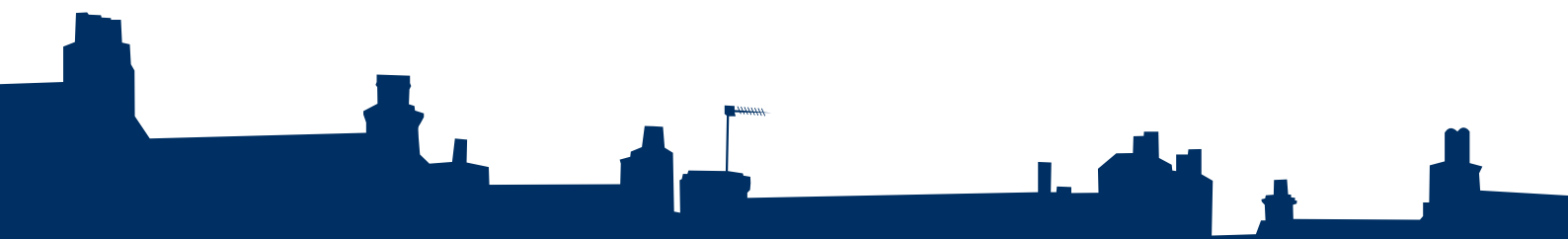


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Programme Investment Plan

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Introduction

The Towns and Villages programme offers integrated approach to place-based regeneration and has identified a county wide investment programme of more than £750 million.

This investment has been achieved by aligning Council activity and working alongside our partners.

By identifying current investment, it is possible to better align projects, realign budgets to priorities and identify gaps or areas where more support will add value. This includes the delivery of Council services alongside the investment of our Partners across the county. Towns and Villages provides opportunities to support our businesses and retailers in these unprecedented times; revamping our town centres to make them more resilient to changing economic conditions; developing strategic employment opportunities to create more and better jobs; making improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure and tackling housing issues that currently exist including empty properties and pockets of low demand across the county.

County Durham is primarily a rural county and therefore the future prosperity of our rural areas is central to the success of Towns and Villages. County Durham's rural areas vary widely in character from remote and sparsely populated areas in the Pennine Dales, to the larger villages located within the former coalfield communities. The specific needs of our rural communities are widespread meaning that issues including rural isolation and community resilience, specific employment and housing needs as well as transport and connectivity are tackled as part of our approach.

County Durham has number of challenges ahead including how it addresses the Climate Change Emergency and how it

responds to the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic. The Strategy will support the county's recovery and build long term resilience by focusing upon these challenges and ensuring all projects are aligned to and take account of these issues when identifying the future investment plan.

The Investment Plan brings together all investment to provide additional capacity to help those areas in most need to maximise the outcomes particularly relating to community resilience and increasing confidence in our most disadvantaged areas.

As part of agreeing the approach for Towns and Villages, the Council also set out its £20million commitment to our most disadvantaged communities. The Strategy brings together three key strands: those that are delivered in conjunction with or by our many partners that operate in County Durham; realigning existing budgets and services delivered by the Council; and the Investment Plan details the additional resource of £20 million.

Following the success of the consultation events with the Area Action Partnerships held in October and November 2020, and following consultation with Portfolio Members, it is proposed that a further allocation of £5million is made to ensure that opportunities to improve local areas can be maximised. This raises the overall Towns and Villages programme allocation to £25 million. This financial commitment is to accelerate the delivery of Council priorities through a greater understanding of both the needs and opportunities that exist within our communities. It also provides an opportunity to ensure that every AAP will benefit from this funding by allocating a specific budget for each area to spend against the agreed priorities of the Strategy.

1.0 Towns and Villages Themes

The Towns and Villages Investment Plan details the projects and priorities that will deliver targeted improvements to our most disadvantaged communities. This partnership approach will be embedded through regular dialogue with our AAPs including the monitoring of projects and the identification of new opportunities.

The five themes are;



Strategic Investments

To help achieve more and better Jobs through support for town and neighbourhood centres; link with Partner and wider investments to maximise outcomes; and to maximise integration between council activity and communities;



Housing and Community

To support the accelerated delivery of the Housing Strategy; deliver resilient, inclusive and connected communities; and maximising the benefits from S106 monies and private investment;



Environment and Health

To create local opportunities for physical activity; mental well-being through high quality environment; and support opportunities for addressing climate change helping to enable people to live long and independent lives;



Built Environment

To drive and support regeneration activities within our towns and villages; find innovative solutions to underused/derelict land and buildings; support independent retailers and businesses to achieving more and better jobs; and to provide clean and attractive built environments that communities are proud of; and



Transport and Connectivity

To ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity for businesses, workforce and learning to help ensure our residents can access more and better jobs; optimise the use of well-maintained and connected transport corridors; encourage the use of alternative modes of transport including walking and cycling for long and independent lives.



