these customers with house removals for those who need to move in an emergency and can't afford to pay for it.

In addition to these measures, we have increased resource in the Money Matters Team and now have four Support Coordinators working with our customers who have complex financial needs across the city. We will also be recruiting for two 'Pre-Tenancy Coordinators', who will work with new applicants to the Gentoo housing register, their aim will be to provide support and advice across a range of issues, these include assessing any priority needs, identifying vulnerability issues, offering money management and the costs of running a home support advice, income maximisation, energy advice and signposting to low-cost furniture and fittings, to ensure we prepare and support applicants to have the best possible start to tenancies.

- 3.4 **Recruitment Activity.** In the coming months, we will be looking for passionate, engaged tenants to join a brand-new paid Tenant Committee. The Committee will be made up of 6 Gentoo customers and it will form an important part of our governance structure. It will be chaired by Group Chair – Emily Cox - and it will fulfil a critical role, advising Group Board on all tenant-related matters. The Committee will help us to better understand the challenges facing tenants and it will drive purposeful, positive change across the Group.
- 3.5 **Sunderland Foodbank, Churchill Square Community Centre.** Our partnership with Esh Construction has supported the opening in August of Houghton's first Durham & Sunderland Foodbank, which will provide residents in the Coalfields area with access to vital food resources during the current cost of living crisis.
- 3.6 **Event at Cragdale Gardens.** Customers from Peat Carr and Moorsely were invited to have their views heard regarding the use of Cragdale Gardens play park on 11 August 2023. The engagement event was an opportunity for customers to tell us what they want to see from the park and area. Partners from Northumbria Police, HALO Project and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue supported Gentoo on the day. The results of the consultation will be collated and reviewed in the coming weeks.

#### 4. **Investment & Renewal** – see attached report

Internals (Villa estate)

ESH are practically complete on Villa Estate and will be off site by the end of September. There are approximately 15 to 20 properties that have not been able to have the work completed due to access issues and ill health. Gentoo's Asset team are working through these addresses to include them in a mop up programme later this financial year.

External Decoration (East Rainton/Rainton Bridge/Eskdale Street)

Bell Group are currently working in these areas for the next 4-6 weeks carrying out External Decoration Works to over 200 properties.

Sprinkler Installation (Cherry Tree Gardens)

Equans have just started the installation of sprinklers in Cherry Tree Gardens with works expected to take approximately 3 months.

#### **City Wide Schemes**

Windows (City Wide)

Sekura is on site in various locations carrying out window replacements.

Low Rise Fire Alarm Removals (City Wide)

Isoler are currently carrying out the removal of fire alarms from 80+ low rise blocks scattered city wide. They are being removed and replaced with individual smoke detection within the flats themselves.

Loft Insulation Top Ups (City Wide)

Regen Solutions are due to start next month on a scheme of over 1000 properties where we are providing loft insulation or loft insulation top ups.

#### 5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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## Property Investment Programme 2023/24 - Houghton & Hetton Area

Programme Type	Principal Contractor	Estate	Properties	Low Rise Blocks / Pairs of Flats	Medium Rise Blocks	High Rise Blocks	Sheltered Blocks / Supported Living	Tenants Benefitting From Works	Comments
External Decoration		East Rainton	174					174	
		Rainton Bridge	6					6	
		Peat Carr	30					30	
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>210</b>					<b>210</b>	
Internals (Kitchen/Bathroom/Full Rewire - as required)		Villa	152					152	
		Hetton	4					4	
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>156</b>					<b>156</b>	
Windows		Burnside	3					3	
		Colliery Row	1					1	
		Easington Lane	2					2	
		East Rainton	1					1	
		Fencehouses	11	2				23	
		Hetton	2					2	
		Hetton Road Estate	2					2	
		New Herrington	1					1	
		Newbottle	1					1	
		Peat Carr	1					1	
		Penshaw	4					4	
		Racecourse	2					2	
		Shiney Row	3					3	
		Sunniside	9					9	
		Villa	7					7	
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>62</b>	
Environmentals - Garage Demolitions		East Rainton	5					5	
		Hetton	27					27	
		Hetton Road Estate	10					10	
		Houghton	6					6	
		Shiney Row	6					6	
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>54</b>					<b>54</b>	
Fire Alarm Removal Scheme		Penshaw		2				10	
		<b>Totals</b>		<b>2</b>				<b>10</b>	



**COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**  
**27 SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Coalfield Sunderland Area Budget Report

**Author(s):**

Assistant Director of Housing and Communities

**Purpose of Report:**

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**Description of Decision:**

