

## **EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 5.30pm**

**VENUE – Committee Room No. 1, Civic Centre**

#### **Membership**

Cllrs E. Ball (Chair), C. Marshall (Vice Chair – People), E. Gibson (Vice Chair – Place), C. English, M. Mordey, V. O’Neil, B. McClennan, L. Scanlan, I. Kay, N. Hodson, A. Emerson, P. Hunt, P. Wood, M. Dixon and R. Oliver.

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**ELAINE WAUGH**  
**Head of Law and Governance**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017**

**At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2017 at 5.30p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor E. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, Emerson, English, Hodson, Hunt, Kay, Marshall, McClennan, Mordey, O'Neil and Scanlan

**Also Present:-**

John Bailey	-	Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Alan Duffy	-	Head of Operations, Gentoo
Steve Graham	-	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Matthew Jackson	-	Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Jen McKeivitt	-	VCS Representative
Gillian Robinson	-	Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Nicol Trueman	-	Area Officer, Sunderland City Council

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ball, Oliver and Wood together with Hazel Clark, Sarah Reed, Jamie Southwell and Lisa Wilson-Riddell

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and of the extraordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

## **VCS Area Network Progress Report**

Jen McKevitt introduced the update from the VCS Network and advised that there had been two meetings of the VCS Network since the last Area Committee. The Network had received a presentation on the Tall Ships Race which had received positive feedback from network members. Ms Trueman had met with the network representatives to discuss the Area Committee priorities for the year and this had been well received by the network who were pleased to be involved in the discussions.

The Chairman thanked Ms McKevitt for her report and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the VCS Network progress report be noted.

## **Northumbria Police Update**

Acting Neighbourhood Inspector John Bailey introduced the update from Northumbria Police. He advised that in the three months since the last meeting there had been 1865 crimes recorded in the area which was a similar number to last year; it was pleasing to see the number stay the same considering the changes to the recording of crimes which had seen more incidents being logged as crimes. Burglary of dwellings had increased and the main area of concern was Millfield and Ashbrooke; especially in the areas with large student populations where doors and windows were often left unsecured. There was an operation underway to tackle burglaries and this included high visibility and plain clothes patrols as well as providing crime prevention advice to residents. There had been 12 arrests including two who were caught within premises they were burgling.

Theft from motor vehicles had increased; this was mainly in the city centre and Hendon and was where people had left valuables on display including sat-navs and dashboard cameras. An operation was running to tackle this issue and crime prevention advice letters were being sent to the registered keepers of vehicles seen with valuables left on display.

The number of violent crimes and race hate offences had remained about the same as last year.

Antisocial behaviour had reduced significantly with 592 incidents this year compared with 816 last year. A lot of this antisocial behaviour was attributable to the city centre especially in and around Mowbray Park and also in relation to the city centre night time economy. There had been 161 reports of antisocial behaviour in Doxford and Ryhope; the majority of these were in respect of issues around the use of off road motorcycles.

Following the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London there had been an increase in the amount of police resources on the streets. Tensions within the

community remained low. There had been a third demonstration at the weekend; this demonstration had attracted around 5-600 people and had passed without incident; the police had to allow them the right to peaceful protest but could take action should any issues arise. There had also been no issues for the police on the Election Day.

Councillor Mordey stated that he had received reports from parents taking their children to Barley Mow Park that there was drug use taking place in the bushes and drug paraphernalia including needles being left behind. Inspector Bailey advised that he was aware of the issue and that a plan had been put in place to tackle this issue.

Councillor Hodson asked whether there were any figures in respect of the number of notices issued as part of the city centre Public Space Protection Order and what the notices had been issued for. Inspector Bailey advised that the main issue tended to be begging and agreed to provide figures.

Councillor Hodson then referred to the use of the Shackleton building by the university's Islamic Student's Union; he queried whether there had been any issues associated with this and the nearby public houses especially as it was currently Ramadan which meant that there were a larger number of Islamic students staying at the union until later at night. Inspector Bailey advised that he was not aware of any issues and that there would have been engagement with the university through the University Liaison Officer.

Councillor Kay commented that he had been in contact with the University Imam who had told him that the new Islamic Student's Union building was fantastic; there had been one incident of someone receiving verbal abuse from someone leaving one of the public houses which was disappointing however the students felt that it was much better than any of the previous venues. He then referred to the issue of drug use at the rear of the Young Asian Voices building; this issue had improved however there was still drug use taking place. He was happy to see the reduction in antisocial behaviour and asked for information on whether the new A&E department had led to a decrease in antisocial behaviour at the hospital. He felt that the most noticeable antisocial behaviour was related to properties being used as drug houses. Inspector Bailey advised that he did not have figures for the hospital as they were included in the Millfield figures; there were regular visits to areas where there had been issues identified.

Councillor Scanlan expressed concerns over the demonstration which had taken place on Saturday, there had been a large number of people attended and they had been drinking and swearing when shoppers with children were walking past. There were concerns over the tensions in the area becoming worse. Inspector Bailey advised that before the demonstrations there was engagement with the organisers and the community to set restrictions on the numbers of attendees; the routes taken and the assembly points. It was difficult to police such demonstrations as removing people from the crowd would likely inflame the situation; the protests were monitored by the

intelligence team and action was taken after the event where offences were identified. Community tensions continued to be monitored.

Councillor M. Dixon commented that the demonstration had been well policed however he expressed concerns over motorbikes being used in pedestrian areas during the demonstration which had been very intimidating for people. Inspector Bailey stated that he had not been aware of this but agreed to look into it.

Councillor Mordey expressed concerns that some of the attendees of the demonstration had been drinking alcohol in public and had their faces covered; he did not think that this was acceptable and asked at what point the police would take robust action against offences. He was also concerned that if the demonstrations got taken over by far right groups then there could be issues and increased tensions, especially if there were also counter-demonstrations held which could lead to clashes between the demonstrators. Inspector Bailey advised that the commanding officer on the day would have an arrest policy in place. It could lead to problems if the police took action during the demonstration so instead evidence gatherers were present and CCTV was used to identify offenders who could then have action taken against them after the event. It was important to consider that everyone had the right to peaceful protest.

Councillor Kay queried whether the Public Space Protection Order could be used to divert the protests into less heavily trafficked areas of the city centre so that they were away from shoppers and children. He felt that the use of Market Square for the demonstrations was wholly inappropriate. Councillor M. Dixon added that he was concerned by the demonstrators being allowed to congregate in large numbers outside of the pubs in the area following the demonstrations. Inspector Bailey agreed to take these concerns back to the commanding officers and advised that it was difficult to put conditions onto the protests as this could lead to more spontaneous protests and a lack of communication between the organisers and the police which would make the policing of the demonstrations much more difficult.

Councillor Hodson commented that he had heard that some businesses had been forced to close early due to the protests. Inspector Bailey agreed to liaise with the businesses and would report the information back to the planning department at the main police headquarters.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Bailey for his report and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

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

Steve Graham advised that he was now the Station Manager for Sunderland Central and Marley Park Fire Stations following a management review within

the service. He presented the figures in relation to fires within the East Area in the last three months. There had not been any fatalities in the East Area however in the North Area there had been one fatality. Work was still being done to promote home fire safety and free safety checks were carried out by the fire service along with free battery operated smoke detectors being given to residents. There had been three injuries as a result of accidental dwelling fires which had been related to cooking.

Between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> May there had been 7 deliberate primary fires and 8 deliberate vehicle fires. There were regular checks carried out on derelict properties to ensure that they were secure and that fire risks were minimised. There had not been any major trends identified in relation to the vehicle fires.

There had been 127 deliberate secondary fires compared with 54 in the same period last year. There had been 51 incidents of loose refuse being set alight and 30 incidents of wheelie bins being set alight. 45 of the deliberate secondary fires had occurred in Hendon and there was work being done with the police to target the hotspot areas. There was also work being done with the LMAPS group and the 3G cameras could be used to collect evidence of offences. There had been 38 deliberate secondary fires in Millfield.

Rubbish fires were an issue with bins and skips being set alight; the fire service were speaking with people to ensure that bins were not left out and that skips were removed once full. Work was being done with the Princes Trust to educate people about not leaving their bins out.

He felt that the cutbacks in waste removal had led to the increases in secondary fires as waste was no longer being removed quickly.

Councillor Mordey stated that he did not think that the change to two weekly bin collections was responsible for the increase in fires; there had been a long history of bin fires in the Millfield and Hendon areas. He asked whether there was any evidence of fires increasing in other areas which had introduced two weekly bin collections. Mr Graham agreed to look into this and do a comparison of the information. He reiterated the need for educating people not to leave their bins out. Councillor Mordey then stated that the Area Committee had a number of overt and covert cameras which would be deployed soon and could be used to tackle deliberate fires. He also thanked the fire service for their hard work in prosecuting the former swingers club for their breaches of fire safety regulations.

Councillor Kay commented that there was an issue with waste being dumped in back lanes and then set on fire; it was prevalent in the areas with a large amount of student accommodation; he thanked the rapid response teams for their hard work in removing waste before it could be set on fire.

4. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be noted.

## **Gentoo Update**

Alan Duffy presented the update from Gentoo. He advised that the new allocation system would be going live soon. The new system was based on the homehunt website which was a national website which allowed social housing customers to apply online for properties. There were currently 29,000 applicants registered and the first 6,000 had been contacted to transfer them to the new system; once these had been transferred there would be a six month period for everyone else to transfer. Adverts would start being uploaded to the new system in July with the old and new systems running in tandem until everyone had been transferred to the new system.

Councillor Mordey expressed concerns that vulnerable or elderly customers might not be able to use the online system and asked what safeguards and assistance was in place. Mr Duffy advised that there had been a customer survey undertaken which had identified that two thirds of customers had internet access. There would be support for those who did not have access including allowing people to come into the office or having Neighbourhood Coordinators going out to the customers house to help them complete the applications; the six month window was in place to ensure that there was sufficient time to visit any customers who required assistance.

Councillor Mordey then queried whether the original sign up date would remain as there were people who had been on the waiting list for a number of years. Mr Duffy confirmed that the original sign up date would be transferred to the new system.

In response to a query from Councillor Kay Mr Duffy advised that the new system would require applicants to bid for the properties online and that the properties would still be advertised in the window of Gentoo offices.

Councillor M. Dixon referred to the property repairs that had been carried out including the new roofs on properties in Hill View and asked whether there were any future plans in place. Mr Duffy advised that a stock condition profile was being undertaken by Savills and once this was done plans for repairs would be compiled; it was likely that this information would be available later in the summer.

Councillor Mordey referred to the improvement works that had been done at Darcy Court as part of the previous maintenance programme and asked whether there would be improvements done at South Durham and Hedworth Courts. Mr Duffy advised that it was not yet known what works would be done as part of the new programme.

Councillor Hodson queried who was responsible for the paths around the city centre tower blocks as they were in urgent need of cleaning. Mr Duffy advised that responsibility was split three ways between Gentoo, the Bridges and the Council; there had been one off cleans of these paths done previously.



The Chairman thanked Mr Duffy for his report and it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update from Gentoo be noted.

