

## COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at 6:00pm

**VENUE – Bethany Christian Centre, Hetton Road, Houghton le Spring, DH5 8PF**

### Membership

Cllrs Allen, Blackburn, Cummings (Alternate Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the Place Board), Ellis, Heron, Lawson (Chair), D. Smith, Speding, Turner, M. Turton, W. Turton (Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the People Board) and G. Walker.

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**ELAINE WAUGH**

**Head of Law and Governance**

**6<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

**At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at THE HETTON CENTRE, WELFARE ROAD, HETTON LE HOLE, DH5 9NE, on WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Lawson in the Chair

Councillors Allen, Ellis, Heron, D. Smith, Turner, M. Turton, W. Turton and G. Walker.

**Also in Attendance:-**

Kaye Alcock	Councillor	Hetton Town Council
Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Charlotte Burnham	Area Lead Executive for the Coalfield Area Committee and Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements	Sunderland City Council
Melanie Caldwell	Head of Operations Houghton/Hetton	Gentoo Ltd.
Wendy Cook	Youth and Community Co-Ordinator	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Tim Ducker	Rights of Way Officer	Sunderland City Council
Richard Elvin	Member of the Public	
Paul Finch	Network VCS Representative	Hetton New Dawn
Les Goodliff	Neighbourhood Sergeant	Northumbria Police
Joshua Green	Member of the Public	
Debbie Hall	Area Response Manager Coalfields	Sunderland City Council
Robert Heron	Member of the Public	

Laura Hope	Commissioning Manager	Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Dave McCreedy	Network VCS Representative	Fence Houses YMCA
Lisa Musgrove	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
Kay Rowham	Member of the Public	
Christine Tilley	Community Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council
Gill Wake	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Glenis Wallace	Councillor	Hetton Town Council

### **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and drew attention to the poster display from the 'Poo Watch' project carried out with local primary schools in partnership with Groundwork.

Councillor Lawson gave a particular welcome to the four recently elected Members for the Coalfield Area – Councillors Juliana Heron, Doris Turner, Mary Turton and Geoffrey Walker. Councillor Lawson informed the Committee that Councillor John Cummings had been appointed as Chairman of the Coalfield Area Place Board and Councillor Billy Turton as Chairman of the Coalfield Area People Board. The new Voluntary and Community Sector representatives were Wendy Cook, Dave McCreedy and Paul Finch and the new representatives from Hetton Town Council were Councillors Kaye Alcock and Glenis Wallace.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Blackburn, Cummings and Speding together with Ms. Rachel Putz (Coalfields Operational Manager, Children, Young People and Families) and Ms. Laura Cassidy (Health Improvement Practitioner).

## **Declarations of Interest**

### Item 5 Area Budgets Report

Councillor J. Heron made an open declaration in the Community Chest application from Fencehouses Y.M.C.A. as a Council appointed representative on the Management Committee of the Centre.

Councillor Turner made an open declaration in the Community Chest application from Hetton New Dawn as a Member of the Management Committee of the organisation and also as a volunteer.

Councillor Lawson made an open declaration in the application Houghton Feast 2015 Community Programme as Chair of the Houghton Feast Steering Group.

Councillors J. Heron, M. Turton, W. Turton made open declarations in the application Houghton Feast 2015 Community Programme as Members of the Houghton Feast Steering Group.

All Members left the meeting prior to the Committee having any discussion on any the above applications or making any decisions thereon.

Councillor Lawson having vacated the Chair, Councillor Walker took the Chair for the application from Houghton Feast Steering Group and the applications from Fencehouses YMCA and Hetton New Dawn.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the spelling of Councillor Heron's forename being corrected to 'Juliana'.

## **Place Board Progress Report**

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2014/15 Work Plan including SIB funded projects, seeking Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2015/16 and providing an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the report drawing attention to the progress made in respect of the Coalfield Cycle Network and Four Parks Route and the external funding streams available to support their development following the Committee's endorsement.

Mr. Tim Ducker, Rights of Way Officer, Sunderland City Council briefed the Committee on the above schemes in detail, which are both part of the Health and Greenspaces project and invited Members to forward any issues, concerns or suggestions to him for consideration.

Ms. Hopper highlighted the 'Poo Watch' project which had proved very successful in getting people to pick up after their dog.

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

2. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 be noted;
- (ii) the Coalfield Area Place Board Work Plan priorities for 2015/16 be approved; and
- (iii) the Area Governance arrangements including the Place Board Membership for 2015/16, detailed in paragraph 5 of the report, be approved.

### **People Board Progress Report**

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2014/15 Work Plan including SIB funded projects, seeking Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2015/16 and providing an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the report drawing the Committee's attention to the proposed priorities for action for the year ahead as detailed in Annex 3. Ms. Hopper advised that the next round of CAN DO fund applications would be presented to the People Board in July. She highlighted the information detailed in paragraph 5.4 on the other local groups/boards where the Coalfield Area Committee has elected Member representation and agreed to forward a list of the meeting dates of the Youth Operations Group which is open to all ward members to attend to all Members.

Councillor Lawson encouraged all Members to attend the Youth Operations Group.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 be noted;
- (ii) the Coalfield Area People Board Work Plan priorities for 2015/16 be approved; and

- (iii) the Area Governance arrangements including the People Board Membership for 2015/16, detailed in paragraph 5 of the report, be approved.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network Progress Update**

Ms. Wendy Cook, Mr. Dave McCreedy and Mr. Paul Finch, Area Network Representatives submitted a report (copy circulated), providing an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the report advising that the Coalfield Area VCSN had met three times since the last meeting of the Area Committee in March 2015.

Ms. Hopper drew attention to the series of outdoor events to take place during the period 21-24 July 2015 as part of the Health and Greenspaces project.

Councillor Glenis Wallace, Hetton Town Council asked that information on the above outdoor events be sent out to Special schools in the city also.

Councillor Walker referred to, and sought clarification on the brief overview of the purpose and role of Healthwatch given by the Community Engagement Co-ordinator at the VCSN meeting in March and to the request to the Group to become involved on providing feedback regarding health provision. Ms Laura Hope, Commissioning Manager, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group undertook to follow this up.

Councillor Lawson urged Members to attend the Health and Greenspaces outdoor events taking place during the period 21-24 July 2015 if possible.

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the contents of the report be received and noted;
- (ii) Network representation when developing projects and priorities during the coming year be considered; and
- (iii) Members attend the Health and Greenspaces outdoor event in their respective ward.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police**

Neighbourhood Inspector Lisa Musgrove provided the Committee with a verbal update on crime in the Coalfield Area. She advised that there had been an increase of 112 crimes in May right across the Coalfield which equated to an increase in overall crime of 27% on the same period last year. The number of burglary dwellings had gone up, although there had been success with some

arrests being made, the main area of concern being Easington Lane with jewellery and cash being targeted. At the beginning of May there had been a spike in motor vehicle offences which had reduced following the arrest of the individual responsible for most of the offences. The number of domestic violence offences was also up. There had been a decrease in the number of anti-social behaviour cases which were down by 24% in general and youth antisocial behaviour incidents were down by 49% on the same period last year. There was a lot of diversionary work going on which was contributing to this decrease and efforts were being focussed on Easington Lane. A lot of work had been done in the Market street area where the seats had been taken out and a pole put up and a camera put in place. The XL Youth Village had been located in Hetton Lyons Park. Community Protection Notices had been issued to three individuals at the Broadway, Houghton which had had the desired effect but there was still a congregation of youths in the area.

In response to Councillor Turner, Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove advised that the Police did not go round car boot sales looking for items from house burglaries as items were often unidentifiable.

Councillor Glenis Wallace, Hetton Town Council expressed appreciation for the camera in Market Street and the XL Youth Village.

Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove reminded the meeting of the Annual Memorial Ride taking place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June where a large number of horses and traps would be riding through the area and a Police operation would be in place. Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove asked that any community concerns were referred to her and the Neighbourhood Team.

Full consideration having being given to the information presented by, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 to 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 compared with the same period in 2014.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Steve Burdis, Station Manager Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service briefed the Committee on the report highlighting that there had been no deaths recorded during the time frame of the report.

Mr. Burdis informed the Committee of the two Targeted Response Vehicles (TRVs) being used to tackle small secondary fires during the hours 18:00 to 12 am which could be operated by 2 persons using a hose reel; one which was currently positioned in the Coalfield and one in Washington. He advised that the TRV

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needed to be within a 10 minute radius of the incident and if not then a full appliance would attend.

Mr. Burdis confirmed in response to Councillor Ellis that a demonstration of how to deal with a chip pan fire was still included in the Education Programme and could be arranged and that the number of false alarms had dropped off. He added that as of 1<sup>st</sup> June the Fire and Rescue Service would not attend an alarm sounding off for a non-domestic property, however every domestic dwelling would be attended.

