

## COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 6:00pm

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### Membership

Cllrs Blackburn (Chairman), Cunningham, Heron (Vice Chairman), Johnston, Lawson, N. MacKnight, Rowntree, Speding, Thornton, Turner and G. Walker.

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**Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

**7<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

**At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on  
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2020 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Cunningham, Heron, Johnston, Lawson. N. MacKnight, Rowntree, Speding, Turner and G. Walker

**Also Present:-**

Louise Butler	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Jill Colbert	Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services	Sunderland City Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Neighbourhood Investment Plan Project Manager	Sunderland City Council
Kay Rowham	Councillor	Hetton Town Council
Christine Tilley	Community Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting introducing himself, the Vice Chairman and Officers supporting the meeting.

Prior the start of the formal business, the Chairman made reference to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had had on communities in the Coalfield area, the pain and sorrow felt by those who had lost loved ones, as well as the acts of kindness shown in looking after one another.

The Chairman thanked key workers, Councillors, partners and volunteers on the work they had done to support Coalfield residents. He paid tribute to the Voluntary and Community Groups which had supported the Council such as ELCAP, Be Active and Be Fit, Loaves and Fishes, Space4, SNCBC, the Bethany Centre, SHaRP, Hetton New Dawn and St John's at Shiny Row, for their efforts in working with the community throughout the pandemic.

## **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Kevin Burns, Station Manager Tyne and Wear Fire Service, Wendy Cook, Paul Finch, Ellen Bewick and Christine Willis, Area Network Representatives, Debbie Hall, Environmental Services Manager, Sunderland City Council, Inspector Nick Gjørven, Northumbria Police and Michael Donachie, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group.

## **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Ms Kay Rowham, Councillor of Hetton Town Council indicated that she had some small points which she had made at the last meeting, together with the responses she had received to those points, which she would like to be included in the minutes of the meeting. Ms Rowham proceeded to detail the comments for inclusion.

Mrs Christine Tilley, Community Governance Services Team Leader, advised the Committee that the minutes were not a verbatim record of the meeting, they included key points and were a record of the decisions made.

Councillor MacKnight responded to a couple of the points made by Ms Rowham and asked that his responses be recorded in the minutes should Ms Rowham's points be included.

The Chairman invited Councillors to indicate whether they supported the proposed amendments to the minutes.

Councillor Speding commented that he agreed with the Clerk to the Committee's report, that it was not a verbatim record and that he accepted the report in full.

The Chairman having asked all Members of the Committee if they were in agreement with Councillor Speding and Members unanimously having indicated that they accepted the report; it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Supporting our Communities and Finalising Neighbourhood Investment Plans**

The Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture submitted a joint report (copy circulated), which advised the Coalfield Area Committee of the next steps, following Cabinet approval in March 2020, of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans, which took into consideration the additional priorities required to support Sunderland through to recovery post Covid-19.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Helen Peverley, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Project Manager, presented the report drawing Members attention to the background to the development of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans. She advised that Members had received the papers in respect of the priorities for the Coalfield Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan as part of the agenda for its Committee meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Unfortunately, that meeting had been cancelled in accordance with Government advice in respect of the coronavirus pandemic. Ms Peverley pointed out however that Members had received papers by email which highlighted the exact content of the Coalfield Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan prior to it being approved at Cabinet and the content of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan was determined following a significant consultation exercise with all of the residents across the city and working very closely with the voluntary and community sector.

Ms Peverley stated that once the Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved by Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, which had been one of the last meetings to physically take place at the very start of the lockdown, it was due to the relationship with residents and the voluntary and community sector that they had been able to take immediate action at the start of the pandemic.

Ms Peverley briefed the Committee on the establishment of the community hubs from 24 March and the support received from the Voluntary and Community sector on this which she stated had been outstanding and she highlighted how effective they had been in supporting residents. Ms Peverley advised that they had worked in partnership with GP Alliance colleagues to support those residents who were shielding in the city throughout the pandemic to date. A leaflet had also been dropped into every household across the city highlighting the help available to residents and how to volunteer if they wanted to help. She advised that within days there had been over one thousand residents in the city volunteering to help.

Ms Peverley referred to the weekly reports Members had been receiving advising of the work the hubs had been undertaking. She advised that the work of the hubs continued and they were supporting residents as their needs changed, particularly those who were becoming unshielded and were feeling vulnerable as a result.

Ms Peverley briefed the Committee on the funding support provided to Voluntary and Community Associations by the Area Committee and the work done to help them access any Government support grant.

Ms Peverley advised of the further resident consultation carried out as they had finalised the Neighbourhood Investment Plans and the questions which were being asked detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report.

Ms Peverley advised of the Member Workshop being arranged to discuss the detail of the Coalfield Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, review the priorities, identify any gaps in provision and determine where Members wanted to invest as an Area Committee moving forward. She provided Members with a summary of residents' views. Ms Peverley stressed the importance of reflecting on the Area Community Hubs and what had been learnt from their delivery over the last few months.

The Chairman thanked Ms Peverley for her report and asked if Members had any questions or comments.

Councillor Rowntree commended the report and commented that she was delighted to see the Neighbourhood Investment Plan being put in place as someone who had advocated wider community involvement in the Area Committee's priorities. She was also pleased to hear of the tracker system which would also encourage community involvement.

Councillor MacKnight also commended the report and paid tribute to Ms Hopper, Area Community Development Lead, Coalfield for heading up and co-ordinating a lot of the work done in the community and making the job much easier. The community had been mobilised in so many ways, Councillors had been involved distributing food parcels, providing help and support to the elderly and the vulnerable; a lot of which had been coordinated through Ms Hopper and the Area Hub. As a community the area had pulled together exceptionally well, so credit was due to everyone involved.

Councillor Speding echoed the comments of previous colleagues concerning the efforts of the VCS and Council officers who had worked well together through the pandemic. Councillor Speding commented that business support in the city had been tremendous, however there were a small number of businesses that hadn't been able to make use of the support being offered and had not understood what the process was and enquired whether information on business use and take up of the support available could be included in the report.

Ms Peverley stated that she was keen to get the details from Councillor Speding after the meeting on those businesses which had not be able to take up the support available in order to get them connected up to the Business Team.

Ms Peverley advised that an update on how businesses had been supported could be provided at the workshop.

Councillor Lawson commended the report which paid tribute to everybody in the Coalfield and Officers who had helped the most vulnerable in communities and also had shown how to engage with people who wanted to do more. Councillor Lawson stated that it was important as stated in the report, that the Committee thought about how to say thank you to all of those people.

Councillor Lawson commented that a lot of the people who volunteered for the Council were helping to support people within the health services and she asked was there any coordination between all of those thousands of people who volunteered to help the NHS and how that fitted in with what was happening in the community hub.

Ms Peverley advised that the NHS volunteer programme was a completely separate programme and the Council was unable to influence who volunteered for that programme, however a resident could choose to volunteer for the Council as well as the NHS. A lot of residents were working across both platforms as they had been furloughed or really want to help and weren't being asked immediately. Ms Peverley advised how volunteers were assigned and how they were looking at a communications plan with residents and asking how they could tap in more with the NHS Volunteering Scheme to make it as easy as possible to refer residents into the NHS hub.

Councillor G. Walker also commended the report and advised the Committee of the work he had been doing with the Joint Leadership Team and the Cabinet, referring to an initial report he had shared and to the work done at neighbourhood level which took account of this, especially of the need to address the economic imbalance and increase wealth in localities and communities at a local level, as well as the need to align the existing City Council strategies such as the Cooperative Council Strategy, the Community Wealth Building Strategy and the Health Inequalities Strategy. Councillor Walker commented that the report was going in the right direction and that he looked forward to the workshop so as to be able to make a number of detailed points in this respect.

Ms Rowham referred to the themes in the Coalfield Neighbourhood Plan and commented that she was pleased to see lots of things that were going to be actioned which the residents of Hetton had reported lots of times to Hetton Town Council as being what they wanted in the town.

Ms Rowham referred to the ninth theme listed in the report, 'Residents Value their parks but think they could be improved and used more'. She stated that she had hoped that a representative of Gentoo would have been present at the meeting as there was a particular issue she wanted to ask them about, which was a very detailed proposal to build 86 homes on green space next to the park at Cragdale Gardens.

The Chairman advised that the above issue was not included on the agenda for the meeting that evening and therefore this was not the place for discussion on the proposal Ms Rowham was referring to.

Ms Rowham commented that Gentoo seemed to be going against the above theme and that she had received correspondence from residents who lived at Cragdale Gardens asking her to ask the Coalfield Area Committee if she could read out a short letter at the meeting as they were looking for support.

The Chairman ruled that the point Ms Rowham had raised above could not be further discussed as the proposal she had referred to concerning Gentoo was not included in the agenda for the meeting that evening and it was not known whether it was the case that Gentoo was going against the theme.

The Chairman added that the Committee was not looking at the detail at the meeting that evening; the detail of the themes for the Neighbourhood Investment Plan would be looked at in future meetings where Ms Rowham would probably have the opportunity of raising whatever she wanted to raise. The meeting that evening was simply to agree the themes for the Plan.

Ms Rowham commented that she felt the Coalfield Area Committee needed to be made aware of the proposal by Gentoo.

Ms Jill Colbert, Chief Executive of Together for Children and Director of Children's Services commented that she wanted to reference the need to be clear that the Committee might need to reconsider some of the priorities that had been identified in the light of the impact of the pandemic. Ms Colbert explained that for example, within the priorities in the action plan, there were specific areas of work around skills, employment and education that would be heavily impacted by the restrictions that

people had experienced now for some considerable time and she referred specifically to the impact on apprenticeships.

Ms Colbert added that it was important to understand the impact on the Committee's priorities and its ability to drive the level of progress both Members and Officers would like, as despite best efforts, it was likely that people would be living with the financial and economic impacts of COVID 19 for many years to come.

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

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the contents of the report be noted and that the work undertaken through the Area Community Hubs to support residents during the COVID-19 pandemic be acknowledged; and
- ii) further resident consultation to finalise the detailed priorities for the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan, to be presented to the Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board in early July 2020, prior to a meeting of the Area Committee, be approved.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) BLACKBURN,  
Chairman.



15 July 2020

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF COALFIELD NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

### Area Committee Annual Update; Coalfield Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and Neighbourhoods and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020 / 2021

#### 1. Purpose of Report

##### 1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the 2019/20 Work Plan, including Neighbourhood funded projects.
- b. Presents the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- c. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020/21.

#### 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. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.
- 2.2 This report also provides an update for the Area Committee's previous work plan for 2019/2020, in addition to presenting the governance arrangements for the year 2020/21.
- 2.3 During the last year a number of discussions have taken place, including with Area Chairs, to consider the most appropriate governance arrangements and processes which would support effective delivery of the Neighbourhood Plans. In response to those discussions and other changes, the Area Committee now has a Neighbourhood and Community Board, which will usually meet monthly, attended by all Committee members, to ensure priorities are delivered throughout the coming months and years.
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will work hard, analysing intelligence, undertaking site visits and engaging with residents and partners, to ensure performance updates are presented to each Area Committee meeting, highlighting the action taken, key areas of influence/ achievements during that period and making recommendations to approve funding.

#### 3. Update of 2019/20 Coalfield Area Committee Work Plans

- 3.1 The 2019/20 Coalfield Area Committee Work Plan is attached at **Item 2 Annex 1** and provides an update on performance. Any remaining actions within the Coalfield Area Committee Work Plan have been incorporated into the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan.

#### 4. Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023

- 4.1 Following the approval of the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan at Cabinet in March 2020, no-one could have anticipated the impact the Coronavirus (COVID-19) would have across the world. The Area Arrangements service, who were working directly with elected members and Area Committees to finalise the Investment Plan Delivery Plans,

were immediately mobilised into forming the Covid-19 Area Community Hubs, this was a full time role often involving late evenings and weekends to support our most vulnerable communities alongside our voluntary and community sector partners.