### **East Sunderland Area Place Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2017/18**

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought Area Committee approval of the proposed priorities to be taken forward as part of the work plan for 2017/18 and which provided an update on the Place Board governance arrangements for 2017/18.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair of the Place Board, Councillor E. Gibson, introduced the report. She advised Members of the proposed priorities which were set out in section 3 of the report and drew Members attention to the proposed membership of the board which was set out in the table at paragraph 4.3 of the report. She informed Members that there had been an open day event held in Mowbray Park and thanked Ms Robinson and Ms Trueman for their hard work in holding this event.

Councillor Mordey welcomed the new priorities, especially the priority in respect of raising standards in the private and social housing sectors as there was an issue with the quality of housing stock in the area. He also commented that there had been positive feedback from attendees of the open day and thanked everyone involved in this event.

Councillor M. Dixon commented that the event held at the Sikh temple had been a success.

6. RESOLVED that:-
  - a. The East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan priorities for 2017/18 as set out in section 3 and annex 1 be approved.
  - b. The area governance arrangements for 2017/18 set out in section 4 and annex 2 be approved.

### **East Sunderland Area People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2017/18**

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought Area Committee approval of the proposed priorities to be taken forward as part of the work plan for 2017/18 and which provided an update on the People Board governance arrangements for 2017/18

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair of the People Board, Councillor Marshall, introduced the report and advised Members of the proposed priorities which were set out in section 3 and the proposed membership of the board; the children's centres local area board (CLAB); and the local multi-agency problem solving group (LMAPS) which were set out in section 4 of the report.

Councillor Scanlan asked for an update on the priority relating to reducing demand on A&E services targeting BME residents. Ms Trueman advised that representatives of the BME network had attended a meeting of the board which had opened up a line of engagement with the network and proposals had been presented. These were early discussions and there was still work to be done; more information would be brought to the July meeting of the board. 1 in 10 residents of the East Area were from a BME background and there were a number of these residents who did not know how to engage with services so attended A&E when a visit to the GP would be more appropriate.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan priorities for 2017/18 as set out in section 3 and annex 1 be approved.
- b. The area governance arrangements for 2017/18 set out in section 4 and annex 2 be approved.

## **Area Budgets Report**

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an update on the financial statements for Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Trueman introduced the report and advised that the new SIB budget allocation had been approved and the committee had a starting SIB balance of £277,456 for 2017/18. There were two SIB projects recommended for approval totalling £30,000 and if these were approved there would be a remaining SIB balance of £247,456 for 2017/18. The SIB financial statement was set out in the table at paragraph 2.1 of the report and details of the applications for consideration were set out in annex 1.

The Council had approved the allocation of £100,000 to supporting youth services with £20,000 allocated to each Area Committee. Members were asked to accept this allocation to fund the VCS Network to deliver youth activity projects in addition to the £74,693 which was aligned, in March 2017, to delivering targeted activities for young people. The People Board would discuss and propose how this grant could be best utilised and would report their findings back to the Area Committee.

The financial statement in respect of Community Chest was set out in table 2 at paragraph 3.1 of the report; each ward within the area had a starting balance of £10,000. There had been 11 requests for community chest funding and these were set out in annex 2.

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statements set out in sections 2 and 3 be noted.
- b. The two SIB requests totalling £30,000 from the 2017/2018 budget, as set out in annex 1, be approved.
- c. The £20,000 of funding from Sunderland City Council to support activities for young people be accepted.
- d. The financial position for Community Chest and the eleven approved Community Chest funding proposals, as set out in annex 2, be noted.

**Planning Applications – For Information Only**

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

9. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) E. GIBSON,  
Chairman.

13 NOVEMBER 2017

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD

### East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 In June 2017 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in Annex 1.

#### 2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 31 October 2017.

Area Priority	Progress Report
Community Assets Register: Feasibility Studies  Work Plan Reference (W.P.R) 1.1	<p>The Friends Group of Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks and Ryhope Terraces and Avenues both informally expressed an interest to the Council to consider transferring both Parks and a section of land known locally as the Store Fields, Ryhope over to the Groups.</p> <p>In June 2017 Area Committee appreciated that this is a major decision for both VCS Groups and to aid their thinking commissioned Groundwork North East to carry out individual feasibility studies to support the Groups in deciding whether or not to progress with a formal approach to the authority.</p> <p>In September 2017 the findings were presented to the Area Board for consideration and shared with colleagues in Property Services and Local Services. It was agreed to meet up with the Groups and local ward members to discuss next steps.</p>
Cleaner Communities SIB Update  WPR 1.2	<p>In April 2017 The Box Youth Project, Back on the Map, Make Your Way, I.C.O.S., Groundwork North East and Blue Watch Youth Centre launched the East Sunderland Cleaner Communities programme aimed at delivering a range of environmental activity to improve the visual appearance of local communities with support of a £50,000 SIB grant.</p> <p>In September 2017 an interim performance report was provided to the Area Board indicating the progress of the programme. The data below refers to the combine statistics from all five wards between April – August 2017:</p> <p>1. 146 place based events delivered i.e. community clean ups, educational campaigns, etc.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. 1,316 black bags collected, along with bulky waste items.</li> <li>3. 27.6 tonnes of rubbish removed off the streets.</li> <li>4. 819 volunteers involved in delivering 2,372 hours of 'work' which equates to £26,092 in kind contribution.</li> </ol> <p>The programme ends March 2018 with 41 further initiatives scheduled to be held between now and then. The Area Board noted the hard work delivered by the lead agents and welcomed the report.</p> <p>Running alongside this project it was noted the volume of recyclable street waste being removed off the streets and sent to energy plants instead of being sorted and recycled. With support from Place Management and J&amp;B Recycling Ltd a 'Recycle Smart Scheme' hub has been set up in Ryhope by Blue Watch Youth Centre who will collect and sort street waste to be recycled.</p>
<p>Community Furniture Re-Use Network</p> <p>WPR 1.3</p>	<p>In May 2017 The Box Youth Centre and Make Your Way launched the East Sunderland Community Furniture Re-use Network aimed at reducing the amount of furniture which ends up being burnt at energy plants to make electricity by up cycling donated furniture and moving them onto the area's most vulnerable residents, with the support of a £48,000 SIB grant.</p> <p>In September 2017 an interim performance report was provided to the Area Board indicating the progress of the programme. The data below refers to the combine statistics for East Sunderland between April – August 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 29.3 tonnes of donated goods diverted from landfill.</li> <li>2. 204 households have provided donations.</li> <li>3. 63 households / vulnerable residents have benefited from the scheme.</li> <li>4. 148 volunteers have engaged in the programme, delivering over 2,164 hours of 'work' which equates to £23,804 in kind contribution.</li> </ol> <p>With the systems, processes and resources in place to deliver the re-use model publicity materials have been produced to raise awareness and profile of service along with a dedicated Facebook page 'East Re-Use Project'. Both organisations have opened stores to allow people to go a browse the items before claiming them.</p>
<p>Think BIG, Act Local</p> <p>WPR 1.4</p>	<p>In July 2017, the Area Board discussed the area priority 'Think BIG, Act Local' which is aimed at maximising opportunities to develop projects which enhance the unique characteristics of the ward. A budget of £125,000 was</p>

	<p>originally proposed and split evenly across the five wards, £25,000 each. Two applications have been submitted for Doxford and Millfield wards totalling £44,627 SIB, with the Area Board recommending approval of the both applications to deliver a 'Pride in Doxford' and a 'Millfield Reclaim the Lanes' programme, with future applications expected in March 2018 for Hendon, Ryhope and St Michael's wards. <i>(Detailed information is provided in the Area Budget report)</i></p>
<p>Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee</p> <p>WPR 2.2b</p>	<p>In September 2017 Place Board Councillors were requested to identify preferred locations for the installation of the new vehicle activation signs in their wards.</p> <div data-bbox="732 515 1190 837" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Area Board are recommending the signs are located at the following locations. An order of priority will be produced when the sites have been cross referenced with relevant data, customer service requests and visited to ensure suitability and be moved on a rotation basis, where applicable.</p> <p><b>Doxford</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tunstall Bank (down from Venerable Bede)</li> <li>2. Hall Farm Road</li> <li>3. Doxford Park Way (in between the Inn Place and the rear of Mill Hill School)</li> <li>4. Doxford Park Way (beside Moorside/East Moorside)</li> </ol> <p><b>Hendon</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Villette Road</li> </ol> <p><b>Millfield</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. St Marks Road</li> <li>2. Durham Road near to Fox Street junction</li> </ol> <p><b>Ryhope</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Burdon Road (Cherry Bank)</li> <li>2. Black Road</li> </ol> <p><b>St Michaels</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tunstall Road (bottom of Strawberry Bank and near to the junction with Holmlands Park),</li> <li>3. Tunstall Vale and The Cedars.</li> <li>4. Silksworth Lane (out of town shortly after the Barnes traffic lights)</li> <li>5. Essen Way (travelling East towards Tunstall Road and Leechmere Road)</li> </ol>

	The vehicle activation signs will be installed and monitored between December 2017 to March 2018 with an evaluation report being presented to Area Board in April 2018 to measure the impact of the programme during its first quarter.
<p>Celebrating the East Area's heritage and historical assets.</p> <p>WPR 4.1 and 4.2</p>	<p>In March 2017 Area Committee approved SIB against several projects which could deliver action on behalf of the area priority 'celebrating the East Area's heritage and historical assets'.</p> <p>In July 2017 Area Board were presented with a performance report which outlined the success of the celebration events, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 events held in East Sunderland</li> <li>• 122 volunteers were involved</li> <li>• 1,759 people attended and enjoyed the celebrations</li> <li>• 21 VCS partners were involved</li> <li>• £7,000 SIB was awarded</li> </ul> <p>The Area Board noted the hard work delivered by the lead agents and welcomed the report.</p> <p>To support the cultural offer of the East area an order was placed in September to install brown tourist signs to promote the following visitor attractions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Ryhope Pump Museum</li> <li>ii) Doxford Park</li> <li>iii) Backhouse Park</li> <li>iv) Sunderland Museum</li> <li>v) Old Sunderland</li> </ul> <p>The signs will be installed early Winter along with interpretation boards to provide historical information on each site. It will raise the profile of the attractions in time for the 1.5m visitors expected for the Tall Ships Race in 2018.</p>
<p>Local Services</p> <p>WPR 2.1a</p>	Local Services will be presenting a verbal update at Area Committee on the new restructure, services and enforcement.

### 3. Recommendations

#### 3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan, as set out in Annex 1, and the progress made against the SIB funded projects relating to the: feasibility studies for Backhouse, Barley Mow Parks and the Store Fields; Cleaner Communities; East Community Furniture Re-Use Project; Vehicle Activation Signs; Brown Tourist Signage and Celebrating Heritage and Historical Assets in East Sunderland,

- (b) Note the Place Area Board's recommendation to approve £44,627 SIB to support projects delivered against the Place Work Plan, covering Think BIG, Act Local area priority.
- (c) Note the update provided by the Local Services Team and update on enforcement.