The Chairman expressed concern at the number of deliberate fires. She referred to a recent incident at Shiney Row and agreed to pass on the details to Mr. Burdis so as he could identify the incident and check that it was attended by the Service.

Mr. Burdis informed the Committee of the litter pick targeted in the Easington Lane area and others where secondary fires were occurring.

Ms Wendy Cook, Area Network Representative advised that young people from the Flatts Youth Centre at Easington Lane had volunteered for the above litter pick.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Burdis for his report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the contents of the report and the information brought out during the discussion be received and noted.

### **Area Budgets Report**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest funding and presenting proposals for further funding requests to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield presented the report drawing the Committee's attention to the financial position as set out in paragraph 2.1 advising that the SIB total for 2015/16 was £281,579.

Ms. Hopper highlighted the eight applications recommended for approval from the previously agreed £20,000 SIB and £20,000 CCG funding, detailed at paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1. She advised that the application from Age UK Sunderland had now been withdrawn. Ms Hopper reported that subject to the Committee's approval of the remaining applications that she would inform all of the applicants of the other successful applications so that they were all aware of what was taking place and could liaise and the schemes could complement one another.

Ms. Hopper referred Members to the two applications for SIB funding detailed at paragraph 2.3 advising that should they be approved a balance of £266,579 SIB funding would remain.

Ms. Hopper drew Members attention to the balance of £5,580 remaining from the previously approved allocation of £40,000 for the Health and Greenspaces Programme as set out in paragraph 2.4 and to the approvals for Community Chest from March to May 2015 at paragraph 3.

Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- b) the recommendations for SIB/CCG funding as set out in paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1 of the report, with the exception of the project from Age UK which had been withdrawn, be approved and that the balance be returned to the People Board to allocate to another project;
- c) two projects totalling £15,000 SIB as set out at paragraph 2.3 and Annex 2 of the report, be approved;
- d) a small Call for Projects via the VCS Network for the remaining £5,680 balance from the previously approved Health and Greenspaces budget, with approvals to be made by the People Board, be approved; and
- e) the 16 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2014/15 and 2015/16 budget as set out in Annex 3 be noted.

### **Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)**

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

8. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman, having thanked everyone their contributions and for attending, closed the meeting.

(Signed) A. LAWSON and G. WALKER,

Chairmen.

14 October 2015

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD**

**Place Board Progress Report**

**1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year’s (2015/16) Place Board Work Plan, and provide an update on performance.

**2. Background**

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place were referred to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, and in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**.

**3. Area Governance Arrangements**

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

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council’s Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair/Hetton	Cllr John Cummings
Copt Hill	Cllr Anthony Allen Cllr Mary Turton
Houghton	Cllr Juliana Heron Cllr Sheila Ellis
Shiney Row	Cllr Mel Speding

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to September 2015**

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield Place Board to date.

Action Taken	Outcome
<b>Influence: Responsive Local Services Streetscene</b>	
Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Response Manager (ARM) ensures that regular communication with all elected members can influence street scene service delivery to meet local need. Debbie Hall the ARM for the Coalfield area gave a service update at the June and September Place Board meetings including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Neglected Land</li> <li>○ ‘In Bloom’ Judging</li> <li>○ Grass Cutting and Weeding Programme 2015</li> <li>○ Parks</li> <li>○ Fly Tipping</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Influence: Environmental issues/ASB</b>	
Support preventative measures to reduce negative impact on the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the removal of two seats at Market Street, Hetton, the Place Board discussed and agreed the relocation of the seats to King George V play area, Eppleton. The Place Board therefore recommends to the Area Committee that the seats are installed there to replace the current seats. There will be a cost of £650 to repaint and relocate the seats if the existing concrete plinths can be used, or a cost of £1150 if the concrete plinths need to be replaced. If members agree, the cost can be met from the existing SIB Neglected Land budget.</li> <li>Following complaints regarding unauthorised parking and environmental damage at Coaley Lane/Hill View, Newbottle, phased works commenced on site in June 2015. The area has been covered in top soil and grass seed planted. Boulders donated by Eppleton quarry have been located at the site and a number of semi-mature plants will be planted during the autumn. The improvements have been made by RLS as part of the ongoing 'neglected land' project.</li> </ul>
Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPRS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colin Rudd, the lead officer for the Coalfield area gave a presentation to the Board on the main topics covered by the service, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trading Standards</li> <li>Food Standards</li> <li>Commercial Health and Safety</li> <li>Pollution Control</li> <li>Pest Control</li> <li>Licensing</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Board raised a number of queries about the service and an update will be given in advance of the November Board meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Influence: Transport in the local area</b>	
Influence the review of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colleagues from Network Management and Nexus attended the July 2015 Place Board meeting to inform members of the changes to the DRT service. Members of the Board gave consideration to three alternative fixed route options and asked Nexus to investigate revisions based on feedback given.</li> <li>Nexus attended the September 2015 Place Board meeting and presented a revised route to Members who were pleased that all comments had been taken on board and suggestions incorporated into the proposed route.</li> <li>Correspondence will now be sent to users of the service, with a feedback form, to gain their views. Once the revised service is operational, it will be widely marketed throughout the area.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Support for Local Shopping Centres</b>	
Review of Houghton town centre traffic and parking restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A working group consisting Elected Members, Council Officers, Houghton Traders Association members and the Neighbourhood Police Team has been set up to look at current and suggested traffic and parking restrictions in and around Newbottle Street.</li> <li>The first meeting of the working group discussed the legal and budgetary constraints of reviewing regulations. The group has since met to map out suggested improvements to the regulations.</li> <li>The lead officer has taken away the suggestions and will work them up into a draft proposal for consideration by the group at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
Age Friendly City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board received a presentation on the on-going work for the council to submit an application to the World Health Organisation (WHO) for Sunderland to be granted Age Friendly status. Members were invited to comment on the Council's proposal to</li> </ul>

	<p>submit to the WHO Global Network of age-Friendly Cities and Communities for 'Age Friendly' status. Members were also invited to comment on the proposals for a locally driven approach with a specific community projects at neighbourhood level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Coalfield Area is currently supporting the Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre programme in Houghton le Spring</li> <li>• Staff from Bernard Gilpin Primary School in Houghton were presented with the Best Dementia Friendly Educational Initiative award, at the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friendly Awards 2015 at Trinity House, Tower Hill, in London in September 2015. The school was one of 26 finalists to attend the ceremony, which was hosted by TV personality Angela Rippon, OBE, who is an Alzheimer's Society ambassador. The school has incorporated dementia learning into their curriculum, developed The Living Room to hold a weekly activity session for people living with dementia, and have promoted the importance of intergenerational learning to both Northumbria and Newcastle Universities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Area Priority: Environmental Improvement and Education</b></p>	
<p>Love Where You Live</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In partnership with Groundwork North East, an educational programme is underway with Hetton Primary School. A litter awareness programme resulted in a poster competition. The Winning poster will be displayed around the Coalfield area to encourage people to 'bin it'. Further phases of this programme will include sessions on recycling.</li> <li>• Shiney Row Childcare has taken part in a 'grow and eat' project as part of a series of activities. The next phase of the project will teach the children about the importance of keeping their community clean and encourage them to recycle materials. Parents will be involved in future phases of the project to encourage family learning.</li> </ul>
<p>Neglected Land</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grazing plots created at the former Forest Estate, Easington Lane have benefited the area by improving the visual aspect of the land and providing additional grazing for rent.</li> <li>• A perimeter bund has been created on the open land at the rear of South Hetton Road. The improvement has restricted access to the site, reducing fly tipping and fly grazing.</li> <li>• The vacant land adjacent Easington Lane Primary School has been found to be unsuitable for a school and community project and it is recommended that the site is seeded to create a wild flower meadow to improve the visual aspect of the site.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Area Priority: Make Better Use of Greenspace</b></p>	
<p>Health and Greenspace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-2-1 routes in Herrington (beside the model boating lake) and Hetton Lyons (next to Lyons lake, west of the car park) Country Parks are now in place. The 3-2-1 routes are circular routes of varying distances which you can either walk, jog or run. The routes are marked in 3, 2 and 1 kilometre distances and are suitable for beginners, or can be combined if you want to walk, jog or run further. Information boards at the start and finish points are located at both sites.</li> <li>• Four 'Green Green Grass of Home' events took place across the Coalfield area during school summer holidays. Events were held in each of the wards and attracted a total of 287 people. A range of sporting and fun activities were provided and picnic bags were offered to all attending. The project met the outcomes of encouraging children, young people and families to utilise the green spaces within their community for play and picnics etc...and take part in healthy activities. A range of partner</li> </ul>