Committee are requested to:-

- a)** Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- b)** Approve 4 Neighbourhood Fund proposals set out in 2.3, and **Annex 1**
- c)** Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 / 2024, as detailed in **Annex 2**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The Area Committee has an allocation of £357,946 (inc Youth allocation) for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area 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



## COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

27 SEPTEMBER 2023

### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

#### Coalfield Sunderland Area Budget Report

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds 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 2023/ 2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024</b>					<b>£357,946</b>
Elmore Park Music Event				£10,000	<b>£347,946</b>
Holiday Activities				£13,554	<b>£334,392</b>
<b>Balance</b>					<b>£334,392</b>

*Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024*

- 2.2 Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £357,946 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024
- 2.3 There are 4 new applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration for approval detailed at **Annex 1**
- Houghton Feast £5,000
  - Local Events and Celebrations £20,000
  - Coalfield Christmas £41,910
  - Christmas Cheer £5,000
- 2.4 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£71,910**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£262,482**

### 3. Community Chest

- 3.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Area Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest is now online. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it is difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 3.2 The Table below details the Community Chest starting balance, awards and remaining balance for 2023/2024. Annex 2 shows the approvals, supported to date for 2023/2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Copt Hill	£10,000	£600	£6,186.30	£3,813.70
Hetton	£10,000	-	£2,324	£7,676
Houghton	£10,000	-	£6,042	£3,958
Shiney Row	£10,000	-	£5,991	£4,009
<b>Total</b>	<b>£40,000</b>	<b>£600</b>	<b>£20,543.30</b>	<b>£19,456.70</b>

*Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024*

### 4. Recommendations

- Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 3.2
- Approve 4 Neighbourhood Fund proposals set out in 2.3, and **Annex 1**
- Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022 / 2023, as detailed in **Annex 2**

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**Neighbourhood Fund Proposals**  
**Project detail taken verbatim from applications**

**Application No. 1**

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Houghton Feast Community Programme
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£10,000	£5,000 (from 2022/23 NF)	£5,000

**Project Description:**

Sunderland City Council events team deliver a number of core events across the City, including Houghton Feast. The services arranged by the events team include Infrastructure, marketing, site and event management for all aspects of the Feast, fireworks and civic arrangements.

In addition to the core programme and infrastructure costs, and in line with previous years, a community element for the Friday evening opening event, along with a Carnival parade on the Saturday is proposed. This additional element would include involvement of, and engagement with, local schools and community groups in the lead up to the Feast and performances at the Friday evening event and Saturday parade developed and managed by the Houghton Feast Steering Group. The theme of the 2023 event is Houghton King of Coal, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles 111, and the mining heritage of the area. The community events and displays will be focused around this theme, incorporating key information and activities.

A total of £5,000 is requested to deliver the programme. This will be combined with the remaining balance from 2022/23 and utilised to deliver art and music workshops to local schools and to engage local groups and organisations including to participate in all aspects of the Friday and Saturday events. The budget will also provide on street entertainment such as face painting, balloon modelling and Stilt Walkers. The Steering Group will agree the detail of the project spend, the budget will be managed by the Partnership and Community Resilience Manager on behalf of Houghton Feast Steering Group and Area Committee.

**Recommendation: Approve**

**Application No. 2**

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Celebrations, Events and Heritage 2023/24
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£20,000	£0	£20,000

**Project Description:**

In line with previous years it is proposed a 'core activities' programme is developed to support events identified by Area Committee members as important to the local area. This will allow a planned approach to events and activities which take place each year.

The project will provide a central resource for those events, celebrations and heritage activities identified by elected members and Area Committee partners as important to the local area and will be developed/delivered in partnership with the VCS Network and community organisations between September 2023 and January 2024. Funding will provide for a range of activities and costs associated with planned and historic events and include:

- Contribution to local groups for Remembrance Parade requirements
- Contribution to local Miners Gala Parades
- Contribution to seasonal events and activities arranged by community groups within the Coalfield
- Contribution to themed Summer Activities for the community
- Themed celebrations to mark various historic and local events
- Celebration and preservation of local heritage

The budget will also fund heritage activities and other events developed by the Neighbourhood and Community Board in partnership with local organisations. The Partnership and Community Resilience Manager will manage and co-ordinate the project under the direction of the Board and Area Committee.

**Recommendation: Approve**

#### Application No. 3

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Coalfield Christmas
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£41,910	£0	£41,910

#### Project Description:

Further to the development of Coalfield Area Plan and the agreed priority of installing a Christmas tree at Newbottle, the July meeting of the Neighbourhood and Community Board discussed a comprehensive, 3 year, Christmas programme for the Coalfield area.