Annex 1	East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2017 / 2018
Background Papers	East Sunderland Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List

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NO.	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	<b>Delivery a range of environmental activity to improve the visual appearance of local areas and ensure recognition for action. (Corporate Plan: Regenerating the City, a place to invest.)</b>	1) Community Assets Register: when assets become available and there is a community need for a service to be delivered from the asset, provide support to the VCS to lease/own the asset.	Community Partnership	£2,250 SIB approved. Feasibilities Studies completed and shared with Groups, decisions pending. £7,750 SIB remaining to allocated. ONGOING
		2) Cleaner Communities SIB: Increase satisfaction levels with residents with regards to the visual appearance of their neighbourhoods	Joint Initiative between East VCS Area Network Groups and Place Board Cllrs	£50,000 SIB approved. Between April - August 6 VCS Groups delivered 146 place initiatives, removing over 27 tonnes of street waste involving over 800 volunteers. ENDS MARCH 2018.
		3) Launch Re-Use Network across the East Area	The Box Youth Centre and Make Your Way	£48,070 SIB approved. Between April - August, two VCS Groups received donated furniture from over 200 households, then worked with 148 volunteers to up cycle and move the furniture onto 63 vulnerable households. ENDS MARCH 2018.
		4) NEW: Think BIG, Act Local: Maximise opportunities to develop projects which enhance the unique characteristics of the area.	Place Board	Project brief advertised in Aug 17 to deliver innovative ideas within wards to improve the visual appearance. Further detail provided in main report. ONGOING
2	<b>Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee. (Corporate Plan: Regenerating the City)</b>	1a) Local Services: Streetscene. 1b) Enviro Cameras: Tackling environmental crime by enforcement.	Nicky Rowland, Placement Management	£30,000 SIB approved to buy ten camera kits to deploy in known areas of concern relating to environmental crime to collate evidence and support enforcement action. 1/4 updates to be received at Board. ONGOING

		2a) Highways Maintenance Programme. 2b) To reduce speeding traffic in the East area.	Graham Carr, Place Management	£42,000 SIB approved to buy 10 VAS and deploy in known speeding traffic spots across the East. Highways to attend Board meetings 1/4, to identify locations with Cllrs and data, then deploy VAS and report back. ONGOING
		3a) Public Protection and Regulatory Services 3b) improving the health of vulnerable and homeless people and improve accommodation for residents with disabilities (both 3b and 3c supported the Housing Strategy)	Christine Oates, Place Management	£64,778 SIB approved to improve health and housing standards in the hostels in and around Sunnyside ENDS FEBRUARY 2018. Hostel report findings are outlined in the People. ONGOING
3	<b>Improve neighbourhoods by raising standards in the private / social sector to improve health and housing. (Corporate Plan: Regenerating the City, more and better housing development)</b>	Understand how the Area Committee could support the delivery of the Housing Strategy.	Liz McEvoy, Housing Strategy Team	
4	<b>Support inward investment and tourism in the local area. (Corporate Plan: develop the cultural offer)</b>	1) Install brown tourist signs across the East area, along with information boards, where required.	Ken Heads, Place Management	£21,400 SIB install brown tourist signs across the East, with supporting information boards. ENDS WINTER.
		2) Deliver a series of events which promote historical buildings and places across the East area.	East VCS Area Network Groups	£7,006 SIB approved. • 5 events held in East Sunderland; • 122 volunteers were involved; • 1,759 people attended and enjoyed the celebrations; • 21 VCS partners were involved. COMPLETED.
		3) Support and involve the Tall Ships Race 2018.	East VCS Area Network Groups	£7,000 SIB approved to support four sail trainee ambassadors. Proposed to approve £15,000 to approve 10 young people to take part in the tall ships race. £15,000 proposals to deliver cultural and entertainment programme during the lead up, during and after the event. ENDS AUGUST 2018

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## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PEOPLE BOARD

### East Sunderland Area People Board Progress Report

#### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 In June 2017 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the East Sunderland Area People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

#### 2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland People Area Board up to 31 October 2017.

Area Priority	Progress Update
<p>Improving health and wellbeing</p> <p>Work Plan Reference (W.P.R. 1.1)</p>	<p>Area Committee may recall previous updates presented on the difficulties B.M.E. communities face when engaging with services and struggling to integrate into their local neighbourhood.</p> <p>In August 2017 the Chair agreed to evoke the emergency SIB protocol to enable a decision to be made on a SIB grant outside of Area Committee cycle. An executive summary was circulated to all Area Committee members asking for them to consider the 'Healthy Steps' project proposal submitted by the Sunderland Black Minority Ethnic Network. The Healthy Steps project focuses on making services and community activities more accessible and easier to navigate by delivering four main outcomes, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Increase access to information and services.</li> <li>ii) Reduce health inequalities.</li> <li>iii) Encourage participation in non B.M.E. community buildings.</li> <li>iv) Raise awareness of different cultures.</li> </ul> <p>£65,000 was approved from a joint budget shared between the Clinic Commissioning Group and SIB. The project commenced in September 2017 and ends in March 2019. Bi-annual performance reports will be presented to the Area Board for consideration throughout the life time of the project.</p>
<p>Raising the standards of health and housing in the hostels</p> <p>WPR 1.2</p>	<p>In September 2017 the Area Board received a presentation on the findings from the research carried out in the hostels in Sunnyside by Sunderland Council, Sunderland People First and Sunderland Autism in Mind.</p> <p>Many of the hostel clients involved displayed the characteristics and traits of autism and/or a learning disabilities. It was acknowledged that people found themselves at crisis point and needing to access hostels for several reasons: family breakdown, bereavement, domestic abuse, substance misuse or chaotic lifestyle in which they have no boundaries or stability.</p>

	<p>Family breakdown was the most common reason for crisis occurring. Such as, family bereavement, conflict between family members/domestic abuse, and removal of children by social services. The inability to cope with or adapt to changes in family structure, and the lack of support available inevitably leads to mental health problems and often individuals turn to legal and illegal recreational drugs to cope.</p> <p>The majority of people had been picked up by the Special Educational Needs (SEN) system when they were younger and received appropriate support at school and their families but more often than not, the loss of the main carer in older life means that difficulties arise when left to do things for themselves – they have no voice.</p> <p>Main issues identified are:</p> <p>Support insufficient for needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although individuals are known to health specialists there are indications that there is a lack of appropriate support or clarity around who is taking the lead in supporting clients with learning difficulties and Autism.</li> <li>• Expectations and communication between both hostel staff and public and statutory bodies could be improved and strengthened.</li> <li>• More emphasis and responsibility required in the planning and purchasing of care packages and move-on provision.</li> </ul> <p>Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessing and navigating the welfare benefits system is difficult and this increases when you have learning difficulties and Autism and do not receive the appropriate support.</li> <li>• Food banks and lunch clubs delivered by local churches are highly used due to having no money for weeks.</li> </ul> <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some people have regressed in terms of independent living and social skills.</li> <li>• Social isolation and the development of inappropriate coping strategies impact significantly on health and mental health.</li> <li>• Little access to the kind of information that other vulnerable people receive within supported living settings.</li> <li>• The cost of providing low level preventative support is much lower than managing the mental health conditions which will inevitably develop for clients with a learning disability or autism who do not have their needs met.</li> </ul> <p>Area Committee are requested to note the findings and agree to escalate the report to the People's Directorate Head of Integrated Commissioning and the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration and receive an update in a future report.</p>
<p>East Digital Inclusion Group (EDiT)</p> <p>WPR 2.2</p>	<p>Discussions have been held at Area Board to look at enhancing employment and digital skills provision by developing vulnerable resident's confidence and ability levels when using digital and technical equipment and tools to strengthen digital inclusion across the East area.</p> <p>Recent statistics provided by the Good Foundation informs us that in</p>

<p>Outcomes</p> <p>1. support residents to develop the confidence to access services online</p> <p>2. ensure vulnerable residents can be digitally inclusive over time</p> <p>3. enhance employment and skills provision</p>	<p>Sunderland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 18% of residents have never been online.</li> <li>ii) 28% of disabled adults, 57% of over 65s, 28% of unemployed people, 31% of people earning less than £9,500 do not have the five basic digital skills (as set out in Annex One), which is far above the national average.</li> <li>iii) There is link between digital and social inclusion</li> </ul> <p>The Area Board identified the East's vulnerable target audience and define the groups to focus upon as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Households effected by universal credit (Unemployed, job seekers and households on low income), engage and referrals via D.W.P., Council's Benefits Team and Gentoo</li> <li>b) Adults and older people who maybe digital isolated: engage and referrals via Council services and VCS Groups</li> <li>c) People with learning difficulties or visual impairments: engage and referrals via Council services and VCS Groups</li> </ul> <p>The Area Board recommended that an East Digital Inclusion Task (EDiT) group was established to investigate barriers and identify solutions from two different perspectives, VCS groups and the public's.</p> <p>Feedback from the EDiT Group identified three common barriers for VCS Groups providing access to IT, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Capacity: people on the ground to provide face to face and one to one support to people who are not e-literature,</li> <li>2) Technical support: having the relevant skills and knowledge within the organisation to deal with troubleshooting or problem solving digital IT failures and getting the best deal for broadband and Wi-Fi connections.</li> <li>3) Equipment: either out of date or soon will be, with little or no resource to renew or upgrade existing 'kit', in addition, access to devices and broadband was highlighted as a major barrier.</li> </ul> <p>From the public's perspective the barriers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Capacity: Lack of awareness of and access to the free support that's available. This includes Wi-Fi hotspots, devices and training; People are not motivated to use the internet. Unwillingness to ask for help; people are unaware of what the internet has to offer so don't think it's relevant; Vulnerability of people i.e. mental health, expectations are too high – expecting someone who has an issue to progress quickly into employment when they need time to cope with the demands of daily life.</li> <li>2) Technical Support: Poor quality of provision (support, connectivity, skilled staff and volunteers); Safety is a big issue: spam, viruses, scams and fraud, spyware, cyber bullying, grooming, etc.</li> <li>3) Equipment: The costs of broadband and devices are too high, and demands such as 12 month contracts are too much of a commitment; Buildings need to be accessible and equipment needs to be disabled-friendly and special packages for people with visual impairments, autism, etc.</li> </ul> <p>From both perspectives the barriers fall under three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Capacity</li> </ul>
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	<p>ii) Technical Support iii) Equipment</p> <p>There is potential to develop IT Digital Network across the East area to provide a physical presence in local communities to access IT. The outputs the IT hubs could carry out may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Increasing access to equipment and broadband connectivity.</li> <li>b) Building skills and confidence through appropriate outreach activity.</li> <li>c) Provide the bridge from absolute beginner to becoming a confident IT user.</li> <li>d) Develop a digital network to ensure vulnerable residents can be digitally inclusive over time, supporting work with universal credit, employment opportunities, job searches, enhance skills provision, etc.</li> </ul> <p>There are 12 existing community buildings which provide a small level of access to IT and the internet in the East, with all referencing the three barriers as key problems to address, in addition to demand of usage being high. With the potential to develop up to a further 13 new IT hubs bringing a digital network membership to 25.</p> <p>To keep it simple it is proposed to start by doing an 'IT health check' on existing and potential hubs. Each hub would be visited by two specialist workers who would produce a report, listing recommendations (flagged red, amber, green) on next steps addressing the three barriers of capacity, technical support and equipment whilst engaging with the target audience to deliver the outputs listed above. Area Committee are requested to endorse the IT Health Check approach and agree to receive a future report on the findings.</p> <p>There maybe scope to maximise the benefit of the Community Led Local Development fund as part of the digital inclusion programme, as it could contribute toward two strategic objectives, enhancing employment and skills provision and improving community capacity, partnership working and social innovation.</p>
<p>East Community Connector Hubs</p> <p>WPR 4.1</p>	<p>In April 2017 a new Community Connector Hub model was launched across the East Sunderland area, involving 13 different voluntary and community groups aimed at reducing social isolation, supporting young people, people with disabilities and hosting volunteering opportunities, with the support of a £80,000 SIB grant. The data below refers to the combine statistics for East Sunderland between April – August 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1,497 people have engaged and participated in the programme</li> <li>2. 239 volunteers involved in delivering 4,335 hours of 'work' which equates to £47,680 in kind contribution</li> <li>3. 65 voluntary, community groups and service providers have benefited from the model</li> <li>4. 117 hours of 'free' room hire has been claimed to deliver door step services</li> <li>5. 13 ward network meetings held, strengthening local resilience and information sharing at a grass roots level.</li> </ul> <p>The programme ends between December 2017 to March 2018. The Area Board noted the hard work delivered by the lead agents and welcomed the report.</p>