	<p>organisations attended and provided residents with a range of health and wellbeing related information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trim trails are being installed in Herrington and Hetton Lyons Country Parks. Initial consultation has taken place and a procurement exercise is underway. It is intended the installation will take place by the end of December 2015. The benefits of using the equipment will be promoted once the trim trails are installed.</li> <li>• Walking packs including 3-2-1 routes and Heritage Walks are being developed for the Coalfield area. Heritage Walks including Penshaw Monument Circular and Hetton Circular can be downloaded from the Active Sunderland website.</li> <li>• The Clean, Green and Lean project is being delivered by Groundwork and is designed to give local people the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing through practical environmental work at green spaces in the coalfields. Initial work has commenced to identify a number of locations which would benefit from small-scale improvements which can be carried out by residents and local schools interested in taking part in 'green activity' conservation tasks.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Celebrate Local Events and Heritage</b>	
Support long standing historical events and celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the Place Board discussed this priority at the September 2015 meeting, and agreed that it was important to continue to celebrate local events and heritage throughout the coming year. A 'core programme' was discussed and a request for SIB funding is presented within Item 6 (Area Budgets Report) of the Area Committee agenda.</li> <li>• Members have a number of ideas they wish to explore including a community art project to celebrate the mining heritage of the area, and an educational project to commemorate Bernard Gilpin's 500<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary.</li> <li>• Houghton Feast celebrations took place 2-11 October 2015. The opening ceremony and Saturday carnival parade attracted more school participation than ever, with schools from all wards taking part.</li> <li>• The option of installing additional electrical infrastructure in Rectory Park will be explored in preparation for the 2016 Houghton Feast.</li> </ul>

#### 4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Place Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 and agree proposals for future delivery
- Agree that the two seats removed from Market Street, Hetton, are relocated at King George V play area, Eppleton, to replace the current seats.
- Agree to the creation of a wildflower meadow on the site adjacent to Easington Lane Primary School

Annex 1      Work Plan

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## PLACE BOARD

Area Priority	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Actions/Projects	Progress/Updates
<b>Support for local shopping centres</b>  <b>Feb 2016</b>	Improve physical environment in local centres	Develop physical improvement schemes in local shopping areas  Work with Network Management to develop a 'town centre review' on the traffic management in Newbottle Street	A number of suggestions such as decorating shop fronts and decorative street signage are being explored and will be presented to the Place Board in February 2016 for consideration.  A Town Centre Review Working Group has been set up by Network Management. A meeting in September 2015 included ward Councillors, Houghton Traders Association, Neighbourhood Police Team and Sunderland City Council officers. The meeting discussed the current traffic and parking restrictions and potential solutions to some of the issues. A draft plan will be developed and brought back to the group for further discussion.
	Continue retail and business support for local independent traders	Develop Phase 2 of the Retail Support project to deliver one to one support to 20 new businesses and continued mentoring support to a further 20	Phase 2 has now commenced. A monitoring/review meeting will take place in November and feedback provided to the Board.
	Develop initiatives/activities to increase footfall in local shopping centres	Support local traders and traders Associations/Forums to develop local events and take part in existing events (e.g. Houghton Feast)  Explore the feasibility of holding 'market days' in Houghton le Spring	Houghton Traders Association now have representation on the Houghton Feast Steering Group.  Shiney Row traders forum are taking part in the development of a Shiney Row Christmas switch on event including entertainment and market stalls  Traders in Market Street, Hetton, are being supported to work together on improvements for their shopping centre. A recent meeting (Sept 2015) identified a number of actions that the traders will take forward, including developing a facebook page, promoting halloween and Christmas and improving signage to the shopping centre.

<b>Support for local shopping centres</b>	Extend Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre initiative	Further develop the current project within Houghton le Spring with Houghton Traders Association (HTA) and the Alzheimers Society	<p>Colleagues from the Alzheimers Society have produced an information leaflet for HTA and provided additional literature including tips for employers.</p> <p>The Dementia Friendly Recognition Process was launched two years ago and Houghton le Spring is one of 100 communities signed up. The process is now being reviewed and feedback from the Houghton project will be given to the central Dementia Friendly Communities team in London.</p>
	Increase awareness of the 'Shop Local' brand	Support the delivery of marketing campaigns including social media	Market Street traders will be supported to develop a marketing programme. This will be discussed at their meeting in October 2015.
<b>Environmental improvement and education</b>  <b>Jan 2016 (tbc)</b>	Continue delivery of the Love Where You Live (LWYL) Campaign	<p>Produce a 'did you know.....' fact sheet in partnership with Responsive Local Services (RLS)</p> <p>Build on current projects such as 'Poo Watch' to develop further initiatives such as 'Litter Watch' and a recycling project</p>	<p>In partnership with Groundwork North East, a litter awareness programme is being delivered at Hetton Primary School. The winning poster from the educational competition will be displayed across the area.</p> <p>Shiney Row Childcare has taken part in a 'grow and eat' initiative, teaching children about plants and vegetables. The next phase of the project will focus on keeping the community clean and free of litter and will involve parents in activities.</p>
	Increase partnership working with Responsive Local Services) RLS to improve local sites and maintain improvements	Area Response Manager to attend Place Boards and Area Committee when relevant to keep members and partners updated on Street Scene issues	The Area Response Manager (ARM) presents update reports to each Place Board meeting. Projects and initiatives developed as part of the Place Board Workplan are arranged and designed in partnership with RLS colleagues. Recent examples are the developments at Forest Estate, the Love Where You Live programme of activities and Health and Greenspaces Trim Trails
	Encourage residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and develop associated skills	Develop projects through the Health and Greenspaces programme	A 'Clean, Green and Lean' project to encourage the community to improve their wellbeing through practical environmental works on local greenspace is due to commence in October 2015. A number of sites have been identified in consultation with RLS colleagues. Residents and local schools will take part in 'green activity' small scale tasks to help keep local spaces accessible and tidy.



<p><b>Make better use of land and greenspace</b></p> <p><b>Nov 2015</b></p>	<p>Improve areas of vacant land</p>	<p>Maintain sites cleaned up as part of the Neglected Land project</p>	<p>In partnership with RLS colleagues the identified sites are monitored and maintenance works carried out when required. Work at the following sites has been completed during the last quarter:</p> <p>Percy Street – Old SCC Depot  Low Downs Hotel site  Lyons Lane  Larkfield / Hunter St</p> <p>Colleagues in RLS are working in partnership with the Youth Offending Team and Probation to provide opportunities for meaningful community payback projects</p>
	<p>Promote availability of greenspace for recreation and play</p>	<p>Install trim trails in Hetton Lyons and Herrington Country Parks</p>	<p>Initial consultation has taken place and locations at each of the parks have been identified. A procurement exercise is underway and a small selection of equipment will be installed at both parks during December 2015.</p>
	<p>Support people to access greenspace for health benefits</p>	<p>Support the training of volunteers and instructors to deliver activities</p> <p>Engage with volunteer programmes and community health provision e.g. Health Champions and Health Trainers</p> <p>Deliver Community and Family events in each ward.</p>	<p>In partnership with Active Sunderland, training opportunities are offered to local organisations and volunteers via the VCS Network.</p> <p>The Live Life Well Service mentor for the Coalfield area is engaged with local groups and the VCS Network to promote</p> <p>The Green Green Grass of Home projects were successfully delivered in each of the four wards during the summer of 2015. A total of 287 people attended the events which provided outdoor sporting and fun activities with a healthy picnic lunch. The project met its aim of encouraging families to utilise the greenspaces on their own doorstep and be more active.</p>
	<p>Deliver the Health and Greenspaces Project</p>	<p>Develop the Coalfield Cycle Network</p> <p>Design and Deliver the 25k Four Parks Route (Herrington/Hetton Lyons/Elba/Rainton Meadows)</p>	
	<p>Influence Core Strategy development</p>	<p>Invite Planning Policy Officers to consult with Place Board/Area Committee members at relevant stages during development of Core Strategy and allocation documents</p>	

<b>Make better use of land and greenspace</b>	Complete Neglected Land and Allotments Working Group actions	Termination of Seaham Rd allotment lease	An update was given to the September Place Board meeting. Notice has been served on all tenants to vacate (expires April 2016). Those using the site for permitted cultivation will be supported to relocate to a nearby site.
		Phase 2 of Britannia Tce allotments  Complete former Forest Estate scheme	An update was given to the September Place Board meeting. Grazing plots are now complete and tenants secured for the sites, removing the problem of fly grazing. The area of land in Gentoo ownership has been cleared and a 'bund' constructed to prevent vehicular access. Wildflower planting will take place to create a natural environment. The area of land adjacent to Easington Lane School will be developed once an appropriate project has been agreed.
<b>Celebrate local events and heritage</b>  <b>Sept 2015</b>	Support long standing historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities	Develop SIB funding request to support regular events for 2015/16 (including Remembrance Parades, Miners Banner Parades and Christmas Events)	The draft programme was discussed by the Place Board at the September 2015 meeting and a recommendation for funding is made to Area Committee.
	Develop and promote a programme of local activity with VCS Network members	Develop a community heritage project with local schools and groups to celebrate the mining heritage of the local area.	Suggestions including a community planting project and a lifesize model of a miner will be explored.
		Recognise the 500th Anniversary of Bernard Gilpin in 2017	
		Develop a calendar of events which can be shared with the local community	Information on local events and activities is circulated by individual organisations via the VCS Network and the VCAS weekly information sharing
<b>Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee</b>	Influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016/2017		Highway Maintenance Capital Programme will be discussed at Place Board in November 2015 to ensure approval of local area programme at March 2016 Area Committee.
	Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPRS) - ensure Councillors can access Licensing and PPRS awareness training and are introduced to the Area Rep from PPRS for the Coalfield (Colin Rudd)		Update on PPRS presented to Place Board in July 2015. Board discussed illegal tattooists and the profile of food hygiene ratings across Sunderland's food establishments, encouraging communities to 'check the scores on the doors' before purchasing food to encourage food premises to increase their food hygiene standards through local competition.