2.0 Towns and Villages Project Summaries



Strategic Investments



Digital High Street

Free public Wi-Fi is being installed in main town centres following the successful pilot in Stanley and Bishop Auckland.

Installations link with increasing dwell time and social uses of town centre spaces. Wi-Fi usage figures will provide further insights into town centre usage and support targeted interventions across all centres.



Digital High Street (Revenue)

Delivering operational costs of Wi-Fi schemes including licensing and wayleaves.

In order to support local businesses and retailers, training is also being delivered in advance of scheme roll out to maximise the use of online sales and promotion alongside opportunities to supporting mobile phone apps. The use of technology and smarter ways of working is seen as an important element of support for retailers to improve their business resilience as part of the economic recovery efforts and the continued changes to retailing.



Retail Hub

The Retail hub project provides a number of strands of support to retailers, aimed at growing, supporting and making retail and hospitality businesses more resilient.

Strand 1

Retail business Support assisting in channel shift to improve resilience and broaden sales opportunities further training and support opportunities will be delivered focussing on customer service, emergency first aid and food safety in catering.

Strand 2

Focussed on supporting new business formation and supported growth, supporting development of shared retail space, temporary retail offerings and 'meanwhile uses' of existing town centre property



Neighbourhood Retailing

Neighbourhood retail centres continue to play an important role in supporting local communities.

In the first phase of this project neighbourhood retail areas will be scoped out in an attempt to identify any opportunities for potential improvements and links to wider investment opportunities.

Phase two of the project looks to deliver physical improvements to support retailers and businesses by ensuring environment for users and to ensure community resilience within our centres.



Town and Village Vibrancy (Revenue)

Building on the established events programme already in place, the Town Centre vibrancy project seeks to deliver further events and to extend the reach of the existing ones to surrounding towns.

All Vibrancy projects will focus on driving increased footfall and will be scheduled to link with programmes of investment and retail support activities countywide.





Housing and Community



Community Housing

Beyond the extensive private and social housebuilding programmes scheduled for the coming years, there is a recognition of the need for smaller specialist developments to address the needs of groups with particular needs. Through this project small scale specialist development schemes will be identified and supported, to meet localised housing needs.

This can include housing for vulnerable adults such as veteran housing or specialist accommodation. In some instances, this involves the acquisition of problem properties for clearance and redevelopment, aligned to the Towns and Villages vulnerable buildings and property reuse agendas.



Housing Opportunities Fund

Recent work undertaken across the County had identified the scale of the empty home challenge and the demands for smaller scale local residential development opportunities. Addressing long term empty properties in communities most effected by them is a key outcome identified by the Housing Strategy and sets out the council's involvement in a range of activities to bring empty properties back into use.

Support for acquisition, clearance, conversion or improvement of property under the Housing Opportunities Fund also aligns to the Towns and Villages vulnerable buildings and property reuse agendas.



Improving Community Resilience

Addressing localised issues of concern which can help to maintain the social fabric and improve the resilience of local communities. Such projects have included extensions to community buildings to support the delivery or development of services – particularly important for remote and rural communities.



Green Home Fuel Efficiency Programmes

Aligned to the priorities of the Housing Strategy the Green Home programme provides the opportunity to directly improve the poorest performing properties which result in fuel poverty.

Where available the Green Home programme will align with external funds to maximise the delivery and improvement opportunities to the poorest low EPC (i.e. D, E, F & G) energy rated properties countywide. s by providing brick and stone external wall insulation to solid wall homes. Prominent streets and elevations will be prioritised for retrofit to maximise uplift and impact.



Horden Regeneration Programme

Supporting the commitment to regeneration and development as identified in the Horden Masterplan.



Allotment Improvement Programme

Allotments occupy significant land allocations across many off the County's communities and provide an important community resource. Small scale improvements made in conjunction with allotment holders will improve the appearance, functionality and occupancy of allotments.



Small Area Programme Fund

Addressing smaller scale issues of community concern, the Small Areas programme fund links with the regular engagement with the County's Area Action Partnerships to provide a mechanism for communities to identify and secure improvements to issues of local concern which fall outside of the larger programme strands.

The small area programme fund recognises that community needs can be masked by ward and divisional boundaries and builds on the local understanding of communities and needs championed through the AAP and their priority theme groups.





**Environment
and Health**



Enhanced Environmental Maintenance

The maintenance and improvement of public open spaces remains a priority for many local communities. This enhanced programme of activity will provide targeted improvements by the Council's Clean and Green teams and aligned to neighbourhood retail parade and Targeted Delivery Plan programmes.