<p>Call for Projects: Social Action and Volunteering</p> <p>WPR 4.2a</p>	<p>In August 2017 a call for projects was advertised across the East VCS Area Network which would enable children and young people to deliver action on behalf of Area Committee. £95,000 was split equally across the five wards. To ensure that the project proposals delivered a targeted approach each People Board representative was requested to identify no more than three themes for the young people to focus on within the ward, these were:</p> <p>Doxford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Litter</li><li>• Anti-social behaviour</li><li>• Disabilities</li></ul> <p>Hendon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child poverty</li><li>• Social and economic disadvantage</li></ul> <p>Millfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth related anti-social behaviour</li><li>• Drug and alcohol related incidents</li><li>• NB: 40% of young people are BME</li></ul> <p>Ryhope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth related anti-social behaviour</li><li>• Social isolation in older people</li></ul> <p>St Michaels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child poverty</li><li>• Mental health problems with children including low self-esteem</li></ul> <p>Sixteen funding applications were submitted totalling £132,593 SIB. All applications were consulted upon and assess against a scoring matrix. Fourteen are recommended for approval with two recommended to be rejected.</p> <p>The Area Board are recommending that £111,133 SIB is approved to enable children and young people to deliver the Social Action and Volunteering programme throughout 2018. <i>(Detailed information is provided in the Area Budget report)</i></p>																
<p>Fancy a Day Out</p> <p>WPR 4.2b</p>	<p>In March 2017 Area Committee approved £19,525 SIB to enable the co-ordination of a 'Fancy a Day Out' programme for the second year, building on the success of 2016. The programme focused on delivering sessions which were fun, educational and provided access to a nutritional meal. The outputs from the programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13 members from East VCS Area Network delivered the scheme</li><li>• 97 sessions were delivered across the Summer School holidays – target 104 (down by 7)</li><li>• 1,789 individuals were engaged in the scheme – target 1,490 (up by 299), detail shown below</li></ul> <table><tr><th>Age</th><th>0-3 yrs</th><th>4-10 yrs</th><th>11-18 yrs</th><th>18+</th><th>Male</th><th>Female</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>235</td><td>857</td><td>184</td><td>304</td><td>677</td><td>996</td><td>1,789</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £24,384 in kind contribution was attracted via volunteering opportunities, food and equipment donations with Area Committee investing £15,725 to date</li></ul>	Age	0-3 yrs	4-10 yrs	11-18 yrs	18+	Male	Female	Total	Total	235	857	184	304	677	996	1,789
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	<p>There is an underspend of £3,800 remaining to be allocated, it is proposed that the grant is used to deliver a one off piece of work over the February 2018 half term using a similar model, but provide a hot meal during the dark, cold Winter months. The Area Board are recommending that the £3,800 underspend is used to support a 'Fancy a Day Out' model delivered in February 2018, with an update report provided in March 2018.</p> <p><i>(further detail is available in the area funding report)</i></p>
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### 3. Recommendations

#### 3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note £65,000 was approved from a joint budget shared between the Clinic Commissioning Group and SIB to deliver the B.M.E. Healthy Steps project with bi-annual performance reports presented to the Area Board for consideration.
- (b) Agree to escalate the Learning Difficulties and Autism Hostel Project report to the People's Directorate Head of Integrated Commissioning and the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration and receive a future update report.
- (c) Agree to the IT Health Checks to be carried out at for existing and potential IT hubs to support the East Digital Inclusion Task Group.
- (d) Note the People Area Board's recommendation to approve:
  - i) £111,133 SIB to support the Social Action and Volunteering Programme call for projects,
  - ii) £3,800 SIB underspend to support the delivery of a 'fancy a day out' model during February 2018 school holidays.
- (e) Note the East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

Annex 1	East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan 2017 / 2018
Background Papers	East Sunderland Area People Board Agendas, Reports and Action List
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NO.	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	<b>Deliver a partnership approach to improve health and wellbeing by reducing demand on accident and emergency services and improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people. (Corporate Plan: Improving health and wellbeing)</b>	1) Reducing demand on A&E services, targeting BME communities and substance misusers.	Area People Board and CCG East	£65,000 SIB approved to deliver the Healthy Steps project to develop relationships with the BME Network and support more effective signposting, engagement and integration with mainstream health, social and place services. ONGOING
		2) Improve housing and health standards for vulnerable people living in East Sunderland.	Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Team	£64,778 SIB Housing Standards project currently being delivered which will end in Feb 2018 (Connects to Place). £4,000 SIB Learning Disabilities and Austim Hostel Report Project was undertaken with residents in hostel accommodation, Area Committee are requested to escalate the findings to the People's Directorate and the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration. Members received an update on the new Housing First model. PENDING
2	<b>Enhancing employment and skills provision. (Corporate Plan: Improving education and skills. )</b>	1) Deliver an employment and enterprise scheme that will support people who have a learning disability or autism into employment.	VCS Area Network Groups	£54,744 SIB funding was awarded to the Stepping Up programme which was launched in February 2017 to support people with learning disability or autism into employment or enterprise. ENDS DECEMBER 2018.
		2) Developing a digital network to support residents in terms of: a) Increasing access to equipment and broadband connectivity to ensure vulnerable residents can be digitally inclusive over time. b) Building skills and confidence through appropriate outreach activity to support residents to develop the confidence to access services online	tbc	An EDiT workshop and mapping exercise was carried out across the East area which identified three main themes which prevent VCS groups and customers participating in a digital network, these are: capacity, technical support and equipment. Area Committee are being requested to agree to IT Health Checks being carried out at existing and potential hubs to assess the position against the main themes outlined above and to receive a future update report. ONGOING
3	<b>Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services</b>	1) Children Centres and Children Local Area Board	Chair of People Board	Watch and brief.

	<b>devolved to Area Committee. (Corporate Plan: Safeguarding residents)</b>	2) Family, Adult and Community Learning (FACL)	Education and Attainment Team	Courses continue to be delivered across the East, no concerns reported. ONGOING
		3) Public Health commissioned services.	Public Health	Provider updates as necessary. PENDING
		4) Anti Social Behaviour and East LMAPs	Cllr Marshall and Cllr Dixon	Several meetings held, plus a number of extra ordinary LMAPs hosted. ONGOING
4	<b>Improving community capacity through partnership working with the VCS to connect vulnerable people to services in their local communities and support volunteering opportunities. (Corporate Plan: New ways of working in collaboration.)</b>	1) Community Connectors: i) Deliver ward networking meetings, ii) reduce social isolation, support young people, support people with disabilities and support volunteers, iii) provide 'free' room hire space to enable door step services, or support new groups to be established.	People Cllrs and Connector Hubs	£80,000 SIB approved to deliver outputs tailored to the wards needs. Between April - August 2017, 1,497 people have engaged in the programme, 239 volunteers have delivered 4,335 hours of 'work', 65 groups have benefited. The project is performing well and due to be reviewed February 2018. ONGOING.
		2) Deliver a Social Action and Volunteering Programme to: a) support delivery of activities for young people that maximise their role in delivery of area priorities b) maximise opportunities for volunteers to get involved in local events and service delivery c) maximise opportunities for residents to participate in the Tall Ships event to ensure a legacy in local communities.	VCS Area Network Groups	a) 16 project proposals are being considered as part of the Social Action and Volunteering programme delivered by children and young people. PENDING b) £15,725 SIB supported the delivered of a Fancy a Day Out scheme during the Summer holidays, with a proposal that the underspend of £3,800 is used to extend the model into February half term. ONGOING c) £11,000 SIB approved to deliver an E Learning lounge offering a range of online courses for volunteers to up skill. <a href="http://www.facl.org.uk">www.facl.org.uk</a> ENDS DECEMBER 2017.
5	<b>Attract external funding into East Sunderland (Corporate Plan: New ways of delivering services)</b>	1) Promote funding opportunities across the East area and deliver grant funding searches via Grantfinder.	Community Partnerships	25 grantfinder funding searches have been completed on behalf of the Area Network attracting £157,800 of external funding into the area. ONGOING
		2) Maximise the benefit of Community Led Local Development Funding and the apprenticeship levy across the area (linked to enhancing employment & skills provision)	Community Partnerships	Confirmation of CLLD funding was received in October with a launch and East workshop held in 9 November. PENDING.