The project will see trees, lights and switch on events across the Coalfield area (for 2023, 2024 and 2025), as follows:

##### Newbottle

- Installation of ground socket, connection and associated electrical works
- Purchase of lights
- 30ft Tree, delivered and installed by Elveden (annually)
- Installation and removal of lights (annually)

##### Fencehouses

- 30ft Tree delivered by Elveden, installed by Env Services (annually)
- Installation and removal of tree lights (annually)

##### Houghton Broadway

- Wrapped tree lights (annually)

##### Shiney Row

- Installation and removal of lights (annually)
- Wrapped tree lights (annually)
- Shiney Christmas event (annually)

The above will be delivered in addition to events and activities supported by Sunderland City Council core budget and individual ward-based Community Chest projects.

**Recommendation: Approve**

#### Application No. 4

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Christmas Cheer
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	VCS Network and HSF4 Partners

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£5,000	£0	£5,000



**Project Description:**

Working with Community Hub partners and elected members across the whole of the Coalfield area the project will provide Christmas gifts, vouchers and support to those families who may not be able to give their children/family members the Christmas they would have liked to this year. Working with all ward Councillors, Community Opportunities, Active Families, ShARP, ELCAP, Space4, local schools and other members of the VCS Network we will identify families who would most benefit from this project and who would otherwise struggle to provide gifts and treats.

This project is over and above welfare support that is available such as food banks, first tier welfare advice, provision of meals and other financial support projects funded via Sunderland Council. Gifts will be delivered, or collected from central locations, in the week leading up to Christmas. The opportunity will be promoted via Coalfield information sharing, Facebook, via local Councillors, and via all community groups involved. We would expect this project to work in tandem with round 4 of the Household Support Fund to avoid duplication and enable the funds to be directed to the most relevant beneficiaries.

The project will be available to families in all four wards and referrals will be taken from schools and local community organisations, as well as health partners and Councillors.

There will be a network of partners involved in the project and the group will identify one 'lead' organisation to monitor delivery and finance.

**Recommendation: Approve with the condition that all members of the Coalfield VCS Network are given the opportunity to be involved.**



## Coalfield Area Committee

27 September 2023

### Community Chest Awards April 2023 – September 2023

<b>Copt Hill Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		<b>Approvals</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
St Matthews Youth & Community Centre (£4083 approved in March 23 with £2738.70 paid from 22-23 and the remaining £1344.30 from 23-24 allocation)	17.03.23		£1344.30
Houghton-Le-Spring Golf Club	05.04.23		£320
Gravel Walks Community Association	20.06.23		£800
Hetton Juniors FC (joint with Hetton)	20.06.23		£297
Bethany Church	17.07.23	£600	-
1 <sup>st</sup> Houghton Scouts (joint with Houghton)	17.07.23		£750
2 <sup>nd</sup> Houghton Rangers	25.08.23		£625
Gillas Lane Primary School	25.08.23		£1000
Houghton Town FC (joint with Houghton)	25.08.23		£550
Studio V	25.08.23		£500
<b>Remaining balance - £3,813.70</b>		<b>£600</b>	<b>£6,186.30</b>
<b>Hetton Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
HCR200	24.04.23		£720
Hetton Lyons Primary School	24.04.23		£750
Hetton Jrs FC (joint with Copt Hill)	20.06.23		£298
Hetton & Eppleton Community Hall	11.08.23		£556
<b>Remaining balance - £7,676</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>£2,324</b>
<b>Houghton Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Lambton & Houghton Banner Group	16.06.23		£650
2 <sup>nd</sup> Houghton Guides	16.06.23		£810
1 <sup>st</sup> Houghton Scouts (joint with Copt Hill)	17.07.23		£750
Burnside Academy	17.07.23		£1,000
HOPE	17.07.23		£437
2 <sup>nd</sup> Houghton Rangers	25.08.23		£625
Houghton Town FC	25.08.23		£550
Red Sky Foundation	25.08.23		£1220
<b>Remaining balance - £3,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£6,042</b>

<b>Shiney Row Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Together For Children	10.05.23		£450
TWFRS	10.05.23		£3,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Herrington Scouts	24.05.23		£500
New Penshaw Academy	24.05.23		£994
Friends Of West Herrington	16.06.23		£50
Gilwood Residents Association	16.06.23		£997
<b>Remaining balance - £4,009</b>		-	<b>£5,991</b>