Built Environment



Vulnerable Buildings

Tackling vulnerable and often vacant buildings by utilising their economic potential, allowing for opportunities for redevelopment and investment, ensuring community and social value by addressing issues of anti-social behaviour and, by creating an attractive appearance and safe local environment.



Property Reuse and Conversion

The Property Reuse Loan Scheme seeks to support the reuse/repurposing of poor, commercial building stock that contributes to an area's decline. The initial focus of the loan scheme includes retail to residential space and support for the specialist fit out of food and beverage outlets.

It is an interest free loan scheme to support the purchase or works to a building. Loans of up to £50,000 is available to be paid back within 10 years within a recycled scheme.



Dean Bank Clearance and Improvement

The Programme is supporting a regeneration scheme by Bernicia. There is on-going work which has seen the demolition of 36 Bernicia properties in Faraday and Stephenson Street. Landscaping works will now follow together with a contribution towards environmental improvements and addressing remaining empty properties on Faraday and Stephenson Street.



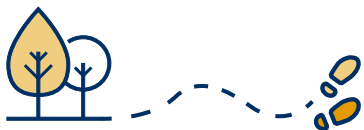
Sacriston Workshop Conversion

Aligned to targeted Neighbourhood Retail activity, the former workshops property has been identified as having capacity to support local small businesses, artisans and community groups. A phased investment programme will improve units and support local development opportunities.



Easington Colliery Programme

This project focuses on the identification of opportunities to make change and improvement in Easington Colliery. The acquisition and demolition of Easington Colliery School and subsequent environmental improvement is a major part of this commitment and has been commenced as a pilot initiative. Further local redevelopment opportunities will also be identified as part of this area-based programme.



Easington Colliery Programme – Revenue Support

Understanding the use of existing open spaces and the effective allocation of recreation areas and open spaces particularly adjacent to the coastal footpath.



South Moor Programme

The identification of opportunities for addressing current issues in South Moor. This includes a commitment to resolving the former South Moor Hotel site.





Transport and Connectivity



Walking and Cycling Routes

The creation and enhancement of walking and cycling opportunities within the county particularly linking outlying residential areas with main centres and connecting outlying villages with the main networks.



Neighbourhood Parking and Circulation

This project seeks to address locally raised car parking and traffic flow issues particularly focussed in residential areas where vehicle ownership has intensified local circulation difficulties and road safety concerns.



3.0 Towns and Villages Programme allocations

Theme	Project	Capital allocation (£)	Revenue allocation (£)	Total
Strategic Investments	Digital High Street	575,000	200,000	775,000
	Retail Hub		300,000	300,000
	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements	2,750,000		2,750,000
	Town and Village Vibrancy		200,000	200,000
Housing and Community	Community Housing	700,000		700,000
	Housing Opportunities Fund	150,000		150,000
	Improving Community Resilience	2,000,000		2,000,000
	Green Homes Fuel Efficiency Programme	850,000		850,000
	Horden Regeneration Programme	4,500,000		4,500,000
	Allotment Improvement Programme	75,000		75,000
Environment and Health	Enhanced Environmental Maintenance	500,000		500,000
Built Environment	Vulnerable Buildings	1,250,000	50,000	1,300,000
	Property Reuse and Conversion	500,000		500,000
	Dean Bank Clearance and Improvement	150,000		150,000
	Easington Colliery Programme	1,000,000	50,000	1,050,000
	South Moor Improvement Programme	200,000		200,000
	Sacriston Workshop Conversion	200,000		200,000
Transport and Connectivity	Walking and Cycling Routes	3,750,000		3,750,000
	Neighbourhood Parking and Circulation	850,000		850,000
Local Programme	AAP Area Improvement Fund	4,200,000		4,200,000
	Total:	24,200,000	800,000	25,000,000



4.0 Towns and Villages Capital Profiles

Theme	Project	19/20 (£)	20/21 (£)	21/22 (£)	22/23 (£)	23/24 (£)	Total
Strategic Investments	Digital High Street		107,250		400,000	67,750	575,000
	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements	73,597	201,403	582,000	895,000	998,000	2,750,000
Housing and Community	Community Housing		2,027	298,986	98,987	300,000	700,000
	Housing Opportunities Fund			150,000			150,000
	Improving Community Resilience			200,000	700,000	1,100,000	2,000,000
	Green Homes Fuel Efficiency Programme			150,000	300,000	400,000	850,000
	Horden Regeneration Programme				1,500,000	3,000,000	4,500,000
	Allotment Improvement Programme			25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000
Environment and Health	Enhanced Environmental Maintenance		40,000	160,000	150,000	150,000	500,000
Built Environment	Vulnerable Buildings			250,000	305,000	695,000	1,250,000
	Property Reuse and Conversion	50,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000
	Dean Bank Clearance and Improvement	27,321	122,679				150,000
	Easington Colliery Programme	74,623	75,377	256,050	400,000	193,950	1,000,000
	South Moor Improvement Programme			99,629	50,000	50,371	200,000
	Sacriston Workshop Conversion		24,050	175,950			200,000
Transport and Connectivity	Walking and Cycling Routes			500,000	1,250,000	2,000,000	3,750,000
	Neighbourhood parking and circulation	7,263	2,737	140,000	300,000	400,000	850,000
Local Programme	AAP II Area Improvement Fund			1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	4,200,000
							24,200,00