<b>EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE</b> <b>13 NOVEMBER 2017</b> <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b>																																	
<b>Title of Report:</b>	Area Budgets Report																																
<b>Author(s):</b>	Head of Members Support and Community Partnerships Service																																
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<b>Description of Decision:</b>	<p>The Area Committee is requested to note the following:</p> <p>i) Note the financial statement set out in section 2 and 3.</p> <p>ii) Approve the following sixteen SIB requests totalling £111,133 (£94,693 2016 / 2017 topped up with £16,440 2017 / 2018) for the Social Action and Volunteering programme and £44,627 from the 2017 / 2018 budget for the Think Big Act Local projects in Doxford and Millfield, as set out in <b>Annex 1</b>.</p> <table> <tr><td>(a) ASB Out</td><td>£5,000</td></tr> <tr><td>(b) Doxford Can Do</td><td>£4,980</td></tr> <tr><td>(c) Doxford Young Volunteers</td><td>£3,998</td></tr> <tr><td>(d) Doxford Junior Task Force</td><td>£5,000</td></tr> <tr><td>(e) Bright Future</td><td>£6,215</td></tr> <tr><td>(f) Youth Leading the Way</td><td>£17,885</td></tr> <tr><td>(g) Voices for Change</td><td>£3,696</td></tr> <tr><td>(h) Millfield Bring it On!</td><td>£4,865</td></tr> <tr><td>(i) Youth Leading the Way</td><td>£11,994</td></tr> <tr><td>(j) Peer Engagement Activities Programme</td><td>£5,000</td></tr> <tr><td>(k) Link the Ages</td><td>£4,000</td></tr> <tr><td>(l) Young and Old Alike</td><td>£5,000</td></tr> <tr><td>(m) Peer Mentor Project</td><td>£19,000</td></tr> <tr><td>(n) Sunderland MIND</td><td>£14,500</td></tr> <tr><td>(o) Pride of Doxford</td><td>£25,000</td></tr> <tr><td>(p) Reclaim the Lanes: Millfield</td><td>£19,627</td></tr> </table>	(a) ASB Out	£5,000	(b) Doxford Can Do	£4,980	(c) Doxford Young Volunteers	£3,998	(d) Doxford Junior Task Force	£5,000	(e) Bright Future	£6,215	(f) Youth Leading the Way	£17,885	(g) Voices for Change	£3,696	(h) Millfield Bring it On!	£4,865	(i) Youth Leading the Way	£11,994	(j) Peer Engagement Activities Programme	£5,000	(k) Link the Ages	£4,000	(l) Young and Old Alike	£5,000	(m) Peer Mentor Project	£19,000	(n) Sunderland MIND	£14,500	(o) Pride of Doxford	£25,000	(p) Reclaim the Lanes: Millfield	£19,627
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iii)	Reject the following two SIB requests (a) Youth Hub (b) Musical Youth	£16,500 £4,960
iv)	Note the financial position and the request to submit Community Chest funding proposals throughout the year, and the fourteen Community Chest funding requests agreed since June 2017, as set out in <b>Annex 2</b> .	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?		Yes
<p><b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b></p> <p>The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>		
<p><b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b></p> <p>The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>		
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>		Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

13 NOVEMBER 2017

## HEAD OF MEMBERS SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SERVICE

## Area Budgets Report

## 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the local work plans, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest.

## 2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

- 2.1 The financial statement below includes the two SIB projects rolled over from 2015 / 2016, one SIB proposal rolled over from 2016 / 2017, and the new municipal year balance for 2017 / 2018. Area Committee are requested to note the financial statement, as set out in Table 1.

SIB Financial Breakdown for 2015 / 2018					
Project Name	Committee Date	SIB Aligned	Match Funding	SIB Approved	SIB Balance Remaining
<b>Rolled over from 2015 / 2016 Budget: Restricted</b>					
1. Partnership in Practice	16.03.16	£40,000	£40,000	£79,667	£333
2. CATs	16.03.16	£10,000	£0	£2,250	£7,750
<i>2015 / 2016 Total</i>					<i>£8,083</i>
<b>Rolled over from 2016 / 2017 Budget: Restricted</b>					
3. Social Action and Volunteering Programme	13.03.17	£74,693	£20,000		£94,693
<i>2016 / 2017 Total</i>					<i>£94,693</i>
<b>2017 / 2018 Budget</b>					
<i>Starting Balance</i>					<i>£277,456</i>
4. Sail Trainee Bursary Scheme	12.06.17			15,000	£262,456
5. Set the Sails	12.06.17			15,000	£247,456
<i>2017 / 2018 Total</i>					<i>£247,456</i>

Table 1: Financial Statement SIB 2017 / 2018

- 2.2 Since the June 2017 Area Committee are requested to note that £65,000 SIB was allocated from the 2015 / 2016 Partnership in Practice budget to the Sunderland Black Minority Ethnic Network to deliver a 'Healthy Steps' Project, this leaves an outstanding amount of £333.
- 2.3 The starting balance for SIB is £247,456.
- 2.4 In August 2017, two SIB funding project brief adverts were shared across the East VCS Area Network for Social Action and Volunteering (People) and Think BIG, Act Local (Place).
- 2.5 All applications submitted were presented to both Area Boards in September for consideration, scored against a matrix and all East area Councillors, partners and officers were asked for their views on whether the project proposals conflicted or complemented existing services, delivery plans and meet the requirements of the project brief. The results of the feedback are reflected in the recommendations and set out in Annex One.

### **Social Action and Volunteering**

- 2.6 With regards to the Social Action and Volunteering funding opportunities a budget of £94,693 from 2016 / 2017 was rounded up to £95,000 and split evenly across the five wards to £19,000. Organisations were requested to submit project proposals which would enable children and young people to deliver action against tailored ward based themes. At the Area Board it was noted that one project, submitted by Sunderland MIND would be suitable to be applied across all five wards and be delivered as an area wide project.
- 2.7 Area Committee are requested to approve the following SIB requests totalling £111,133 (£94,693 2016 / 2017 and £16,440 2017 / 2018 budgets).

### **APPROVE**

Organisation	Project Title	SIB
Doxford		
The Box Youth Project	1. ASB Out	£5,000
	2. Doxford Can Do	£4,980
	3. Doxford Young Volunteers	£3,998
	4. Doxford Junior Task Force	£5,000
	Total	<b>£18,978</b>
Hendon		
Keep Active NE	5. Bright Future	£6,215
Hudson Road Primary	6. Youth Leading in Way	£17,885
	Total	<b>£24,100</b>
Millfield		
St Marks Community Association	7. Voices for Change	£3,696
YAV	8. Millfield 'Bring it On'	£4,865
Keep Active	9. Youth Leading the Way	£11,994
	Total	<b>£20,555</b>
Ryhope		

Blue Watch Youth Centre	10. PEAP	£5,000
	11. Link the Ages	£4,000
Ryhope Community Association	12. Young and Old Alike	£5,000
	Total	<b>£14,000</b>
St Michaels		
Blue Watch Youth Centre	13. PEP	£19,000
	Total	<b>£19,000</b>
East Area		
Sunderland MIND	14. Young Minds	<b>£14,500</b>
Overall Total		<b>£111,133</b>

- 2.7 The following applications have been assessed and consulted upon and are recommended for **REJECT**:

The Bunker	1. Musical Youth seeking	£4,960
Sunderland Community Action Group	2. St Michael's Youth Hub	£16,500

Both projects outlined increased access to provision and activities for young people, i.e. weekly youth sessions, and didn't adequately address the call for projects which was about getting children and young people to deliver action on behalf of Area Committee against the listed ward themes.

### **Think BIG, Act Local**

- 2.8 In relation to the call for projects, 'Think BIG, Act Local' a budget of £125,000 was originally proposed and split evenly across the five wards, £25,000 each. During the discussion held at Place Area Board it was acknowledged that some of the project briefs had been under estimated and it was proposed to increase this budget, where appropriate, by a further £10,000 per ward subject to future applications.
- 2.9 Projects are at the development stage for three wards with future applications being submitted for:
- i) Hendon: working with residents from Deerness Park Estate to improve the quality of life by address local concerns
  - ii) Ryhope: improving road safety measures along Black Road and the feasibility of installing a car park to support safe access to the new play park
  - iii) St Michael's: delivering a 'Reclaim the Lanes' project
- 2.10 There are two SIB funding requests for Area Committee to consider for approval totalling £44,627 from the 2017 / 2018 budget, with £80,373 aligned against Think Big, Act Local for future bids.

Organisation	Project Title	SIB
Doxford		
Doxford Community	1. Pride in Doxford	£25,000

## Connectors Hub

### Millfield

Groundwork North East and Cumbria      2. Reclaim the Lanes (St Michael's)      £19,627

Overall Total      Approved      £44,627

- 2.11 If all sixteen applications are approved, as set out in the report, Area Committee will have a balance of £106,016 to be allocated with one meeting remaining.

## 3. Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the budget, approvals and balance remaining up until March 2018. Eight months into the financial the percentage rate remaining should be ideally at **33%** to ensure fully allocation by the year end. Area Committee are requested to encourage applications throughout the year, and note the fourteen Community Chest funding awards made between June and October 2017, as set out in **Annex 2**.

Ward	Budget	Approvals	Balance	% remaining March 2018
Doxford	£10,000	£3,295	£6,705	67%
Hendon	£10,000	£3,175	£6,825	68%
Millfield	£10,000	£1,392	£8,608	86%
Ryhope	£10,000	£2,236	£7,764	78%
St Michael's	£10,000	£5,482	£4,518	45%
Totals	£50,000	£15,580	£34,420	69%

*Table 2: Financial Statement Community Chest 2017 / 2018*

## 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to:
- Note the financial statements set out in sections 2 and 3.
  - Approve sixteen funding proposals of £111,133 SIB for the Social Action and Volunteering Programme and £44,627 SIB for the Think Big, Act Local for Doxford and Millfield, as set out in **Annex 1**.
  - Note financial position for Community Chest and request to continuously submit funding proposals throughout the year, and the fourteen approved Community Chest funding proposals, as set out in **Annex 2**.

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13 November 2017

**SIB Executive Summaries****Call for Projects:  
Social Action and Volunteering Programme**

The following fourteen applications have been assessed and consulted upon and are recommended for APPROVAL:

**Doxford** ward themes are:

- Litter
- ASB
- Supporting people with disability related issues

<b>Organisation</b>	The Box Youth Centre
<b>Project Title</b>	Four in One
<p><b>1. Anti-Social Behaviour Out: £5,000</b></p> <p>The project will secure £3,000 match funding, commencing in March 2018 and end in September 2019.</p> <p>The ward theme it will address is anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The project will support and work with young people establish an ASB Out Team, who will map out hotspots of ASB, engage other young people on streets and in parks, with staff support. The young people will consult and identify reasons for youth disorder, share intelligence with partners, and identify solutions to deliver. The dates and times of the sessions will not be fixed, instead the ASB Out Team will be reactive to reports of youth disorder, using word of mouth and social media apps as their main source of detection.</p> <p>The Team will design a leaflet to share with the target audience, as well as, using social media to spread the word of the work.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x young volunteers to make up the Team</li> <li>• 150 x young people engaged on the streets</li> <li>• 75 x young people participating in positive activities</li> <li>• 15 x young people delivering area priorities</li> </ul> <p><i>Added Conditions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of project is clear, but the method is untested. Consideration needs to be given on how the success of the project will be measured, evidenced and reported.</li> <li>• Intelligence gathered should be feed to other local partners in addition to</li> </ul>	

Northumbria Police, such as, Gentoo, the Council's ASB Team.

## **2. Can Do Fund: £4,980**

The project will secure £3,600 match funding, and commence in January 2018 and end in December 2018.

The ward themes it will address are anti-social behaviour, litter and possibly support people with disabilities.

Small groups of young people aged between 15 – 18 years old will be encouraged to submit project proposals and ideas to a community panel to seek funding to deliver action. There will be two levels of grants (1<sup>st</sup> £150, 2<sup>nd</sup> £300).

A dedicated worker will administer, co-ordinate and manage the process to ensure transparency in decision making.

