

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th June, 2022 at 6:00pm

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

Membership

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

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7th June, 2022

At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held in the Mayor's Parlour at City Hall, Sunderland on WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH, 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

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

Also Present:-

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| Jill Colbert | Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services | Sunderland City Council |
| Dave Geddes | Member of the Public | |
| Lindsey Gibson | Member of the Public | |
| Bob Heron | Member of the Public | |
| Pauline Hopper | Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield | Sunderland City Council |
| Toni Longstaff | Area Support Assistant | Sunderland City Council |
| Nic Marko | Local Democracy Reporter | |
| Andrew Nelson | Station Manager | Tyne and Wear Fire Service |
| Patrick Scott | Acting Inspector | Northumbria Police |
| Sandra Stephenson | VCS Community Support Officer | |
| Donna Thomas | Member of the Public and Houghton le Spring Residents Group | |
| Christine Tilley | Community Governance Services Team Leader | Sunderland City Council |
| Susan Waterson | Member of the Public | |

Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

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

The Chairman referred to the recent death of former Councillor Florence Anderson who had been a former Member of the Area Committee for a number of years and all those present stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect to her.

The Chairman advised the Committee that this was Councillor N. MacKnight's last meeting as he was not seeking re-election at the May Local Government Elections. On behalf of the Committee the Chairman thanked Councillor MacKnight for his support and input into the work of the Area Committee and wished him well for the future.

Councillor MacKnight suitably replied.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Scott, Councillor Little, Hetton Town Council representative, Ellen Bewick, Area Network Representative, Shiney Advice and Resource Project (ShARP), Wendy Cook, Area Network Representative, Sunderland North Community Business Centre, Michael Donachie, Head of Operations, Gentoo, Julie McBurnie, Environmental Services Manager, Sunderland City Council and Steve Passey, Inspector, Neighbourhood Policing Southern, Northumbria Police.

Declarations of Interest

The following declaration was received:-

Item 4 – Area Budgets Report – Coalfields Pride

Councillor Thornton made an open declaration in respect of the above application as Chair of the Coalfields LGBT+ Support Group and she left the meeting prior to any discussion on the application and took no part in any decisions on funding which might affect the organisation.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15th December, 2021 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Neighbourhood and Community Board Report

The Chair of the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated), which provided an annual update of the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chair of the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board, Councillor Heron highlighted a number of projects including support the VCS to host community events and activities, the project to tackle empty properties and the project to improve parks and play areas, taking on board the results of the consultation with residents with a top suggestion being to improve lighting in parks which would be done in Hetton Park. Councillor Heron highlighted that £100,000 had been allocated to Houghton Rectory Park by the Area Committee and a project steering group had been formed to consider the results of the consultation to develop a park plan.

Councillor Heron also mentioned the project to carry out environmental improvements and the development of a 'Clean it, Green it' project to encourage volunteering and resident participation and the installation of the first 'Happy to Chat' benches created in Hetton in partnership with Hetton New Dawn to help reduce social isolation. Councillor Heron referred the Committee to the work which the Stephenson Trail Task Group was doing to improve the route of the trail.

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

The Chair thanked the VCS for all the work they had done and the support they had provided to the community.

Councillor Speding advised that he would like to propose two schemes for the Shiney Row ward.

The Chair advised that the schemes could be discussed at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood and Community Board on 30th March and asked that Councillor Speding provide the details in advance to Ms Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead.

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

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the Highways Maintenance 2022/23 programme as highlighted in bold in Annex 1 of the report be approved;
- ii) the progress and performance update regarding the Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 be noted and the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 2, be approved; and
- iii) the Area Committee video update be noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

Station Manager Andrew Nelson, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1st April 2021 to 1st March 2022 compared with the same period the previous year.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Station Manager Nelson highlighted that there had been no deaths recorded during the reporting period. He also highlighted that there were 11 deliberate property fires, a decrease of 35% from last year. Operational crews and the prevention education department had reinstated safe and well visits as of the 1st of September. There had been a decrease of 11% overall in secondary fires. During the reporting period TWFRS had attended 201 deliberate secondary fires compared to 228 over the same period last year. It was hoped that the multi-agency HALO project recently launched would assist in the further reduction of secondary fires looking ahead to the following year.

Station Manager Nelson pointed out that crews from Rainton community fire station were continuing to work with partners and be proactive to help reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. Attacks on emergency services were on the increase across

the Tyne and Wear service area. Additional fire safety/ASB school talks had taken place at Hetton School and Houghton Kepier school. Moving forward, work with Inspector Passey and his team to carry out joint education sessions with local schools was currently being developed with the intention of reducing the number of attacks on blue light responders and reducing ASB.

Station Manager Nelson highlighted the FireStoppers reporting details included in the report.

Councillors Speding and Mason-Gage drew attention to a piece of private land located in the Shiney Row ward at the end of Best View where regular fires were being started and causing a nuisance.

Station Manager Nelson undertook to feed this information into the Team and ask them to get in touch with the land owner to address the issues being caused there. He also suggested meeting the Councillors at the location to take this forward.

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

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

Northumbria Police Update

Inspector Passey, Neighbourhood Policing Southern, Northumbria Police submitted a report (copy circulated), providing an overview of crime in the Coalfield area in relation to burglary, criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and motorcycle disorder.

Acting Inspector Patrick Scott, Northumbria Police highlighted that since the last Area Committee meeting there had been an increase in overall crime figures by 3% which in real terms amounted to only 7 additional crimes reported during the period. There had been a significant increase in Drug Crime of 73% and he stated that the Police were attributing this rise in drug crime to the good proactive work they had done in targeting drug misuse, as the vast majority of drug crimes were only recorded following Police involvement.

Acting Inspector Scott drew attention to the point that Houghton currently had the highest burglary rate in the Sunderland City region.

Councillor Heron commented that the number of burglaries was very worrying and enquired whether there was anyone supporting those people affected.

Acting Inspector Scott advised that a large proportion of the burglaries were from sheds and empty properties. However, all victims of domestic burglary were referred to Victims First Northumbria which carried out a needs assessment and provided support, care and advice and monitored the victims constantly.

In relation to the Wear Here for You Bus, Jill Colbert, Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services clarified that the bus was not an antisocial behaviour bus but was funded to provide universal services for all children and young people.

Councillor Snowdon reported that social media and the local newspaper had reported back in January the top 10 hotspots which included Hunter Street and Maple Terrace and asked if any feedback could be provided on this.

Acting Inspector Scott stated that he did not have any information with him in relation to the above and the above streets had not featured that morning. He advised that it would depend on the time period being looked at and that he would look into this and feedback to the Committee.

The Chair asked that the information be provided to Ms Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead who would forward the information to Members of the Committee.

In response to Councillor MacKnight, Acting Inspector Scott advised that in relation to commercial burglaries the offenders locked up were not the ones who had committed the most recent cases and that they were targeting some individuals and intelligence gathering. The next day there was an additional operation being undertaken in the area. He was able to provide a breakdown of residential and commercial burglaries if required.

Councillor MacKnight commented that 96% of the population felt safe in their homes and therefore felt that this showed that something right was being done.

Councillor Speding commented on the Council's recently launched website to report incidents such as abandoned vehicles and quoted a particular case which resulted in the vehicle being moved from one place to 20 yards further up the road and the nuisance it was causing had not been addressed.

Acting Inspector Scott advised that there was a little bit of overlap between the Council and the Police responsibilities working with the DVLA in cases like this and suggested that information sharing might yield a better response or outcome and that he would have a conversation with the relevant Council department.

Councillor Johnston commented on the offences being caused by repeat offenders at Gravel Walks and that it was frustrating due to the amount of resources which had gone into the area and that Councillors and the Police needed to be backed up by the Courts with stiffer sentences in order to bring the numbers down.

Members having considered the report and the Chairman having thanked Acting Inspector Scott for his attendance, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update

Ms Sandra Stephenson, VCS Community Support Officer advised that the Network had met twice since the last Coalfield Area Committee meeting in December. The meetings had been hybrid meetings in that some attendees had attended in person and others on Teams.

Ms Stephenson provided the Committee with a verbal update on the work of the Coalfield VCS Network, advising that an update on how to access services on Mental Health by the City Council had been provided at one of the meetings.

Ms Stephenson advised that Paul Finch was retiring as a VCS representative and passed on thanks to him for the contribution made. A presentation had been made on what being a VCS representative would entail.

Ms Stephenson advised that at the early March meeting, the VCS Network had had discussions on governance models to best determine its needs and this would be discussed at a further meeting. They had received a number of applications and in April they would select a new VCS representative. Ms Stephenson thanked everyone who had taken part.

The Chairman having thanked Ms Stephenson for the report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Gentoo Update

The Chairman advised that as Mr Michael Donachie, Head of Operations, Gentoo had submitted his apologies for the meeting, a written report would be circulated to the Members of the Committee providing an update on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

6. RESOLVED that the above information be received and noted and that the report be circulated accordingly.

Coalfield Area Budget Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Community Development Lead, presented the report, drawing the Committee's attention to the current financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2021/2022 as set out in paragraph 2.1.

Ms Hopper advised that the Coalfield Area Committee currently had £189,802 Neighbourhood Funding available for capital and revenue projects. There were three applications to the Neighbourhood Fund for consideration set out in paragraph 2.3 with further detail at Annex 1. The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval was £180,797 and if approved, the remaining balance would be £5.

Ms Hopper referred Members to paragraph 2.5 asking the Committee to make a Call for Projects via the Coalfield VCS Network, inviting organisations to apply for up to £5,000 per project for holiday activities for children and young people.

Ms Jill Colbert, Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services, Sunderland City Council, briefed Members on the provision previously in place to help parents in relation to holiday activities for children and young people and the Holiday Activity Fund Government scheme which targeted families, advising that provision was in place for the Easter holidays. Ms Colbert stressed the importance of lining things up between the Council, Together for Children and whatever the Area Committee was looking to fund so that there was no duplication and also of keeping to nutrition standards in relation to what was provided.

Councillor MacKnight stated that it was gratifying to be able to feed children doing activities and was pleased with the work the Area Committee had done previously.

Ms Hopper advised that the Area Committee projects would target families not necessarily eligible for Free School Meals and that she would write this into the project brief and take Ms Colbert's comments into consideration.

Ms Hopper advised that Coalfield Area Committee had been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complemented the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The table at 3.1 detailed the projects already funded and she pointed out that there was a remaining balance of £243,039. There were one funding proposal presented to Area Committee for consideration that evening from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme called 'Lighting up Rectory Park' for £35,000 which was set out in paragraph 3.4. If approved the remaining balance would be £208,039.

Ms Hopper referred Members to paragraph 4 of the report detailing the Community Chest budget approvals and advised that since the agenda had been published more project proposals had been submitted and the Community Chest was just about all allocated.