5.0 Towns and Villages Programme Delivery

Theme	Project	2021/22				2022/23	2023/24
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Strategic Investments	Digital High Street	Chester-le-Street, Seaham and Barnard Castle Wifi Installations Digital Retail training programme	Co Durham Retail App Development	Durham City Wifi installation	Scheme design Consett, Spennymoor and Crook	Wifi scheme installation Consett, Spennymoor and Crook Digital Retail training programme	Wifi scheme installation Newton Aycliffe Digital Retail training programme
	Retail Hub	Shop Local Campaign Digital Media in Business training Customer Service Training Emergency First Aid at Work Training Food Safety in Catering Training	3 x Drop-in training sessions and business support on the High Street	Digital Media in Business training Customer Service Training Emergency First Aid at Work Training Food Safety in Catering Training	2 x Drop-in training sessions and business support on the High Street	2 x Digital Media in Business training 2 x Customer Service Training 2 x Emergency First Aid at Work Training 2 x Food Safety in Catering Training	2 x Digital Media in Business training 2 x Customer Service Training 2 x Emergency First Aid at Work Training 2 x Food Safety in Catering Training
	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements	Gilesgate Proudfoot Drive Esh Winning South Stanley	New Shildon Willington Tow Law Annfield Plain Cornforth Lanchester Blackhall	Silverdale Place Coundon Pelton Wheatley Hill Castleside Sacriston Blackhill	Framwellgate Murton Sacriston Easington Colliery Ushaw Moor	Station Town Haswell Plough Newton Hall Belmont Carville Thornley Sherburn Hill New Brancepeth Bearpark Brandon West Rainton Pittington	

Strategic Investments	Town and Village Vibrancy	Bishop Auckland Food Festival	Seaham Food Festival	Durham Book Festival	S&DR community engagement Digital Library development	Creative Economy Dev Digital Library Development Festivals and Events programme expansion	S&DR Digital Library/ Digital Community development Festivals and Events
Housing & Community	Community Housing	Crook Community Leisure East Durham Community Initiatives (EDCI)	DASH (Durham Action on Single Housing) Craghead Development Trust	Oakenshaw Community Association	Canney Communities	Further opportunities for community housing schemes	Further opportunities for community housing schemes
	Housing Opportunities Fund	Interventions in Targeted Delivery Plans areas	Interventions in Targeted Delivery Plans areas	Interventions in Targeted Delivery Plans areas	Interventions in Targeted Delivery Plans areas	Interventions in Targeted Delivery Plans areas	Interventions in Targeted Delivery Plans areas
	Improving Community Resilience			Hounds Gill Viaduct Scheduled Monument Project	Sacriston Coop Buildings, Workshops 4,5 & 6 completed Peterlee & Horden Rugby Club Community Building	Sacriston Coop Buildings	
	Green Homes programme *EWI – External Wall Insulation installs	Q1 – 75 properties/ EWI's complete	Q2 – 150 properties/ EWI's complete	Q3 – 225 Properties/ EWI's complete	Q4 – 300 Properties/ EWI's complete	Identify future funding opportunities for phase 2 programme.	

Housing & Community	Horden Regeneration Programme		Identify investment priorities through masterplan		Commence acquisition and clearance of targets/problem properties	Undertake site assembly and marketing	
	Allotment Improvement Programme		Identify and implement 4x allotment improvement schemes		Identify and implement 4x allotment improvement schemes	Identify and implement 12x allotment improvement schemes	Identify and implement 12x allotment improvement schemes
	AAP Small Area Improvement Fund	Engage with 14 AAPs to identifying Small Area Programme opportunities		Deliver 14 AAP Small Area improvement schemes	Deliver 28 AAP Small Area improvement schemes	Deliver AAP Small Area improvement schemes	Deliver AAP Small Area improvement schemes
Environmental & Health	Enhanced Environmental Maintenance	Deliver environmental improvement programme aligned to neighbourhood retail programme and targeted delivery plan areas					
Built Environment	Vulnerable Buildings		Address 2x priority buildings Stanley/Shildon	Address 1x priority property including Shildon	Address 2x priority buildings Chester-le-Street	Address 4x priority properties	Address 4x priority properties
	Property reuse and Conversion		1 x loan approval	1 x loan approval	1 x loan approval	Review loan take up and repayment rate 4x Loan approvals	4x loan approvals
	Dean Bank Clearance and Improvement		Conclude landscaping of recent clearance sites.				