### **Outputs:**

- 12 x Can do projects delivered by young people
- 48 x young people involved
- 30 x young people benefiting

### ***Added conditions***

- A clear criteria will be devised to focus projects and ideas on delivering ward themes (litter and ASB), not other community issues.
- When assessing project proposals, ideas should demonstrate clearly the added value and how they are delivering action against ward themes.
- Panel members will be kept to a maximum of three people to reduce pressure placed on young people, with no representation from The Box Youth Centre to strengthen transparency.
- Consider adding Portland School onto the partnership list.

## **3. Disability Action Group: £3,999**

The project will secure £3,340 match funding, and commence in January 2018 and end in December 2018.

The ward theme it will address is supporting people with disability related issues.

A dedicated qualified experience worker will support a Team of young volunteers aged 14-18 years old to set up two new services. The first, a weekly play group for younger children aged 5-11 year olds who have physical and / or learning disabilities. Secondly, a monthly coffee morning for parents and carers of children with disability related issues to provide access to information, advice and guidance in relation to their child's disability by inviting guest speakers along, and help them to overcome social isolation.

The young volunteers will complete a training course to learn more about working with people with disabilities.

Outputs:

- 12 x young volunteers recruited into the DAG Team
- 816 x hours of volunteering time delivered
- 52 x sessions delivered
- 12 x young people receiving qualifications / awards

**4. Junior Task Force: £5,000**

The project will secure £2,650 match funding, and commence in January 2018 and end in June 2019.

The ward theme it will address is litter.

A dedicated worker will engage children aged 9, 10 and 11 year olds from two local primary schools (Mill Hill and Benedict Biscop), with the vision of recruiting a minimum of twenty children to become exclusive members of the 'Doxford Junior Task Force'. The Task Force will carry out community clean ups and positive actions to address litter in and around Doxford. The worker will visit the schools to plan projects with the children and then deliver them on a monthly basis. An incentive scheme will be built into the project to encourage participation, such as, children will receive stickers that can be traded for free activities at The Box Youth Centre. To measure the impact of the project a scrap book of photographs will be created by each Task Force to show before and after shots of the successful work carried out and shared on social media.

Outputs:

- 50 x children engaged
- 10 x community projects delivered
- 8 x volunteers involved delivering 180 hours of 'work'

**Hendon** ward themes are:

- Child Poverty
- Social and economic disadvantage

<b>Organisation</b>	Hudson Road Primary School
<b>Project Title</b>	Bright Futures
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	July 2018
<b>5. Bright Futures: total costs £13,475, match funding £7,260, SIB £6,215</b>	
<p>The ward theme it will address are 'social and economic disadvantage'.</p> <p>The school are based in Hendon with high pupil premium enrolment figures which indicates a high number of pupils live in poverty and could suffer from social and economic disadvantages.</p> <p>The school are proposing to work with pupils from Y4, Y5 and Y6 to increase understanding and awareness of careers and qualifications to raise pupil aspirations and encourage full access to educational opportunities, and promote skills of independence and resilience.</p> <p>This will be achieved by carrying out visits, residential, inviting guest speakers into the school i.e. Common Purpose (universities / leading employers), workshop taster days, attending exhibitions, carrying out outdoor adventure and enterprise projects.</p> <p><b>Outputs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 310 x children benefiting from the project</li><li>• 186 x children feel they would like to progress onto further education / university</li><li>• 21 x aspirational events delivered</li><li>• 8 x half day social action and volunteering sessions</li></ul> <p><b>Added Conditions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children to deliver social action and volunteering sessions to the wider community, for example, hosting monthly activities which encourage families/carers into the school where they can learn together to improve the standard of living (Family Fun Food Festival: low cost healthy meals; Mad about Maths: family days out without spending a fortune; Who do you think you are?: learn about the history and heritage of Sunderland, etc.).</li></ul>	

<b>Organisation</b>	Keep Active NE CIC
<b>Project Title</b>	Youth Leading the Way
<b>Start Date</b>	February 2018
<b>End Date</b>	February 2019
<p><b>6. Youth Leading the Way: £24,207 total costs; £6,323 match; £17,885 SIB</b></p> <p>The ward theme it will address is social and economic disadvantage.</p> <p>Two elements will be delivered targeting different age groups:</p> <p>Primary schools children</p> <p>Four weeks of school holiday sports camps will be delivered (one in February; two in Summer; one in October) which will provide food to children who attend. They will be delivered in venues across Hendon (Raich Carter, Sans Street Youth and Community Centre, Beach, etc.). It's expected that over 100 children will engage in the holiday camps. From this cohort 9-11 year olds will be encouraged to become qualified Play Makers. Once qualified as a Play Maker they will be able to deliver sessions and activities for other pupils back in school (Reception/Y1) over a lunch and break time to encourage positive healthy activity, as well as enhance their own leadership, communication skills and confidence levels. Grangetown and Valley Road School will be targeted and will receive a Play Makers 12 month's license. In addition, parents/carers of the children will be offered an opportunity to attend four half day cookery sessions to learn how to provide a low cost healthy tasty meal.</p> <p>Secondary school children</p> <p>Working with young people to become Sport Leaders in the community. Identified young people will receive support and training in safeguarding; First Aid; Level 2 Sport Qualification accredited via a National Governing Body; Health and Nutrition; Activity up-skilling sessions; Introduction to Health and Safety; Risk assessments and Planning and preparation.</p> <p>Once qualified the Sport Leaders there is the potential for the Sports Leaders to deliver further holiday clubs in Hendon for children and young people, maybe in partnership with the Play Makers to establish a peer / mentor scheme to benefit other children and young people, as well as themselves.</p> <p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x Holiday camps delivered</li> <li>• 100 x individual children attended holiday camps</li> <li>• 60 x Play Makers qualified</li> <li>• 120 x Play Makers sessions delivered inside the schools by the children / Play Makers</li> <li>• 2 x schools receive a Play Makers license for 12 months</li> <li>• 20 x sports leaders signed up, trained and accredited</li> <li>• 10 x 5 week sports taster sessions delivered by the sports leaders (2 at each session) and Play Makers (4 at each session)</li> <li>• 100 x individual children attended sports taster sessions</li> </ul>	

**Millfield** ward themes are:

- Youth related ASB
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- *Black minority ethnic from the ward are encouraged to involved in the programme*

<b>Organisation</b>	St Marks Community Association
<b>Project Title</b>	Voices for Change
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	April 2018
<b>7. Voices for Change: £3,696</b>	
<p>The ward themes it will address are youth related ASB, drug and alcohol misuse.</p> <p>The project will work with local BME young people who will produce a song which will cover the ward themes. The song will then be used as an educational tool at schools, youth clubs, events. The Bunker will support the production of the music and consideration will be given on how the song is 'aired'. i.e. Sun FM.</p> <p>Depending on the capacity and confidence of the young people involved two live performances of the song could be delivered at the school assembly at St Josephs and Diamond Hall Juniors, who are located close to each other.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 x BME young people will be targeted</li><li>• 16 x weekly music sessions delivered</li><li>• 2 x live performances</li><li>• 560 x children in attendance at the live performances</li></ul>	

<b>Organisation</b>	Young Asian Voices
<b>Project Title</b>	Bring in On!
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	November 2018
<b>8. Bring it On! £4,865</b>	
<p>The ward themes it will address are youth related ASB, drug and alcohol misuse.</p> <p>Working with an established group of young Asian women at Burn Park Church on a Friday evening, the young women will deliver two campaigns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. ASB theme: work with police, specialist organisations and community members to deliver a campaign which identifies and recognises what ASB is; how to report it; what help is available and then share the information within local schools (including Richard Avenue and Thornhill Schools) which falls outside the ward but young people who live in Millfield attend the schools.</li><li>2. Drug and Alcohol theme: explore the effects on the ward and produce a</li></ol>	

report and design a bi-lingual poster to display in local shops, community venues and on social media to depict the findings.

**Outputs:**

- 4 x partners engaged and relationships strengthened at a ward level
- 2 x campaigns delivered
- 1 x report produced and presented to the ward Millfield Councillors
- 15 x young people engaged
- 20 x businesses displaying posters
- 100 x young people's awareness raised by the campaigns

<b>Organisation</b>	Keep Active
<b>Project Title</b>	Youth Leading the Way
<b>Start Date</b>	February 2018
<b>End Date</b>	April 2019
<p><b>9. Youth Leading the Way: £12,894 total costs; £900 match; £11,994 SIB</b></p> <p>The ward themes it will address are youth related ASB, drug and alcohol misuse.</p> <p>The project will recruit a minimum of 20 young people aged 15 to 25 years old from Millfield who are known to agencies and partners due to their behaviour relating to ASB, drug or alcohol misuse and provide them with a structured programme of activity to turn their lives around by becoming a qualified Level 2 Sports Leader. The activities are designed to ensure that all individuals, regardless of their current skill base, will have the chance to develop their learning and take their experiences away with them into future volunteering opportunities or paid employment.</p> <p>This will include a minimum of 10 hours of volunteering in order to complete the course. These volunteering hours will be focussed within the Millfield area at St Marks Community Centre, the University, Millfield Salvation Army and Diamond Hall Infants. To enable the young people to give something back to the community. The sessions will be delivered to provide an alternative to other young people who engage in ASB, drugs or alcohol misuse, and showcase how it is possible to contribute to society in a positive manner and be a responsible citizen.</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 x sports leaders signed up, trained and accredited</li> <li>• 10 x 5 week sports taster sessions delivered by the sports leaders (2 at each session)</li> <li>• 100 x individual children attended sports taster sessions</li> </ul>	

**Ryhope ward themes are:**

- Youth related ASB
- Reduce social isolation in older people

<b>Organisation</b>	Blue Watch Youth Centre
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	February 2019

**10. Peer Engagement Activities Programme: £5,000**

The project will secure £2,576 match funding. The ward theme it will address is youth related anti-social behaviour.

Staff will support Ryhope children and young people lead, drive, plan and deliver a project called ASB Out of Ryhope Team! The Team, made up of young people, will deliver activities and sessions on behalf of other young people to keep them off the streets, engaged in positive behaviour and act as peer mentors. Setting a good example of how to behave more positively in society and respect their community.

The Team will consult with other young people who are committing ASB to understand what they would like to do instead and deliver actions against it. Many times ASB is caused because of boredom, peer pressure or the realisation that they did not realise their behaviour was anti-social.

**Outputs:**

47 x diversionary activities will be delivered

24 x young volunteers recruited

82 x children and young people will be engaged and not participating in ASB

**11. Link the Ages: £4,000**

The project will secure £1,000 match funding. The ward theme it will address is reducing social isolation in older people.

Staff will support Ryhope children and young people design and deliver activities for older people, working in partnerships with other local community groups in Ryhope, such as, Ryhope Sea Angling Club, Ryhope Terraces and Avenues, etc. The project will provide a great way for people to meet other like-minded people and will take place in happy, safe and stimulating environments that enables all people to develop.

Link-The-Ages is an intergenerational project that will bring older and younger people together, building a better understanding between those who live and learn in the same community but may not have opportunity to interact together. Activities will support sharing skills, memories and ideas between the different generations.