- 4.2 As the Covid-19 lock down began to ease in late May, the service was able to reflect on the learning from community hub delivery, as well as reconsult with residents using the Sunderland Let's Talk resident engagement methodology. This insight, then enabled officers to work alongside the Area Committee to finalise the Delivery Plan for the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The Plan is attached at **Annex 2**.
- 4.3 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the Coalfield area, 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 Communities Board.
- 4.4 Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at [sunderland.gov.uk](http://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.

## **5. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.
- 5.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their Neighbourhood Investment Plan, which was written in consultation with residents and partners. To enable the Area Committee to deliver their priorities, Delivery Plans have been developed.
- 5.4 The Delivery Plans form the work programme for the Area Committee for the coming months and years, and to enable the committee to work swiftly and efficiently, in partnership with both the sector and residents, Neighbourhood and Community Boards have been established and will replace the previous Area Place and People Boards.
- 5.5 The Neighbourhood and Community Boards will be the task and finish working group for the Area Committee and the board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings. The Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood and Community Board is attached at **Item 2 Annex 3**.
- 5.6 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 Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

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

Group	Elected Member Representatives
Coalfield Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S)	Cllr Juliana Heron
Coalfield VCS Area Network	Cllr James Blackburn – Co-chair
Children's Local Advisory Board	Cllr Juliana Heron

## 6. Recommendations

### 6.1 Members are requested to: -

- a. Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area Committee's Work Plan for 2019/20 attached as **Item 2 Annex 1**.
- b. Approve the Coalfield Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree to work together as a Committee alongside partners and the Voluntary and Community Sector to deliver the priorities within the Delivery Plan over the next three years. **Item 2 Annex 2**
- c. Note the Area Committee Governance arrangements for 2020/21 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 2 Annex 3**

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## COALFIELD Work Plan 2019/20

Area Priority	Actions	Progress
Support Traders groups in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row (and other areas where appropriate) to develop initiatives to increase footfall	Monitor and develop the current Retail Support project	The Retail Support project supported a number of activities and events across the three shopping areas including additional and improved planters and troughs, bunting and Christmas celebrations. The project has now ended and a balance of Neighbourhood Fund returned.
	Continue to support environmental improvement of the shopping areas	The remaining balance of Neighbourhood Fund has been reallocated to 'Environmental Improvements for the benefit of shopping areas', with the lead agent being the Area Community Development Lead, under the direction of the Board. <b>ONGOING</b>
Deliver educational, environmental and physical improvement projects to encourage communities to take pride in their local area	Support 'Friends of' groups and community groups to encourage local residents to get more involved in their local environment	Friends groups across the area have been supported to deliver community activities to get local residents involved. A Friends small grant scheme is available to any local group who have correct permissions and governance in place.
	Encourage local residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and continue to deliver 'Love Where You Live' activity	Residents, groups and volunteers continue to support the Love Where You Live Campaign and keep their neighbourhoods tidy. The continuation of this important work will be encouraged via the VCS network, local schools and in partnership with colleagues in Sunderland City Council
	Deliver an educational programme to all primary schools in the area via the My Space, Our Place project	The My Place, Our Space project is working with all 15 primary schools across the Coalfield area. Environment week will be delivered in each school to each year group and will include educational and practical sessions to encourage children and young people to take care of their own environment. The project is on hold until the new academic year <b>ONGOING</b>
	Research the feasibility of installing inclusive play equipment at specific sites to enable children with limited mobility to access play areas	This has been discussed at the last two Place Board meetings as part of the fixed play condition survey. An update was provided to the December Area Committee and a further update to the January 2020 Place Board. Inclusive equipment is being installed at Newbottle, King George V and Flatts play areas.
Celebrate and support long standing and historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities	Explore and deliver community projects with the VCS Network to engage local residents in cultural activity	The old pitwheel from Elemore Colliery has been installed at the entrance to the former mine. A number of VE Day 75 events and activities were planned but had to be postponed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.
	Continue to support Houghton Feast	The 2019 Houghton Feast was supported, once again, by Neighbourhood Fund. The plans for 2020 Feast are uncertain due to the Covid 19 situation.

Improve road safety	Develop an intelligence led Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) programme across all wards.	Proposed locations have been forwarded to Highways who will gather any other relevant information e.g. accident data, details of any other traffic calming measures, speed survey requirements and provide a project timeline in terms of undertaking additional intelligence gathering, assessment of the data and the procurement process. <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Develop a Road Safety educational programme with local schools	A poster competition has been developed for primary schools. The prize for the winner will be signs for the areas around the school. There is currently a range of educational activity being delivered in schools.
Tackle specific hotspot areas which are an eyesore or cause a blight on the neighbourhood	Develop a process to identify and address neighbourhood issues	Issues raised via the Place Board are directed to the relevant service area who are invited to attend meetings as and when relevant.
	Work with partners and service areas to implement multi-agency solutions to identified issues	Working with partners via LMAPS a number of joint initiatives have taken place to improve hotspot areas. Recent walk-about in the Hetton ward have identified specific issues which are being addressed by the relevant service area/partner
	Encourage young people to be involved in environmental awareness as part of detached youth provision (People Board priority)*	School holiday provision includes an element of environmental awareness, including litter picks. The Friends of Herrington Country Park hold regular 'family' tidy ups in the park to encourage children, families and young people to Love Where they Live. Youth clubs and detached provision will encourage young people to think about their environment and how human behaviour can have a negative impact

Area Priority	Actions	Update
Reduce stress caused by financial concerns by providing information and access to advice services	Develop, deliver and monitor the R U Ready for UC project	During the last reporting quarter there were over 30 drop in sessions available at the Hetton Hub and ShARP. A total of 60 people have been supported during the quarter, 30 of who were accessing the service for the first time. People have been registering for, and accessing, their Universal Credit account, and have been supported with job search. The March Area Committee agreed to extend the project for a further 12 months from July 2020, with revised outcomes. <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Promote services available locally by ShARP, Gentoo and VCS Network partners	ShARP deliver benefit and money management advice across the Coalfield area and promote their service widely via the VCS Network. Advice on Prescription is currently being delivered in 6 GP surgeries across the area.
Reduce isolation and improve social participation and access to services for older people, vulnerable adults and carers	Provide access to support for carers by delivering and monitoring the Caring for Carers	During the last quarter, colleagues from Sunderland Carers Centre have attended VCS Network meetings and engaged with a small number of local organisations and community groups. As part of the Caring for Carers project a resource pack and on-line facility for organisations has been

	Neighbourhood Fund funded project	developed. The roll out within the locality was planned for April/May, but is now delayed due to the Covid 19 situation. Support for individual carers and families is ongoing.
	Facilitate access to social activities to reduce loneliness and social isolation	VCS Network members offer a wide range of activities and support to reduce isolation amongst those in the community who need it. A number of Coalfield Healthy and Active Programme (CHAP) projects, recently funded by Area Committee are on hold until after the summer. <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Explore the development of digital solutions to combat social isolation	The Neighbourhood Fund Coalfield Communities Connected project is delivered in 8 local community venues. A range of support and subjects of interest are on offer to provide a socially inclusive service for local residents. The March meeting of Area Committee agreed to provide funding for a revised two year project to support residents to access IT and become more digitally included. <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Support the Community Transport project to build capacity in order to provide more transport solutions for local people	ELCAP Community Transport now has four mini buses and provides a wide range of services and support to local residents. In addition to the successful shopping bus, operating twice a week, accessible transport to lunch clubs, social clubs, health activities and other provision is available. The service is offered to all sectors of the community including older people, less mobile residents, children and young people. Neighbourhood Fund was allocated to ELCAP Transport to employ another part time driver. <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
Encourage and support local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity.	Support children and families during school holidays with alternatives to school lunches	A Call for Projects for summer holiday activities will be made via the VCS Network. <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Support adults to take part in physical activity to improve health	The CHAP programme described above will support this. There is also a wider range of provision across the area which is promoted via the VCS Network <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Encourage families with pre-school/primary age children to eat healthily and take part in physical, fun, activity	Working with the Change for Life Team, local organisations and schools are being offered the opportunity to take part in services and activities available
Develop self-care and prevention projects to improve health outcomes for local people	Gather local intelligence and data to inform further actions	Data and intelligence provided by CCG and Public Health colleagues has informed the Coalfield Healthy and Active Programme (CHAP)
	Work in partnership with health partners to develop locality-based initiatives	The CHAP programme is a joint funded initiative between Area Committee, Public Health and CCG
Increase digital inclusion in local communities	Continue to deliver and develop the Coalfield Communities Connected	The Neighbourhood Fund Coalfield Communities Connected project is delivered in 8 local community venues to give learners a wide range of ICT

	project to meet the needs of the community	subjects to improve their skills and support them to become Digital Citizens. In the first year of the Digital Inclusion project over 1500 additional Digital structured learning hours have been delivered to residents in the Coalfield area. A range of support and subjects of interest are on offer to provide a socially inclusive service for local residents. Further funding has been agreed by Area Committee to develop a two year project to further support residents to access IT and become more digitally included <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Support local organisations to provide access to computers and support to local residents	As above
Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working	Encourage collaborative working amongst local organisations through partnership projects and attendance at the VCS Network meetings	Local groups are encouraged to attend VCS Network meetings, and share information about projects and opportunities. Neighbourhood Fund projects are required to work in partnership with others.
	Continue to support and work with community groups and volunteers as part of the SIB 'Step up' project	During the last year 48 new volunteers and 52 existing volunteers have received support from the Step Up project. A total of 22 local groups have also received support. The project will continue until August 2020 <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
Support provision of activities for young people that increase their confidence and involvement in community and area events and projects	Continue CAN DO fund. Invite successful applicants to feedback results to People Board	There have been 8 successful applications to the CAN DO Fund during the last year. <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Support positive engagement and provide activities during holiday periods	
	Provide centre based activity	A project to provide a two year youth activity programme was approved at the December Area Committee. This project will include centre-based and outdoor activity in line with Covid 19 guidelines and ensuring young people and workers are kept safe <a href="#">ONGOING</a>
	Provide intelligence led detached youth work in areas of concern or high levels of ASB <b>*Jointly with Place Board</b>	As part of the two year youth activity programme commencing in April, detached or outreach will be carried out in relevant locations
	Work with services and organisations to provide support to improve teenage mental health	Washington Mind is currently delivering a Neighbourhood Fund project to address this issue.