Built Environment	Easington Colliery Programme	Commence demolition programme at former Colliery School		Undertake pocket park improvement programme		Identify phased programme of clearance development and improvements	
	South Moor Improvement Programme			Improve key problem sites and vulnerable properties			
	Sacriston Workshop Conversion				Improvements to Sacriston Coop Buildings, Workshops 4,5 & 6 completed to Sacriston Coop Buildings, Workshops 4,5 & 6 completed		
Transport & Connectivity	Walking and Cycling Connectivity Improvements		Audit of opportunities along the Weardale Way	Enhanced walking and cycling linked to Stockton and Darlington Railway 200th anniversary	Railway Paths to Bishop Auckland	Walking and cycling improvements south of Pesspool Wood to Wingate East Durham Rural Corridor at Trimdon link to Coxhoe	Murton to Dalton Park link
	Neighbourhood parking and circulation		Easington Village Parking/ Traffic project	Identification and design of four parking and circulation schemes	Parkside Traffic Improvement scheme	Deliver Parking and circulation programme	

6.0 Area Action Partnership Delivery Schedules

Three Towns Area Action Partnership				
Current Investment Total: £4.8 million				
Consultation Priorities: Improvements to public realm; addressing vacant properties; regulation of private landlords; and meet community housing needs.				
Recent Investments				
New Lidl Store - Crook			TBI Tow Law	
New Aldi Store - Crook			Spruce Up Programme - Tow Law	
Targeted Business Improvements - Crook			Spruce Up Programme - Willington	
Targeted Business Improvements Willington			CAT Scheme - Crook	
Shutter Blight Willington			CAT Scheme - Willington	
Town and Village Programme 2021/22				
Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments			Digital High Street – wifi Design Crook	
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			Community Housing opportunity Crook
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities			
Built Environment				Support Active re-use of Tow Law Cattle Mart
Transport & Connectivity				Parking Improvements Crook post office

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme		
Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	Digital High Street – wifi installation Digital Retail Skills Programme	
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.	
Aligned Activity / Investment		
Large parts of the AAP are covered by Selective Licensing to regulate private landlords – Crook, Roddymoor, Stanley Crook, Hunwick, Willington, Sunnybrow.		
Meeting community housing needs.		
Tackling empty properties.		
Highway infrastructure and maintenance		
Economic investments		



Four Together Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £2.6 million

Consultation Priorities: address litter and improve the maintenance of the public realm, regulate private landlords and improve isolated community facilities.

Recent Investments

Targeted Business Improvements - Ferryhill		Bernicia Clearance Programme – Dean Bank
Spruce Up Programme - Chilton		Environmental Improvements Dean Bank
Spruce Up Programme – West Cornforth		C.A.T. Scheme Ferryhill
C.A.T. scheme - Ferryhill Station		

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments		Neighbourhood Retail Improvements – West Cornforth	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements - Ferryhill	Neighbourhood Retail Improvement Programme Chilton
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched		Green Homes programme / External Wall Insulation	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme		
Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	To identify opportunities to support for town and neighbourhood centres; link with Partner and wider investments to maximise outcomes; and to maximise integration between council activity and communities.	
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent	
Transport & Connectivity	connectivity.	
Aligned Activity / Investment		
Large parts of the AAP are covered by Selective Licensing to regulate private landlords – Ferryhill Station, Dean Bank, West Cornforth.		
Tackling empty properties with concentrations at Ferryhill, Chilton, Chilton Lane and West Cornforth.		
Restoring our Railways – potential opportunities at Ferryhill Station.		
Rushyford roundabout improvements – A167 and A689.		



Bishop Auckland & Shildon Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £136 million

Consultation Priorities: Maintain and improve the public realm, ensure well designed and public spaces, support for retailers and businesses, address litter, fly tipping and anti-social behaviour.