Councillor MacKnight commented that it had been gratifying to go out and consult with people on what they wanted to see done in Rectory Park, which had been done in face-to-face meetings, online and on Facebook.

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

7. RESOLVED that:-
 - a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1, be noted;
 - b) the two Neighbourhood Fund applications in respect of an ASB Officer and Coalfields Pride for £79,840 and £9,957 respectively, as set out in section 2.3 and detailed at Annex 1, be approved;
 - c) the Neighbourhood Funding of £100,000 be aligned to the 'Clean it, Green it' project, as set out in section 2.3 and detailed at Annex 1;
 - d) the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme application 'Lighting up Rectory Park' for £35,000, as set out in section 3.4 and detailed at Annex 2, be approved;
 - e) a Call for Projects be made inviting organisations to apply for up to £5,000 per project for holiday activities for children and young people; the applications to be presented to the June 2022 Area Committee for funding approval; and
 - f) the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed in Annex 3, be noted.

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st February and 4th March, 2022 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

8. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and participation at the meeting.

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

15 June 2022

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

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

2. Background

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

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

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

3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.

3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.

3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body, and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2022.

3.6 Other local groups / boards where Coalfield Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below: -

| Group | Elected Member Representatives |
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| Coalfield Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S) | Councillor James Blackburn |
| Coalfield VCS Area Network | Councillor Juliana Heron – Co-chair |

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

- 4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which are being delivered within the Coalfield area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan is monitored by the Area Committee and actions will continue to be addressed up to 2023, via the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- 4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council’s website which is available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk, as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 Progress against the Delivery Plan has been reported regularly to Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee. Good news stories and promotion of projects and local information have been posted on the Coalfield Sunderland Community facebook page. An overview of some key statistics and achievements from 2021/22 is contained in **Annex 3 – year in numbers**, and **Annex 4 – Communications Plan**.
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to June 2022.

| Priority/Issue | Update |
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| Digital Learning Resources | <p>There are currently two Neighbourhood Funded projects being delivered across the area. Springboard, in partnership with ShARP, are providing a Universal Credit (UC) support service to assist residents who are applying for, or managing their Universal Credit benefit, including job searches and maximising of income. Over the past year 231 individuals have accessed the service, 209 of whom have received guidance on UC, with 125 of those now able to manage their benefit independently.</p> <p>Springboard also deliver a ‘Communities Connected’ project in four local venues across the Coalfield area, supporting residents to get online and access services. During the past year 286 residents have been supported with digital access, 39 of whom have either accessed accredited training or moved into employment. The project’s delivery has been continuing to grow and with COVID restrictions lifting new clients are accessing the facilities resulting in favourable outcomes. The project continues to be delivered from a wider range of venues across more days, this has seen an increase of new participants. The project</p> |

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| | <p>supports local residents in their use of IT in a wide range of ways, such as helping participants to produce and update their CVs and doing job search, offering information, advice and guidance on a wide range of topics and making referrals to other services if appropriate and supporting clients in using IT and the different Microsoft programmes including Excel to equip them with the necessary skills in a digital age. Although project participants have access to laptop and PCs which are provided, some also bring personal devices and are supported to use them.</p> <p>The July Neighbourhood and Community Board will consider the progress and performance of the two Neighbourhood Fund projects and assess the ongoing need for digital support within the Coalfield community.</p> |
| Parks and Play Areas | <p>An outline plan has been developed for Rectory Park to include lighting of all footpaths in the park, installation of new play equipment, new signage, replacement bins and benches, improvement of the water fountain and horticultural improvements. Working in partnership with Environmental Services, a programme of works will be planned with the support of three apprentices who are gaining experience within a number of parks in the Coalfield area. Discussions with the Bloomin' Marvellous volunteer group and Friends of Rectory Park are ongoing to ensure collaborative and partnership working for the benefit of the community. Once the lighting has been installed, other works will be scheduled.</p> <p>Following discussions at the March Neighbourhood and Community Board a draft design for upgrade to the Old Durham Road play area has been agreed. Further details and a request for funding is contained in Item 4 Budget Report.</p> |
| Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage | <p>To celebrate 200 years of the Hetton Colliery Railway, the Stephenson Trail project, a joint initiative with Sunderland West and East Area Committees, is underway. A Steering Group for the project developed an action plan which is progressing well. There are two elements to the project a) Culture, Arts and Education, b) Environmental Improvements. In partnership with Cultural Spring a series of community projects are underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Resource Pack • Banners and Flags • Music programme • Photography project • Immersive coal mining stories and oral histories • Trailmarkers project • Community Exhibition • Community celebration event <p>Working with Environmental Services, Highways and local organisations, improvements such as removal of vegetation, tree and shrub pruning, painting of railings and seats and tarmac repair has been carried out. A full update on all works will be given to the Steering Group at the next meeting.</p> |

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| | <p>A Stephenson locomotive and tender artwork project, funded by Area Committee and managed by the Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park, manufactured from Corten weathering steel is now complete. The artwork has been installed alongside the limestone track on Lyons Wildflower Meadow where it will be easily visible and accessible to all park visitors and users of the Stephenson Trail, providing an insight into the areas past and associated cultural heritage. It will provide an additional visitor attraction in the park encouraging visitors to spend more time in the park and associated Lakeside Cafe. The Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park, in partnership with Springboard and local volunteers arranged an unveiling ceremony which was attended by pupils from local schools.</p> <p>The theme for this year's significantly historic Houghton Feast is Platinum Jubilee. A request for funding for a community programme is contained in Item 4 Budget Report.</p> |
| <p>Provide Support to the Voluntary and Community Sector</p> | <p>The Voluntary and Community Sector Network, Chaired by the Vice Chair of Area Committee, continues to meet monthly to share information and give support to local organisations across the area. At the May meeting of the Network, two new representatives to Area Committee were selected by the Group.</p> <p>Funding opportunities are promoted through the Network and there are a number of funding requests for support contained in Item 4 Budget Report.</p> <p>The development of the Voluntary Sector Alliance (VSA) is progressing and continues to develop and grow. The VSA is now in the process of exploring various models of governance for its future operations. The Community Support Worker for the Coalfield area is available to support local groups with funding, governance, training etc....</p> |
| <p>Improve Local Greenspaces</p> | <p>At the last meeting of the Neighbourhood and Community Board, discussions took place regarding development of a proposal for improvements to New Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground. Meetings have taken place to discuss the development of a Trust to manage the site and this will be taken forward alongside environmental improvements. Costs are being explored for improvements to the club house and changing facilities, reinstatement and protection of the class A football pitch, a community orchard and wildflower meadow, and repair/infill of boundary shrub hedging. The July 2022 Neighbourhood and Community Board will further discuss and report progress/requests to the September Area Committee.</p> <p>Heritage funding has been secured for the first phase of the LinkTogether project, jointly delivered by Durham Wildlife Trust (DWT) and Sunderland City Council. To ensure a smooth transition from development to delivery phase, a request for funding is being proposed at Item 4 Budget Report.</p> |

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| <p>Support for children and young people – Youth Clubs</p> | <p>The Coalfield Healthy and Active Teens (CHAT) programme, delivered by 5 local organisations has provided 146 young people aged 13-19 with the opportunity to access a range of activities including football, gym sessions and outdoor pursuits such as canoeing, either free of charge or for a nominal £1 fee. This has resulted in majority of those young people sustaining their involvement in organised physical and sporting opportunities for the benefit of their health.</p> <p>The Coalfield Youthie Project, delivered by Community Opportunities in each of the four wards, has engaged with 659 children and young people over the last year. The project has delivered at least two youth sessions per ward per week at a variety of indoor and outdoor venues, appropriate to the needs of the young people. Of the young people engaged 273 have received information, advice and guidance on a range of issues and subject areas. Outreach work has also been delivered on a number of occasions, at locations determined by issues arising in the community at any given time. The project has recently reviewed activity and new locations and delivery options are being trialled. More information will be provided by the project Lead Agent, Community Opportunities, at the Area Committee meeting.</p> <p>Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board will discuss project performance and future provision of support for children and young people at their next meeting.</p> <p>Following a Call for Projects to deliver Holiday Activities for children and young people there are 11 projects recommended for approval to this meeting. Further information contained in Item 4 Budget Report.</p> |
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5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery contained within **Annex 1**
- 5.2 Note the Area Committee Governance arrangements for 2022-2023 outlined in **Section 3 and Annex 2**
- 5.3 Note the Year in Numbers outlined in **Section 4 and Annex 3**
- 5.4 Note the Communications Plan outlined in **Section 4 and Annex 4**

- Annex 1 Coalfield Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023
- Annex 2 Neighbourhood and Community Board Terms of Reference
- Annex 3 Year in Numbers
- Annex 4 Communications Plan

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Coalfield Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the Coalfield area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Coalfield Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

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

It is now the responsibility of Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and which will form the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.

NB: numbers are for reference only, they do not list priorities in order.

| Neighbourhood Investment priority | | |
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| 1 Tackle Empty Properties | | |
| Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better housing</i> | | |
| Action | Next Steps? | |
| Explore the feasibility of implementing a time limit on how long properties can be boarded up. | Request an update on current delivery in the area from the Empty Property Team and invite officers to attend a Board meeting | Officers from Housing Services gave an update to the February 2022 N&C Board meeting about the range of functions within the service, including: Private Rented Sector - Officers work in partnership with Private Landlords to tackle poor property standards to improve management practices via a range of measures including accreditation, private sector leasing and deposit guarantee. Empty Homes - Officers work to tackle empty homes and return them back into sustainable occupation across the City. Further information regarding number of empty homes and strategies to improve problematic areas were discussed. |
| Explore all types of enforcement powers to improve neighbourhoods | Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services. Request update on enforcement reporting and feedback | The Enforcement Task and Finish group received updates from a number of officers on the various enforcement powers available. Actions by Environmental Enforcement and ASB teams has taken place, including the removal of a number of nuisance/derelict caravans which were causing a blight on neighbourhoods. An update was given to the February 2022 Board meeting regarding |

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| | | <p>additional resources for the Coalfield area including 2 fixed term enforcement wardens and 5 additional street watch cameras which will be deployed and monitored for a 6 month period with results being presented to the Board.</p> <p>To complement the work to date, and to encourage community ownership and resident participation, the N&C Board explored the development of a 'Clean it, Green it' project at the November 2021 meeting. Further information was requested and was presented to the February 2022 Board meeting. A recommendation to allocate a budget and develop a 'call for projects' was agreed at the March 2022 Area Committee. The Call went out via the VCS Network and VSA Alliance and applications received have been assessed against the project brief and scoring criteria. A recommendation is presented to the June 2022 Area Committee.</p> |
| <p>Improve the physical environment of areas with high levels of empty properties and transient tenants</p> | <p>Request information on what environmental services provide in terms of maintenance in problematic areas.</p> | <p>As above. The Environmental Enforcement team has employed a number of additional officers who can work across all areas to increase capacity in the Coalfield area. Housing services updated the Board at the February 2022 meeting and highlighted work they are carrying</p> |