14 October 2015

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD**

**People Board Progress Report**

**1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year’s (2015/16) People Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**.

**3. Area Governance Arrangements**

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

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council’s Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	People Board Membership
Chair/Houghton	Cllr Billy Turton
Copt Hill	Cllr Derrick Smith
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr Doris Turner
Shiney Row	Cllr Geoffrey Walker

**4 Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date**

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to September 2015.

<b>Influence: Safer Communities</b>	
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A short update is provided to members by the Area Community Officer after each LMAPS meeting.</li> <li>• Members are requested to forward any new issues to the Area Community Officer, or Chair of Area Committee, prior to each LMAPS meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Influence: Health and Wellbeing</b>	
Integrated Wellness Service	The Board was given an update regarding the development of the Integrated Wellness Service, now known as the Live Life Well Service. The new model will deliver an approach that takes into account the health needs of the whole population while also being personalised to individual need. Much of the feedback received is

	<p>that many people do not want or need services but rather need to embed healthier choices into the way they live their lives, with minimal additional cost.</p> <p>Members were given the opportunity to discuss issues specific to their own community, and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify key assets within their local community whom the Live Life Well service can promote and/ or work with;</li> <li>• Identify any issues within their local community that the Live Life Well service can help to address;</li> <li>• Forward on any feedback regarding the Live Life Well service to your Area Officer and/ or Public Health locality lead thus continuing to influence the delivery of Live Life Well Service.</li> </ul>
Houghton le Spring – Urgent Care Centre	<p>Colleagues from Northern Doctors Urgent Care, who have provided the service at Houghton since September 2014, attended the September meeting of the Board to give an update. The Urgent Care service is fully operational and Patients are referred into the service from 111 and they are able to walk in to the centre. An appointment system is in place within the centre to both manage patient expectations and the staff workload. Should a case require treatment urgently, then that patient is referred to a clinician and an appointment allocated sooner / immediately. The Urgent care centre is staffed with both GPs (with or without injury experience) and Nurse Practitioners with both minor illness and minor injury experience. The service is keen to promote what is on offer for patients, and raise awareness of the centre. An article will be prepared for the November issue of Coalfield Community News.</p>
Care Homes Project	<p>The Care Homes Project was piloted in the Coalfield area, with the aim of ensuring care home residents and their families feel better cared for, with the objective of reducing the number of emergency admissions and A&amp;E attendances. The pilot started in November 2013 and has produced the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in emergency admissions and A&amp;E attendances by 45%</li> <li>• Significant reduction in out of hours callouts and GP callouts</li> <li>• Communication has vastly improved</li> <li>• Improvements in clinical effectiveness and patient safety</li> <li>• Reduction in admissions into city hospitals for foot ulcers</li> <li>• An increase in the number of people supported to die in their preferred place</li> <li>• Improvements in patient experience and satisfaction</li> <li>• Pharmacy contribution – improved patient safety and saving money</li> </ul> <p>The next steps are to roll this model out across Sunderland as part of Vanguard programme for Out of Hospital care – Community Integrated Teams. The Board will receive an update on Community Integrated Teams at a future meeting.</p>
Active Sunderland	<p>Active Sunderland Partnership – Everyone Active presented to the People Board in July 2015, explaining the Joint Venture working arrangements for Sport and Leisure centres in Sunderland, and developments in the Coalfield area including:</p> <p><u>Houghton Sports Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•New branding</li> <li>•Creation of a new group cycling arena</li> <li>•New gym layout and introduction of new equipment</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Hetton Community Pool</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•New branding</li> <li>•Introduction of new Everyone Active swimming lessons</li> <li>•New gym layout and introduction of new equipment</li> </ul> <p>A further update will be given to the Board in January 2016</p>
<b>Area Priority: Health and Greenspaces</b>	
<p>A small call for projects was advertised via the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network on behalf of Area Committee</p>	<p>Members considered the applications at the September meeting and the following projects were approved for funding:</p> <p><b>Youth Enterprise Scheme – Monument View - £1,000</b>  The aim of the project is to purchase materials to build a Yurt in Monument Views garden. The young people will be involved in the construction and once complete it will be used as a space for therapeutic counselling. The project will increase awareness of the benefits of the outdoor activity on mental and physical wellbeing. The positive outdoor feeling will thrive with the construction of the wooden yurt and continue to flourish through attendance at the therapeutic sessions.</p> <p><b>Out &amp; About – Groundwork NE - £1,000</b>  The aim of the project is to encourage Coalfield residents to make better use of Elba Park as well as running a wildlife photography competition resulting in the production of a calendar for sale at the end of the project.</p> <p>The project will both encourage and increase the use of Elba Park throughout the year, leading to benefits such as increased physical wellbeing, reduced social isolation and a closer affinity to nature. Any profits from the sale of the calendar will be used to run the workshops throughout 2016-2017</p> <p><b>Out &amp; About – ELCAP - £920</b>  The aim of the project is to target local people who are socially isolated or have mobility and health problems which have prevented them from accessing outdoor space. The project will provide a door to door service to take the client group to various locations across the Coalfield area including Elba Park, Hetton Lyons Country Park and smaller local areas such as ELCAP community garden.</p> <p>Helping these residents to access green spaces will help strengthen relationships and friendships, which in turn helps with their health and wellbeing. The aim is to provide 1 greenspace visit each week for a 10 week period.</p>
<b>Area Priority: Emotional and Mental Wellbeing</b>	
<p>Reduce stress caused by financial concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A scheme to combat holiday hunger was piloted during the 6 week summer break. Help was offered to families who have children in receipt of free school meals. In the Coalfield area a total of 64 families and 130 children were helped during the duration of the pilot scheme. The total cost to Coalfield Area Committee (via SIB budget) is £1786.76. Further analysis of the data is underway and information will be brought to the November board meeting.</li> </ul>
<p>Reduce social isolation and improve social participation amongst older and vulnerable adults</p>	<p>Following a Call for Projects, the June meeting of Area Committee approved a number of projects including one to offer support and opportunities for older people to access volunteering at ShARP in Shiney Row. Since the project began in July 2015, 9 new volunteers have been recruited. Five are 50+ and the remainder are classed as vulnerable, facing a variety of barriers such as</p>

	health problems and mental health issues. Each volunteer has a personal development plan and access to development opportunities such as Anxiety and Stress Management course, Debt Buddies training and community learning. The project has successfully supported the volunteers to increase social interaction and self-esteem reducing their feeling of isolation and vulnerability. Being part of a successful organisation is helping to develop their confidence and build new skills.
<b>Area Priority: Training and Learning Opportunities</b>	
CAN DO Fund	<p>Applications for the July round of funding were received and presented to the Board for consideration. Young people from each of the groups presented their ideas to the Board and answered any questions raised. Four groups were supported with a grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monument View £500 to purchase equipment to support their Youth Enterprise Scheme</li> <li>• 36 Squadron Air Cadets £450 to purchase a 10 man tent which will help them provide outdoor experiences including cooking in the outdoors</li> <li>• Kepier 'Skinny Burgers' £500 to pay training on how to cook healthy 'junk food'. This knowledge will then be used to pass on to younger pupils in an after school club</li> <li>• Herrington Burn YMCA Youth Committee £400 to plan, organise and run a Summer Fun Day</li> </ul> <p>The next funding round will open in October and be presented to the November Board. The project provides the opportunity for young people to develop team working, problem solving, project development and presentation skills.</p>
<b>Area Priority: Support and Enable Local Delivery of Services</b>	
Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services and increase support and co-ordination of volunteers	The People Board discussed the increasing reliance on voluntary and community sector projects and services and the importance of supporting locally based organisations to build capacity and develop community engagement. In order to deliver on Area priorities the Board has researched, discussed and considered information from a wide range of sources and developed a proposal for volunteer and community support from Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB). A summary of the discussion and proposal is attached at <b>Annex 2</b> to this report. Further detail of the proposal, along with recommendation for next steps and funding required is contained within the Area Budget report at Item 6.