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Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1 Tackle Empty Properties		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty Property Strategy approved. This includes a Citywide action plan that will target empty properties across the city with the aim to bring back into use as decent, affordable homes</li> <li>Partnership with Thirteen Group that will bring 30 long term Empty Properties back into use citywide</li> <li>Working with Gentoo to identify and bring empty properties back into use citywide</li> <li>Housing Delivery and Investment Plan approved with a total gross investment of £59m. There are three delivery strands of which targeting long term empty properties is a priority</li> <li>Landlord Accreditation Scheme approved and operational. This will work with Private Sector Landlords to support them to bring their homes up to standard and let as well as providing wider support in the management of their portfolios</li> <li>Event held in February 2020 to encourage local SME/Private Developers to work with the Council in bringing Empty Properties back into use through a partnership approach</li> <li>Multi service group established to review private empty properties and to consider enforcement action where necessary</li> </ul>	<p>Housing Delivery and Investment Plan agreed 5-year target outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty Homes – 64</li> <li>Bungalows – 20</li> <li>Supported Accommodation – 19</li> </ul> <p>5 empty properties are now in the ownership of the Council</p> <p>Future approach to empty homes and wider sustainability in Edward and Fairy Street is under consideration</p>	<p>Empty properties and absent landlords – issues with The Square at Herrington – need to know more about plans and enforcement opportunities</p> <p>Establish what council services provide in terms of maintaining the area around the square at Herrington including issues with unadopted road</p> <p>Further investigate issues/solutions at Britannia Terrace, Fencehouses</p> <p>Stamp down on boarded up properties which are a blot on the landscape. Possibly consider a maximum time properties can have boarded up windows</p>
2 Review all derelict land and properties and develop plan to address each site with partners and residents to further create green and cultural communities		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council's small site register, covering brown field sites, has been assessed with the Planning Policy Team. All sites will be evaluated to see how the land can be used moving forward</li> <li>Event held in February 2020 to encourage local landowners to come forward and engage with the Council on potential use of their land for development for new affordable homes</li> <li>Both a site and a property register have been reviewed and updated</li> </ul>	Resident feedback – tidy up and use land for community activity. Deal with derelict properties, make owners accountable	<p>Look at areas across the wards where derelict spaces can be used for a cultural offer</p> <p>Explore the opportunities for Elemore Golf Course e.g. Community Farm (sell produce); Community Forest and use the space for mini- festivals and use the space for training / apprenticeships e.g. tree cutting – Area Committee could fund a business plan</p> <p>Look at tidying up Doorstep Green area and other areas adjacent to Herrington Country Park, including the rear of Southburn Terrace</p>
<b>3 Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers</b>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme now operational. Scheme offers advice and guidance around landlord/tenant responsibilities with the aim of improving best practice within the sector</li> <li>Multi service group established to review private empty properties and to consider the delivery of enforcement action where necessary in terms of housing investment areas</li> <li>List of 'ready to rent' properties are being explored with Private Owners and how we can assist as a Council in terms of support and advice</li> <li>A callout to landlords - 'Call b4 you serve' is currently being promoted to landlords across the City to engage with sustaining tenancies, tackle potential homelessness.</li> </ul>	<p>Consideration being made into Edward and Fairy Street into how to structure enforcement arrangements to privately owned properties to support improvement and long term sustainability</p> <p>Resident feedback – make landlords accountable for their properties and their tenants. Needs to be regulated</p>	
<b>4 Create more affordable homes</b>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is now a registered provider to deliver new affordable homes with the Regulator of Social Housing</li> <li>• 5-year Housing Delivery and Investment Plan of £59m approved. This plan has a target of delivering 574 more new affordable homes. The delivery strands include: Empty properties, Supported Accommodation and Bungalows</li> <li>• Working with a range of partners to deliver their affordable homes, bring forward key development mixed tenure sites and bring empty properties back into use, delivering supported accommodation and a large-scale affordable homes regeneration project</li> </ul>	<p>Council has supported Gentoo to deliver 2 additional affordable homes on their new build development</p> <p>Council have purchased 5 properties that will be used for affordable housing</p>	<p><a href="#">Receive further information regarding housing renewal on local estates (e.g. Park Estate, Shiney Row)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Receive further information regarding affordable homes (e.g. locations, timescales etc..)</a></p>
<b>5 Launch 'Love where you live' campaign</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
British Spring Clean with Keep Britain Tidy – Autumn (as delayed due to Covid 19)	<p>My Space, our Place project funded by Area Committee to encourage primary school pupils to love where they live</p> <p>Resident feedback – educate people regarding looking after their own neighbourhood</p>	
<b>6 Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>Environmental Enforcement Team and Anti- Social Behaviour (ASB) Team have been brought together. Several new posts have been created including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Environmental Enforcement Officers (3 permanent, 1 fixed term). The additional resource will allow 1 dedicated Officer per locality.</li> <li>• 2 Fixed-term Neighbourhood Wardens (Issuing FPN's for littering and dog control issues, to be deployed in hot spot areas and areas of high foot fall)</li> <li>• 1 Enforcement Technical Support Officer to support enforcement prosecutions</li> </ul>	<p>Multi agency action plan in place to tackle issue at the former 'Forest Estate' site, Easington Lane</p> <p>Resident feedback – people should be fined and vehicles seized. Need to stop the regular, illegal dumping in the Coalfield area. Current enforcement does not deter people</p>	<p><a href="#">More enforcement is needed. Committee would like details of enforcement officers for the area and what powers they have</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood</a></p> <p><a href="#">Consider dealing with unsightly caravans, unroadworthy cars and advertising vehicles taking up space on grass verges</a>  <a href="#">Start tackling private businesses carrying out and using the highway for vehicle</a></p>

Joint patrols with Neighbourhoods Enforcement and Police to tackle issues of ASB. Currently deployed at seafront and City Centre. They will be intelligence led and deployed to areas of need.		repairs, including using the highway as a car park for weeks on end (Church Street, Shiney Row and Allendale, Penshaw are good examples)
<b>7 Additional Drainage cleansing programme</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
City-wide Drainage cleansing programme in place		
Flood and Extreme Weather Mitigation budget / programme		
<b>8 Take part in In Bloom activities and support residents and volunteers to grow their own to bring plants and flowers into communities</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>We will work with communities as part of the love where you live campaign to encourage communities to come together. Bloom was cancelled along with Green &amp; Blue Flag. We have however still achieved during COVID19 or have planned for this year;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainbow Installations.</li> <li>• Gateway Improvement Schemes at key City gateway locations.</li> <li>• Hanging basket and barrier troughs.</li> <li>• Winter Bedding.</li> </ul>	<p>Gateway Improvements; A690 West Rainton A690 Mercantile Way Slip Road (Houghton Le Spring Sign) A690 - All Main Roads in Area</p> <p>Planters are being used to support vehicle mitigation measures in Houghton town centre</p> <p>Additional barrier planters provided with Area Committee funding</p> <p>'Friends of' groups supported to take part in 'Bloom' and to provide ongoing activity in parks</p>	<p>Further information regarding gateway improvements and how they can be further developed is requested</p> <p>Explore further locations for hanging baskets and barrier troughs – further info required</p>
<b>9 Invest in street furniture including additional litter bins</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
Significant spend already made against litter bin installation across all areas in previous two years.	Continued roll out of replacement bins.	Committee request a bin replacement audit / survey of the area

<p>£30k / annum available citywide for provision and installation of litter bins until 2022/23. Existing bins will need to be replaced/repainted/repainted in order of priority, whilst additional capacity may also be required at identified locations.</p> <p>Benches are currently being reviewed in some locations as COVID19 recovery works in shopping areas begins. Some are to be removed due to creating bigger spaces to adhere to social distancing guidelines.</p>	<p>A barrier/bollard/street furniture project funded by Area Committee was carried out in key shopping areas. Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row all had extensive improvements during 2018/19</p>	<p><a href="#">Committee request further information regarding removal of seats/benches including locations</a></p>
<p><b>10 Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents Need to also pick up parking issues – residential and local shopping areas</b></p>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
	<p>Let's talk Parking resident engagement campaign – targeted at specific sites as well as change behaviours to ensure residents and neighbours respectfully park</p> <p>Resident feedback - Need to install double yellow lines at Philadelphia Lane</p> <p>Resident feedback – illegal parking in shopping areas is an issue, especially in and around Newbottle Street. More patrols/wardens needed</p>	<p><a href="#">Work with Gentoo to explore solutions to parking issues on some estates. This needs to be addressed</a></p> <p><a href="#">Review transport routes, parking issues etc - local areas need resources to address persistent offenders especially around Shiney Row shopping area and Newbottle Street where inappropriate parking can damage business for local traders</a></p>
<p><b>11 Reduce the carbon footprint and create green solutions within neighbourhoods to reduce plastic pollution</b></p>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<p>The Council has a Draft Carbon Framework and Action Plan. Its objectives cover: improving energy efficiency of existing homes and buildings, with new builds being zero carbon; develop renewable energy; develop low carbon transport modes; grow green economy; adapt our own policies and procedures to harness a green future; engage and encourage positive behaviour.</p>	<p>A number of Area Committee funded environmental projects have taken place in schools across the Coalfield area.</p> <p>Urban Tree Challenge included a location in Fencehouses</p>	<p><a href="#">Carbon footprint and small grant scheme to enable businesses and VCS to become more energy efficient</a></p> <p><a href="#">Explore planting of trees – further info on locations of 2,000 trees from UTCF required</a></p>

The Council was awarded £161,846.46 of funding from the Urban Tree Challenge Fund (UTCf) and has planted 424 large trees, with 2,000 further small trees to be planted this year. Planting has focused in areas of the city with low tree cover.	Resident feedback – low carbon vehicles should be encouraged/subsidised	
<b>12 Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
Investment planned by highways service Street lighting replacement programme	<p>Area Committee influence the capital highways programme each year</p> <p>Resident feedback - Unadopted roads cause major issues</p> <p>Resident feedback - Pot holes and uneven pavements need to be repaired</p>	Explore the removal old/derelict planters around the Coalfield area and replace or pave over (e.g. Gravel Walks/St Stanley St area, Houghton)
<b>13 Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>Fixed play improvements comprising of new installation and refurbishment work will continue in areas which have 106 Developer contributions aligned. An update will be provided this summer on sites / locations that have funding aligned and available to spend.</p> <p>A survey is to be undertaken of all fixed play sites identify condition and play value. This will be used to inform discussion on which sites should be targeted for further investment. to</p> <p>321 routes established in parks across the city.</p> <p>Step Up Sunderland app introduced in 2019 to encourage residents and non residents to walk and be more active. App to be upgraded and relaunched in Autumn 2020.</p> <p>Active Sunderland Wellness Walking Programme is an accredited</p>	<p>Improvements have been carried out at King George VI Play Area, Hetton Downs (S106) Redevelopment of Easington Lane Flatts Play Area (including skate area) is due to commence in the summer (S106 with a contribution from Big Local)</p> <p>Resident feedback – improvements needed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hetton Park</li> <li>- Easington Lane green spaces</li> <li>- Hetton Flatts</li> <li>- Rainton Meadows Nature reserve (pedestrian access)</li> </ul> <p>Crowdfund underway to develop a community café in Hetton Lyons Country Park</p>	<p>Information on the condition and location of rubbish/dog bins in parks needed</p> <p>Bins need renewing in Hetton Lyons Country Park</p>

<p>National Walking for Health Scheme. All walks are free of charge and are delivered by Volunteer Walk Leaders. The walks are suitable for all ages and abilities.</p>	<p>321 route in Herrington Country Park. Big Bike Ride uses the existing cycle network in the Coalfields. Big Walk starts and ends in Herrington Country Park, using established walking routes in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Wellness Walking programme has weekly activity from Herrington Country Park and Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve.</p>	
<b>14 Increase 5G access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital learning resources</b>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<p>Smart City Sunderland will work with partners to ensure an underlying infrastructure (fibre to all premises across the city and pockets of 5G where business cases exist)</p> <p>Smart City Sunderland focuses on the following six main priority themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Major events and sporting excellence</li> <li>- Business start-up culture</li> <li>- Smart Homes</li> <li>- Digital City Centre</li> <li>- Industry 4.0 (Smart Factories and Connected Autonomous Vehicles)</li> <li>- Learning Environment</li> </ul> <p>Smart City Sunderland is stimulating the thinking and demand and enabling residents to understand ‘the art of the possible’..<b>How can Coalfield Sunderland use this underpinning connectivity for the benefit of residents?</b></p> <p>Upgrade to the Library Management System enables residents across the City to access the library online, download apps, ebooks, eaudio and magazines.</p> <p>Upgrades to any library software packages are accessible via all public access ict</p>	<p>Current Area Committee funded project to provide equipment and support in 8 community venues is delivered by Springboard</p> <p>Hetton Hub delivers supported digital access at the Hetton Centre</p> <p>Upgrade to all library software including google chrome and Find my Past are all accessible via computers in Houghton library</p> <p>Let’s Talk feedback: provide digital facilities in and for the community.</p>	<p><a href="#">Funding allocated at March AC for digital support in communities</a></p> <p><a href="#">Need to support residents to access ICT equipment to help with schoolwork; work opportunities; education; job searches</a></p> <p><a href="#">Work with schools to help the children who have not got access to computers at home to do their exams some sort of loan system</a></p>
<b>15 Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive</b>		



Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
	<p>Recent highways works carried out in Newbottle Street</p> <p>Area Committee funded project supported the development of a trader group or forum in Shiney Row, Houghton and Hetton to bring businesses together to work collectively</p> <p>Proposed new development at Houghton Colliery site will consider and complement the current shopping offer in Newbottle Street</p>	<p>Support local shopping centres and enhance the shopping areas – need to link with designers to create some more innovative ideas</p> <p>Need to continue to support local shopping centre</p> <p>Encourage use of Shop Local and using smaller traders</p> <p>Explore what support is available to local, very small businesses e.g. mobile hairdressers; football trainers who may not have any premises</p> <p>Invest in local shopping areas - continue to support and address environmental issues</p>
<b>16 Review opportunity to utilise vacant properties to create cultural hubs, leisure activities and safe places to bring communities together</b>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
		<p>Use empty properties to create cultural shops and link with shopping centre improvements</p> <p>Elemore golf course – fund an initial business plan to develop the whole site – community forest, orchard, apprenticeships, develop in phases</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of utilising the old Philadelphia depot as a heritage/cultural centre or mining museum</p>
<b>17 Widening job opportunities and raise aspirations by connecting local schools and community providers with Sunderland businesses and the University of Sunderland and other higher education providers</b>		