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| | | out in areas with high levels of empty properties. |
| 2 Review derelict land and properties to further create green and cultural communities | | |
| Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods | | |
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| Request an update on derelict land and properties to Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board | Invite relevant officers to a future Board meeting to inform specific areas where Area Committee can provide additional resources | The Green Infrastructure programme (now re-named LinkTogether) will address some of the areas identified by Members. Other areas will be discussed at future meetings with the Local Services Manager. The Neighbourhood Fund environmental improvements project is delivering small scale projects to support this priority. Housing services updated the Board at the February 2022 meeting and highlighted work they are carrying out in areas with high levels of problematic properties |
| Carry out environmental improvements at Flintmill Park and other identified greenspaces | Invite the lead on the Coalfield Green Infrastructure Strategy to attend Area Board in order to explore further project development | A request for funding for £200,000 Neighbourhood Fund to deliver environmental improvements was approved by the December 2021 Area Committee as part of the Link Together project. This will be used as match funding for a project application for almost £1m which has been submitted to the Heritage Fund. Funding for the development phase of the project has now been approved by Heritage Fund and an application is presented to the June 2022 Area Committee for additional |

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| | | funding to bridge the gap between development and delivery phases. |
| <p>Look at open and green spaces across the wards where derelict land, where not identified for other use, can be improved and/or used for community activity</p> | <p>Invite the lead on the Coalfield Green Infrastructure Strategy to attend Area Board in order to explore further project development</p> | <p>A report has been provided identifying a number of green spaces which can be improved or enhanced to encourage increased community use including Keir Hardie field, Newbottle and Barnwell field. Other sites have been assessed and projects will be developed using the information provided. The LinkTogether project is designed to engage local people and encourage community use.</p> <p>The N&C Board explored the development of a 'Clean it, Green it' project at the November 2021 meeting. Further information was requested and was presented to the February 2022 Board meeting. A recommendation to allocate a budget and develop a 'call for projects' was agreed by the March Area Committee</p> <p>It is recommended that the application made by Springboard is approved at the June 2022 Area Committee meeting. It meets the project brief and will work with a number of local organisations.</p> |
| <p>3 Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood</p> | | |
| <p>Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</p> | | |
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| <p>Consider dealing with unsightly caravans, unroadworthy cars and advertising vehicles taking up space on grass verges</p> | <p>Set up Enforcement Task Group to consider all enforcement powers the Council have. Invite relevant officers to discuss where Area Committee can influence and add value to current services</p> | <p>Actions by Environmental Enforcement and ASB teams has taken place, including the removal of a number of nuisance/derelict caravans which were causing a blight on neighbourhoods.</p> <p>An update was given to the February 2022 Board meeting regarding additional resources for the Coalfield area including 2 fixed term enforcement wardens and 5 additional street watch cameras which will be deployed and monitored for a 6 month period with results being presented to the Board. The council 'report it' system should be used to report any incidents of ASB or environmental damage. Resources are deployed in areas of highest reporting and therefore it is important that all residents ensure reporting is carried out.</p> <p>An officer has been employed to deal with nuisance and abandoned vehicles</p> |
| <p>Continue the multi agency approach to large and ongoing fly-tips at the former Forest Estate, Easington Lane</p> | <p>Invite relevant officers to provide information to the Task group (above) and continue to feed into LMAPS</p> | <p>The multi agency action at this site is ongoing. LMAPS continue to monitor and take action to maintain improvements. Although there have been some successes in terms of prosecution/fines/vehicle removal it is difficult to obtain evidence on which to tackle the issue entirely. Senior Council officers are in discussion with other land owners to identify a</p> |

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| | | strategic partnership solution to the issue |
| 4 Bloom Activities and Supporting Residents to Grow Their Own | | |
| Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their community</i> <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i> | | |
| Request further information regarding 'Gateway' improvements and how Area Committee may be able to enhance/further develop plans | ACDL to request further information on planned 'Gateway' improvements | Information on 'gateways' to the area is being gathered and will be presented to the Neighbourhood and Community Board and future Area Committee to identify actions |
| 5 Transport routes and parking issues in residential and local shopping areas | | |
| Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Great transport and travel links</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City More and better housing</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i> | | |
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| Work with Gentoo to explore solutions to parking issues on some estates | | Gentoo have worked with residents to deal with parking issues on an estate by estate basis. |
| Work with colleagues to ensure adequate parking is provided on new housing estates | | This is part of the planning process and will be considered, as and when, developments are in the planning stage. |
| 6 Highways, pavements and street lighting | | |
| Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> | | |
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| Consider possibility of removal of derelict planters and replace or pave over (e.g. Gravel Walks/Stanley Street area, Houghton) | Invite Highways officers to an Area Board meeting to discuss | A number of local schemes, identified by the N&C Board, are planned or underway, as part of the Neighbourhood Fund Environmental Improvements project, including clearing, re-planting and re-instating concrete planters around the Gravel |

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| | | Walks area. The work commenced at the beginning of March 2022. The concrete planters in and around Gravel Walks have been planted with shrubs and bedding to improve the environmental aspect of the area. Despite a number of attempts to vandalise the area, the Local Services Team have reinstated damaged plants and encouraged residents to report any further damage |
| Progress the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) programme within the Coalfield area. | Highways colleagues developed and implemented a programme of 8 signs, deployed across 31 sites on a 3 month rolling programme. | The September 2021 Area Committee approved funding to purchase a further 4 vehicle activated speed signs (VAS) (one for each ward) to deploy in areas where there is a concern, from residents and members, that vehicles are speeding and causing safety issues for pedestrians and other road users. All Coalfield Sunderland Councillors receive a quarterly report containing analysis of results and future rotations. |
| 7 Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes | | |
| Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i> | | |
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| Explore the feasibility of installing additional/improved signage at key locations | Request further information from the PROW Officer on current footpath and cycleway signage to inform next steps | New signs have been installed at Hetton Park. The Stephenson Trail Task group will identify footpath and cycleway signage requirements on the route |

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| Support renewal of bins in Hetton Lyons Country Park (and other areas where relevant) | Request location and condition information of rubbish/dog bins in parks to inform next steps | An audit has been carried out on the condition of bins. Bins will be replaced in Hetton Lyons Country Park as part of a Citywide programme. |
| Support the improvement and increased use of Hetton Park | Request further information on the future plans for Hetton Park to inform next steps and the potential development of a park management plan | Following consultation (between July and November 2021) regarding Hetton Park , the initial designs have been revised to take in comments and views of the community and respond to consultation feedback. New signs and bins have been installed. Work to address drainage issues has been carried out, a community orchard has been planted and new seating will be installed in the coming months. |
| Support improvements in Rectory Park, Houghton le Spring | Set up a Task group with ward members and partners. Allocate capital funding to assist improvements | Area Committee has allocated £100,000 for improvements in Houghton Rectory Park . Consultation was carried out between October and December 2021. A project steering group has been formed to consider the results of the consultation and develop a park plan. The top suggestion for improvement was lighting in the park. An audit has been carried out and a lighting plan with costs presented to the steering group. The March 2022 Area Committee approved funding of £35,000 as a contribution to the total cost of lighting the park. Ducting work will be carried out during June 2022 and the delivery of lighting columns is expected by late |

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| | | <p>June/early July. Costings to improve the fountain, including installing a filter will be presented to the Steering Group and N&C Board once received.</p> |
| <p>Provide additional, accessible, play equipment in key parks across the Coalfield area</p> | <p>Invite Assistant Director of Environmental Services to an Area Board meeting to discuss condition survey, future plans and areas where Area Committee can add value to planned provision</p> | <p>A condition survey of all fixed play sites has been carried out and information was presented to the November 2021 Board. Available budgets are being worked on to discuss feasibility of enhancing planned works to include accessible equipment. The Assistant Director of Community Resilience will attend the next N&C Board meeting to discuss future developments.</p> <p>Keir Hardie play area is now complete, despite a number of set backs due to criminal damage and vandalism during installation. The area will be monitored for ASB.</p> <p>Improvements to the play area and installation of a skate park at Easington Lane Flatts is now complete and was well received during the Summer Holidays.</p> <p>Improvements to Rectory Park play area will be carried out as part of the wider park plan.</p> <p>A draft design to upgrade Old Durham Road play area has been agreed. A request for funding to</p> |

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| | | contribute to improvements is presented to June 2022 Area Committee. |
| 8 Digital Learning Resources | | |
| Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> | | |
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| Implement the next phase of the Neighbourhood Funded Digital Inclusion programme to enable support to residents within the community | ACDL to develop project brief and invite applications via the VCS Network | <p>The Coalfield Communities Connected project, delivered by Springboard, provides 1-2-1 and small group support to local residents who require advice or help with anything digital. The service has now been expanded to additional local venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday ELCAP • Tuesday Houghton Library • Wednesday ShARP • Thursday Houghton Racecourse CA |
| Develop a 'loan' scheme to provide IT equipment to children and young people who do not have computers at home. | Funding was approved at the March 2021 Area Committee to purchase devices for loan. | Hetton, Kepier, Biddick and St Roberts schools now have the equipment in place and are allocating to pupils resident in the Coalfield area. |
| 9 Shopping Centres and Local Businesses | | |
| Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i> | | |
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| Encourage use of Shop Local and using smaller traders in the community | Build on the support for local business messages developed during lock-down. Promote the benefits of local shopping. | The work of the Coalfield Community Hub (a partnership between Sunderland City Council and a range of VCS partners) has promoted the |

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

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

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| Explore opportunities for Elemore Golf Course e.g. community farm, community forest and space for mini-festivals, training and apprenticeships. | Set up a Task Group to explore vacant properties and feasibility for future use for cultural and leisure activity. | Sunderland City Council has set up a project group to protect and develop the site, now known as 'Elemore Park'. It is proposed to develop the club house and the greenspace area for the benefit of the local and wider community as a location of natural and historic importance. March Area |

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| | | <p>Committee approved a sum of £100k to support the planned work. The project group continue to meet regularly to develop and implement the agreed action plan. Ecology surveys have been completed and designs for the building and the site have been drawn up, in preparation for a planning application. A visitor centre, horticultural activity and a coffee shop, as well as walks, wildlife activities and educational provision, are part of the proposals for development. School and community action days including bird watching, tree identification and tree planting have taken place</p> |
| <p>Explore the feasibility of creating a heritage centre at the former Philadelphia Depot</p> | | <p>Area Committee approved a project to carry out a condition survey of the building. The final survey results have now been reviewed by the N&C Board and passed on to Northern National Restoration Group (NNRG) who currently occupy the building. NNRG can now use this document, along with their business plan to plan next steps for the group, and the building.</p> |
| <p>Identify vacant sites and their current and future use</p> | <p>Task and Finish Group members to identify any other key sites for discussion</p> | <p>The Group discussed the currently underutilised building in Herrington Country Park, and the potential for future use. Funding was agreed by Council to develop the building and an outline design for a café has been drawn up by Design Services</p> |
| <p>11 Job Opportunities and Job Clubs</p> | | |