## 5. Recommendations

### 5.1 Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 and agree proposals for future delivery

Annex 1 Work Plan

Annex 2 Volunteer and Community Support

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## PEOPLE BOARD

Area Priority	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Actions/Projects	Progress/Updates
<b>Physical Health and Wellbeing</b>  <b>Jan 2016</b>	Increase healthy eating (families)	Promote a healthy eating campaign. Highlight calories etc.. In take away food  Utilise the Health Champion programme to promote healthy life choices	Public Health colleagues have invited interested groups to submit a proposal to host a Health Champion network co-ordination function in the local community. The successful organisation will work with the Live Life Well service and VCS Network to engage with current and potential Health Champions to offer support and guidance within the community. It is envisaged the successful organisation for the Coalfield area will be agreed in October 2015, and a further update will be provided.
	Improve healthy weight in children	Promote and raise awareness of the Lifestyle, Activity and Food programme (LAF). LAF is a weight management programme for children and families which includes a variety of fun activities to encourage the whole family to get involved in healthier lifestyles.	Sunderland's LAF programme consists of healthy lifestyle sessions aimed at encouraging and supporting families to eat well, move more and live longer. The LAF referral programme is for families with children aged five to 15 years who have been identified as overweight; live in Sunderland and registered with a Sunderland GP. There are programmes for children aged five to ten years and their families and separate programmes for teenagers (11 to 15 years). Children under five years can access support from the Senior Specialist Dietician at City Hospitals Sunderland. The programme also includes specific activities for teenagers which include healthy lifestyle advice and physical activities such as gym sessions, boxercise, circuits, dance and body conditioning.
	Improve physical wellbeing and increase physical activity	Work with the Live Life Well service and Active Sunderland to promote services available and support local people to access information	The Live Life Well services attended the Coalfield Green Green Grass of Home events across the area in July 2015. 17 referrals were received. All have been contacted and some have already commenced working with a wellness coordinator or have been sign posted to appropriate services, and some are due to begin after the school holidays. 3 referrals were for stop smoking and the others were for healthy eating/ being more active. Over 500 service leaflets were distributed to members of the public and staff had many conversations with people about the new service. Overall the events were useful to promote Live Life Well not only to local communities but also to other partners.
	Improve partnership working with CCG/Public Health on joint priorities	Identify joint priorities and invite CCG and Public Health colleagues to attend People Board and other relevant groups when appropriate	Colleagues will be invited to the November People Board meeting in order to develop this priority.

<b>Emotional and Mental Wellbeing</b>  <b>Feb 2016</b>	Reduce stress caused by financial concerns	<p>Work with VCS organisations to help prepare and support residents for changes ahead e.g. Universal Credit etc</p> <p>Work with health providers to promote financial advice and guidance available</p>	<p>The Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network discussed this issue and their concerns about the impact on individuals and families. A presentation was circulated to members of the group, and ShARP at Shiney Row are holding workshops and support sessions in preparation for Universal Credit implementation in Sunderland in October 2015.</p> <p>ShARP and Gentoo are amongst those who can provide advice and guidance to local residents. Information sharing will be encouraged through the VCS Network and Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland (VCAS).</p>
	Improve mental wellbeing and self respect in young people	Gather data and local intelligence regarding key issues to discuss at February People Board meeting. Gather information regarding services available.	Members are keen to ensure that young people are consulted, and have input, on mental health services. Youth engagement, including mechanisms such as Young Minds, will be discussed at the February People Board meeting with relevant officers and partners.
	Increase awareness amongst service providers about what is available (promotion, communication, referral)	<p>Develop Community Directory and Community Connectors</p> <p>Support VCS organisations to help residents access community IT provision</p>	
	Reduce isolation and improve social participation in older and vulnerable adults	<p>Consider findings of Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation Scrutiny policy review when developing future initiatives.</p> <p>Continue to monitor and co-ordinate SIB funded projects including Social Navigator project (commencing August 2015).</p> <p>Promote services available via VCS Network and local organisations.</p>	<p>A number of projects funded via SIB are underway. The 'Social Activity Navigator' aims to reduce social isolation and increase social integration. This will be done by delivering therapeutic activities and exercise packages tailored to the individual's needs, in their own home and in the community. This will benefit those with long term conditions to improve their independence and wellbeing, and in the longer term access groups and activities available in their community.</p> <p>The Transforming Lives project launched in September 2015 will hold afternoon tea sessions to provide opportunities for socially isolated people to develop new relationships and take part in activities.</p> <p>New volunteers, identified as older or vulnerable adults, have been recruited by ShARP at Shiney Row. Each volunteer has a personal development plan and access to training and support to overcome barriers which have previously prevented them from engaging in community activity.</p>



<b>Training and Learning Opportunities to Meet Skills Gaps/Needs</b>	Increase opportunities for those who are, or at risk of becoming, NEET.	Support the development of the 'Working Rite' programme in the Coalfield area	The Working Rite programme will be piloted in the Coalfield area. Sandy Campbell, Chief Executive of Working Rite and Dave Barber, Participation and Engagement Manager (Sunderland City Council) will attend the November 2015 People Board meeting to update members on the programme.
	<b>Nov 2015</b>	Influence development of training to meet the needs of employers via Education and Skills strategy	
	Improve life skills and employability skills for young people	Extend CAN DO fund	The CAN DO fund will continue throughout this financial year. The next round of applications will be presented to the November 2015 People Board.
<b>Support/Enable Local Delivery of Services</b>	Improve use of existing community venues	Promote to all service deliverers the range of local venues available for use	
	Increase local partnership	Promote the Community Directory	
	Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services	Provide support to local groups via Area Community Officer, Area Networks, VCAS and other relevant organisations. Promote commissioning and procurement opportunities to local organisations	Procurement opportunities from Sunderland, and other North East Councils, are promoted to members of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network on a weekly basis.
	Increase support and co-ordination of volunteers	Consider available support and develop options for a local Coalfield project  Support the development of volunteering programmes including Health Champions and Community Connectors	The September 2015 meeting of the People Board discussed the importance of supporting local organisations and volunteers. The Board will recommend to the October Area Committee that SIB funding is allocated to make a call for projects via the VCS Network. The proposed project will specifically focus on proactive support to retain and develop small organisations and co-ordinate and develop volunteers.

<b>Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee</b>	The Sport and Leisure Joint Venture (Sport and Leisure Management SLM) - understand the implications for the Coalfield area		Active Sunderland approach presented to the People Board in July 2015, explaining the joint venture working arrangements and developments at Hetton and Houghton sports centres. Further updates will continue to be presented to future boards.
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## **Coalfield Area People Board Proposal for SIB allocation**

### **Priority: Support and enable local delivery of services**

- **Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services**
- **Increase support and co-ordination of volunteers**

### **Background**

The Area Community Officer provides support to existing local community organisations and works with VCS organisations to support delivery of the Area Committee/Place/People Board priorities. VCAS is the Citywide infrastructure organisation for local charities, voluntary organisations and community groups. Community Chest and the CAN DO Fund are examples of small area based budgets allocated by Coalfield Area Committee. Development of SIB funded initiatives include Call for Projects, which provide an opportunity for VCS organisations to deliver projects against a brief prepared by the relevant Board. Some of the supported Community Associations receive a small grant towards running costs, this is reviewed annually.

Some of the larger VCS organisations employ community development officers or volunteer co-ordinators to support the recruitment, training and on-going support for volunteers to work specifically within their own organisation. Other organisations operating across the area, such as City Libraries, Age UK, Gentoo and Groundwork North East, provide volunteering opportunities and run different models of volunteering programmes suited to their own objectives.

The Volunteer Centre Sunderland will match individuals to organisations looking for volunteers and advise those organisations on best practice. There is no one organisation or mechanism in the Coalfield area to support and co-ordinate volunteering as a whole for the benefit of the local residents and communities. This issue has been raised on a number of occasions through Area Committee, Area VCS Networks and various locality meetings. A range of suggestions to address this priority has been discussed and the key issues attached discussed by the Board.

## **People Board project development (September 2015)**

### **Increase support and co-ordination of volunteers and community organisations in the Coalfield Area**

In the rapidly changing operating environment of reduced public spending, volunteering is increasing being cited as playing a key role in future public service delivery. Through volunteering, residents and service users will become partners in achieving priorities for the area. Encouraging and enabling more people to volunteer will generate multiple benefits for improved service delivery and for individual volunteers themselves. It is noted that many local organisations traditionally operated by volunteers are struggling to attract new and younger volunteers in an ageing population. A number of local organisations have made tough choices to close or reduce their service provision due to financial and resourcing gaps. More reliance and pressure is placed on volunteers as funding opportunities reduce and demands on services increase. The social value of many local voluntary organisations is regularly commended by Area Committee who agreed to make this a priority in the 2015/16 work plan.