Recent Investments

Town Hall Refurbishment		C.A.T. Scheme - Shildon
Town Centre wifi		Spruce Up - Shildon
Welcome Tower Completed		Spruce Up - Bishop Auckland
Targeted Business Improvement Programme – Bishop Auckland		

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments	Bishop Auckland Pop up retail Store opens Newgate Street Neighbourhood Retailing Programme- Proudfoot Drive	Bishop Auckland FHSF - Property Conversion Programme commences	Neighbourhood Retailing Programme - Coundon	
Housing & Community	Targeted Delivery Plans for Coundon Grange and Thickley Former King James redevelopment commences AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health			Bishop Auckland - commence improvements to Public Realm	
Built Environment		Postchaise / Queens Head Hotel Redevelopment		
Transport & Connectivity	VMS infrastructure phase complete Bishop Auckland road junction capacity improvements	Kingsway Car Park improvement and extension	Commence new Bishop Auckland Bus Station and Car Park Enhanced walking and cycling linked to Stockton and Darlington Railway	Bishop Auckland Future High School Future - Junction improvement Programme Commences

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		200 th Commence new Bishop Auckland bus station and car Park	
Future Years Towns and Villages Programme			
Theme	2022/23	2023/24	
Strategic Investments	Town Centre Vibrancy - Bishop Auckland Food Festival	Town Centre Vibrancy - Bishop Auckland Food Festival	
Housing & Community	Douglas Crescent Housing Development Canney Hill Community Housing Scheme Housing Developments – Etherley Lane, Howard Close - Bishop Auckland Housing Development Davis Avenue – West Auckland		
Environment & Health	Deer Park Improvements	Walking and Cycling Route Improvement	
Built Environment	Binchester improvement / education space		
Transport & Connectivity		Bishop Auckland Future High Street Fund - New Bus Station / Multi Storey Car Park Complete	
Aligned Activity / Investment			
Heritage Action Zone Programme £1.6 million 2018-2023		Tindale Crescent Retail / Leisure developments	
Future High Street Programme £28 million 2021-2024		Believe Housing Development – Woodhouse Close	
Stronger towns Programme Bishop Auckland £49 million (Subject to Award) 2021-20		One Public Estate co-location and development opportunities – Woodhouse Close	
Leisure Transformation Programme – New Leisure Facilities – Bishop Auckland		Selective Licensing – Sunnydale, Toronto, Coundon, Coundon Grange, Thickley, Woodhouse Close, West Auckland, Newfield	



Chester-le-Street Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £20 million

Consultation: Support for retailers and businesses, improve the public realm, address local connectivity and address traffic and parking issues.

Recent Investments

Market Place / Flood Protection scheme		Spruce up Programme Grange Villa
Targeted Business Improvement Programme		C.A.T. Scheme Grange Villa
Sacrison Neighbourhood Retail Programme		A167 Cycle improvements
Graham Court Sacrison – Housing Development - ongoing		Village Inn Sacrison - Demolition
Spruce up Programme - Pelton		Durham Villages Housing Development Chester-le- Street, Gibside

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments	Digital High Street – Chester-le-Street wifi Installation Digital Retailing Programme		Neighbourhood Retail Programme Sacrison	
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities			

Built environment			Streetscape Improvements – Market Place / North Blunts Sacriston - former Co-op building improvements	Scope opportunities for development – Stella Gill Fertiliser Shed
Transport & connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			
Future Years Towns and Villages Programme				
Theme	2022/23	2023/24		
Strategic	To identify opportunities to support for town and neighbourhood centres;			
Investments	link with Partner and wider investments to maximise outcomes; and to maximise integration between council activity and communities.			
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			
Aligned Activity / Investment				
Leisure Transformation Programme – New leisure facilities.				
Tackling empty properties – concentrations at Chester-le-Street, Sacriston, Pelton, Ouston, Grange Villa, Great Lumley.				
Selective Licensing to regulate private landlords – Grange Villa, Chester central and west, Pelton Fell and Pelton North				



Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £6.8 million

Consultation Priorities: Improved connectivity through public transport, walking and cycling; investment in community facilities; the need to ensure well designed and used public spaces.

Recent Investments

Consett - Middle Street Streetscape Improvements		Spruce Up – Consett
Durham Villages Housing Development - Dipton		Spruce Up - Burnopfield
Targeted Business Improvement Programme- Consett		

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments			Neighbourhood Retail Improvements Blackhill	Wifi scheme Design - Consett
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities			
Built environment			Consett Streetscape Improvement's	
Transport & connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			



Future Years Towns and Villages Programme			
Theme	2022/23	2023/24	
Strategic Investments	Digital High Street – Town centre wifi Digital Retail Skills Programme		
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.		
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities		
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.		
Transport & connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.		
Aligned Activity / Investment			
Selective Licensing to regulate private landlords – Consett south, Consett west, Leadgate central, Leadgate north, Moorside west			
Tackling empty properties – concentrations at Consett, Delves Lane, Burnopfield, Medomsley and the Grove.			



Durham Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £265 million

Consultation Priorities: Improved connectivity through public transport, walking and cycling, improved opportunities for healthy living, address litter, fly tipping and anti-social Behaviour.