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<p>The impact of covid-19 must be fully understood and how the post-16 agenda, apprenticeships, NEET and the general skills and learning agenda has been affected. The initial piece of work undertaken by together for Children alongside providers will be an analysis of the impact of Covid-19. Together for children would like to share information with Area Committees /Area Boards as we all work together to support the delivery of this priority across the City.</p> <p>Schools Library Service delivering to schools across the City in response to curriculum and specific requests</p>	<p>The Area Committee funded Youth Social Action project, delivered by SNCBC, works with schools and community groups to develop skills and encourage young people to gain work experience</p> <p>Springboard delivers a horticultural learning programme for young people from Hetton Lyons Country Park</p> <p>The Princes Trust deliver programmes for young people from The Old Rectory</p> <p>The Area Committee CAN DO programme encourages young people (11-19) to work together to develop an idea or project then present their idea to Committee for funding</p>	<p>Job losses an issue – need to support with employment support and training via the VCS</p> <p>Support for those residents who will lose their jobs from the service sector</p> <p>Programmes to support small and artisan business and encouraging development of CIC companies</p> <p>We need long term strategies and development of community resilience going forward and to create prosperity in the area</p>
<b>18 Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills</b>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<p>FACL review – feedback from current consultation</p> <p>Libraries Services Information and Digital offer to ensure local communities have access to quality information and digital services, to learn new skills and feel safe online</p>	<p>Learning courses delivered face to face from Houghton Library learning room or meeting room</p> <p>Wise Steps delivered by SNCBC at Shiney Row</p> <p>Digital skills training and support delivered by Springboard at 8 community venues</p> <p>ShARP at Shiney Row provide support to residents looking for work and applying for jobs</p>	<p>Provision of digital technology for school children who may need access to on-line learning</p> <p>Supporting residents, via VCS, back into employment – extra training, ensure claiming relevant benefits – there is a potential for a ripple effect e.g. ASB, decline in housing etc.</p> <p>Support potential job losses – need to upskill residents</p> <p>Maximise job opportunities for new developments e.g. construction jobs available on the old Houghton Colliery site</p>

**19 Social prescribing – develop local offer to improve health and wellbeing and access to services locally to reduce social isolation, improve mental health and support long-term health conditions, and ensure physical activity sessions are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better**

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<p>Adoption of the Draft Health Inequalities Strategy</p> <p>Step Up Sunderland app introduced in 2019 to encourage residents and non residents to walk and be more active. App to be upgraded and relaunched in Autumn 2020.</p> <p>Active Sunderland Wellness Walking Programme is an accredited National Walking for Health Scheme. All walks are free of charge and are delivered by Volunteer Walk Leaders. The walks are suitable for all ages and abilities.</p> <p><u>Change 4 Life Sunderland Programme</u> Aim is to increase children, young peoples and family engagement in physical activity and to reduce sedentary behaviour through an accessible and supportive programme that's tailored to a range of needs including delivery within all schools across the city, community events, sessions and Change 4 Life programmes</p> <p>Change 4 Life Sunderland offer support and advice regarding healthy eating and cooking on a budget. Families may also access free 6-week healthy lifestyle family programmes which are delivered across all areas of the city. Free resources are also available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staying Active and Eat Healthy booklet</li> <li>• Gardening booklet</li> <li>• Active Living booklet</li> <li>• Healthy and Affordable Recipes</li> <li>• Wellbeing and Mental Health links</li> <li>• Generic C4L resources</li> <li>• Promotion of Active Sunderland events</li> <li>• Food and Activity diary</li> </ul>	<p>Covid-19 partnership and community hubs have highlighted the need to reach further into the community to engage with those who do not participate in social activities and are isolated, often with no support.</p> <p>Wellness Walking programme has weekly activity from Herrington Country Park and Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve.</p> <p>Herrington Country Parkrun was held for 23 weeks in 2019 with over 8,000 participants.</p> <p>Step Up Sunderland users in the Coalfields have completed over 60 million steps.</p> <p>Hetton and Houghton Sports Centres provide facilities for many sports clubs/groups and together had over 330,000 attendances last year.</p> <p>Area Committee funded projects have been developed to address this agenda. Community transport and shopping bus, lunch clubs, social activities, trips out, walking football, indoor bowls, craft clubs, B Active, flowers in homes and befriending services are all on offer to those who want to improve social interaction</p> <p>Funded by Area Committee, a social navigator, specifically for the Coalfield area, is employed to work with isolated or</p>	<p>Provide affordable wellbeing activities (e.g. Zumba, dance fit etc...) to reduce social isolation and improve health</p> <p>Continue to extend locations of wellness guided walks. Promote to public and encourage people to get involved</p>

<p>Libraries Services Health and Wellbeing offer aims to support local people and communities through services that engage and connect.</p> <p>The Books at Home service has recently been brought back in house and recruitment started for volunteers to take services direct to residents at home.</p> <p>Libraries Services gifted a reminiscence resource pack to all care homes across the City providing extra opportunities for engagement and activity. The Memory Bank was developed with the North East Film Archive.</p>	<p>lonely people on a 1-2-1 basis, with the long term goal of reducing their isolation and integrating them into community activity</p> <p>A joint project with Tyne &amp; Wear Sport /Bernicia was developed to help those in social housing gain access leisure facilities in Hetton.</p> <p>Books at Home service has some capacity and is available to anyone who is unable to access services themselves. Volunteers are needed.</p> <p>Support through the Coalfield Community Hub has provided activity packs/tomato plants/hanging baskets to those who are isolated or need additional support</p>	
<b>20 Enhance local green spaces to encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>Work being undertaken to clear derelict allotment plots to bring them back into use, whilst also identifying land (NB links also to section on review of derelict land) that could potentially be used to create additional allotment plots and / or 'community gardens' (NB this also could be linked to section on social prescribing – potential opportunities here) throughout the City.</p> <p>Opening of Football Hubs.</p> <p>Deep Clean Programme.</p> <p>Spring Clean (Now planned for Sept).</p> <p>Neglected allotment plot clearance at various sites across the City. Aimed at reducing waiting lists and increasing the number of available plots.</p>	<p>An outdoor gym, funded by Area Committee, has now been installed at Hetton Country Park</p> <p>Summer holiday activity and out of school clubs are frequently holding sports and activity sessions outdoors on our local greenspaces such as Kirklea Field, Penshaw Green, Easington Lane Flatts and local parks.</p> <p>SNCBC youth programme is encouraging young people to respect and use local green spaces for wellbeing related activities, including clean ups</p>	<p><a href="#">Explore the expansion of green gyms and adult exercise equipment in parks/green spaces</a></p> <p><a href="#">Support cycling proficiency in schools and with youth providers. Provide prizes to local schools. Encourage young people to take up cycling to school etc..</a></p> <p><a href="#">Need better signage for footpaths and cycle routes</a></p> <p><a href="#">Enhance outdoor gym equipment at Herrington Country Park.</a></p>

<p>Launch of free Viewranger walking app that contains walking routes and maps across the city.</p> <p>Active Sunderland Wellness Walking Programme is an accredited National Walking for Health Scheme. All walks are free of charge and are delivered by Volunteer Walk Leaders. The walks are suitable for all ages and abilities.</p> <p>Heritage walks and app available to download</p> <p>Delivery of Active Sunderland BIG events including indoor and outdoor community sports festivals, runs, walk and bike rides.</p> <p>Marking out of grassed areas with various activities such as running tracks to create additional fun activity within park settings.</p> <p>In 2019, 191 sporting/activity events we held with 57,900 participants.</p> <p>The Change 4 Life team deliver outdoor community sessions for children / families in need of additional support to be active and reduce inactivity.</p>	<p>The Area Committee My Space, Our Place project, delivered by Groundwork North East is delivering an education programme to all primary schools in the Coalfield, to encourage children and young people to look after their own environment</p> <p>Residents are very keen to see parks, MUGAs etc tidied up as well as walking and fitness trails</p> <p>17 sporting/activity events held with 7,000 participants</p> <p>Herrington Country Parkrun was held for 23 weeks in 2019 with over 8,000 participants.</p> <p>Replacement of directional signage on 321 routes in Hetton Lyons Country Park and Herrington Country Park.</p> <p>Wellness Walking programme has weekly activity from Herrington Country Park and Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve.</p> <p>Heritage Walks.</p> <p>Friends groups and local volunteers organise an host events throughout the year at Herrington Country Park and Hetton Lyons Country Park</p>	<p><a href="#">Look at dog exclusion areas for Herrington Country Park which is currently a free for all except for the children's play area</a></p>
21 Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and cook food, delivering sessions within the local community		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<p>Change 4 Life Sunderland Programme</p> <p>Aim is to increase children, young peoples and family engagement in physical activity and to reduce sedentary</p>	<p>C4L team work directly with 96 families and all primary schools</p>	

<p>behaviour through an accessible and supportive programme that's tailored to a range of needs including delivery within all schools across the city, community events, sessions and Change 4 Life programmes</p> <p>Ensures parents have the essential support and tools they need to make healthier choices for their families.</p> <p>Support the National Child measurement Programme (NCMP) by engaging and delivering within schools and signposting children and families to the Change 4 Life Sunderland programme</p>		
<b>22 Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events and activities and nurture family learning</b>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<p>Local Support Scheme launched to support VCS through Covid-19 as well as direct guidance to ensure VCS claimed all government grants available</p>	<p>The Coalfield Area VCS Network in the Coalfield is very well supported and attended. Partners work together to help deliver area priorities</p> <p>All Area Committee funding opportunities are advertised and promoted via the VCS Network</p> <p>Community events are organised and hosted by local partners spread across the Coalfield area</p> <p>A Local Support Scheme was developed to provide funding to local VCS organisations to support them through the current Covid 19 crisis</p> <p>The Area Committee Step Up project provides advice and support to local groups to recruit and train volunteers and to increase capacity and become more sustainable. This includes support with fundraising, governance arrangements and business planning</p>	<p>Support to the VCS must continue. Explore a way of saying thank you formally</p> <p>We need long term strategies and development of community resilience going forward and to create prosperity in the area</p>

<b>23 Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
Complete and in place – now need to work hard to encourage volunteers to keep volunteering across varied roles	<p>There is a vast amount of work being undertaken by volunteers in the Coalfield area. The recent development of the Community Hub has provided an additional opportunity to engage volunteers not previously volunteering within the community</p> <p>Resident feedback – we need to capture and nurture the good will of local people demonstrated during the Covid 19 lock down period</p> <p>Area Committee Step Up project is designed to recruit and support volunteers to become part of a ‘bank’ of volunteers or be allocated to a specific local organisation</p>	<p><a href="#">Continuation of the Coalfield Community Hub</a></p> <p><a href="#">Develop a community and volunteer programme across the Coalfield to support local residents</a></p>
<b>24 Continue to engage with residents through Let’s Talk and improve communication with residents via the Neighbourhood online activity tracker</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> round as we move into recovery from Covid 19	Need to now ‘theme’ Let’s talk around key issues to enable delivery plans to be delivered	<p><a href="#">Use social media to engage with residents.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Promote and utilise the Coalfield Community facebook page</a></p>
<b>25 Support communities to deliver local events</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
Large-scale events programme in place for the City The city hosts a variety of events across the city and in 2019, 135 events were held, attracting over 650,000 visitors/participants.	Houghton Feast	