#### **Discussion by People Board (September 2015):**

- a) Develop a cohort of Coalfield volunteers to a) work within a specific organisation in the area, to support the development of that organisation and/or b) give time on an ad hoc basis to a number of volunteering opportunities and for local activities and events such as fun days, guided walks, commemorative and celebration events (e.g. Houghton Feast, Christmas Switch on) and consultation.
- b) Increase the recognition of the contribution of volunteering to the local Coalfield community. Promotion and awareness-raising of volunteering related activity can be developed in various ways such as celebration events, social media and posters/printed materials.
- c) Develop a Volunteering Steering Group specific to the Coalfield area. The group would need to incorporate attendance or input from key organisations such as VCS Network, VCAS, Volunteer Centre, Gentoo, Age UK and Sunderland City Council and link to the Coalfield VCS Network meeting and other area based meetings.
- d) Proactively work with local organisations who make a real difference in the area to ensure they have the correct procedures and mechanisms in place to sustain their activity and recruit, support and retain volunteers.
- e) Identify, advise and support local and smaller VCS organisations on any opportunities available to them and support them to benefit from any such provision.
- f) Develop a youth social action project to encourage and support young people to take part in social action in their local community. Engaged young people remain key to the future of our communities. Youth social action is all about young people taking 'practical actions in the service of others'; this includes young people working as a team to clean up a local park, helping younger children to read, or being a young school governor. Through partnership working, support young people to make a positive contribution to their local area, while at the same time providing them with skills to develop their own characteristics, values and habits.

If Area Committee approves a sum of SIB funding to deliver a Volunteering and Community Support Project, a project brief (or more than one) would need to be developed and a Call for Projects made. Any project would need to ensure it is very focused and specifically to meet local need within the Coalfield area. It would not replace or duplicate any support currently provided by either VCAS or Volunteer Centre Sunderland and would need to work closely with all organisations to ensure the Coalfield still receive an equitable service from all partners and programmes once a new project was in operation. If more than one project is developed it would be part of the project specification that they work together to provide a comprehensive offer.

To support the delivery of the project a 'Community Capacity Fund' could also be made available to the project to allocate to local groups to enable them to continue service delivery. Criteria would be developed and any requests for the fund would come back to the People Board for consideration.

### **Budget requirements**

- A two year volunteer and community support project is estimated at £75,000
- A Capacity Fund of £25,000 would enable the project to support groups with one-off support.
- A one year Youth Social Action project could be developed for £15,000

## **Coalfield Area VCS Network Meeting August 2015**

### **Area Priority: Support/Enable Local Delivery of Services**

- **Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services**
- **Increase support and co-ordination of volunteers**

What would help your group or organisation?

### **Feedback**

- Supporting volunteers in the Coalfield area by raising awareness of the volunteering opportunities available in all sectors. A publicity drive is needed.
- More promotion of all opportunities
- Advertise volunteering opportunities on the ad bins
- Simplify funding applications
- Make funding available for start-up funds
- The need for 3 signatories for a group puts people off
- A register of volunteers (listing skills/strengths) would help
- Co-ordination of volunteers across all groups in the area
- An awards ceremony
- Recognition of what volunteers do – promote value of volunteers
- Provide training to those managing volunteers on the Law etc..
- New ideas for new activities and help with volunteers to deliver the activities
- How to get new volunteers in Community Associations
- Face to face contact – attend committee meetings
- Volunteer co-ordinator across the area
- Pool of volunteers who can work with all organisations in the area
- Co-ordinator that is aware of services in the area and what they need
- Advertise via social media to recruit people

14 October 2015

**REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

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

**2. Background**

2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent the Networks at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.

2.2 Coalfield Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

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

The Coalfield VCSN has met four times since the last Area Committee in June 2015.

**3.1 June 2015**

**The Care Act**

Alan Caddick of Sunderland City Council updated on the new Care Act and asked for support in helping to relay the information into the community. The Council is holding ongoing consultations focusing on how to adapt to the changes, updating stakeholders and key organisations. Once further information has been received from Government, an update will be given. A discussion took place and members agreed it is important to work with people on a local level and update them in ways relevant to the community.

**Green Green Grass of Home Project**

Members of the Network were updated on the four events planned for the first week of the school summer holidays. The days are part of the Area Committee Health and Greenspaces programme and a number of members of the Network are involved in the design and delivery of the events.

**Sustainable Communities**

Dean T Huggins from Sustainable Sunderland updated the group about community energy. He explained that it is possible to save 15% on energy bills by using very low cost measures. The organisation is working on collective purchasing and bulk buying options for community groups. Dean encouraged groups to attend an event which would give information on how to save money on building costs.

**Update from Place and People Board**

The draft priorities for the coming year were discussed. Members were pleased that they had been able to have an input to the priorities and that support for volunteering and community groups was of great importance.

**July 2015**

**Live Life Well Service**

A presentation on the Live Life Well Service was given. The service will engage with the local community and provide advice and support to residents to improve their wellbeing. There is a need to start building on assets that are in the community and see how services can work with the Live Life Well Service. The Coalfields mentor is Jan Milner who will attend VCS Network meetings.

### **Concerns**

One of the Network Representatives had attended a Food Bank Network meeting where Joan Reed gave a talk about Universal Credit and was shocked at some of the implications of this. It was noted that ShARP are working closely with the Council and there is a citywide strategy to raise awareness. The group were concerned about the impact of the new arrangements on local residents and felt it was important to do all possible to prepare families for the changes. ShARP will be delivering workshops around September time. The City Council will also hold awareness raising presentations.

### **Aug 2015**

#### **Environmental Health**

Colin Rudd from the Environmental Health team at Sunderland City Council gave an update on the service. The two main areas of discussion were illegal tattooists, and Food Hygiene. Colin asked that members of the group provided any information or intelligence they may have about these issues.

#### **Houghton Feast**

An update on the arrangements for the 2015 Houghton Feast was given, and groups were encouraged to become involved in the Saturday Parade.

#### **Volunteer and Community Support**

The group discussed a major priority for the Area Committee which would be discussed at the September People Board meeting. Volunteer and community support is seen as an important area for development at a local level and the group held a discussion about what they feel the gaps are. All suggestions were noted and fed into the People Board for their consideration. It was noted that it is important to provide a locally focused project and not duplicate or displace anything already available to the area. The Volunteer Centre gave a summary of what they can provide and some members signed up to the Centre as a result of the discussions.

### **September 2015**

#### **Community Learning**

An update was given on the Family, Adult and Community Learning (FACL) funded programme of training which is available to improve education and mental health. The courses take two approaches a) Workforce Development – to increase awareness and understanding of mental health issues, and b) Community Learning – for those aged 19 and over who are experiencing mild to moderate symptoms of depression, anxiety and/or problems sleeping. A Live and Learn programme was circulated and members were encouraged to share the information with colleagues and clients/service users.

#### **Volunteer and Community Support**

An update was given on the development of this priority which had been further discussed at the September meeting of the People Board. All of the comments and concerns discussed by this group at the last meeting had been fed into the People Board and considered during the development of their project proposal. The VCS Network are pleased to hear that the Board and Area Committee recognise the value of the work of the



sector and the proposed future support. Members of the group who were not members of Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland (VCAS) were encouraged to sign up.

### **Events and Celebrations**

The VCS Network Representatives encouraged the group to consider events and celebrations important to them and the possibility of arranging and delivering a programme of community activity during the coming year. Ideas and suggestions were requested and the example of the recently delivered Green Green Grass of Home events was given as a successful way of working in partnership.

### **Raising Awareness of VCS Network Representatives**

The three Representatives have drafted information about what the Network is, along with a brief biography of themselves. This will clarify and promote the purpose of the Network and how the nominated Representatives can support the sector. A leaflet will be produced and circulated to stakeholders.

The Coalfield VCS Network meetings continue to be well attended and are seen as the recognised route for local organisations to receive and share information with Sunderland City Council, statutory and voluntary sector partners and each other. On average 30 – 35 people attend the meetings and over 100 are on the mailing list.

## **4. Recommendations**

### **4.1 Members are requested**

- To note the contents of the report
- To continue to support the Sector when developing and implementing actions against local priorities

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Paul Finch, Area Network Representative

14 October 2015

## REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Coalfield Area Committee area from 01/06 June 2015 to 31 August 2015 compared with the same period in 2014.

### 2 Background

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

### 3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

#### LI 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No Deaths were recorded during the time frame of this report

#### LI 4 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwellings

No injuries were reported during the time frame of this report

#### LI 08 - Number of accidental fires in dwellings.

Date	Time	Ward	Motive	Property level 4
27/06/2015	22:44	Houghton	Accidental	House - single occupancy

This compares to 0 incidents in the previous year for this period.