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| Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> | | |
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| Support local residents with employment-related information and training in local venues via VCS organisations | Set up a Task Group, and liaise with VCS partners, to explore what is currently available and where additionality can be provided to enhance support locally | Initial discussions with Springboard have taken place and a Task and Finish group meeting will be arranged to take this priority forward as part of year 3 of this plan |
| Provide relevant information to support small and artisan business and encourage development of CIC companies where appropriate | | |
| Support residents back into employment and maximise job opportunities | | |
| 12 Social Prescribing and Reducing Social Isolation | | |
| Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i> | | |
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| Continue to provide affordable wellbeing activities to reduce social isolation and improve health (e.g. Zumba, dance fit, walking football etc...) | Area Board to discuss allocation of Neighbourhood Fund via a Call for Projects to the VCS Network | <p>The Coalfield Community Hub partners are supporting residents to take part in activities and services across the area. A network of partners, working with the Coalfield GP Alliance social prescribing team, offer a range of social and community support to those who need it</p> <p>A City Council funded Covid 19 Mental Health and Wellbeing project is being delivered in the Coalfield area by 5 organisations who have</p> |

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| | | <p>come together to form a 'mental health partnership'. One element of the project is telephone befriending. A number of Neighbourhood Fund projects were approved at the June 2021 Area Committee and have now commenced activities to engage and support local residents, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Down at the Pit • Men's Shed at Elba Park • Our Day Out • Coalfield Singing Project • Penshaw Pals |
| <p>Provide befriending and welfare support to local residents via telephone, facetime or 1-2-1 in person</p> | <p>Area Board to discuss allocation of Neighbourhood Fund to address this priority</p> | <p>The Coalfield Community Hub, set up in response to the Covid 19 pandemic, has continued to provide befriending support and keep in touch calls to residents who require them. Neighbourhood Fund projects including Our Day Out and Encouraging Participation include an element of befriending support.</p> <p>Happy to Chat benches have been created in Hetton in partnership with Hetton New Dawn. This is the first of a series of identified seating across the City to invite people to take time to chat to others. Signs will be installed in Houghton ward in partnership with The Old Rectory, and in Shiney Row ward in partnership with ShARP</p> |
| <p>13 Enhance Local Greenspace and encourage wider use</p> | | |
| <p>Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their communities</i></p> | | |

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| Explore the expansion of green gyms and adult exercise equipment in parks | ACDL to request further information from colleagues in Sport and Leisure | Equipment has been installed in Hetton Lyons Country park. Other venues will be explored if a need is identified |
| Consider the improvement and promotion of local greenspaces, not identified for other use, for community activity | Invite the lead on the Green Infrastructure Strategy to discuss with the Area Board to inform next steps | The N&C Board will further develop this as part of the LinkTogether project |
| Look into improved signage for footpaths and cycle routes | Discuss as part of the Green Infrastructure Strategy | This is being developed as part of the wider LinkTogether project. New signage for Hetton Bogs has been installed |
| 14 Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services within local community venues as well as host community events/activities | | |
| Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their communities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Business growth and investment in VCS</i> | | |
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| Continue to provide funding opportunities to local organisations via the VCS Network | All funding opportunities (internal and external) to be circulated to the VCS Network via information sharing from the Area Team | A regular bulletin including information sharing and funding opportunities is circulated to all VCS Network members. The VCS continue to be supported by the Area Committee, the Community Hubs receive on-going support and the VCS Network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities. Regular VCS Network meetings and contact with VCS Representatives to Area Committee ensure that views and input are incorporated into project ideas and actions. |

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| | | <p>The retirement of one of the VCS Representatives left a vacancy which was promoted at the November 2021 and March 2022 meetings. Nominations have been invited and the group will select a rep at the next meeting.</p> <p>At the May 2022 meeting of the VCS Network meeting two new representatives to Area Committee were selected by the Group.</p> <p>Sunderland City Council continue to support a thriving voluntary sector and is a key partner in the VCS Alliance which is set up to support and build capacity in the sector.</p> |
| <p>15 Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</p> | | |
| <p>Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i></p> | | |
| <p>Action</p> | | |
| <p>Support the development of the 2 year Neighbourhood Funded Youth Activity project</p> | <p>ACDL to monitor the project closely, ensuring members have the opportunity to feed in views/proposals to the lead agent (SNCBC)</p> | <p>A two year programme of youth support is currently being delivered by Community Opportunities. Clubs and activities for 11-19 year olds are being delivered twice a week in each ward. This year, to date, 65 sessions have been delivered, with 105 unique participants attending.</p> <p>The Coalfield Area Committee funded CHAT programme offers physical activity sessions for 13-19 year olds. The programme</p> |

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| | | includes a Teen Gym at Hetton Wellness Centre and Houghton Sports Centre, and twice a week evening football for a nominal charge of £1 per session. |
| Explore the development of a responsive service that can deal with problematic areas as they arise | Set up a Task group to look at ASB prevention and longer term strategies | The NF youth project is designed to respond to areas of need/concern and provides outreach work in those areas. The ASB Task and Finish group met in February 2022 and discussed the need for more proactive and partnership working. A proposal to fund an additional ASB Officer for the area was agreed at the March 2022 meeting of Area Committee. A job role is being developed and a recruitment exercise will be carried out to appoint an additional officer. |
| Support activities for children and young people during school holidays | Based on consultation, Coalfield Area Committee made a Call for Projects for local groups and organisations to deliver a series of 'activity with food' sessions during school holidays from July 2021 to May 2022. | A total of £37,431 was allocated to 8 projects across the Coalfield area. During the Summer 2021 and October half term 2021 holidays a total of 76 sessions were delivered to 556 children and young people aged 4-14. This programme is now coming to an end and the N&C Board recommended development of a Call for Projects. The recommendations for approvals are presented to the June 2022 Area Committee |
| 16 Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together | | |
| Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods | | |
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| Develop long term strategies, with partners, for dealing with ASB | Set up a Task group to look at ASB prevention | Following a meeting of the ASB Task and Finish group, the Board received further information regarding current initiatives and services available to tackle ASB across the area. It was agreed that a proposal to fund an additional ASB Officer to strengthen a proactive and partnership approach would be brought to Area Committee and recommend approval of an application for funding |
| Explore the feasibility/benefits of setting up a boxing club in Hetton | | Potential premises are currently being explored and Council Officers are working with Councillors to liaise with England Boxing to gather more information |
| 17 Preserve and celebrate local heritage | | |
| Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i> | | |
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| Explore opportunities to celebrate Hetton Railway 200 year anniversary | Area Co-ordinator to discuss with other areas of Sunderland, who have also identified this opportunity | A Stephenson Trail Task and Finish group with members from the Coalfield, East and West areas has developed an action plan and each of the three Area Committees have approved £50k funding. In February 2022, the Stephenson Trail Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which identified environmental and physical improvements required. Working with Council services and partners the Task Group is developing an action plan to improve the route of the trail. |

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| | | The Cultural Spring will deliver an Educational programme and are engaging with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The Schools in the Coalfield area (St Michaels, Hetton Primary, Easington Lane Primary) will work with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which will be shared with other Primary Schools within the City. In addition, there is an array of community activities on offer during 2022, which include: way markers competition; song writing; banners and flags project; photo competition; oral history recordings; pop up gigs across the Summer months |
| Support the development of a commemorative mining statue/memorial on the old Houghton Colliery site | ACDL to liaise with Development Director of Land and Investment to explore how Area Committee can enhance proposals for the site | Further to approval of £50,000 at the December 2020 Area Committee, the artwork for the site was agreed, and has been included in the planning application which was approved at the November 2021 Development Control meeting. Further options for a mining memorial plaque are being explored. |
| Explore the feasibility of creating a mining 'map' on the paving of the new retail development at Houghton | | As above |
| Continue to support local events and celebrations via Neighbourhood Fund | Celebrate 100 year anniversary of Easington Lane memorial clock which was unveiled by Lord Joicey on 27 August 1921 | The event took place on 28 August 2021 |

Neighbourhood and Community Board – Terms of Reference

The Neighbourhood and Community Board is a working Board of the Area Committee for the delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan – Delivery Plan.

Membership and Role

Chair

- The Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is also the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Should the Vice-Chair be unable to chair the Board, the Board will be chaired by the Area Committee Chair
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each item will be set in consultation with the Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area Committee priorities / Neighbourhood Delivery Plan.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the Neighbourhood Community Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

Elected Members

- Attendance of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is open to all Ward Members
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that Neighbourhood and Community Board activity is based upon evidence of need and opportunity.

Support Officers

Relevant Council Officers - will attend the Board as the link between their service and the business of the Board, as and when required.

Designated Area Community Development Lead– supports the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board in delivering priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network and wider partners where relevant.

Governance Officers - will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times /venues and action points.

Frequency

Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates included in council diary. If required, the Board may

convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan.

Reporting Arrangements

The Neighbourhood and Community Board will report four times per year to the Area Committee (meetings are held in June, September, December and March) through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board, assisted by the designated Area Community Development Lead.

Remit of the Neighbourhood and Community Board

The remit of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is to:

- Respond to all priorities in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation of plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Ensure that the use of Area Committee resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and support the delivery of the City Plan at a local level and as detailed in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Work with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure the delivery of the City Plan at a local level and as detailed in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest, Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital to the Area Committee for approval.

The Board has no formal decision-making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Committee. Where necessary, a majority vote will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

Coalfield

Neighbourhood Investment Plan covering the wards of Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row



Our year in numbers



637 people participated in services and support to improve digital skills



39 people moved into further training or employment, following 1-2-1 digital support.



7,240 adults accessed activities and services to improve mental and physical wellbeing



6,502 local residents who are older, lonely or vulnerable accessed supported transport services



252 youth sessions for 11-19 year olds have been delivered across all wards



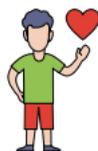
209 adults supported in relation to accessing and managing Universal Credit benefits



361 residents of all ages took part in Community Loco Project workshops, celebrating 200 years of Hetton Colliery Railway



103 older or isolated residents supported to live more independent lives



38 additional volunteers supported Community Chest funded projects



1,280 children and young people attended youth clubs, advice and support to improve wellbeing and develop life skills



27 Neighbourhood Funds awarded, totalling **£537,715**



33 Community Chest Funds awarded totalling **£40,495**.

Coalfield

Neighbourhood Investment Plan covering the wards of Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row



Area Committee's Communication Plan Report April 2021 to March 2022



61

Good news stories promoting Area Committee's work



142

Facebook posts promoting Area Committees, VCS and Partners work



145

Campaigns pushed out across the community



770

Residents participating in consultation events



126830

People 'reached' via Social Media



48

Opportunities to access funding streams promoted



38

Groups received support to secure additional funding into the Area



13

Volunteering opportunities promoted

15 June 2022

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Coalfields Committee area from 1st April 2022 to 6th June 2022 compared to the same period last year in 2021.