Recent Investments

Durham Villages Regeneration – Housing Development Sherburn Hill		Spruce up Gilesgate
Sherburn Hill community facilities		Spruce Up – Sherburn Hill
Dragonville Retail Development		Targeted Business Improvement Programme
Shared Retail Space – Prince Bishops		

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements Gilesgate		Digital High Street City Centre wifi	Neighbourhood Retail improvements at Framwellgate
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
Built environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & connectivity		Elvet Bridge Improvement's completed		

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme		
Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	To identify opportunities to support for town and neighbourhood centres; link with Partner and wider investments to maximise outcomes; and to maximise integration between council activity and communities.	
Housing & Community	Community Housing scheme	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
Built Environment	Millennium Place Improvements	
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.	
Aligned Activity / Investment		
DCC Head Quarters Development		
North Road Bus Station Redevelopment (£9 million)		
Aykley Heads Development plot C (£12 million)		
Park and Ride Extensions - including a new proposal for Stonebridge		
History Centre		
New Elvet Bridge		
Selective Licensing to regulate private landlords - Bearpark		
Article 4 directions – requiring that is required to convert a family home into an HMO.		
Tackling empty properties – concentrations at Belmont, Durham City, Framwellgate Moor, Gilesgate, Newton Hall, Pity Me, Sherburn Road, Sherburn Village, Sherburn Hill and West Rainton.		



East Durham Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £219 million

Consultation Priorities; Addressing incidences of litter, fly tipping and anti-social behaviour, improved connectivity through public transport, walking and cycling, meeting community's housing needs and ensuring public realm improvements.

Recent Investments

Dalton Park Phase 2 Retail Store		Neighbourhood Retail Investments - Murton
Peterlee Retail Park		Car Park refurbishment - Seaham
Replacement Aldi Store – Peterlee		Horden Rail Station
Durham Villages Regeneration, housing Scheme s Peterlee and Seaham		Believe Housing Development programme Peterlee & Seaham
Chapter Homes – Peterlee development		Strategic employment site – Jade Business Park

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments	Town Centre wifi installation – Seaham Digital Retail Training Programme	Neighbourhood Retail Programme - Blackhall	Neighbourhood Retail Programme Murton & Easington Colliery	Neighbourhood Retail Programme Station town, Haswell Plough & Thornley
Housing & Community	Targeted Delivery Plans for Blackhall Colliery South and Deneside East AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health			Pocket Park development Easington Colliery	
Built environment	Demolition of former Easington Colliery School			

Transport & connectivity		Easington Village Parking and Circulation		Parkside Traffic Improvement Scheme
		Improvements		
Future Years Towns and Villages Programme				
Theme	2022/23		2023/24	
Strategic Investments	Seaham Food Festival			
Housing & Community	Seaham Community Housing Scheme			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & Connectivity	Walking and cycling improvements south of Pesspool Wood to Wingate		Improve Murton / Dalton Park link	
Aligned Activity / Investment				
Seaham Townscape Heritage Programme				
Seascapes Programme				
Leisure Transformation – New Leisure Facilities Seaham				
A19 Junction Improvements South of Seaham				
Selective Licensing to regulate private landlords – Blackhall Colliery, Dawdon, Easington Colliery, Horden, Station Town, Wheatley Hill, Murton, Blackhall Rocks, South Hetton, Haswell, Acre Rigg, Dalton-le-Dale, Dene House East, Murton, South Hetton, Shotton East, Seaham Harbour South, Passfield East, Eden Hill, Howlatch.				
Tackling empty properties – concentrations at Blackhall, Blackhall Colliery, Easington Colliery, Haswell, Horden, Peterlee, Murton, Seaham, Shotton, South Hetton, Station Town, Thornley, Wheatley Hill.				



East Durham Rural Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £29 million

Consultation Priorities: Address litter, fly tipping and anti-social behaviour; improved connectivity through public transport, walking and cycling and meeting the community housing needs including bungalows.

Recent Investments

Durham villages Regeneration – Housing schemes Bowburn		Strategic employment opportunities at Integra 61 development and significant investment at NetPark
Believe Housing Investments Bowburn		Spruce Up -Deaf Hill / Trimdon Grange
Keepmoat Housing Development - Coxhoe		Spruce up - Fishburn

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments		Neighbourhood Retail Improvements Bowburn		
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities			
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	Neighbourhood Retail Programmes – Station Town, Thornley, Trimdon	
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	

Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
Transport & Connectivity	East Durham Rural Corridor at Trimdon link to Coxhoe	
Aligned Activity / Investment		
Livin Development Programme - Sedgfield		
Sedgfield Sports investment Programme		
Selective Licensing to regulate private landlords - Deaf Hill, Kelloe and Trimdon South		
Tackling empty properties concentrations at - Fishburn, Kelloe, Quarrington Hill		



Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £18.3 million

Consultation Priorities: Meet community housing needs, improved connectivity through public transport, walking and cycling and town centre improvements, tackling problem buildings.