#### LI 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

Date	Time	Street	Ward	Motive	Property level 4
02/07/2015	22:18	Old peasons Yard	Hetton Ward	Deliberate - others property	Warehouse
11/07/2015	05:49	Coxgreen road	Shiney Row Ward	Deliberate - others property	Non private residential building
11/08/2015	13:25	Chester Road/ Penshaw monument	Shiney Row Road	Deliberate - others property	Standing Crop
26/08/2015	20:40	Shoulder of Mutton	Shiney Row Ward	Deliberate - others property	Paper Recycling Bank

This compares to 4 incidents in the previous year for this period,

## LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

Date	Time	Street	Ward	Motive	Property level 2	Property level 3
06/07/2015	18:40	Holywell Road	Copt Hill Ward	Deliberate - others property	Road Vehicle	Motorcycle
06/08/2015	23:55	Morley Terrace	Houghton Ward	Deliberate - others property	Road Vehicle	Car
07/07/2015	00:05	Bankhead Terrace	Houghton Ward	Deliberate - others property	Road Vehicle	Car
12/08/2015	04:50	Cedar Terrace	Houghton Ward	Deliberate - others property	Road Vehicle	Car
16/08/2015	23:29	Maple Terrace	Shiney Row Ward	Deliberate - others property	Road Vehicle	Car

This compares to 2 incidents in the previous year for this period.

## LI 16 Number of Deliberate secondary fires

Incidents by Ward and by Month:

Date	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward	Grand Total
June	1	4	5	5	15
July	2	4	0	3	9
August	2	1	3	6	12
Grand Total	5	9	8	14	36

Type of items deliberately set on fire by ward area:

Property level 4	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward	Grand Total
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	3	8	2	6	19
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc				2	2
Scrub land			3		3
Refuse/rubbish tip				2	2
Fence					
Wheelie Bin					
Education					
Animal Boarding / kennels					
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1			1	2
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)			2	3	5
Common external bin storage area					
Golf Course					
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)		1			1
Small refuse container	1				1
Cycle path , bridle way , public footpath			1		1
Grand Total	5	9	8	14	36

This is a reduction from incidents from the same period last year.

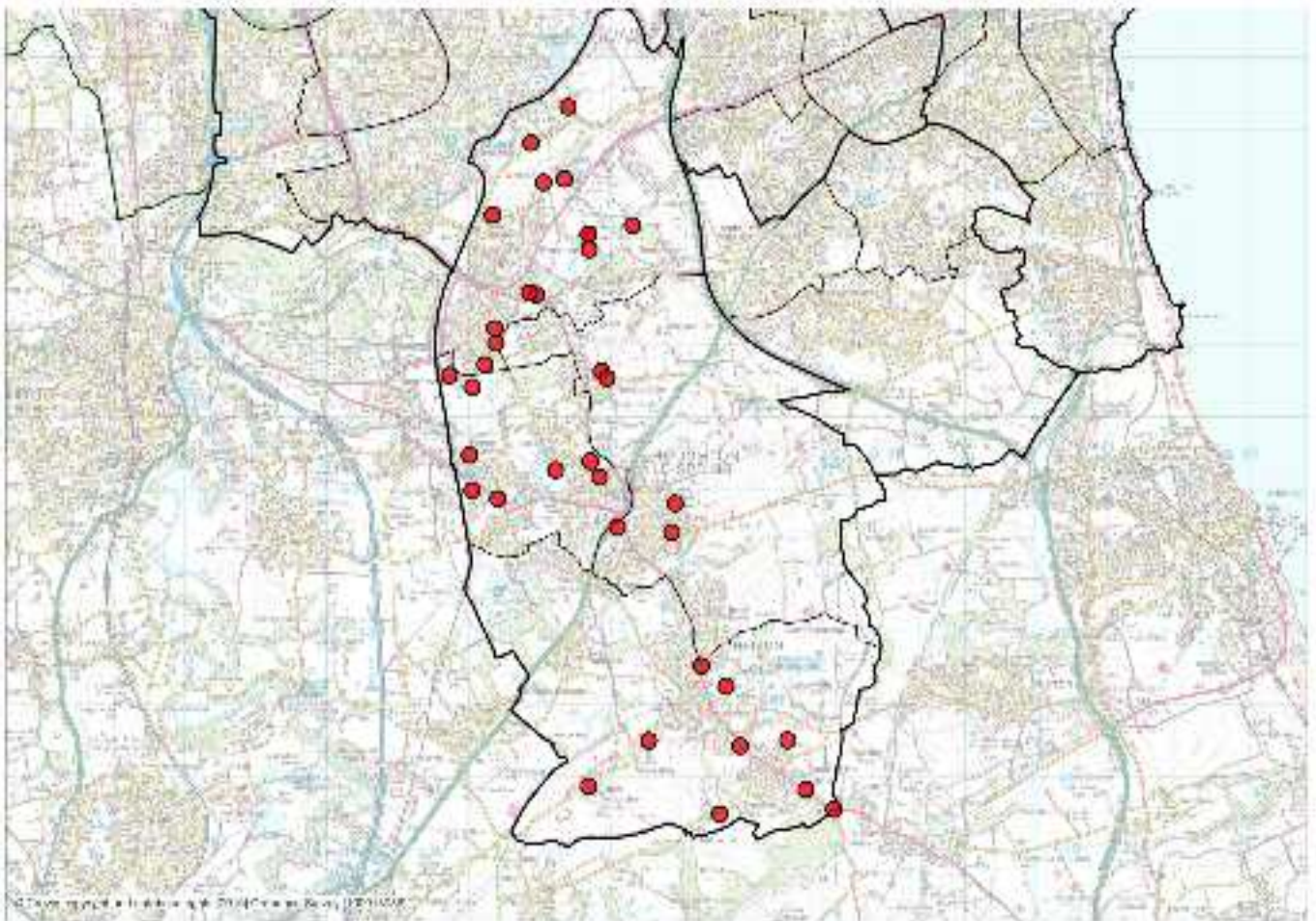
In 2014 the following ward count was:

Copt Hill 17, Hetton 9, Houghton 7 and Shiney Row 7. As can be seen Copt Hill has seen the largest decrease in incidents, with Shiney Row having large increase

By time of day the deliberate fire incidents follow the national trend for this type of incident, with the majority of them taking place between 16:00 – 23:00.

Below is a “Hot Spot” map which identifies which Areas Fire Crews target for Anti -Social Behaviour Reduction (ASB) which we co-ordinate with other partner agencies.

### Hot spot mapping of ASB Fires in Sunderland Coalfields Area



## 4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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**COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE**  
**14 October 2015**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Area Budgets Report

**Author(s):**

Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements.

**Purpose of Report:**

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded from the Community Chest grant.

**Description of Decision:**

The Area Committee is requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve three projects totalling £125,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- c) Note the 23 Community Chest approvals as set out in Annex 2

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

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

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.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

14 October 2015

## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

## Area Budgets Report

## 1 Purpose of Report

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

## 2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2015/2016:

<b>Total SIB for 2015/2016 is £281,579 (£40,065 from 2014/15 budget and £241,514 for 2015/16)</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Allocated (not yet assessed)</b>	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Volunteering Support Shiney Row Advice and Resource Project (ShARP)	10/06/15		£5,000	£276,579
Houghton Feast 2015 Community Programme	10/06/15		£10,000	£266,579
Holiday Hunger Pilot	(DD)		£1,787	£264,792
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£264,792</b>

2.2 There are three applications for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and at **Annex 1**.

Coalfield Activities Programme		£10,000
Volunteering and Community Support	(Call for Projects)	£100,000
Youth Social Action	(Call for Projects)	£15,000

The total budget being requested is **£125,000**. Should the proposal be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£139,792**.

## 3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2015/2016. **Annex 2** shows the approvals for June to September 2015.

Ward	Start Balance	Approvals since March 2015	Returned Grant	Balance
Copt Hill	£15,597.50	£5,171.00		£10,426.50
Hetton	£12,210.75	£6,866.50		£5,344.25
Houghton	£16,799.85	£6,547.34		£10,252.51
Shiney Row	£13,118.35	£4,288.40		£8,829.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>£57,726.45</b>	<b>£22,873.24</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£34,853.21</b>

#### 4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve three projects totalling £125,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- c) Note the 23 Community Chest approvals as set out in Annex 2

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**Annex 1** SIB Proposals

**Annex 2** Community Chest approvals

**Coalfield Activities Programme 2015/16****£10,000****The Project**

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

The project will provide a central resource for those events, celebrations and heritage activities identified by elected members and Area Committee partners as important to the local area and will be delivered in partnership with the VCS Network and community organisations between October 2015 and September 2016. Funding will provide for a range of activities and costs associated with planned and historic events and include:

- Traffic management fees for Remembrance Parades in November 2015
- Traffic management fees for Miners Gala Parades in July 2016.
- Live Christmas lights switch on event at Shiney Row in December 2015
- Support for community Christmas activities in Fencehouses, Houghton le Spring, Easington Lane and Moorsley in December 2015
- Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network and Showcase Event (in partnership with Gentoo) in April 2016

The budget will also fund heritage activities and other events developed by the Place Board in partnership with local organisations (ideas for development include a volunteer celebration event and a summer musical showcase). The Area Community Officer will manage and co-ordinate the project under the direction of the Place Board and Area Committee.