<p>Events and Active Sunderland Team directly deliver a number of events and provide support to community groups to deliver local events.</p> <p>39 local/area committee funded events were held in 2019 with 39,000 visitors.</p>	<p>Range of Area Committee funded events such as Christmas and themed celebrations</p> <p>Party in the Park, part of the youth activity offer</p> <p>Christmas – additional lighting and decorations</p> <p>‘Friends of’ groups hold regular themed activities/events throughout the year</p> <p>49 events were held with 70,000 visitors including Let’s Rock music festival at Herrington Country Park and National Cycling events at Hetton Lyons Country Park.</p>	
<b>26 Support further extension of Community Transport routes to ensure those isolated can access services to improve their health and wellbeing</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
	<p>Community transport in place currently in Coalfield</p> <p>Coalfield Community Transport supported by Area Committee to develop and expand to meet the increased demand. Older and vulnerable adults rely on the service to get out and about independently. For some a weekly/ shopping trip is their only contact with the outside world</p>	<p>Community transport – crucial – particularly to help those for work etc</p> <p>Shopping and social service provided by ELCAP community transport is crucial to those who cannot access such facilities independently</p>
<b>27 Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe – young people just want to hang out and don’t always want organised activities – they just want to be together in a safe and flexible environment</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>



<p>Youth strategy 2020-2030 proposal presented to Cabinet in March – the strategy stated we must strive to improve outcomes for young people by enabling them to access responsive universal and targeted services that are inclusive, needs based, and outcome focused.</p> <p>The ambitions and aspirations for children and young people need to be at the centre of our plans, strategies and action.</p> <p>Active Sunderland in conjunction with Streetgames a national charity, support community organisations to obtain external funding to deliver targeted activities that create a positive change in the lives of young people.</p>	<p>Area Committee funding has provided for a 2 year Youth Activity programme in the Coalfield. SNCBC host sessions in each ward, tailored to the needs of the young people within that ward</p>	<p>Look at a responsive service that can deal with areas that become problematic to nip them in the bud</p>
<b>28 Establish a Neighbourhood watch/help scheme in partnership with the Police and residents</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
	<p>The Community Hub has presented an opportunity to 'look out for your neighbour'</p> <p>Various neighbourhood facebook pages, facilitated by local residents support this approach</p>	
<b>29 Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>LMAP and PACT Meetings</p> <p>Police Attendance at Area Committee</p> <p>VIP (Vulnerability, Investigation and Problem Solving) meetings – these look at individuals of concern. These meet every 5 weeks across the 5 areas.</p>	<p>Coalfields – Safer Streets bid via PCC submitted to target an area of Houghton. Outcome unknown at this time.</p>	<p>Develop long term strategies for asb including boxing club and developing neighbourhood watch style initiatives.</p>
<b>30 Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit</b>		



Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<p>A new 3-year contract will be put in place this autumn for First Tier Advice provision. There has been no increase in the funding levels for some time and additional capacity is needed to cope with the additional demands created by UC and now COVID 19. A report was previously brought to Area Committee Boards that has been updated (see attached) to show the need for additional resource in each area at a First-Tier level</p> <p>The Specialist Welfare Rights Service is also supporting this agenda with welfare checks, challenges and appeals and will continue to do this. They operate by referral and have many pathways set up/developing for people who may struggle to access services e.g. people with chronic mental health conditions</p> <p>These combined services assist people to assert their rights.</p>	<p>Existing RU Ready for UC (funded by Area Committee) and delivered in partnership by ShARP and Springboard supports people to prepare for and manage their Universal Credit. Digital and welfare support is provided. Clients are supported to search for and apply for jobs.</p> <p>March Area Committee approved a further sum of funding to continue the project</p>	<p>Ensure we continue to support VCS to help with this</p>
<b>31 Support local organisations to grow capacity to support those who require additional support within communities to ensure they access services which are available to them</b>		
Council Activity	Coalfield specific information	Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding
<p>This directly links to the work the Council are doing to produce a financial resilience toolkit which will be made widely available to individuals and organisations</p> <p>Training and tools will be provided across the city and will take into account area /locality needs and services</p> <p>Active Sunderland provide ongoing support to sports clubs and groups to complete and submit funding applications to grow capacity and aid delivery.</p>	<p>The Area Committee Step Up project supports organisations to grow capacity.</p> <p>The VCS Network provides the opportunity for larger and smaller organisations to work together to maximise delivery of activities and services</p> <p>Recently 5 sports and physical activity organisations were supported to bid for funding and received almost £13,000 from Sport England's Emergency Community Fund due to the current crisis. Funding will be used to sustain clubs during the crisis to ensure they will still be available to support and deliver to communities.</p>	
<b>32 Publish our Statement of Intent in relation to fuel energy measures that positively impact on fuel poverty</b>		

<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>An updated Statement of Intent has been agreed by Cabinet and work is underway to establish the Sunderland Delivery Framework by Autumn. Aim is for more fuel-efficient homes (Ecoflex provides insulation and inefficient heating replacements) but for eligible residents only.</p> <p>ECO3 Flex is aimed at privately owned properties where the residents are either low income -fuel poor or low income – vulnerable to cold. Our scheme supplements wider national ECO scheme aimed at other housing tenures and at people receiving means tested benefits.</p>		
<b>33 Launch an affordable credit solution for residents</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>Moneywise Credit Union is now working with Sunderland City Council to develop a media campaign to promote the Credit Union as a place to save but also as a place to access affordable credit targeting staff and residents as part of our wider financial resilience activity.</p> <p>This will target residents across the city but will work in areas with a range of local providers. The service will also work alongside the Illegal Money Lending Team</p>		Already funded
<b>34 Develop a broader 'Making your money go further' toolkit</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
The new web pages created to advise people of the full range of government support during the Covid-19 Crisis is working well and the intention is to develop and update this content and retain it as the basis of a financial resilience toolkit.	Money advice is provided by ShARP	

The content will be used (as it is currently) to support themed media campaigns and as the basis of the more than food offer.		
<b>35 Ensure a 'more than food' offer is built into foodbank provision</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>This has been successfully embedded during the Covid-19 crisis with welfare checks and information being provided to anyone accessing crisis food support either via the council or partners.</p> <p>The information has included support measures, pathways to more support and themed information such as help available for for people experiencing domestic violence.</p> <p>These measures will continue and be enhanced as we move out of the crisis into the new normal with the intention of reducing dependency / repeat presentations into food crisis service.</p> <p>Working with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- partners the council will seek to address underlying issues improving financial resilience</li> <li>- public health to include health support and develop the crisis offer around healthy living</li> </ul> <p>The new initiative linked to Fare-share and the Crowdfund Sunderland campaign are also providing valuable support to foodbanks in terms of meeting demand and offering a balanced food offer.</p>	<p>Discussions with partners of the Coalfield Community Hub have commenced to ensure that people who are in food poverty are offered additional support and access to services</p> <p>Close partnership working amongst groups has further developed to ensure that referrals can be made in a timely and appropriate way</p>	
<b>36 Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>Sunderland Local History Library@ETR opened early 2020 which houses the biggest history collection in the city.</p> <p>The programme will include, family history courses, a film project 'Hollowed Ground' about mining in the city and the broader mining family.</p>	<p>Community art projects celebrating local heritage and engaging all sectors of the community include a statue of a soldier, statue of a miner and a steel and glass art tub. All are displayed in local venues</p>	

Working with local author Marie Gardner to develop a new book Celebrating Sunderland will enable communities across the city to participate and inform the content through online workshops/chat rooms	<p>A number of local banner groups are supported to deliver events/activities/displays/educational resources</p> <p>Houghton Feast celebrates local heritage</p> <p>The Hollowed Ground Film commemorates Wearside and Durham mining, some local people have been interviewed but more can be included. The film will be launched as part of Sunderland Libraries Literature Festival.</p> <p>Libraries Services staff have a working relationship with the heritage groups and enable access to significant resources and professional knowledge.</p>	
<b>37 Preserve and celebrate local heritage</b>		
<b>Council Activity</b>	<b>Coalfield specific information</b>	<b>Areas to explore for Committee Action and/or funding</b>
<p>Working in partnership with Cultural and Heritage Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Building capacity and resilience</li> <li>- Access to Learning and Engagement</li> <li>- Supporting our creative industries by working with emerging and established artists</li> <li>- Preserving Buildings, Collections and Archives</li> </ul> <p>Celebrate our Heritage (assets and landscape)</p>	<p>A pit wheel art installation has been completed at Elemore Lane, on the site of the entrance to the old pit</p>	<p>Look to celebrate the mining history with a commemorative statue; old pics; memorial of those who have lost lives etc. on the old Houghton Colliery site which will help residents remember their heritage and celebrate the new opportunities</p> <p>Map out the paving on the old Houghton Colliery site with other links to wider Coalfield heritage</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of creating a heritage centre at the Philadelphia depot</p>

## **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 Co-ordinator** – is the Lead Council Officer for cross-directorate support provided to the Board, and ensures the Chair and Board delivers the Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan priorities

**Designated Area Community Development Lead**– supports the Area Co-ordinator and 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 / and venues and action points, loading reports on to Sharepoint.

## **Frequency**

Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held every 6 weeks excluding months when Area Committees are held. If required, the Board may convene further meetings throughout the municipal year to ensure delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan.

## **Reporting Arrangements**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board will report four times per year to the Area Committee (July, 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 Co-ordinator/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.
- Improve the identification of services that could benefit the area by being more responsive to local issues and priorities.
- Ensure that the delivery of devolved Council services and the use of its resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and support the delivery of the City Plan at a local level.
- Make recommendations on any plans and proposals for potential service delivery to the Area Committee.
- Ensure that devolved Council services, partner agencies and the local community work together to implement the Council's policies and to respond to local neighbourhood issues more effectively.
- Work with partner agencies to promote the aims, principles and actions relating to a specific priority.
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest and Neighbourhood Fund.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Neighbourhood Fund 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.

**July 2020****REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE****Coalfield Crime and Disorder Report**

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Coalfields comparing Year to date figures with the preceding year. For comparison purposes I have also provided the data for the same period last year.

There is a notable decrease in youth Anti- Social Behaviour. As much as I would like to take credit for this it is in the main down to Covid 19 lockdown and the lack of any persons on the street. That said we have revamped Op Avalanche and will be focusing back on Hetton, Easington Lane and East Rainton. We have noticed a distinct increase since the easing of restrictions and groups of youths in much larger numbers than ever before. We have seen this particularly in Hetton Lyons Park and the Houghtonside areas. It is a trying time as we usually work closer with the schools to address this but since the prospects of schools reopening fully are still eight weeks off we are approaching youth centres and detached outreach workers (provided by the LA) to make some inroads. We are also going to deploy the force's new engagement van in the hot spot areas.

Adult ASB recording has gone through the roof in this period largely since every breach of Covid 19 regulations has been classified in this way and it will take until next year before we can make any sense of the data as it has been such an unprecedented period. The Local neighbourhood Team have worked tirelessly to attend as many of these reported breaches as possible and hundreds of warning letters have been handed out as well as Community Protection Warnings for persistent offenders. Gentoo have worked with us and we have two cases whereby this has constituted a breach of tenancy and they are seeking to recover the property.

Our priority in recent months has been to combat burglaries to both dwellings and commercial premises alike. The figures show a decrease in dwelling house burglaries for the year. More recently this has centred on four areas; Shiney Row, Peshaw and parts of Hetton and Easington Lane. Rather than traditional house burglaries we are finding that sheds, allotments and stand-alone garages have been targeted very often where entry has been gained to unlocked premises but nothing of any real value taken.

I expect an increase in offending on vacant houses whereby entry is gained to remove the boiler and piping from the premises. This varies from daytime to early evening offending. To try and address these issues we have been running joint operations with Environmental Health, VOSA and the DSS stopping 'scrap vans' examining their contents and their drivers. 28 vehicles (of all descriptions) have been uplifted in Hetton and Houghton since the turn of the year and we will continue to do so now that our partners are hopefully returning back to work. The LA environmental enforcement team have been proactive in targeting fly-tippers which we have been more than happy to assist them with.

In more positive news lead thefts throughout the area have all but disappeared in this period but again this may well be down to the fact that people have remained in their homes the last three months.