2 Background

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

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 01 & 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

Deliberate property fires, had an increase of 33% from last year. Operational crews and prevention education department continue to target our most vulnerable residents with targeted safe and well visits. TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Sunderland city council, Gentoo and other Local Authority partners have been working in partnership to reduce these incidents with continued targeting of problematic areas and focussing activity in these areas. The reporting of any empty/void property which may be accessible has assisted in improving these figures.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 8 incidents reported during this period compared to 12 for the same period last year. 4 of the fires were in the Houghton ward – no significant pattern. Hetton saw a decrease compared to last year, a reduction of 83% from 6 incidents to 1. Shiney Row reduction of 50%, and Copt Hill remained the same. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police regarding any further similar incidents to help identify trends and perpetrators. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links.

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

There has been a decrease of 14% overall in secondary fires. The service has launched the Report-It tool for the reporting of fly tipping and loose refuse. All personnel have now been trained and are utilising daily. During this report period TWFRS attended 49 deliberate secondary fires. Compared to 57 over the same period last year. Shiney Row saw a 60% decrease, Copt Hill 40% decrease, and Houghton 16% decrease on the number on incidents attended compared to the same reporting period as last year. Hetton remains the ward experiencing the greatest number of deliberate secondary fires within the coalfields area. The multi-agency HALO project along with other collaborative working will hopefully assist in tackling some of the hot spot areas. LMAPS Partner work groups continue to monitor all wards. The continued collaborative work to prevent, reduce, investigate and help improve the wards regarding deliberate ASB and fire setting.

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

There were a total of 57 deliberate fires in this reporting period. This is a decrease of 17% compared to the same reporting period last Year. This is due to improvement across all wards. TWFRS continue to work closely with Northumbria Police, Sunderland city council, Gentoo and partners carrying out estate and site visits, ASB patrols, reporting of accessible premises, and using the Report-it for removal of loose refuse/fly tipping. Using data to target areas in most need of support to try and reduce ASB and secondary fire incidents.

Copt Hill Ward - Has seen a decrease from 15 incidents to 10, during this period. Incidents over this period are predominately loose refuse and grass fires. 2 Vehicle fires compared to 4 last year were within this ward, TWFRS are working with Northumbria police to monitor and identify any trends/patterns/underlying issues. School Road initiative with partners is continuing to monitor and share information to help reduce ASB and improve local area

Houghton Ward - Has seen a decrease from 21 to 18 incidents over this reporting period. Grass and loose refuse/fly tipping remains problematic. – Hot spot field off Mulberry way/Cherry way

Hetton Ward - Has seen a 3% reduction in incidents. Deliberate grass fires and loose refuse remain problematic. Hetton ward remains an area of concern. HALO project has carried out some joint partnership initiatives which will hopefully continue to deliver a positive impact.

Shiney Row Ward - Has seen a 60% reduction in incidents over the reporting period. Loose refuse/fly tipping is the main cause of incidents.

3.6 Community Involvement

HALO project has given an opportunity to bring partners together to deliver success, empower and improve the local area. Based on the highly successful SARA project we as a service continue to support the project and have been involved with some great community work already. Nidderdale Avenue initiative supporting local community centre drop in sessions and fire safety ASB targeting local hot spots.

Princess trust from Farrington looking to do community project with the HALO team June 2022 TBC

All other opportunities where crews are available to support and attend community events they shall continue to do so. Partnership initiatives will be welcomed and considered for attendance/support. 2022 hopes to welcome an increased number of visitors to the Fire Stations, as restriction improve allowing small community group to re-engage with the service.

The service continues to deliver safe and well visits targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities ensuring they are given home fire safety advice, have working smoke alarms and fitting them free of charge and if necessary referring to partner agencies for further support. Since April crews have already delivered 189 Safe & well visits to households across the Coalfields area.

3.7 On-going Issues

Crews from Rainton community fire station have begun targeting primary schools – recently attending Hetton Lyon's primary school delivering fire safety, ASB and discussing attacks on crews.

Continuing to work with partners being proactive to help reduce incidents as highlighted in the report.

Attacks on emergency services are on the increase across the Tyne and Wear service area. Fire safety/ASB school talks are in the process of being arranged, targeting Houghton Kepier and Hetton Comp. Work with Inspector Passey and his team to carry out joint education sessions with our local schools continues to be developed with the intention of reducing the number of attacks on blue light responders and reduce ASB.

It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Andrew Nelson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action with my crews. Each of my watches have been given ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). This is not just about ASB fires but all deliberate fires.

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

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network Report

The Coalfields VCS Network have met on 2 occasions since the last Coalfields Area Committee. The meetings have taken place at Easington Lane Community Access Point and have been well attended. The meetings have been chaired by Councillor Juliana Heron and have been co-chaired by the Coalfields VCS Representatives.

The network has welcomed speakers as detailed below.

May 2022

Due to the guest speaker having to postpone their presentation, we had only one agenda item which allowed a lot of the groups to provide an update about their projects and forthcoming activities.

Area Committee Call for Projects

Pauline Hopper shared with the group that there was an Area Committee Call For Projects

Holiday Activities - Pauline shared the news that £40,000 was available to be allocated for delivery of Holiday activities from July22-May23. Each application up to the value of £5,000 was available and should cover at least 6 sessions during the summer holidays, 2 x during October half term, 1 x February half term, 2 x in Easter holidays and 1 x in May half term, therefore each award would cover delivery of 12 sessions.

Clean it Green it – A budget of £100,000 was available to establish this environmental project. The project has two main elements:

1. Clean & tidy green space
2. Engage with community groups to coordinate and support them to make the spaces useable

The project would work in full partnership with Sunderland City Council Environmental Services Manager to develop an education element of the programme. The project will run for 2 year and be led by a programme manager. The project will be responsible for planning and facilitation clean ups across all Coalfields wards as well as educating and delivering environmental messages.

24 individual VCS projects were represented at the meeting.

April 2022

Elemore Park presentation delivered by Helen Peverley (Sunderland City Council)

Helen provided an overview of the development of Elemore Park on the site of the former Elemore Golf Club (and prior to that Elemore Colliery). Plans for the site were shared with the group including a café, heritage/education centre and garden centre/nursery within the building. The intention, longer term, is to establish a trust for the site. Helen thanked Margaret Smith from Friends of Herrington Country Park for advice and support regarding requirements for setting up a group.

Stephenson Trail presentation delivered by Emma Horsman (Cultural Spring)

Emma's presentation on the development of an education and art project to celebrate 200 years of the Hetton Colliery Railway which carried coal from Elemore to the staithes at the River Wear. She informed the group about the various opportunities to be involved in community activities.

VCS Representative to Coalfield Area Committee

Two candidates for the role, Emerly Christie from the Old Rectory and Amy Swan from Active Families, each gave a short presentation to the group, outlining why they would like to represent the VCS Network. A vote took place and a discussion followed as to how to select the candidate after each nominee received the same number of votes.

The network agreed to ask Emerly and Amy if they would be willing to share the role. They each bring a range of attributes and strengths, and the group could not decide between them. This was agreed and Emerly and Amy will share the role.

24 individual VCS projects were represented at the meeting.

The Coalfields VCS network continues to be well attended with approximately 35 groups regularly taking part in meetings.

The Coalfields VCS network would like to take this opportunity to thank Sunderland City Council – Coalfields Area Committee for their ongoing support and providing funding opportunities for local VCS groups and organisations.

VCS Representatives

Wendy Cook, Community Opportunities

Eileen Bewick, ShARP

Amy Swan, Active Families

Emerly Christie, The Old Rectory

| COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE 15 June 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I | |
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| Title of Report: Coalfield Area Budget Report | |
| Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience | |
| Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests. | |
| Description of Decision: Committee are requested to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1. (b) Approve the one Neighbourhood Fund application from a previously aligned budget set out in Section 2.3 and at Annex 1 (c) Approve the 4 Neighbourhood Fund applications from 2022/23 budget as set out in Section 2.4 and Annex 2 (d) Approve the 11 Neighbourhood Fund applications for ‘Holiday Activities for Children and Young People’ set out in Section 2.5 and Annex 3 (e) Approve the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme application set out in 3.4 and Annex 4 (f) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022 and 2022/2023, as detailed in Annex 5 and Annex 6 | |
| Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes | |
| Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation £439,200 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £208,039 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2022/23 to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area. | |
| Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered. | |
| Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No | Relevant Scrutiny Committees: |
| Is it included in the Forward Plan? No | |

15 June 2022

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Coalfield Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2022/2023:

| Project Name | Committee Date | Aligned | Approved | Balance |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Total Neighbourhood Fund for 2022/2023 is £439,200 (357,946, plus £81,254 unspent balances returned to budget) | | | | |
| Project Name | | | | £439,200 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Balance | | | | £439,200 |

2.2 Coalfield Area Committee currently has £439,200 Neighbourhood Funding available for capital and revenue projects.

2.3 There is one application to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee following a Call for Projects agreed at the March 2022 Area Committee and with funding already aligned from the 2021/22 budget. Detail in **Item 4 Annex 1**

- Clean and Green Coalfield Springboard £100,000

2.4 There are 4 applications to the 2022/23 Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration, detailed at **Item 4 Annex 2**

- Centre Refurb and Improvements Shiney Row CA £3,790
- Championships of Great Britain Houghton Brass £4,420
- LinkTogether – bridging the gap Durham Wildlife Trust £18,500
- Houghton Feast Community Programme Sunderland City Council £10,000

2.5 Following a Call for Projects to deliver activities during school holidays, 15 project applications were received. The applications were assessed and scored against the project brief and scoring criteria. The eleven projects totalling £47,075 detailed at **Item 4, Annex 3** are recommended for approval.