## Current Planning Applications (Coalfields)

Between 01/07/2023 and 23/08/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01808/LBC	K B TyresThe Old Philadelphia Bus DepotPhiladelphia LaneNewbottleHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4TF	Erection of 5x fascia signs.	14/08/2023	09/10/2023
Copt Hill				
23/01370/FUL	Franklin House2 Mandarin RoadRainton BridgeHoughton-le-SpringDH4 5RA	Installation of new A/C unit and back up power generator.	06/07/2023	31/08/2023
Hetton				
23/01580/PCZ	Chase House4 Mandarin RoadRainton BridgeHoughton-le-SpringDH4 5RA	Installation of photovoltaic panels on existing flat roof.	11/07/2023	06/09/2023
Hetton				
23/01583/PCZ	Franklin House2 Mandarin RoadRainton BridgeHoughton-le-SpringDH4 5RA	Installation of photovoltaic panels on existing flat roof.	12/07/2023	07/09/2023
Hetton				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01584/PCZ	Alexander House1 Mandarin RoadRainton BridgeHoughton-le-SpringDH4 5RA	Installation of photovoltaic panels on existing flat roof.	12/07/2023	07/09/2023
Hetton				
23/01529/FUL	East Rainton Cricket ClubThe DunwellsDurham RoadEast RaintonDH5 9NW	Erection of single lane batting lane, including removable netting.	13/07/2023	07/09/2023
Hetton				
23/01800/FUL	46 Greenbrook DriveHoughton-le-SpringDH5 9RL	Erection of first floor extension to rear with installation of a juliette balcony.	11/08/2023	06/10/2023
Hetton				
23/01553/FUL	3 WatergateHoughton-le-SpringDH4 6GL	Erection of conservatory to the rear.	12/07/2023	06/09/2023
Houghton				
23/01578/FUL	Moor Burn HouseDairy LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH4 5DL	Demolition of existing derelict property and erection of two storey detached property.	19/07/2023	13/09/2023
Houghton				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01717/FUL	54 HoughtonsideHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4BW	Proposed conservatory.	31/07/2023	25/09/2023
Houghton				
23/01633/FU4	Kepier AcademyDairy LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH4 5BH	Erection of two additional demountable classrooms, including associated stores, and toilet facilities.	04/08/2023	29/09/2023
Houghton				
23/01589/OUT	Land North West Of 23 Tintern CloseHoughton-le-Spring	Outline application for a pair of semi-detached bungalows (all matters reserved).	09/08/2023	04/10/2023
Houghton				
23/01560/ADV	Land South West Of Herrington Country ParkChester RoadPenshawSunderland	Erection of 2no. v-stack signs, 14no. flagpoles, 1no. externally illuminated fascia sign, 1no. internally illuminated gable sign, 1no. large monolith, 1no. totem sign, 6no. medium monolith signs and 3no. small monolith signs	10/07/2023	04/09/2023
Shiney Row				
23/01405/FUL	33 Larkfield CrescentShiney RowHoughton-Le-SpringDH4 4PE	Progress current single story extension to double story extension.	17/07/2023	11/09/2023
Shiney Row				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01644/TEX	Land AtFreezemoor Road New Herrington Industrial Estate Houghton Le Springs DH4 7AZ	Removal of existing Hutchinson Engineering single stack Elara Street Pole and 3No. cabinets and installation of 20.0m high Hutchinson Engineering Orion Streetpole on proposed D9 root foundation together with 1No. GPS module, 6No. antennas, Yorkshire cabinets and associated ancillary works.	20/07/2023	09/09/2023
Shiney Row				
23/01476/FU4	Garage Block South Of9 Lady Beatrice TerraceHoughton-Le-Spring	Erection of a new detached garage	24/07/2023	18/09/2023
Shiney Row				
23/01676/FUL	WhitegatesFrederick GardensHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7JY	Single storey side extension, pitched roof to existing flat roof area and garage roof. Bowed window to front elevation updated, rear window opening increased for double doors & side lights.	25/07/2023	19/09/2023
Shiney Row				
23/01607/FUL	Stables Langdale RoadPenshawHoughton Le SpringDH4 7HY	Removal of steel storage container and replacement with agricultural building for storage of materials, feed and equipment for animal welfare (horses and sheep) within existing stable yard area.	25/07/2023	19/09/2023
Shiney Row				



Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01678/FUL	Shangri LaPenshaw LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7ER	Demolition of existing rear store building and detached garage to facilitate single storey front and rear extension (rendered) and the erection of a detached garage to rear garden.(Amended on 02.08.23)	26/07/2023	20/09/2023
Shiney Row				
23/01712/FUL	Kirkbrae34 Saint Aidans TerraceHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4LZ	Single storey side extension.	31/07/2023	25/09/2023
Shiney Row				