There have also been issues with unauthorised encampments in Hetton Lyons Park and Houghton. It has been a difficult task during the lockdown and limited court time but we have supported the Local Authority during this time as they took the lead with notices to leave their land. It was more frequent this year due to the cancellation of Appleby fair but I do believe that there is a review of actions looking ahead to next year.

Violent crime is slightly up in comparison to last year and this is in the main assaults in the home by persons known to them. Domestic violence is still a priority for the force and we spend a lot of our time prosecuting offenders and working hard to safeguard the victims. I am making the assumption that this has risen based on the fact that families were spending significantly more time together during lockdown.

We have had a recent increase in theft from motor vehicles across the whole of the sector. The main areas affected are Shiney Row/New Herrington and Fencehouses/Chilton Moor. These are overnight crimes invariably when vehicles left unlocked. We have had some successes in arresting a male who has been charged with 8 offences and three burglaries and is now remanded to prison. He is a 'three striker' so hopefully he will be given a significant sentence.

It is worth noting that the Neighbourhood Team have spent a lot of time in East Rainton in the last few months and in particular premises in School Road. We have had almost a constant presence in the area. This has included utilising our Operations department (traffic, dogs and Firearms) tasked to the area due to several issues of crime and disorder. I can assure you that this is one of the area priorities and we are working with partners to solve the problems whilst keeping the rest of the community safe. We have made four arrests in the area two of whom we believe are responsible for the theft of vehicles in Hetton and burglaries to garages. They are currently on bail for enquiries to be conducted.

<b>Crime / Disorder</b>	<b>Previous period 2019 1<sup>st</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Current period 2020 1<sup>st</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>+ / -</b>
<b>Youth ASB</b>	95	57	Down 38
<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	102	117	Down 15
<b>Commercial Burglary</b>	24	24	Same
<b>Violence against the Person</b>	321	330	Up 9
<b>Serious Injury</b>			



	6	11	Up 5
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	27	48	Up 21
<b>Theft and handling</b>	146	90	Down 56
<b>Total Crime</b>	1160	1112	Down 48 (4% decrease)

15 July 2020

## 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 Coalfield Area Committee area from 01 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 compared with the same period in 2019.

### 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

#### L.I 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

#### L.I 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

6 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 11 incidents in the previous year for this period. 3 were domestic properties 2 private garages and 1 religious place of worship. All are investigated by either Fire service or police and passed onto partners to address where it is required.

#### LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire

There has been a decrease in the number of Vehicle fires from 11 to 6. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police to identify trends and perpetrators.

#### LI 33 Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

98 incidents, this is a decrease from 131 incidents (25%) from the same period last year, (grassland 37-14, outdoor 41-31, and outdoor structures 35-31). The decrease is possibly due to Covid lockdown over this period, TWFRS and partners have continued to work over this period to reduce these type of incidents but at a reduced capacity. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/deliberate fires have occurred.

**Copt Hill Ward** Has seen an increase from 14 incidents to 22, an increase of 57% during this period.

**Houghton Ward** Has seen a decrease from 26 to 18 a 30% decrease in the number of fires. The area of Avenue Vivian remain problematic for loose refuse fires.

**Hetton Ward** has seen a 49% decrease in incidents 61-31. The main area of concern remains High Street due to loose refuse and Whitehall Road, grass.

**Shiney Row Ward has** seen a decrease in incidents (30-27) over the reporting period. Offerton Village/Lane and Foxcover Road are areas of concern and problematic for loose refuse and grass fires.

## **4 Lighter /Darker Nights**

Lighter evenings are now upon us, it is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager), 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, ensuring proper stacking/ storage of items outside a premise that may have an impact on property and life.

### **Summary**

TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority to investigate and identify any trends. Refuse also remains problematic, Station Manager Burns will be working closely with partners to reduce these incidents.

## **5. Recommendations**

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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## Coalfields CAF Report

**1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020**

The following data set contains general information relating to fire incidents/ASB fires in this reporting area. This is for public information and sharing for the purposes of reducing ASB and fire crime.

**If in doubt about the level of security contact the D&I team SHQ.**

Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances.

Secondary fires include refuse, bin, derelict vehicle fires and grass fires. A secondary fire does not involve casualties or rescues.

Data and Information Audit	
Data compiled by:	AM
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<u>LI33 Incidents</u>	
Number of all deliberate fires	
LI33 Last Year	LI33 So far this year
131	98
<u>LI14 Incidents</u>	
Number of primary fires started deliberately (excluding primary road vehicles)	
LI14 Last Year	LI14 So far this year
11	6
<u>LI15 Incidents</u>	
Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires	
LI15 Last Year	LI15 So far this year
11	6
<u>LI16 Incidents</u>	
Number of deliberate secondary fires	
LI16 Last Year	LI16 So far this year
113	79

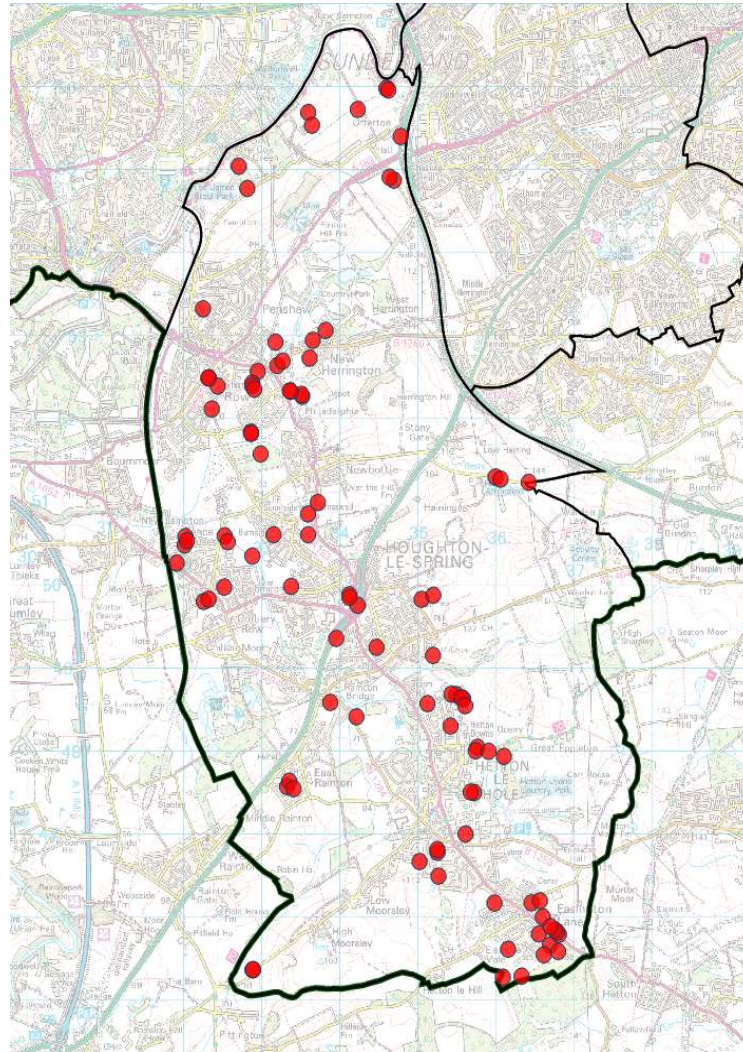
#### Ward LI33 incidents

Ward	LI33 Last Year	LI33 So far this year
Copt Hill ward	14	22
Hetton ward	61	31
Houghton ward	26	18
Shiney Row ward	30	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>98</b>

#### LI33 property level 4

Property Type	LI33 Last Year	LI33 So far this year
Car	6	7
Caravan unspecified	0	1
Dwelling	2	3
Grassland, woodland and crops	37	14
Motorcycle	0	2
Multiple Vehicles	0	1
Non Residential	8	4
Other outdoors (including land)	41	31
Outdoor structures	35	31
Towing caravan elsewhere (not on t	0	1
Van	1	3
Other Residential	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>98</b>

## LI33 Incidents



### LI33 Incident Details

Incident No	Date	Time	Station	Ward	Property level 4
48007390	01/04/2020	05:58	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48007491	03/04/2020	00:20	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	House - single occupancy
48007556	03/04/2020	17:30	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	
48007625	04/04/2020	13:04	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48007694	05/04/2020	16:28	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48007966	07/04/2020	18:45	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48007997	07/04/2020	21:02	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48008027	07/04/2020	23:27	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)
48008039	08/04/2020	01:43	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)
48008115	08/04/2020	19:31	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	
48008146	09/04/2020	01:44	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Bungalow - single occupancy
48008177	09/04/2020	16:42	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48008265	10/04/2020	18:34	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48008439	12/04/2020	15:14	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48008457	12/04/2020	19:24	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Other private non-residential building
48008465	12/04/2020	22:14	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Religious
48008518	13/04/2020	18:41	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc

### LI33 Incident Details

Incident No	Date	Time	Station	Ward	Property level 4
48008576	14/04/2020	15:03	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48008648	15/04/2020	00:31	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48008693	15/04/2020	15:39	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48008701	15/04/2020	17:18	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48008739	15/04/2020	23:49	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	
48008747	16/04/2020	04:52	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48008786	16/04/2020	16:55	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48008828	17/04/2020	06:47	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)
48009059	20/04/2020	00:34	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48009258	22/04/2020	12:17	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48009268	22/04/2020	14:58	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48009271	22/04/2020	15:12	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48009278	22/04/2020	17:31	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48009283	22/04/2020	19:43	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48009485	25/04/2020	01:13	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	
48009495	25/04/2020	03:17	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	
48009519	25/04/2020	13:13	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48009601	26/04/2020	17:03	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)



### LI33 Incident Details

Incident No	Date	Time	Station	Ward	Property level 4
48009606	26/04/2020	18:17	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48009659	27/04/2020	11:31	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48009780	28/04/2020	21:19	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48009925	30/04/2020	22:07	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Fence
48009979	01/05/2020	18:45	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48010151	04/05/2020	21:12	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Private garage
48010223	05/05/2020	20:56	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48010480	09/05/2020	10:21	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48010562	10/05/2020	03:48	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48010566	10/05/2020	07:25	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48010721	11/05/2020	23:34	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48010804	12/05/2020	21:20	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	
48010807	12/05/2020	22:11	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48010876	13/05/2020	20:19	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48010970	15/05/2020	01:00	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	
48010976	15/05/2020	06:28	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Private garage
48011028	15/05/2020	19:56	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Fence
48011030	15/05/2020	20:06	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48011051	15/05/2020	23:18	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48011118	16/05/2020	21:40	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Golf Course (excluding buildings)
48011169	17/05/2020	17:45	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	
48011259	18/05/2020	21:02	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48011308	19/05/2020	13:50	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48011344	19/05/2020	21:53	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48011444	20/05/2020	19:23	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Heathland or moorland
48011467	20/05/2020	22:31	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)

### LI33 Incident Details

Incident No	Date	Time	Station	Ward	Property level 4
48011555	21/05/2020	21:50	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48011841	24/05/2020	11:32	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	
48011872	24/05/2020	18:28	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	
48011921	25/05/2020	00:21	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	
48011937	25/05/2020	02:35	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	
48012003	25/05/2020	18:49	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012037	25/05/2020	22:48	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48012048	26/05/2020	03:17	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012117	26/05/2020	22:43	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	
48012358	29/05/2020	02:51	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012567	30/05/2020	13:23	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48012616	30/05/2020	21:26	Farringdon (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48012653	31/05/2020	05:05	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48012724	31/05/2020	19:22	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48012766	01/06/2020	04:34	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48012843	02/06/2020	03:13	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012917	02/06/2020	19:27	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012938	02/06/2020	21:56	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48012943	02/06/2020	22:52	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	House - single occupancy
48012984	03/06/2020	14:59	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48013301	09/06/2020	16:54	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)
48013405	10/06/2020	13:05	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Other outdoor items including roadside furniture

### LI33 Incident Details

Incident No	Date	Time	Station	Ward	Property level 4
48013446	11/06/2020	12:47	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48013730	15/06/2020	21:45	Farrington (Q)	Shiney Row ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48013746	15/06/2020	23:53	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48013797	16/06/2020	20:46	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	
48013862	17/06/2020	21:03	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48013877	17/06/2020	23:56	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48014035	20/06/2020	01:22	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	
48014072	20/06/2020	16:40	Rainton Bridge (H)	Copt Hill ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48014142	21/06/2020	22:09	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48014226	22/06/2020	22:47	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48014231	23/06/2020	04:07	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)
48014233	23/06/2020	04:30	Rainton Bridge (H)	Shiney Row ward	Wheelie Bin
48014453	25/06/2020	12:55	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48014582	26/06/2020	20:28	Rainton Bridge (H)	Hetton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48014585	26/06/2020	21:25	Rainton Bridge (H)	Houghton ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)

**COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**  
**15 JULY 2020**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Coalfield Area Budget Report

**Author(s):**

Assistance Director of Community Resilience

**Purpose of Report:**

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific area priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan with the overall aim to benefit the Coalfield residents and where possible attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement and updated on progress in relation to area funding, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest, and presents funding proposals for Members consideration.