2.6 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£183,785, with £100,000 being approved from a previously aligned budget, and £83,785 from the new 2022/23 allocation.** If approved, the remaining balance will be **£355,415**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 – 2023

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

| Project Name | Committee Date | Budget Returned | Budget Aligned | Budget Approved | Balance |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Starting Balance for 2020/2023 | | | | | £500,000 |
| Festive Lighting Project | 15.07.20 | - | - | £10,000 | £490,000 |
| Mining Heritage Project | 09.12.20 | - | - | £50,000 | £440,000 |
| Shiney Lighting | 17.03.21 | - | - | £5,961 | £434,039 |
| Elemore Greenspace | 17.03.21 | - | - | £100,000 | £343,039 |
| Improving Rectory Park | 17.03.21 | - | - | £100,000 | £243,039 |
| Lighting up Rectory Park | 16.03.22 | - | - | £35,000 | £208,039 |

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

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

3.4 There is one request for funding presented to this meeting, as detailed in **Annex 4**.

- Old Durham Road play area Sunderland City Council £35,000

If approved the remaining balance will be £173,039

4. Community Chest

4.1 A list of Community Chest approvals from the 2021/22 budget is shown in **Annex 5**

4.2 For 2022/23 Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row wards have been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest will be moving online to make it easier for Groups to access the funds, however, if Groups need digital support Area Arrangements will provide it to ensure inclusivity. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

4.3 The table below details the Community Chest current budget position for 2022/2023. **Annex 6** shows the approvals supported to date for 2022/23.

| Ward | Start Balance for 2022/2023 | Project approvals since April 2022 | Grant Returned | Balance |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Copt Hill | £10,000 | £0 | | £10,000 |
| Hetton | £10,000 | £0 | | £10,000 |
| Houghton | £10,000 | £466 | | £9,534 |
| Shiney Row | £10,000 | £0 | | £10,000 |
| Total | £40,000 | £466 | | £39,534 |

5. Recommendations:

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1.
- (b) Approve the one Neighbourhood Fund application from a previously aligned budget set out in Section 2.3 and at Annex 1
- (c) Approve the 4 Neighbourhood Fund applications from 2022/23 budget as set out in Section 2.4 and Annex 2
- (d) Approve the 11 Neighbourhood Fund applications for 'Holiday Activities for Children and Young People' set out in Section 2.5 and Annex 3
- (e) Approve the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme application set out in 3.4 and Annex 4
- (f) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022 and 2022/2023, as detailed in Annex 5 and Annex 6

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Neighbourhood Fund Proposals

Following a Call for Projects to deliver a Clean it, Green it programme across the Coalfield area, to improve areas of greenspace across the whole area and involve members of the community and volunteers to help maintain the improvements. Applications received were assessed and scored against the project brief and scoring criteria. The following project received the highest score. It is recommended for approval from the previously aligned £100,000 Neighbourhood Fund budget.

Application No. 1

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Fund |
| Name of Project | Clean and Green Coalfield |
| Lead Organisation | Springboard |

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total cost of Project | Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £109,000 | £9,000 | £100,000 (previously aligned) |

Project Description:

Working in partnership with Community Opportunities, who have led similar projects in other areas of the city, Springboard intend to utilise our strengths and deliver the project in the following way:

Environmental Improvements

Working closely with existing services and local stakeholders; local elected members, Gentoo, Police, TWFRS and HALO project we will work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact. This will be balanced across the whole area to ensure a fair distribution of projects are undertaken within the time available. There will be a blend of low level litter picking and community clean up engagement activities to more intense works that require mechanised support, strimmer's, grass cutters, chippers or rotavators. We have the skills and tools to provide a strong starting point and together with Community Opportunities we will foster community ownership of the newly renovated areas to continue to look after and maintain them in the ways they have been shown.

Working with Communities and Partners

To date we have consulted with those listed in the partnership working below and we will consult with communities and partner organisations using our collective links in the different wards of the Coalfield. Examples will include the Elemore Project and identifying which areas were identified in the 'Lets Talk Elemore' consultation, from there we can plan an integrated approach, supporting local groups to take lasting action in their areas. New areas of priority will be added to as the project develops and the main stakeholders will feed into this at regular intervals, coordinated by the programme manager. With our partner Community Opportunities, we will be working with associations, community and resident groups to create solutions with them, empowering them and their users to be involved and continue to be integral to their improvement and maintenance beyond the 2 year life of the project.

Improving the Visual Appearance of the Coalfield

Together with partners and in particular our horticulture trainees we will make visual improvements to identified areas and dramatically improve them so that there is a clear change in a short period of time. We will do this by using our powered machinery as well as expertise in training people on their use. Once an area is in a better state it is less of a challenge to maintain for local resident and volunteer groups. We will carry out adjustments to areas where possible to minimise the ongoing workload. Litter and fly tipping are key contributing issues for the decline in Coalfield areas, educating people on these messages is key to success in this project.

We will employ a programme manager 4 days per week to lead the programme supported by Community Opportunities who will employ a volunteer and engagement facilitator on a part time basis. The roles will include adopting and managing agreed shrub beds and open green spaces as well as paths and tracks. We grow plants from HLCP and have links with garden centres who donate plants; we also receive plants from environmental services that are end of season which we re-pot and reuse. We will also be encouraging groups to follow the 'Incredible Edible' ethos which supports

groups to create opportunities for growing produce in their communities. As a starting point we will use some of the adopted shrub beds to grow community herb gardens.

Our strength is our ability to train and inspire people in horticulture, cleansing and grounds maintenance. Our trainers and assessors will be running accredited training for people who would like to take the lead locally; our 'Clean Green Champions' will allow them to train new recruits as they are recruited once the project is established and for the future sustainability.

All volunteers will be supported to develop skills and funnelled through a pathway to ensure that they are safely inducted into the project, understand what the plan is and are assessed verbally and practically to ensure they are involved in appropriate activities for their ability. Both of the staff involved will supervise closely and coach participants on technique and coach any practice that is not correct. At the start of each session participants will be given a tool box talk refreshing regular attendees of safe use. The groups will be involved in risk assessment both from a health and safety point of view and also environmentally as well.

Alongside the improvements we will provide local residents with information and education on the work that is going on as well as ways to be involved. The education element will reduce the decline in local amenities by informing residents of the types of behaviour that are negative for their area. Free and low cost ways of disposing of waste by the City Council, identifying genuine waste disposal operators as well as charities that recycle furniture and upcycling to avoid items going to landfill. These educational messages will be delivered in person with those who engage face to face but also by localised leaflet/flyer distribution and also targeted social media posts both organic and paid ads from Springboard's marketing team. This will involve working with Primary and Secondary schools in the Coalfield to organise for pupils to attend workshops on waste management and recycling and also taking direct action supporting our community clean up days.

There will be many success stories on the journey of this project and we intend to celebrate those both online via social media but also in print in our regular newsletter catch ups. We will also talk with local press to ensure that people in the community are recognised for the work that they do.

We will be creating an equipment bank for use by groups which will be based at Hetton Lyons Country Park, in our secure equipment store. This will be added to our kit log to ensure it is maintained and safety checked at the correct intervals as well as to monitor its use and location. This will be monitored by the programme manager to ensure it is fairly distributed, used by volunteers who have been through the volunteer pathway and signed off as competent. We have allowed for natural damage / breakage and maintenance into the budget. The project aligns with the cities low carbon framework by being directly in the communities it is serving.

To summarise, by building on our existing partnerships and expertise in horticulture training we will deliver this project to the whole Coalfield, with the aim of leaving a lasting impact with a sustainable legacy.

All work will be arranged in close co-ordination with Julie McBurnie and her team. Any changes to areas will be pre agreed and will support their work and be sustained by volunteer groups. Some work will allow environmental services to complete their regular work more easily and may enable the ongoing routine maintenance to be added to their schedule only if capacity allows.

There will be positive implications for the SCC environmental services team, they will have additional capacity by the Clean and Green project taking on some of the work load that currently falls to them. The high standard of our work is proven, we have achieved the Green Flag award consistently at Hetton Lyons Country Park since 2012.

We will be replicating our current process with the environmental services team that is tried and tested at HLCP.

There are a range of groups both formal and informal across the Coalfield that already exist that are a variety of shapes and sizes. We will be working with as many of these groups as we can so not to duplicate good work that is already going on. Where we can, we will support these groups to create a wider and more sustained impact and offer them access to training, equipment and people.

Community Opportunities will be our main partner in this project, we have discussed plans and integrated approaches with The Chief Executive and Community Manager to complement our strengths. CO will be creating volunteering links and opportunities with local groups and residents; they have experience of similar projects in other parts of the city.

Consultation has taken place with the following groups who have agreed to work in partnership:

Groundwork, Durham Wildlife Trust, Gentoo, ELCAP, ShARP, Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park, Elemore Country Park Project, HALO, Mindful Walks NE, Hetton Wombles, Shiney Row Community Association, Penshaw Community Centre and Community Garden, Friends of Herrington Country Park

The project will deliver the following outputs over a 2 year period

| Data Field | Output Target |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| A Dynamic Smart City Output | |
| number of low carbon initiatives supported | 12 |
| number of Adults moved into Employment or undertaking training | 20 |
| A Healthy Smart City Output | |
| number of community cleans up carried out | 36 |
| number of litter picks carried out | 400 |
| tonnage of waste cleared from neighbourhoods | 80 |
| amount of greenspace sites improved by area (m2) | 8000 |
| Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it | 600 |
| A Vibrant Smart City Output | |
| number of volunteers recruited and participating | 130 |
| number of external organisations involved or supported | 16 |

Recommendation – Approve. The project meets the objectives of Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Priority ‘Improve Local Greenspace’

Neighbourhood Fund Proposals

Application No. 1

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Fund |
| Name of Project | Shiney Row CA Centre Refurb and Upgrade |
| Lead Organisation | Shiney Row CA |

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total cost of Project | Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £7,580 | £3,790 | £3,790 |

Project Description:

We would like to seek funding to assist us to upgrade the heating system within the centre as there are currently three old gas blow heaters that are quite expensive to run. We intend removing the gas heaters and will be replacing them with modern air conditioning units that provide heat and cold air when required. Also, after removing the old gas heaters, we will then remove the gas supply from the centre thus only having one energy supplier to pay instead of two.

To make the centre more attractive to the local community in regards using the facility for the likes of children's birthday parties etc we would also like to refurb the kitchen as again the equipment is now over 20 years old. We hope to replace the main electric hob and oven, purchase new toaster and microwave oven and then ideally either upgrade the kitchen unit doors or replace the kitchen units altogether.

Once the works has been completed the centre will place a new sign on the outside of the property advertising that the building is a Community Centre as no such sign exists at the minute. We will then hold an open day promoting the Martial Arts and the Camera Club to see if we can gain any new members. We are also hosting new play and youth sessions during the summer holidays and weekly from then on, delivered by Community Opportunities who will also use our centre for training purposes.

Additional signage and posters will be placed in the windows of the centre advertising the centre for children's birthday parties etc.

It is hoped to also attract some of our elderly community by seeing if we can attract some users during the day to the centre by setting up afternoon teas or a cards and dominoes afternoon etc. We currently have an indoor bowling mat and bowls that are not being used, we will advertise this equipment also as may get some takers.

The Camera Club will use social media platforms to also advertise the centre, and again hopefully attract some of the younger generation that use social media on a daily basis.