**Outputs**

- 26 x sessions will be delivered
- 34 x children and young people deliver these sessions
- 62 x older people will benefit



<b>Organisation</b>	Ryhope Community Association
<b>Project Title</b>	Young and Old Alike
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	November 2018

**12. Young and Old Alike: £5,000**

The project will secure £940 match funding. The ward theme it will address is reducing social isolation in older people.

Intergenerational activities will be delivered by young people, targeting older people who suffer from social isolation, this will include:

- 4 afternoon tea dances will be promoted, with children providing entertainment – singing and dancing
- A heritage story board and piece of art will be produced after children and young people have interviewed older people about their lives, with the art piece being displayed in the community centre.
- 10 monthly intergenerational forums will be organised, encouraging young people and older people to discuss local concerns and identify solutions together.

Outputs:

- 10 x forums held
- 20 x young people engaged
- 80 x older people benefiting and feeling less isolated
- 1 x piece of art work produced

**St Michael's ward themes are:**

- **Child Poverty**
- **Mental health, including low self-esteem**

<b>Organisation</b>	Blue Watch Youth Centre
<b>Project Title</b>	Peer Mentoring Programme (PMP)
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	November 2019
<b>13. PMP Total costs £29,423, match funding £10,423, SIB requested £19,000.</b>	
<p>The ward theme it will address child poverty and mental health.</p> <p>There is evidence of strong partnership working with Grangetown Community Association, Hill View Juniors and families from the Westheath Avenue area, as well as, good local knowledge of social and economic issues faced by households suffering from poverty and / or mental health issues.</p> <p>Staff will support and work with a minimum of 75 children and young people to engaged and volunteer in the programme which will involve children and young people directly designing, implementing and assessing their own social action and volunteering programme.</p> <p>By using a behavioural change approach young people affected by poverty will be supported to deliver aspirational projects to other young people who live in poverty, in and around the Westheath Avenue area of the ward by seeking referrals from Hill View Junior School.</p> <p>A budget will be aligned to enable young people to bid for grants to deliver their ideas called 'We Can, We Will'. It will focus on self-discovering, personal development, providing a structure to ignite their passions while developing transferable skills for the real world, and deliver action against the local ward themes. Skilled individuals will encourage curiosity and creativity prior to Groups presenting ideas to the funding panel for consideration.</p> <p>Using a new app recently launched by Washington MIND called 'Reason 2' feel better, children and young people will be able to upload pictures and images that give them the feel good factor and makes them smile, find other ways to improve their mental wellness by clicking on links to other websites and information and share their Reasons 2 with other users and see what makes them smile.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 75 x social action and volunteers recruited</li><li>• 12 x We Can We Will projects delivered</li><li>• 24 x out of centre sessions hosted</li><li>• 3 x residential experiences</li><li>• 2 x peer mentor courses</li></ul>	

**East Sunderland** Area priorities are:

- Improve health, wellbeing and housing
- Connect vulnerable people to services
- Support volunteering

<b>Organisation</b>	Sunderland MIND
<b>Project Title</b>	Young MINDs
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	March 2019
<p><b>14. Young MINDs: Total costs £16,020, Match funding £1,500, SIB requested £14,520</b></p> <p>Staff will approach St Anthony's, St Aidan's, Southmoor, Thornhill and Venerable Bede schools in the East Sunderland area with an opportunity to allow Sunderland MIND to train up to a maximum of six Mental Health Hero's in each school, targeting on Y7s and Y8s, but with the acknowledge that no pupil will be turned away if they are in older year groups.</p> <p>To identify and encourage Mental Health Hero's individual Focus Groups could be hosted in the secondary schools to raise awareness of the opportunity and to discuss perceptions of mental health, support available and how to access help.</p> <p>For those pupils wanting to become Hero's, a bespoke training package will be offered covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentoring and befriending</li> <li>• Basic mental health</li> <li>• Young people's mental health first aid</li> <li>• Suicide prevention</li> </ul> <p>Trained mentors will be the first port of call to support and signpost other pupils with issues such as stress, anxiety, bullying, family issues and child poverty onto paid professionals, as some young people lack confidence to approach adults directly. Sunderland MIND staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide information, guidance and advice to mentors/mentees. Regular steering groups will be held between Pupil Hero's Mentor Volunteers and MIND Staff in each school. Other issues maybe discovered along with other funding streams to continue the programme.</p> <p>The added value the project will bring is outlined as existing services operating in the city usually need a medical referral to access support from CAMHS, and CYPS offer professional interventions but have long waiting lists. This project is self-referral with mentees matched to mentors in their own school, reducing the delays in communication channels and support the young people need. The project will also strengthen young people's knowledge of mental health and what support is available and how to access it.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 x mentors (employability / transferable skills)</li> <li>• 30 x mentees (support / IAG)</li> </ul>	

- 5 x focus groups (awareness raising)
- 1 x celebration event
- 3 x training sessions

Added conditions

- No reference to how staff will be supervised / supported to deliver project, this needs to be built into the project management description.
- Unclear why only three training packages will be delivered, when they could be a need for one package per school – MIND to clarify (up to five...)
- Learn lessons from similar schemes delivered previously to strengthen the implementation stage of the project i.e. liaise with The Box Youth Centre regarding work carried out at Farringdon Community Academy with Health and Social Care students
- Enhance the likelihood of being sustainable by seeking buy in from the schools to expand the project post March 2019 by self- funding the provision

The following applications were submitted to St Michael's ward themes which are i) Child poverty and ii) mental health. Both applications have been assessed and consulted upon and are recommended for **REJECT**:

1. The Bunker, Musical Youth seeking £4,960
2. Sunderland Community Action Group, St Michael's Youth Hub seeking £16,500

<b>Organisation</b>	The Bunker
<b>Project Title</b>	Musical Youth
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	June 2018
<p><b>1.Musical Youth: £4,960</b></p> <p>Deliver a series of music workshops aimed at young people living in poverty and / or with mental health problems. The workshops will allow those living locally to enjoy and participate in a variety of music-related activities. There will also be family based activities where young people and their carers, family and friends can attend to help develop stronger relationships within their support networks.</p>	

<b>Organisation</b>	Sunderland Community Action Group
<b>Project Title</b>	Youth Hub
<b>Start Date</b>	December 2017
<b>End Date</b>	June 2019
<p><b>2. Youth Hub: Total Cost: £37,250, Match Funding: £20,750, SIB £16,500</b></p> <p>The project will target 10-18 year olds to deliver youth work provision at Southmoor Academy - two sessions per week over a 50 week period for 18 months.</p> <p>The project proposes to develop a new Youth Committee but does not explain its role and purpose so little evidence of young people delivering actions against the ward themes.</p> <p>Young volunteers will be engaged via Streetgames, but unclear what their roles will be and how these volunteers will deliver action against the ward themes.</p> <p>It promotes access to low cost / free youth activities.</p>	

Both projects outlined increase access to provision and activities for young people, i.e. weekly youth sessions. Proposals do not emphasise young people themselves delivering action against ward themes.

**Call for Projects:  
Think BIG, Act Local**

The following two applications have been assessed and consulted upon and are recommended for **APPROVAL**:

**Doxford Ward: Pride in Doxford**

NB: the four projects will be delivered by the Doxford Community Connector Hub, but this is not a legal entity therefore it was proposed that The Box Youth Project support the smaller groups to deliver the projects and receive an additional £875 to cover management costs.

<b>Organisation</b>	TBYC	<b>SIB Requested</b>	£25,000
<b>Start</b>	January 2018	<b>End</b>	December 2018
<p><b>Project One: Restoration of Doxford Park, £11,495</b></p> <p>Landscape the cascade area The cascade area is currently in a poor state of repair and is used as a congregational point at night by youths. In its current state it is littered with bottles and cans. As the water feature will never be reinstated, we propose to install drainage, remove and treat weeds, cut back the long grass and landscape the cascade area with low maintenance shrubs and plants. This will improve the appearance of the park, reduce the likelihood of youths littering the area with rubbish and reduce the level of maintenance required in future years.</p> <p>Install a new woodland trail The new woodland trail will enable community access to a currently inaccessible area of the park. The area has been prone to fly tipping of green waste from the houses beyond the boundary fence. Bringing this area of the park back into use would help to 'break' the habits of the householders in using the site to dispose of their garden waste. The area will be cleared to encourage ground flora, and plant a variety of native woodland flora, introduced in the form of plug plants to maximise growth success and to provide a habitat for wildlife. The woodland edge will be strengthen with new tree/hedge planting.</p> <p>A Mural Project for the Walled garden This intergenerational project will bring together older residents and children to explore the history of Doxford Park and in particular its links with the shipbuilding industry. Their work will culminate in the design of a mural that portrays the history of the area. The mural will be installed by a professional wall art artist (Frank Styles) and will provide the community with a focal feature depicting the history of the area.</p> <p>Develop the Orchard area Community orchards provide a focal point where people can interact with and enjoy the fruits of nature. It also provides an excellent resource for training in traditional skills such as pruning and grafting. The existing orchard area will be cleared and existing trees and plants will be pruned to encourage growth. Pathways through the orchard will be re-instated and 30 new fruit trees will be planted to produce a variety</p>			

of fruit at different times of the year. The yield from the fruit trees will be enjoyed by residents for years to come.

Organise a community event (Summer 2018 )

An event in the park will provide an opportunity for the whole community to come together and enjoy the environment that has been created by different groups and volunteers. It will help to promote community spirit and local ownership and will also provide opportunities for groups that have been involved to showcase their work and hopefully attract new volunteers that will become involved in the ongoing development and maintenance of the park. If the event is successful, it is hoped that community groups will commit to jointly organising similar events in subsequent years

### **Project Two: Development of Tunstall Allotments, £2,720**

Tunstall Allotments already provides facilities for new and different community groups and volunteers to get involved in gardening. In 2018 Association would like to further develop its facilities with the aim of attracting more people to get involved. To do this there is a need to carry out basic maintenance on communal sheds, and purchase some additional equipment (wheelbarrow, hand tools for physically challenged adults, paraffin heaters and two polycarbonate greenhouses) The new greenhouses will enable different groups from the area to grow the plants needed for Doxford in Bloom from seed. New greenhouse facilities will also enable the Allotments Association to grow plants that can be sold at affordable low cost prices to the general public to help generate funds for on-going maintenance of the allotments.

### **Project Three: Doxford in Bloom, £4,960**

This project will focus upon improving the overall appearance of the Doxford Ward and will involve a number of planting schemes at identified locations across the ward. Different groups will be involved in growing plants from seed at the allotments and planting out the seedlings and bulbs at various times of the year so that displays are maintained all year round.

- Ornamental flower beds will be developed at entrance and exit points of the estate
- Bulb planting schemes in each of the five areas that make up the Ward (Hall Farm, Chapelgarth, Mill Hill, Doxford Park, Moorside) Doxford Community Hub will consult with residents to identify designated areas for planting.
- Hanging baskets and planters will be provided to schools and community projects within the ward to make entrance points appealing. Wooden planter boxes will be made by Stepping Up (adults with learning difficulties) and volunteers will be involved in planting them up and delivering them.