**Recommendation: Approve****Call for Projects – Volunteer and Community Support****£100,000**

A call for projects will be made via the VCS Network, for interested organisations to put forward SIB applications for a volunteer and community support project as specified by the People Board. A project brief will be developed to invite proposals which must:

- Be focused and specifically meet local need within the Coalfield area (wards of Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row).
- Proactively work with local organisations who make a real difference in the area to ensure they have the correct procedures and mechanisms in place to sustain their activity and recruit, support and retain volunteers
- Identify, advise and support local and smaller VCS organisations to build their capacity
- Recognise and be familiar with existing support such as the Volunteer Centre and VCAS (Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland) to ensure partnership working and non duplication
- Ensure that the Coalfield area receives support from citywide infrastructure and support organisations and the proposed project complements and adds value to current initiatives being delivered within the City and across the Coalfield area
- Ensure the project delivers a partnership approach and establishes relationships with other organisations, local businesses and local voluntary and community sector groups.
- Employ a dedicated member of staff to deliver the project locally and be the point of contact for stakeholders of the project
- Include a forward plan/exit strategy to ensure the outcomes of the project continue once the SIB funded project is complete
- Evidence understanding, and potential solutions, to the issues faced by the voluntary and



community sector

- Develop criteria for a 'community capacity fund' which will be available to local VCS organisations to support their own capacity building (e.g. volunteer training)

### **Project outcomes**

- Volunteers are recruited and supported to a) work within a specific organisation in the area, to contribute to the development of that organisation and b) form a 'bank' of volunteers who give time on an ad hoc basis to a number of volunteering opportunities and local activities such as fun days, guided walks, celebration events such as Houghton Feast and consultation with local people
- Local organisations are equipped to continue to deliver valuable services in the community and they have the capacity to recruit, support and retain volunteers
- A 'community capacity fund' is managed and administered with input from the Coalfield People Board
- Increased recognition and celebration of volunteering within the local Coalfield community
- A volunteering steering group specific to the Coalfield area is developed

One successful project will be selected using the standard SIB assessment and consultation process, with the final decision being made by Area Committee at the December 2015 meeting.

**Recommendation: Approve the allocation of £100,000**

### **Call for Projects – Youth Social Action Project**

**£15,000**

A call for projects will be made via the VCS Network, for interested organisations to put forward SIB applications for a youth social action project as specified by the People Board. The aim of the project is to support young people in developing and taking part in activities which have the 'double benefit' of participating in social action – in other words, that both participants and others or the environment benefit from activities.

A project brief will be developed to invite proposals which must:

- Engage young people from all wards in the Coalfield area
- Work with existing groups and clubs
- Benefit the whole of the Coalfield area
- Provide a range of opportunities including fundraising, campaigning, giving time to a charity, supporting people, mentoring or tutoring and improving the local area
- 'Match' young people and their skills, to needs of the community
- Increase awareness of the benefits of social action and voluntary work
- Increase the number of young people involved in meaningful activity
- Engage with the Coalfield VCS Network members
- Develop a marketing and 'branding' campaign to raise awareness
- Promote and celebrate the positive actions of young people

One successful project will be selected using the standard SIB assessment and consultation process, with the final decision being made by Area Committee at the December 2015 meeting.

**Recommendation: Approve the allocation of £15,000**

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2014/2015 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED June 2015 – September 2015

<b>Copt Hill Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Balance at May 2015</b>	<b>Project Approvals</b>	<b>Grants returned</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
	<b>Philadelphia CC-</b> Contribution to Marquee hire for a Festival on July 5		£1,000		
	<b>Houghton Brass</b> - Contribution to costs of attending National Finals in September		£667		
	<b>Houghton Racecourse CA History Group</b> - Purchase and installation of IT equipment		£1,072		
	<b>Age UK Queen of Eventide</b> - Contribution towards the cost of an afternoon event to choose the Queen of Eventide for Houghton Feast		£125		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,290.50</b>	<b>£2,864</b>		<b>£10,426.50</b>
<b>Hetton Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Balance at May 2015</b>	<b>Project Approvals</b>	<b>Grants returned</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
	<b>Easington lane Club for the Disabled-</b> Contribution towards transport costs for a Summer Trip to Skipton		£436		
	<b>Houghton Brass</b> - Contribution to costs of attending National Finals in September		£666		
	<b>Easington Lane Senior Citizen's Club</b> - Cost of Christmas meal, transport and entertainment for 45 members		£1,000		
	<b>Age UK Queen of Eventide</b> - Contribution towards the cost of an afternoon event to choose the Queen of Eventide for Houghton Feast		£125		
	<b>East Rainton FC</b> - Contribution towards new tracksuits and cost of pitch fees		£900		
	<b>36 Squadron ATC</b> - Costs of Annual Presentation Event		£451		
	<b>Hetton &amp; Eppleton Community Hall</b> - Cost of a Fish & Chip Supper for 70 local senior citizens		£245		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,167.25</b>	<b>£3,823</b>		<b>£5,344.25</b>
<b>Houghton Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Balance at May 2015</b>	<b>Project Approvals</b>	<b>Grants returned</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
	<b>2nd Houghton Rainbows</b> - Cost of new camp beds to be used for a sleep over event at Kepier Hall		£939.98		
	<b>Lambton &amp; Houghton Banner Group</b> - Contribution to cost of brass band for Banner Parade		£400		

	<b>Houghton Brass</b> - Contribution to costs of attending National Finals in September		£667		
	<b>Houghton Town FC</b> - Contribution to set up costs for new Football Club		£2,000		
	<b>Houghton Centre for the Blind</b> - Contribution to transport costs and meals for 3 trips during the year		£1,200		
	<b>Dubmire WMC FC</b> - Cost of new strips & equipment		£825.36		
	<b>Age UK Queen of Eventide</b> - Contribution towards the cost of an afternoon event to choose the Queen of Eventide for Houghton Feast		£125		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,409.85</b>	<b>£6,157.34</b>		<b>£10,252.51</b>
<b>Shiney Row Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Balance at May 2015</b>	<b>Project Approvals</b>	<b>Grants returned</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
	<b>Penshaw Catholic Women's Guild</b> - Contribution towards cost of Christmas Lunch for 40 members		£500.00		
	<b>Monument View Churches Together</b> - Contribution towards cost of a Coach Trip to Carlisle		£200.00		
	<b>Penshaw CA Scarecrow Trail</b> - Contribution to costs of running the annual scarecrow trail event plus the evening celebration		£500.00		
	<b>Age UK Queen of Eventide</b> - Contribution towards the cost of an afternoon event to choose the Queen of Eventide for Houghton Feast		£125		
	<b>Friends of Herrington Country Park</b> - Cost of promotional material includes T shirts, Car Stickers and Banners		£500		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,654.95</b>	<b>£1,825</b>		<b>£8,829.95</b>
<b>Overall Totals</b>		<b>£49,522.55</b>	<b>£14,669.34</b>		<b>£34,853.21</b>

## Current Planning Applications (Coalfields)

Between 01/09/2015 and 22/09/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01834/PE1	26 Bishops WyndHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8GA	Garage conversion	01/09/2015	22/09/2015
15/01733/FUL	Redburn LodgeRainton GroveHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8JT	Erection of square bay to front elevation and change of use from garage to play room.	01/09/2015	27/10/2015
15/01857/FUL	47 Hall LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8HH	Erection of a two storey extension to side.	08/09/2015	03/11/2015
15/01483/FUL	3 Doxford AvenueHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le-SpringDH5 9PX	Erection of red porous block paving and retaining wall to front.	11/09/2015	06/11/2015
15/01414/FUL	9 Shelley AvenueEasington LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0NU	Erection of single-storey extensions to front and rear, provision of front door and widening of front gates (AMENDED DESCRIPTION 10.09.2015)	14/09/2015	09/11/2015
15/01654/FUL	30 Buckland CloseBurnsideHoughton-le-SpringDH4 5LH	Erection of porch to front of property (Retrospective).	08/09/2015	03/11/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01851/PE1	25 Langdale RoadPenshawHoughton-le- SpringDH4 7HY	Erection of a conservatory to the rear of the property	03/09/2015	24/09/2015
15/01669/FUL	Lynwood28 Station RoadPenshawHoughton-le- SpringDH4 7JX	Erection of first floor extension and replacement of window with door to rear of property and two dormer windows to front.	09/09/2015	04/11/2015
15/01895/FUL	32 Birkdale DriveHoughton-le- SpringDH4 4QH	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear.	11/09/2015	06/11/2015
15/01859/PE1	4 Surrey StreetHerringtonHoughton-le- SpringDH4 7AB	Erection of a dormer window	14/09/2015	05/10/2015