Recommendation – Approve. The project meets the objectives of Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Priority ‘Support voluntary and community sector’

Application No. 2

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Fund |
| Name of Project | Championships of Great Britain |
| Lead Organisation | Houghton Brass |

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total cost of Project | Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £7,420 | £3,000 | £4,420 |

Project Description:

Houghton Brass is a community brass band affiliated to the town of Houghton-le-Spring. The majority of the players live in the Coalfield areas of Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row. Established in 1983, the band enjoyed one of its proudest moments in their history in 2015 when they were crowned

national third section champions at the finals of the National Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham.

Since then, Houghton Brass have progressed up the brass band rankings and are now in the first section, just below the highest level of playing – the Championship section. In March 2022 at the North of England Regional Brass Band Championships the band were placed second in their section meaning they qualified to compete at the national finals in Cheltenham this September, competing against some of the best bands in Great Britain.

Whilst this is an exciting prospect and opportunity, it is also a very expensive one. The band is self-funding and opportunities to raise money during the last two years during the Covid-19 pandemic have been challenging. The trip to Cheltenham means we need to raise funding to support the costs of coach travel, accommodation for two nights and the competition entry fee.

The funding will mean that the band can participate in the national finals and represent the North-East of England and in particular the Houghton/Coalfields area. The band feel proud to be able to do this with the majority of players being born and bred here. Sadly, many local brass bands have disappeared over the last 10 years due to the inability to secure sustainable funding to meet the costs of competing in competitions such as this one. Houghton Brass are successful in their self-funding efforts to secure income to pay for running costs, however, the costs associated with competing in the national finals are significant and we would not be able to participate without financial support.

Houghton Brass work in partnership with many local partner organisations for example ELCAP, local churches and more recently we have been in discussions around supporting The Stephenson Trail Music Commission. The band often provide musical entertainment for free or to cover costs only as a way of giving something back to the community. Should this funding application be successful, the band would be prepared to play a full concert for Sunderland City Council at some point in the future if that is something you'd like to consider.

Recommendation: Approve. The project meets the objectives of Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Priority ‘Support voluntary and community sector’

Application No. 3

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| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Fund |
| Name of Project | LinkTogether Bridge the Gap |
| Lead Organisation | Durham Wildlife Trust |

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| Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £1,880,079 for both development and delivery phases | £18,500 |

Project Description:

The partnership between Sunderland City Council and Durham Wildlife Trust has been successful in securing funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for the one year development phase of the Link Together project. A Development Manager will be appointed and employed by Durham Wildlife Trust who will lead the project on behalf of the partnership.

During the Development phase, the Development Manager will set up a project executive group and a wider steering group with representatives from interested partner organisations and community groups.

The project will work with local groups within the area and will focus on the following Council-owned sites within the Coalfield:

- Former Elemore Golf Course site – supporting the Elemore Park Development Team, undertaking environmental works that will focus on improved grassland, woodland, wetland and carr development;
- Elemore Vale Local Wildlife Site – Grassland and woodland management;
- Hetton Bogs Local Nature Reserve – undertaking wetland and woodland improvement within the SSSI and LWS and invasive species removal;
- Hetton Park – supporting ongoing Council work to improve natural features of the park, which may include additional grassland and woodland creation, flood storage and river naturalisation;

- Hazard Railway and Woodland – considering woodland thinning and glade creation, additional hedging and wetland features;
- Copt Hill LWS – further grassland and access improvement and considering options for flood mitigation;
- Hetton Lyons Country Park – improving grassland habitat and woodland management;
- Red Burn (Rainton Meadows) – improving burn, wetland and grassland features, and potential to reduce localised flooding;
- Flint Mill (between Dubmire and Burnside) – creating a wildlife stepping stone, improving woodland, grassland and wetland;
- Keir Hardie Street, Fence Houses – enhancing greenspace for biodiversity and neighbourhood use;
- Herrington Burn at Shiney Row – improving burn, grassland and woodland features, and flood mitigation;
- Success Railway LWS – improving wildlife and access arrangements along former rail corridor;
- Herrington Country Park and Herrington Burn (Penshaw) – improving a wildlife stepping stone and grassland features.

The Development Manager, in collaboration with the Link Together partnership, will prepare and submit the application to the NLHF for the two year delivery phase. During the development phase, the Development Manager will build up links with local groups from the VCS network and run taster activities at various places such as walks and taster practical sessions. Link Together will have built up momentum and expectation amongst local people. It is really important for the project's long term success that this not lost during the period between submitting the application and receiving the decision. Therefore, DWT, in partnership with Sunderland Council, are seeking funding to maintain the Development Manager in post during this period. The Development Manager will continue to work with local groups to raise awareness about greenspaces, start to deliver some small scale activity on site and continue to build up contacts and network in the local area. They will play an active role in supporting ongoing projects such as the development of Elemore Park, the Coalfield Clean it Green it Project and work with members of the VCS network on greenspace projects. Keeping the Development Manager in post will reduce the risk of delays to the start of the delivery phase, maintain project momentum and help to meet local expectations.

Recommendation: Approve. The project meets the objectives of Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Priority 'Improve local greenspace'

Application No. 4

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| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Fund |
| Name of Project | Houghton Feast Community Programme |
| Lead Organisation | Sunderland City Council |

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| Total cost of Project | Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £10,000 | £0 | £10,000 |

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 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 2022 event is Houghton Platinum Jubilee Feast. The community events and displays will be focused around this theme, incorporating key information and activities.

A total of £10,000 is requested to deliver the programme. This will be 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 and 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 Area Community Development Lead on behalf of Houghton Feast Steering Group and Area Committee.

Recommendation: Approve. The project meets the objectives of Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Priority 'Celebrating Local Events'

Holiday Activities for Children and Young People 2022/23

Following a Call for Projects via the Coalfield VCS Network and Voluntary Sector Alliance, fifteen project applications were submitted. Following assessment and consultation, the 11 projects outlined below are recommended for approval. All projects will provide activities for children and young people during Summer 2022, October 2022, February 2023, Easter 2023 and May/June 2023 school holidays. Each project will deliver at least 12 sessions over this period.

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| Holiday Activities | Active Families | £4895 |
| 12 x 4 hour sessions delivered outdoors where possible (predominately Hetton Lyons CP), with the option to use Hetton Primary School for poor weather days. Target group is 6-11 year olds – each session can accommodate 20 children. Activities include kangoo bounce, archery, football, treasure hunts and green gym activity. Team building, social interaction, communication skills will be taught by qualified health and wellbeing practitioners as part of the activities, improving physical and mental wellbeing. Food and refreshments will be provided by Sunderland School meals service, bottled water and healthy snacks also available. | | |
| Copt Hill Holiday Zone | Community Opportunities | £4129 |
| 12 x sessions delivered at Houghton Racecourse CA and Kirklea Field in Copt Hill. The target group is 8-13 year olds, with each session able to accommodate 15 young people. Out of area trips will also be arranged e.g. to the beach, Beamish or other location in consultation with the children/young people. Activities such as arts and crafts, board games, cooking, outdoor play, treasure hunts, looking after green spaces and nature trails will be delivered. Qualified youth and play staff and sports coaches will deliver sessions and one member of staff will be a trained mental health practitioner. This will assist with improving mental, as well as physical wellness. Food and refreshments will be provided. Sessions will be open to all young people within the target group and be promoted weekly via the Play and Youth facebook page and via VCS Network contacts. | | |
| Hetton Holiday Zone | Community Opportunities | £4129 |
| 12 x sessions delivered at Flatts Youth Centre and Flatts Playing Field in Hetton ward. The target group is 8-13 year olds, with each session able to accommodate 15 young people. Out of area trips will also be arranged e.g. to the beach, Beamish or other location in consultation with the children/young people. Activities such as arts and crafts, board games, cooking, outdoor play, treasure hunts, looking after green spaces and nature trails will be delivered. Qualified youth and play staff and sports coaches will deliver sessions and one member of staff will be a trained mental health practitioner. This will assist with improving mental, as well as physical wellness. Food and refreshments will be provided. If Community Opportunities are successful in securing HAF funding the sessions will be amended from 1 session per week during the final two weeks of summer holidays to 3 sessions per week. Sessions will be open to all young people within the target group and be promoted weekly via the Play and Youth facebook page and via VCS Network contacts. | | |
| Houghton Holiday Zone | Community Opportunities | £4129 |
| 12 x sessions delivered at Houghton Rectory Park and Houghton Blind Centre. The target group is 8-13 year olds, with each session able to accommodate 15 young people. Out of area trips will also be arranged e.g. to the beach, Beamish or other location in consultation with the children/young people. Activities such as arts and crafts, board games, cooking, outdoor play, treasure hunts, looking after green spaces and nature trails will be delivered. Qualified youth and play staff and sports coaches will deliver sessions and one member of staff will be a trained mental health practitioner. This will assist with improving mental, as well as physical wellness. Food and refreshments will be provided. Sessions will be open to all young people within the target group and be promoted weekly via the Play and Youth facebook page and via VCS Network contacts. | | |
| Shiney Row Holiday Zone | Community Opportunities | £4129 |
| 12 x Play sessions delivered at Shiney Row CA, Peshaw CA, Claremont Drive Field, and Barnwell Field in Shiney Row ward. The target group is 5-11 year olds, with each session able to accommodate 15 young people. Out of area trips will also be arranged e.g. to the beach, Beamish or other location in consultation with the children/young people. Activities such as arts and crafts, board games, cooking, outdoor play, treasure hunts, looking after green spaces and nature trails | | |

will be delivered. Qualified youth and play staff and sports coaches will deliver sessions and one member of staff will be a trained mental health practitioner. This will assist with improving mental, as well as physical wellness. Food and refreshments will be provided. If Community Opportunities are successful in securing HAF funding the sessions will be amended from 1 session per week during the final two weeks of summer holidays to 3 sessions per week. Sessions will be open to all young people within the target group and be promoted weekly via the Play and Youth facebook page and via VCS Network contacts.