**Description of Decision:**

The Area Committee is requested to note the following:

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in table one and two.
- (b) Approve £10,000 contribution towards festive lighting from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
- (c) Approve £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Kepier Trust set out in Annex 1
- (d) Approve the 8 projects in Annex 2 from the previously agreed Youth Activity Budget
- (e) Note the approved Community Chest grants between March 2019 June 2020, as set out in Annex 3 and Annex 4.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

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

The Area Committee has delegated executive functions to allocate area funding to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment 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

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

15 JULY 2020

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE****Area Budget Report****1 Purpose of Report**

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

**2 Area Budgets**

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the starting financial position for Area Committee, as set out in Table One.

Area Funds	Area Budget
Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme	£500,000
Neighbourhood Fund	£361,514
Community Chest	£50,000
Total	£911,514

*Table One: Financial starting position 2020 / 2021***3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3 In June 2020, the Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting agreed to seek approval of £10,000 towards festive lights, under the priority to support local events with the understanding that Members must be consulted on purchases and locations of the lights. The request was brought forward to accompany a procurement process for the City, and to with fit timescales to allow the purchase and installation to occur in 2020. If approved by Area Committee the remaining balance will be £490,000.

**4. Neighbourhood Fund**

- 4.1 Coalfield Area Committee has been allocated £361,514 for capital and revenue projects.
- 4.2 Neighbourhood Fund will need to be allocated within this current financial year. There is one funding proposal to consider from the Neighbourhood Fund for the July 2020 meeting. Further detail at Annex 1.

Kepier Trust                      £10,000

- 4.3 There are 8 projects, totalling £22,274 recommended for approval from previously approved 2019/20 Youth Activity budget. Further detail at Annex 2

## 5. Community Chest

- 5.1 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 remains the same. With ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where decision cannot be reached at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 5.2 Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made between April 2019 and June 2020, as set out in Annex 3 and Annex 4.
- 5.3 Table two below details the budget, approvals and balance remaining for 2020 / 2021. Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made between April 2020 and June 2020, as set out in Annex 4, and are encouraged to continue to sponsor and submit project proposals, which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan to ensure full allocation of Community Chest by March 2021.

Ward	2020 / 2021 Balance	Amount Awarded	Returned Funding	Remaining Allocation
Copt Hill	£10,000	£1,725	£0	£8,275
Hetton	£10,000	£1,725	£0	£8,275
Houghton	£10,000	£1,725	£0	£8,275
Shiney Row	£10,000	£2,725	£0	£7,275
<b>Total</b>	<b>£40,000</b>	<b>£7,900</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£32,100</b>

Table Two: Financial Statement Community Chest 2020 / 2021

## 6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to:
- Note the financial statements set out in table one and two.
  - Approve £10,000 contribution towards festive lighting from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
  - Approve the £10,000 application to Neighbourhood Fund from Kepier Trust
  - Approve the 8 projects, totalling £22,274 for holiday activities from the previously allocated 2019/20 youth budget, as set out in Annex 2
  - Note the approved Community Chest grants between March 2019 June 2020, as set out in Annex 3 and Annex 4.

Annex 1	Neighbourhood Fund
Annex 2	Holiday Activities
Annex 3	Community Chest Awards 2019 / 2020
Annex 4	Community Chest Awards 2020 / 2021

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## Neighbourhood Fund

The following application is recommended for approval from the 2020/21 NF budget

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Kepier Hall	The Kepier Trust	£10,000
<p>The Kepier is a Grade II* listed building situated in the conservation area of St. Michael &amp; All Angels Church and Kepier Almshouses – the oldest properties in Houghton-le-Spring. The Kepier Management Committee manages the Kepier on behalf of the Kepier Trust and is a highly successful community resource. The resident manager oversees all aspects of the daily running of the centre which is a restored building founded in the 16th century as a Grammar School by Rector Bernard Gilpin.</p> <p>The weekly footfall of the building is around 700 excluding events such as weddings, parties, social events, Houghton Feast celebrations etc. The regular users include, Local History group, W.I. Mothers Union, Uniformed Organisations, Toddler Group, Weight Watchers, Clothing Bank and more recently Food Bank run by Space 4 which is a community outreach project from St. Michael's Church. Currently we have two tenants: Innovations, who provide daily activities for vulnerable adults with complex learning difficulties. Hug in a Bag, a Charity for cancer patients occupy a small office.</p> <p>We are currently seeking funding for repair of the flat roof, replacement of the existing defective soil and vent pipework and for the investigation of water ingress and damp into the WCs and washrooms at Kepier Hall, Houghton le Spring. There will be considerable decoration and flooring to be renewed when this work is finished. This plumbing job needs to be tackled before the winter sets in and currently, with the lock down, the building is empty which would be a perfect time for work to be done. All users will benefit from the work being done as the areas concerned are essential to a safe, working environment.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: Approve</b></p>		

## Neighbourhood Fund Holiday Activity Programme

Following a call for projects as agreed at the March 2020 Area Committee, a total of 8 applications to deliver holiday activities were received. The following 8 applications, totalling £22,274 are recommended from the previously approved 2019/20 NF budget for youth activities.

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Out and About	Groundwork NE	£3,000
<p>The project is aimed at encouraging families or household bubbles out into Elba Park for exercise, to learn about nature and discover the many different bird, insect, amphibian and mammal species living in the Coalfields. Activities will be targeted to children aged between 5 and 11 years old and will be advertised across the Coalfield area. Parents will have to book onto sessions so we can control numbers and ensure safety on site.</p> <p>The Elba Park team will deliver one day of activity per week during school holidays from August 2020 until April 2021- ten days of activity in total split into two sessions per day. Sessions will be dictated to by the season and current restrictions around Covid-19.</p> <p><b>Summer Sessions</b> Pond Dipping, Meadow Sweeping, Bug Hunts, Geocaching</p> <p><b>Autumn</b> Natural crafts</p> <p><b>Winter</b> Bird feeders and natural Christmas crafts, Making Bird and Bat boxes, Conservation activities (Such as tree planting)</p> <p><b>Spring</b> Signs of Spring, Easter crafts</p> <p>We see parks and green spaces as a vital part of the Covid-19 recovery. We want to show people that they can enjoy time together outdoors safely. Although there will still be contact with our communities, we will rely more heavily on technology to deliver this project which is something we have not done in the past. Delivery of this project is flexible, we can change delivery methods quickly if the government impose or ease restrictions in relation to the pandemic.</p> <p>We can provide activities for between 10 and 20 people per session, depending on social distancing regulations and the size of family or bubble units. We benefit from having a large space at Elba and being able to accommodate people, safely in that space. Nutritious pre-packed snacks will be provided on the day.</p>		
Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Active Adventurers	Springboard	£3,000
<p>The Active Adventurers will be delivered to 10-14 year olds from our centre in the heart of Hetton Lyons Country Park which is accessible on foot by most people in the wards surrounding it. Springboard holds a current Adventure Activity License which is administered by the HSE, we have adapted our operations, adventures and training to be able to run in line with Covid Secure guidelines from government. We have successfully reopened for our most vulnerable learners already and have a plan to open in the coming days to digitally disadvantaged and young people at risk of becoming NEET.</p> <p>The Active Adventurers can cater for up to 8 young people per day and will be able to run 22 days of activity during school holidays between now and April, we aim to run more days in the non- winter months as we need to be outside as much as possible and our experience and facilities will work well with that in mind.</p> <p>Activities will be varied each day; young people can expect to learn lots of new skills that</p>		



encourage them to lead physically active lives with a strong focus on healthy eating and good lifestyle choices. We will provide healthy snacks and lunches and incorporate 'Backwoods Cooking' into sessions on bushcraft. Young people will learn how to safely make a fire from what's around them and cook on it, while always following the leave no trace ethos. Other activities that we will be including are canoeing, kayaking, raft building and mountain biking.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
Active Nature	Active Families NE	£3,000

Active Families NE would like to deliver a new project that has been designed with COVID-19 in mind to provide opportunities for families in need residing with the Coalfields areas. Working in partnership with the Durham Wildlife Trust we have created a proposal for an Active Nature programme based at Rainton Meadows nature reserve. We are bringing together two organisations with unique skills and expertise to deliver an innovative approach to delivering safe activities outdoors adhering to the latest government guidance due to Covid-19. Our aim is to get people and families more active by utilising outdoor green spaces and engaging (or re-engaging) them with nature and the environment. The project will offer small outdoor sessions to groups of vulnerable families, whilst keeping socially distant. The programme of activities will include:

Wild Yoga, Grass Raking, Orienteering, Silent Disco Fitness, Pond dipping, Nature Walks, Smoothie Bike Healthy eating session, Arts and Crafts, Den Building, Relaxation and mindfulness

We will provide all attendees with healthy snacks and refreshments during the programme in addition they will also receive an Active Families 'Lets Cook' bag which will contain ingredients to make healthy meals at home such as vegetable pasta bake, fakeaway pizza's, vegetable soup, vegetable parcels and sweet treats like fruit salads, and small cakes. In addition the bags will include activity cards that can be undertaken at home as well as grow your own herbs/vegetable seeds and pots.

We will deliver 10 sessions (2 hours per session) during school holidays between July 2020 and April 2021. Families will leave with a bag full of ingredients and activities to stay active and healthy at home. The project will help families to make positive associations between spending time outdoors, having fun together and being active in a less prescriptive way. Remove the barrier of perhaps attending a gym or playing a more traditional team sport.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
Copt Hill Holidays 2020	SNCBC	£2,902

Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) plan to provide 'holiday activities for children and young people' in Copt Hill ward in the Coalfields. Our activities are designed to improve participation rates in physical activity and address holiday hunger, reduce the number of children who experience feelings of isolation post Covid-19 pandemic and during holiday periods. Young People will have a safe, welcoming place to meet, participating in activities, utilising outdoor space as much as the British weather allows, while socialising with peers and youth workers.

We will engage young people in the age range 7 to 11 years old, but will be flexible to include those in the age range 5 to 13 years should they wish to engage, for example have a sibling attending the group. We plan to provide a weekly session across Summer 2020, October 2020, February 2020 and Easter 2021 school holidays, a total of 10 weeks. Staff will attend all sites prior to delivery to complete a comprehensive Covid-19 appropriate risk assessment and session planning documents will clearly identify the activities that will be delivered, cleaning regimes to be followed and the appropriate PPE to be provided. Current guidance allows one worker to engage with a maximum bubble of five young people and we will observe this directive in our delivery, with group sizes being a maximum of 10 young people. All summer outdoor sessions will include non-contact physical activities such as roll out tennis, portable football, frisbee throwing, circuits and keep fit. We anticipate we will engage with 20 individual young people during the 10 weeks of delivery.

Participants will also be provided with a physical activity pack to take home, which can be used to continue their fitness regime at home and they will be set challenges by staff. The pack will contain a selection of activities including hula hoop, skipping rope, bat and ball, tennis balls, flying disc, chalk, inflatable football and activity sheets including exercises, colourings arts and crafts etc. Sessions from October may take place in-centre, potentially at Houghton Racecourse Community Centre and would include arts and crafts, xbox, tv, dvds, doorstep sports, music, board games, cooking activity, outdoor play etc. SNCBC are registered with Street Games and will implement door-step sports as part of the programme of delivery.