#### **Project Four: Doxford Forest School, £4,950**

The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire children through positive outdoor experiences. This approach to learning builds children's self-esteem and emotional intelligence through the use of the outdoor woodland environment. Working closely with Conservation Management Services, TBYP will plan and organise Forest School activities for children of primary school age. Doxford Forest School will give children freedom to learn using all of their senses and encourages creative and imaginative thinking. Outdoor education provides powerful learning experiences which help children to develop a sense of place and a relationship with the environment and nature. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others. Activities will be staffed by Conservation Management Services, two qualified youth workers and three volunteers from TBYP.

Forest school will operate during the Easter (4 days), Whit (2 days) and Summer school holidays (10 days) in Doxford Park and Blakeney Woods. Activities will span a full day (9.30-3.30), allowing children time to build dens/shelters, cook food on a campfire, make items from natural resources and undertake tasks within the woods that help to preserve the natural environment. Activities will be structured and will incorporate lots of opportunities for educational learning alongside activities that are fun. Through their involvement, children will develop their understanding of conservation and how they can look after natural woodland in their area.

Outputs delivered by the four projects

- 6 x improvement projects delivered
- 30 x children involved in forest schools
- 65 x volunteers involved
- 1,342 x adult volunteers hours delivered



## Millfield Ward

Organisation	Groundwork NE	SIB Request	£19,627
Start	January 2018	End	December 2018

The project will be delivered in two distinct phases starting with Phase 1 (January – May 2018) from Ayres Quay south to the metro line before monitoring the success of the approach and crossing the Metro line to deliver Phase 2 (June – December 2018). The project will work in carefully identified neighbourhoods with particularly problematic back lanes.

Groundwork would like to build on the existing Cleaner Communities SIB project, and other work across the City to deliver the “Love Your Back Lanes” project. They will create a partnership from VCS Network and the Community Connectors Hub members including St Marks, ICOS, the University, St Josephs and Diamond Hall schools, Gentoo, private landlords, Millfield Residents and Sunderland City Council. Groundwork will:

- Carry out a Baseline Consultation exercise at the start of each phase to understand what problems residents face in using their back lanes and consider what work can be carried out to address these issues.
- Carry out a Back Lane Condition Survey to understand the physical limitations and opportunities offered by the back lanes.
- Create a recognised *Love Your Back Lanes* brand for the project which can be used throughout the lifetime of this project and thereafter.
- Work with partners across Millfield to use the brand to deliver an extensive programme of community engagement to encourage incentivised pledging, community action and learning about how to *Love Your Back Lane*. This will include working closely with the City Council’s enforcement team to explore all avenues for improving back lanes.
- Identify and support individuals and groups who will work to champion and deliver *Love Your Back Lane* activities throughout the project and afterwards
- Work with residents to ensure pledges by 70% of residents in any given street before arranging a deep clean and delivering further on-going engagement work.
- Plan and deliver physical improvements to targeted back lanes to reduce anti-social uses and increase opportunities for alternative such as horticulture and play
- Evaluate and celebrate the success of each phase of the project.

Each phase will have three community events in the lanes held and a further three presentations and smaller activities that engage residents. This varied programme will build the capacity of key individuals and local groups to take further responsibility and an on-going role in their back lanes. It is recognised that community development approaches will not always result in the desired outcome and that working closely with the Council’s Environmental Enforcement Team will strengthen the outcomes of the project.

As the project comes to an end a community led celebration event in St Marks with all participating householders and partners will be staged. The event will display project successes and celebrate the impacts of the community's efforts. A full evaluation report which investigate the effectiveness of the campaign and the impact on behavioural change for future consideration.

## Outputs

- 2 x consultation and condition surveys for each phase
- 2 x creation and roll out of campaign branding
- 920 x households targeted
- 600 x young people engaged
- 12 x community events held
- 2 x celebration events held
- 2 x evaluation reports produced

## Added Conditions

- Work closely with colleagues in Local Services to:
  - i) co-ordinate deep clean events on a rolling programme, subject to a minimum of 70% of residents in a street pledging to adhere to neighbourhood agreement to keep back lanes clean and manage waste effectively
  - ii) monitor success and impact of project, and where necessary liaise with the Council's Enforcement Team to deploy the right to exercise Formal and Informal Actions including fixed penalty fines, formal caution and prosecution if it is in the public's best interest.

13 November 2017

## Community Chest: Financial Statement April 2017 – October 2017

<b>Doxford Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Doxford Park Toddler and Parent Group	25.05.17	£830
Sunderland Area Parent Support	09.10.17	£2,465
<b>Remaining balance</b>		<b>£6,705</b>
<b>Hendon Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Sing and Play	13.04.17	£282
Sunderland Strollers (Joint with St Michaels, Millfield and Ryhope Wards)	09.05.17	£100
Hendon Community Allotment	25.05.17	£652
Theatre Space NE (Jointly Funded with St Michael's and Millfield)	14.07.17	£242
Sunderland East End Amateur Boxing Club	20.07.17	£900
Friends of Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks	18.10.17	£999
<b>Remaining balance</b>		<b>£6,825</b>
<b>Millfield Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Sunderland Strollers (Joint with Ryhope, St Michaels and Hendon Wards)	09.05.17	£100
Theatre Space NE (Jointly Funded with St Michael's and Millfield)	14.07.17	£242
Landsdowne Football Club	05.09.17	£800
Sunderland Stoke Group	10.10.17	£250
<b>Remaining balance</b>		<b>£8,608</b>
<b>Ryhope Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Sunderland Strollers (Joint with Millfield, St Michaels and Hendon Wards)	09.05.17	£100
St Paul's Primary School	22.05.17	£1,386
Ryhope Tophouse FC	14.07.17	£600
Ryhope Allstars Jazz Band	05.09.17	£150
<b>Remaining balance</b>		<b>£7,764</b>
<b>St Michaels Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Sunderland Community Action Group	03.05.17	£542
Ashbrooke Sports Club FC	03.05.17	£457
Sunderland Ladies Probus Club	03.05.17	£640

Cuthy's Bike Ride	25.05.17	£610
Theatre Space NE (Jointly Funded with St Michael's and Millfield Wards)	14.07.17	£242
Ashmore Residents Association	14.07.17	£200
Sunderland Rugby Club, U15's	05.09.17	£640
Grangetown Community Association	10.10.17	£290
Sunderland Sikh Association	10.10.17	£525
Sunderland Men's Probus Club	10.10.17	£350
Friends of Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks	18.10.17	£986
<b>Remaining balance</b>		<b>£4,518</b>

## Current Planning Applications(East)

Between 01/10/2017 and 02/11/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
17/01964/FUL	1 - 5 , 15- 20 Birch Court, 1 - 3, 10, 11, 12 - 16 Plane Tree Court And 1 Aspen Court, Woodland RiseDoxford ParkSunderlandSR3 2TN	Rectify overhanging eaves deflection at gable/eaves junctions by trimming back excessive overhang and replacing roofing tiles. Removal of existing box windows to gable, replacing with flush units.	05/10/2017	30/11/2017
17/02023/FUL	23 Bordeaux CloseSunderlandSR3 2SR	Erection of a part two storey part single storey side extension	12/10/2017	07/12/2017
17/01863/LBC	Ground Floor19 Villiers StreetSunderlandSR1 1EJ	Internal alterations to ground floor and repairs to single-storey offshoot (as amended).	02/10/2017	27/11/2017
17/01442/FUL	23 Fawcett StreetSunderlandSR1 1RH	Conversion of upper floors to 12no. one-bedroomed apartments (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)	02/10/2017	01/01/2018
17/01634/FUL	29 East Cross StreetSunderlandSR1 1UE	Change of use from storage area to hold baby/ toddler play sessions (D1).	17/10/2017	12/12/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
17/02058/PCJ	Units 1 -3 Bodlewell HouseHigh Street EastSunderland	Change of use from ground floor offices (Class B1 (a)) to 5 apartments (Class C3).	19/10/2017	14/12/2017
17/01818/FUL	4 Toward RoadSunderlandSR1 2QF	Conversion to 8no. residential apartments	23/10/2017	18/12/2017
17/01664/FUL	Villette SurgerySuffolk StreetHendonSunderlandSR2 8AX	Installation of electronic roller shutters to 13no windows and 2no doors to exterior of building.	23/10/2017	18/12/2017
17/01989/FUL	Oakwood House17 Mowbray RoadSunderland	Change of use of front part of property to supported living accommodation.	25/10/2017	20/12/2017
17/02110/LBC	Carlton House2 Mowbray RoadSunderlandSR2 8HU	Removal of part of the boundary wall to create a new access to site.	25/10/2017	20/12/2017
17/01962/ADV	62 - 66 High Street WestSunderlandSR1 3DP	Installation of new signage to include; 2 no. fascia panels, 1 no. logo tile, 1 no. projecting sign and 1 no. wall mounted logo tiles.	02/10/2017	27/11/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
17/01247/FUL	Mayfair BuildingsDurham RoadSunderlandSR2 7PD	Change of use from Barbers and car wash (mixed use A1 and sui generis) to car wash (sui generis), installation of roller shutters to front elevation and various internal alterations (amended description 13.10.2017).	06/10/2017	01/12/2017
17/01992/FUL	Land To The South OfDeptford Terrace And Hanover PlaceSunderland	Construction of a 8MWe peaking power generation plant, with associated ancillary equipment, parking and access	17/10/2017	12/12/2017
17/01935/FUL	7 Shaftesbury AvenueSunderlandSR2 0AQ	Installation of timber decking to rear garden and the erection of a timber and brick steps.	09/10/2017	04/12/2017
17/02035/FUL	52 Edgmond CourtSunderlandSR2 0DY	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear and alterations to front porch	16/10/2017	11/12/2017
17/02108/FUL	Rushford Phase 2 Land West OfBevan AvenueSunderland	Erection of 2 dwellings with revised site levels.	25/10/2017	20/12/2017
17/02072/FUL	Former Steels EngineeringWellmere RoadLeechmere Industrial EstateSunderlandSR2 9TG	Change of Use of the former Steels Engineering offices to a timber suppliers offices, pet suppliers, and recording studio, with the building fully re-clad/refurbished.	01/11/2017	27/12/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
17/02033/FUL	15 Hill View RoadSunderlandSR2 9JY	Erection of a single storey extension to side	13/10/2017	08/12/2017
17/02009/FUL	11 Victoria AvenueGrangetownSunderland SR2 9PZ	Erection of single storey rear and side extension.	16/10/2017	11/12/2017
17/01928/FUL	30 Greystoke AvenueSunderlandSR2 9DS	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear.	19/10/2017	14/12/2017
17/02118/FUL	12 Lambourne RoadSunderlandSR2 9BX	Erection of a two storey extension to side and erection of a single storey extension to rear	27/10/2017	22/12/2017
17/01747/FUL	3 The GlenSunderlandSR2 7TX	Erection of single storey extension to side and boundary wall and gates to driveway.	01/11/2017	27/12/2017