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| Wild Green Days | DWT | £4920 |
| Wild Green Days will offer children and young people aged 8-16 the opportunity to discover wildlife and explore the environment through a mix of hands on and fun activities such as pond dipping, bird watching, bug hunting and nature trails. There will be team building, den building and campfire setting. The project will be delivered predominantly from Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve and will work in partnership with Springboard to run joint sessions at Hetton Lyons Country Park, teaching map reading skills during the walk between the two sites. 12 x half day sessions will be delivered, and a healthy lunch will be provided. Events will be open and accessible to all Coalfield residents and will be promoted via local schools, social media and through the VCS Network. | | |
| ABEL (All the Bairns in Easington Lane) Club | ELCAP | £1818 |
| 2 x sessions per week for 12 holiday weeks throughout the year, delivered at ELCAP, Easington Lane. A 2 hour cookery class for 5-11 year olds and their parents will take place on Fridays and can accommodate up to 12 children/families. One toddler session for up to 15 children will be delivered each Thursday. Both sessions will engage parents and provide a lunch and drinks for children. There will be a number of themed events such as pyjama week, beach week, Hawaiian week throughout the holidays. The opportunity will be promoted to Easington Lane and Hetton Lyons primary schools in the first instance and opened up to the wider community via facebook and other networks. | | |
| Elba Park Holiday Activities | Groundwork | £4970 |
| 15 fun, outdoor sessions will be delivered at ELBA Park during the year from July 2022. Activities will be delivered to up to 20 children aged 4-11 and be tailored to the season/weather. Additional sessions during summer will take advantage of better weather and will provide a mixture of crafts, sports and nature exploration. The project will work with partner sports and exercise coaches for some of the summer sessions. Nutritious snack packs will be provided and extra fruit and drinks will be available. The project will encourage families to use parks and green spaces across the area to be outdoors and enjoy nature and be adapted to meet any additional needs. Sessions will be targeted to Houghton and Shiney Row but be advertised across the whole area and open to any Coalfield families. Promotion will be via partner organisations and social media | | |
| Buddies Life Skills | Hetton Buddies | £4116 |
| Hetton Buddies will be providing activity sessions to children with additional needs and disabilities (aged 4-15) during school holidays. In addition to the usual Friday activities, the project will deliver 12 x 1 day sessions on Tuesdays, with a different theme each session. A safe space will be provided for SEN children to meet, play and socialise with similar children. Centre based delivery will take place at ELCAP, Easington Lane and will deliver e.g. Healthy Day – fitness instructor, smoothie maker and healthy food, Sports Day – games and challenges with sports related food, Taste the World – food from different cultures, flags of the world. Out of centre activities will be held with Gateway Wheelers at Rectory Park and a trip to South Shields park. Sessions will be open to local young people who have a disability or additional need and will be advertised on facebook and via the VCS Network contacts. | | |
| Early Years Holiday Programme | MBC Arts Wellbeing | £4900 |
| The project will deliver 12 fun, educational sessions to 10 children per group split into 2 age groups (4-7 and 8-11). A range of innovative activities will be delivered, including: visits to local shops to purchase items for cookery sessions, creating bowls using leaves collected in Rectory Park, making ceramic pumpkin herb pots, discovering bugs and creating bug hotels, creating healthy pizza, making money boxes and learning about money and saving. The project will be delivered predominantly in Rectory Park and the Old Rectory but promoted to all primary schools across the Coalfield. The project will be advertised using Coalfield social media and VCS Network contacts. | | |

| Active Adventurers | Springboard | £4940 |
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| <p>20 x 1 day sessions, predominantly in the non-winter months will be delivered to 10-14 year olds. The project will be based at Hetton Lyons Country Park and will accommodate 8 young people per day. Activities will be varied and include canoeing, kayaking, raft building, mountain biking and environmental activities. Young people will be signposted to groups where they can continue to be involved with activities they try and enjoy. Experienced coaches, instructors and teachers have a background in working with young people, often with challenging behaviours. Meals and snacks will be provided by the Lakes Café and also bushcraft 'backwoods cooking' will form part of some of the sessions. Young people from across the Coalfield area will be targeted via usual media and through VCS partners.</p> | | |

Summary and Recommendation:

It is recommended that the 11 applications above, totalling £47,075, are approved, subject to terms and conditions, including confirmation that all organisations have relevant training, health & safety, safeguarding and DBS requirements in place prior to any sessions being delivered.

Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme proposal

Application No. 1

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| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme |
| Name of Project | Old Durham Road Play Area |
| Lead Organisation | Sunderland City Council |

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| Total cost of Project | Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £68,000 | £33,000 | £35,000 |

Project Description:

The project will upgrade and renew the fixed play equipment at Old Durham Road play area in the Copt Hill ward. The multi play units will be painted and up to 7 new pieces of equipment will be installed. The new equipment will include an inclusive high backed swing, inclusive springie sit on, and an inclusive roundabout which will be accessible to wheelchair users. The safety surface will be replaced.

Recommendation: Approve. The project meets the objectives of Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Priority 'Improve parks, play areas and cycling/walking routes'

Coalfield Area Committee
15th June 2022
Community Chest Awards April 2021 to March 2022

| Copt Hill Ward Budget | £10,000 | | Approvals |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Hetton Juniors FC (3 wards) | 14.07.21 | | £667 |
| Houghton Feast Trust (all wards) | 15.09.21 | | £500 |
| 1 st Houghton Scouts (2 wards) | 12.10.21 | | £1,000 |
| Active Families | 12.10.21 | | £2,124 |
| Hetton New Dawn (all wards) | 15.11.21 | | £500 |
| Hetton Town Council (2 wards) | 15.11.21 | | £500 |
| Hetton Methodist Church (2 wards) | 26.01.22 | | £1,000 |
| Together for Children (3 wards) | 26.01.22 | | £1,000 |
| Philadelphia Cricket Club | 02.03.22 | | £1,000 |
| Eppleton Banner Group | 02.03.22 | | £1,000 |
| St Michaels Primary School | 02.03.22 | | £200 |
| Houghton Racecourse CA | 16.03.22 | | £140 |
| Coalfield LGBTQ+ support group (Joint with Houghton) | 31.03.22 | | £369 |
| Remaining balance | | - | £0 |
| Hetton Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Hetton Juniors FC (3 wards) | 14.07.21 | | £667 |
| Houghton Feast Trust (all wards) | 15.09.21 | | £500 |
| Hetton New Dawn (all wards) | 16.11.21 | | £500 |
| Hetton Town Council (2 wards) | 16.11.21 | | £1,000 |
| Community Opportunities | 16.11.21 | | £2,138 |
| Hetton Methodist Church (2 wards) | 26.01.22 | | £1,000 |
| Together for Children (3 wards) | 26.01.22 | | £1,000 |
| Hetton Primary School | 02.03.22 | | £2,180 |
| Hetton Buddies | 02.03.22 | | £1,000 |
| Remaining balance | | - | £15 |
| Houghton Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Hetton Juniors FC (3 wards) | 14.07.21 | | £667 |
| Houghton Feast Trust (all wards) | 15.09.21 | | £500 |
| St John's, Fencehouses Community Hall | 15.09.21 | | £900 |
| SCC CCTV column | 15.09.21 | | £1,650 |
| 1 st Houghton Scouts (2 wards) | 22.10.21 | | £1,000 |

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| Hetton New Dawn (all wards) | 17.11.21 | | £500 |
| Kepier Trust | 17.11.21 | | £500 |
| Chilton WI | 16.12.21 | | £502 |
| Together for Children (3 wards) | 26.01.22 | | £1000 |
| Gilpin WI | 04.02.22 | | £288 |
| St Andrews, Fencehouses | 04.02.22 | | £500 |
| St Andrews Community Team Spirit | 29.03.22 | | £450 |
| Old Rectory Dance Club (Acumen Building) | 29.03.22 | | £331.50 |
| Coalfield LGBTQ+ Support Group (Joint with Copt Hill) | 31.03.22 | | £1,211.50 |
| Remaining balance | | - | £0 |
| Shiney Row Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| St Aidan's Community Group | 17.09.19 | £519 | - |
| New Herrington Bowls Club | 28.05.21 | - | £1250 |
| Herrington FC | 14.07.21 | | £500 |
| St John's Community Food | 14.07.21 | | £1,000 |
| Trinity Community Hall | 05.08.21 | | £800 |
| Houghton Feast Trust (all wards) | 15.09.21 | | £500 |
| Shiney Row Primary School | 15.09.21 | | £500 |
| Monument View (TfC) | 15.09.21 | | £1000 |
| Hetton New Dawn (all wards) | 15.11.21 | | £500 |
| Penshaw Community Association | 13.12.21 | | £800 |
| Shiney Row Male Voice Choir | 18.01.22 | | £500 |
| Wear Stitchers | 18.01.22 | | £500 |
| Friends of West Herrington | 18.01.22 | | £160 |
| Friends of Herrington Country Park | 02.03.22 | | £800 |
| Shiney Row CA | 29.03.22 | | £700 |
| New Herrington Banner Group | 29.03.33 | | £1,000 |
| Remaining balance | | - | £9 |

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| Copt Hill Ward Budget | £10,000 | | Approvals |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Remaining balance | | - | £10,000 |
| Hetton Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Remaining balance | | - | £10,000 |
| Houghton Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| HOPE (Houghton Older People's Enterprise) | 13.05.22 | | £466.30 |
| Remaining balance | | - | £9,533.7 |
| Shiney Row Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Remaining balance | | - | £10,000 |

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields)

Between 01/05/2022 and 31/05/2022

| Reference | Address | Proposal | Date Valid | Target Date for Decision |
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| 22/00908/AGR | The Hemmel10 Over The Hill Farm SteadingsHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4NY | Erection of an agricultural building to store winter fodder. | 03/05/2022 | 31/05/2022 |
| Copt Hill | | | | |
| 22/00946/FUL | 11 Mill HillHoughton-Le-SpringDH5 8NJ | Extend existing driveway by 1m and replacement block paving (RETROSPECTIVE). | 09/05/2022 | 04/07/2022 |
| Copt Hill | | | | |
| 22/00826/SUB | Land AtHigh LaneNewbottleHoughton-le-Spring | Erection of steel portal frame agricultural building, to provide shelter for livestock and storage for bulk feed and bedding. | 12/05/2022 | 07/07/2022 |
| Copt Hill | | | | |
| 22/01111/FUL | GrovesideGillas Lane WestHoughton-Le-SpringDH5 8JX | Erection of detached garage to replace existing. | 24/05/2022 | 19/07/2022 |
| Copt Hill | | | | |

| Reference | Address | Proposal | Date Valid | Target Date for Decision |
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| 22/00921/FUL Hetton | Land South Of Redburn RowRedburn RowHoughton-le- Spring | Change of use of agricultural land to create extensions to private gardens and driveways for dwellings in development approved via planning permission ref. 21/00483/FUL. | 05/05/2022 | 30/06/2022 |
| 22/00621/FUL Hetton | Land To The Rear Of 21 South Hetton RoadEasington LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0LG | Change of use from agricultural to equestrian use with erection of new residential dwelling and stable block with associated parking and creation of new access (Amended plan received 06.05.2022) | 06/05/2022 | 05/08/2022 |
| 22/00990/PCG Hetton | Stephenson HouseRichard StreetHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le- SpringDH5 9HW | Change of use from offices (Use class E) to 8no. residential units (Use class C3) | 11/05/2022 | 06/07/2022 |
| 22/00964/FUL Houghton | 21 Sidings PlaceHoughton-le- SpringDH4 6BF | Change of use of open space to private garden. | 27/05/2022 | 22/07/2022 |
| 21/02600/FUL Shiney Row | Wood VillaAlice Well VillasCoxgreenSunderlandSR4 9JU | Erection of a roof top balcony to front and 2no. juliet balconies to first floor rear elevation. Raised decking area, jetty and pergola to front. | 16/05/2022 | 11/07/2022 |