Sessions will be 1.5 hours face to face and in line with Covid-19 restrictions will be held outdoors in local green spaces, which we anticipate will be Kirklea Playing field. Sessions will coincide with a midday mealtime and a healthy packed lunch will be provided at the end of the activity for children/young people to eat at the field or take home to eat.

Each session will be evaluated with young people will take this learning into account for the development of future sessions.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
Hetton Holidays 2020	SNCBC	£2,976

Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) plan to provide 'holiday activities for children and young people' in Hetton ward in the Coalfields. Our activities are designed to improve participation rates in physical activity and address holiday hunger, reduce the number of children who experience feelings of isolation post Covid-19 pandemic and during holiday periods. Young People will have a safe, welcoming place to meet, participating in activities, utilising outdoor space as much as the British weather allows, while socialising with peers and youth workers.

We will engage young people in the age range 7 to 11 years old, but will be flexible to include those in the age range 5 to 13 years should they wish to engage, for example have a sibling attending the group. We plan to provide a weekly session across Summer 2020, October 2020, February 2020 and Easter 2021 school holidays, a total of 10 weeks. Staff will attend all sites prior to delivery to complete a comprehensive Covid-19 appropriate risk assessment and session planning documents will clearly identify the activities that will be delivered, cleaning regimes to be followed and the appropriate PPE to be provided. Current guidance allows one worker to engage with a maximum bubble of five young people and we will observe this directive in our delivery, with group sizes being a maximum of 10 young people. All summer outdoor sessions will include non-contact physical activities such as roll out tennis, portable football, frisbee throwing, circuits and keep fit. We anticipate we will engage with 20 individual young people during the 10 weeks of delivery.

Participants will also be provided with a physical activity pack to take home, which can be used to continue their fitness regime at home and they will be set challenges by staff. The pack will contain a selection of activities including hula hoop, skipping rope, bat and ball, tennis balls, flying disc, chalk, inflatable football and activity sheets including exercises, colourings arts and crafts etc. Sessions from October may take place in-centre, potentially at Flatts Youth Centre and would include arts and crafts, xbox, tv, dvds, doorstep sports, music, board games, cooking activity, outdoor play etc. SNCBC are registered with Street Games and will implement door-step sports as part of the programme of delivery.

Sessions will be 1.5 hours face to face and in line with Covid-19 restrictions will be held outdoors in local green spaces, which we anticipate will be at Hetton Lyons Country Park. Sessions will coincide with a midday mealtime and a healthy packed lunch will be provided at the end of the activity for children/young people to eat at the field or take home to eat.

Each session will be evaluated with young people will take this learning into account for the development of future sessions.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
Houghton Holidays 2020	SNCBC	£2,940

Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) plan to provide 'holiday activities for

children and young people' in Houghton ward in the Coalfields. Our activities are designed to improve participation rates in physical activity and address holiday hunger, reduce the number of children who experience feelings of isolation post Covid-19 pandemic and during holiday periods. Young People will have a safe, welcoming place to meet, participating in activities, utilising outdoor space as much as the British weather allows, while socialising with peers and youth workers.

We will engage young people in the age range 7 to 11 years old, but will be flexible to include those in the age range 5 to 13 years should they wish to engage, for example have a sibling attending the group. We plan to provide a weekly session across Summer 2020, October 2020, February 2020 and Easter 2021 school holidays, a total of 10 weeks. Staff will attend all sites prior to delivery to complete a comprehensive Covid-19 appropriate risk assessment and session planning documents will clearly identify the activities that will be delivered, cleaning regimes to be followed and the appropriate PPE to be provided. Current guidance allows one worker to engage with a maximum bubble of five young people and we will observe this directive in our delivery, with group sizes being a maximum of 10 young people. All summer outdoor sessions will include non-contact physical activities such as roll out tennis, portable football, frisbee throwing, circuits and keep fit. We anticipate we will engage with 20 individual young people during the 10 weeks of delivery.

Participants will also be provided with a physical activity pack to take home, which can be used to continue their fitness regime at home and they will be set challenges by staff. The pack will contain a selection of activities including hula hoop, skipping rope, bat and ball, tennis balls, flying disc, chalk, inflatable football and activity sheets including exercises, colourings arts and crafts etc. Sessions from October may take place in-centre, potentially at Houghton Blind Centre and would include arts and crafts, xbox, tv, dvds, doorstep sports, music, board games, cooking activity, outdoor play etc. SNCBC are registered with Street Games and will implement doorstep sports as part of the programme of delivery.

Sessions will be 1.5 hours face to face and in line with Covid-19 restrictions will be held outdoors in local green spaces, which we anticipate will be Rectory Park/ field. Sessions will coincide with a midday mealtime and a healthy packed lunch will be provided at the end of the activity for children/young people to eat at the field or take home to eat.

Each session will be evaluated with young people will take this learning into account for the development of future sessions.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
Shiney Holidays 2020	SNCBC	£2,956

Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) plan to provide 'holiday activities for children and young people' in Shine Row ward in the Coalfields. Our activities are designed to improve participation rates in physical activity and address holiday hunger, reduce the number of children who experience feelings of isolation post Covid-19 pandemic and during holiday periods. Young People will have a safe, welcoming place to meet, participating in activities, utilising outdoor space as much as the British weather allows, while socialising with peers and youth workers.

We will engage young people in the age range 7 to 11 years old, but will be flexible to include those in the age range 5 to 13 years should they wish to engage, for example have a sibling attending the group. We plan to provide a weekly session across Summer 2020, October 2020, February 2020 and Easter 2021 school holidays, a total of 10 weeks. Staff will attend all sites prior to delivery to complete a comprehensive Covid-19 appropriate risk assessment and session planning documents will clearly identify the activities that will be delivered, cleaning regimes to be followed and the appropriate PPE to be provided. Current guidance allows one worker to engage with a maximum bubble of five young people and we will observe this directive in our delivery, with group sizes being a maximum of 10 young people. All summer outdoor sessions will include non-contact physical activities such as woodland walks, roll out tennis, portable football, frisbee throwing, circuits and keep fit. We anticipate we will engage with 20 individual young people during the 10 weeks of delivery.

Participants will also be provided with a physical activity pack to take home, which can be used to continue their fitness regime at home and they will be set challenges by staff. The pack will contain a selection of activities including hula hoop, skipping rope, bat and ball, tennis balls, flying disc, chalk, inflatable football and activity sheets including exercises, colourings arts and crafts etc. Sessions from October may take place in-centre, potentially at Herrington Country Park classroom and would include arts and crafts, xbox, tv, dvds, doorstep sports, music, board games, cooking activity, outdoor play etc. SNCBC are registered with Street Games and will implement door-step sports as part of the programme of delivery.

Sessions will be 1.5 hours face to face and in line with Covid-19 restrictions will be held outdoors in local green spaces, which we anticipate will be Herrington Country Park. Sessions will coincide with a midday mealtime and a healthy packed lunch will be provided at the end of the activity for children/young people to eat at the field or take home to eat.

Each session will be evaluated with young people will take this learning into account for the development of future sessions.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
Return to Sport	Hetton Juniors FC	£1,500

It has been a tough time for all and some of our children have not had the chance to take part in structured exercise for 3 months. We are now planning for access to organised sport within Covid 19 guidance. It will be a huge relief for some and make a positive impact on their physical and mental health. We would be delighted to provide safe and organised sport for the children during summer holidays and we are aiming to provide a suitable environment to provide FA COVID Guidance safe football for the young people of Hetton and surrounding areas.

The sessions will be based at Hetton School. All sessions will be in line FA guidance which is 1 adult to 5 players. Our team of coaches and volunteer adults will deliver this. Sessions will be on grass and a guidance document shared with all parents and children. We already have a full club document which you can find on our website [www.hettonjuniorsfc.co.uk](http://www.hettonjuniorsfc.co.uk) in the club documents section.

We will advertise the sessions within the club to current players but also use our promotional video to try and attract other players. We will use social media (we have 1000 followers), e mail system, local press and the local Hetton Le Hole page too.

We are also planning football camps for players in the summer where we would be able to offer the half/full day camps for a reduced rate.

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2019/2020 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED – March 2020

Ward	Project	Ward Allocation 2019/2020	Project Approvals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned (since April 2019)	Balance Remaining
<b>Copt Hill</b>	Full allocation of funding awarded					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Hetton</b>	<b>Hetton Local and Natural History Society -</b> Towards the purchase of printing supplies to enable the society to continue producing information booklets on subjects of interest to the local community		£376.68			
	<b>SNCBC -</b> Towards various activities as part of the celebrate event for the newly installed Pit Wheel		£596.94			
	<b>Gateway North East</b> – Towards the delivery of holiday provision providing sessional workers, toys, equipment and training		£800			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£1,773.62</b>	<b>£8,188.55</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£37.83</b>
<b>Houghton</b>	<b>Houghton Youth Roma FC -</b> Towards the purchase of new match and training kits along with equipment for training		£781			
	<b>SNCBC - Houghton Dance Youthie -</b> To pilot a 10-week programme delivering dance sessions for girls to help address local issues with youths congregating in large groups on a night		£1,734.45			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£2,515.45</b>	<b>£7,484.55</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>

<b>Shiney Row</b>	<b>Shiney Row Male Voice Choir</b> - Towards the purchase of a portable PA system, audio recorder microphone stand and group uniform		£784.92			
	<b>New Penshaw Academy</b> - Towards the purchase of toys and outdoor play equipment for the parent and toddler stay and play session		£999.74			
	<b>ShARP</b> - Towards major repairs required to the roof of the building		£1,000			
	<b>Friends of Herrington Country Park</b> - Towards the purchase of craft supplies, promotional materials and children's litter picking equipment for community events		£550			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£3,334.66</b>	<b>£6,322.75</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£342.59</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£40,000</b>	<b>£7,623.73</b>	<b>£31,995.85</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£380.42</b>

**COMMUNITY CHEST 2020/2021 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED – April to June 2020**

Ward	Project	Ward Allocation 2020/2021	Project Approvals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned (since April 2020)	Balance Remaining
Copt Hill	<b>Easington Lane Community Access Point – (Funding across all Wards)</b> - Towards the cost of providing food parcels to those in immediate crisis due to the Covid 19 situation		£1,250			
	<b>Northumbria Police – (Funding across all Wards)</b> To purchase two E Bikes to be used by Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers on daily patrols of the Coalfields area to tackle crime and ASB hotspot areas		£475			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£1,725</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,275</b>
Hetton	<b>Easington Lane Community Access Point – (Funding across all Wards)</b> - Towards the cost of providing food parcels to those in immediate crisis due to the Covid 19 situation		£1,250			
	<b>Northumbria Police – (Funding across all Wards)</b> To purchase two E Bikes to be used by Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers on daily patrols of the Coalfields area to tackle crime and ASB hotspot areas		£475			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£1,725</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,275</b>
Houghton	<b>Easington Lane Community Access Point – (Funding across all Wards)</b> - Towards the cost of providing food parcels to those in immediate crisis due to the Covid 19 situation		£1,250			
	<b>Northumbria Police – (Funding across all Wards)</b> To purchase two E Bikes to be used by Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers on daily patrols of the Coalfields area to tackle crime and ASB hotspot areas		£475			

	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£1,725</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,275</b>
<b>Shiney Row</b>	<b>Easington Lane Community Access Point – (Funding across all Wards)</b> - Towards the cost of providing food parcels to those in immediate crisis due to the Covid 19 situation		£1,250			
	<b>Monument View</b> - To purchase an encaged golf net for young people who are resident at Monument View		£500			
	<b>Early Help - Together For Children</b> - To purchase a story time chair, reading and drawing materials and puppets to set up a dedicated area to deliver weekly story time sessions predominately at the Barnwell Children's Centre		£500			
	<b>Northumbria Police</b> – (Funding across all Wards) To purchase two E Bikes to be used by Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers on daily patrols of the Coalfields area to tackle crime and ASB hotspot areas		£475			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£2,725</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£7,275</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£40,000</b>	<b>£7,900</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£32,100</b>