

Area Priority	Actions	Progress
Working in partnership to address key issues that affect residents emotional and mental wellbeing	Reduce stress caused by financial concerns by providing information and access to advice services	<p>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, the Comic Relief funded project is ended in January 2019. Funding has been provided by Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to continue the project for a further 12 months.</p> <p>Funded by SIB, a partnership project between Springboard and ShARP commenced in July 2018 to help people to prepare for Universal Credit. The RU Ready for UC project will complement current provision, work with Sunderland City Council and DWP and respond to local need. In the last quarter to January 2019 there were 26 UC advice sessions delivered at ShARP and Hetton Hub. One to one support was provided to 32 clients, bringing the total to over 100 during the lifetime of the project to date. The demand for the services the project offers far outweighs estimates. Predictions from DWP have been exceeded and clients are requiring longer term support than anticipated. It is proposed that the project is extended for 12 months from June 2019, utilising £30,000 of the previously approved Digital Inclusion budget.</p>
	Reduce isolation and improve social participation in older and vulnerable adults	<p>A number of SIB funded projects to address this issue are being delivered. Leaflets advertising the range of activities and events have been published and circulated widely.</p> <p>Following a Call for Projects by the People Board in December 2018, a total of 16 applications for projects to reduce loneliness and social isolation were received. The projects were assessed and consulted on and a proposal to fund 10 of the projects will be presented to the March 2019 Area Committee.</p>
	Provide access to support for carers	The People Board discussed this priority at the July meeting and invited colleagues from Sunderland Carers Centre to the October meeting to gather further information and discuss local need. Members gathered data and local

		intelligence via partners and VCS Network members to inform next steps. £30,000 SIB has been allocated to this priority and a fully developed and appraised project proposal is presented to the March 2019 Area Committee.
Encouraging and supporting local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity.	Support children and families during school holiday periods with alternatives to school lunches	A Call for Projects, to deliver activities for children and young people included additional funding to applicants to participate in the Street Games 'Fit and Fed' programme which offers activities with food during school holidays. Street Games offer support and advice to VCS groups providing activities and food as part of their project. Ten projects are recommended for approval to the March 2019 Area Committee
	Support adults to take part in physical activity to improve health	A Call for Projects was made via the VCS Network, and funding applications were assessed and presented to the October People Board for consideration. A total of 9 projects were approved and commenced in January 2019. A leaflet has been produced and circulated widely within the community. Projects have also been promoted in a two page spread in the Vibe magazine.
Increase opportunities to access training and learning to enhance life and employability skills	Increase digital inclusion in local communities	The SIB funded Coalfield Communities Connected project is a two year project delivered by Springboard and will provide support to residents in a variety of venues across the Coalfield area. The project is working with 9 local organisations to deliver IT support and training in their venues. In the past 3 months (to January 2019) 150 local residents have been supported on a 1-2-1 basis to access computers. The RU Ready for UC project includes working intensely with new UC claimants to support them to manage their benefits and job searches on line.
	Encourage young people to engage with local councillors and develop confidence to present ideas for projects - Continue CAN DO fund. Invite successful applicants to feedback results to People Board	The CAN DO fund is ongoing and has funded five projects in the last year. A further round of CAN DO will be presented to the April 2019 People Board. The Area Committee has allocated a further £10,000 SIB to this project to ensure continuation over the next year.
Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working	Encourage collaborative working amongst local organisations	VCS organisations are encouraged and supported to work in partnership to enhance and develop services across the area. The VCS Network is well attended and is a valuable forum to share information, ideas and resources
	Continue to support and work with volunteers as part of the SIB 'Step up' project	The SIB funded Step Up project continues to be successful in helping local organisations to recruit, train

		and retain volunteers to support service delivery and social activities. Due to additional funding awarded at the November 2018 Area Committee meeting, the project will now operate until March 2020.
Support provision of activities for young people that increase their involvement in community and area events and projects	Develop intergenerational projects to include digital inclusion, befriending and environmental improvements within the community	The 'From me to You' project delivered by Sunderland Carers Centre works residents of a local care home and young carers from Hetton School. Participants exchange letters with each other to develop skills and relationships, and reduce social isolation. A celebration event in December 2018 enabled the older and younger people to meet for the first time and exchange gifts and conversation.
	Support positive engagement for children and young people to address local issues and provide activities during holiday periods	A call for projects has resulted in 10 funding proposals being presented to the March 2019 Area Committee for consideration.