Recent Investments

Durham Villages Regeneration Housing Scheme Cobblers Hall		Merchant Park – Aycliffe Business Park
Chapter Homes Development Cobblers Hall		

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments			Neighbourhood Retail Improvements Silverdale Place	
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	Wifi Scheme Design	Town Centre wifi installation Digital Retail Skills Training
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
Built Environment	Tackling problem and vulnerable buildings including Elmfield school, Horndale Club and Southern Club.	



Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.
Aligned Activity / Investment	
Freshwater – Newton Aycliffe Redevelopment Programme	
Livin Housing Investment Programme	
Copelaw strategic housing site	
Selective Licensing to regulate private landlords – Newton Aycliffe, Woodham, Middridge	
Tackling empty homes – concentrations in Newton Aycliffe and Woodham	



Mid Durham Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total £38.7 million

Consultation Priorities: Improved connectivity through public transport, walking, cycling and broadband connectivity; public realm improvements; and repurposing vacant commercial properties.

Recent Investments

Targeted Business Improvement Programme Lanchester, Langley Moor and Ushaw Moor	Spruce Up - Ushaw Moor
	Spruce Up – Esh Winning

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements Esh Winning			Neighbourhood Retail Improvements Ushaw Moor
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			Esh Winning The Oaks Development commences
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements New Brancepeth & Brandon	
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
Built environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	

Transport & connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.
Aligned Activity / Investment	
Karbon – Housing Development Programme	
Selective licensing to regulate private landlords at Waterhouses, Esh Winning and Ushaw Moor east.	
Tackling empty properties, concentrations in Brandon, Esh Winning Langley Park, New Brancepeth and Castleside.	



Spennymoor Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £21 million

Consultation Priorities: Improved opportunities for healthy living, improve public realm, town centre and neighbourhood parades, litter, fly tipping and anti-social behaviour.

Recent Investments

Durham Villages Regeneration- Housing Development -Middlestone Moor		HIF Scheme Junction Improvements
Spruce Up – Middlestone Moor		Targeted Business Improvement Programme
Spruce Up – Low Spennymoor / Tudhoe		Property Reuse Fund
		C.A.T. Scheme Spennymoor Central

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments				Wifi Scheme Design – Spennymoor Festival Walk Redevelopment Complete
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities			
Built Environment		The North Eastern Refurbishment Complete		Market Place Improvement Programme complete
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme		
Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	Spennymoor Town Centre wifi Digital Retail Skills Programme	
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.	
Aligned Activity / Investment		
Livin Housing Investment Programme		
Livin King William Grange redevelopment		
Tackling empty properties with particular concentrations in – Spennymoor, Kirk Merrington and Croxdale.		
Selective licensing to regulate private landlords at Spennymoor and Middlestone Moor.		



Stanley Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £10.4 million

Consultation Priorities: Improved connectivity through public transport, walking, cycling and broadband connectivity; support for retailers and businesses; and issues of traffic and parking.

Recent Investments

Targeted Business Improvement Programme		Aldi Store
Stanley Streetscape Works		Clifford Road Redevelopment – Home Bargains / McDonalds
Town Centre wifi		Spruce Up – Annfield Plain
Retail Business Training		Spruce Up - Shield Row

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments	South Stanley Neighbourhood Retail Programme	Annfield Plain Neighbourhood Retail Programme		
Housing & Community	Targeted Delivery Plans for Stanley Hall West and New Kyo AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities			
Built Environment			Agnes Street Retail Development Scheme Improve key problem sites and vulnerable properties	

Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.	
Future Years Towns and Villages Programme		
Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	Ritson Street Retail Development Agnes St Retail Development	
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
Built environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
Transport & connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.	
Aligned Activity / Investment		
Selective licensing to regulate private landlords – New Kyo, South Moor, Annfield Plain, Craghead, Stanley Hall		
Tackling empty properties – concentrations in Annfield Plan, South Moor, Stanley, Tantobie, Quaking Houses		



Teesdale Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £1.3 million

Consultation Priorities: Improved connectivity through public transport, walking, cycling and broadband connectivity; meeting community's housing needs; and issues of traffic and parking.

Recent Investments

Targeted Business Improvements – Barnard Castle		Spruce Up – Barnard Castle
Neighbourhood Retail Improvements - Mickleton		Spruce Up – Cockfield
		Neighbourhood Retail Improvements – Middleton-in-Teesdale

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments	Barnard Castle wifi installation Digital Retail Training			
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities			
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	Staindrop Neighbourhood Retailing Programme	
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.	

Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.
Aligned Activity / Investment	
Raby Castle Investment Programme	
Staindrop Retail development programme	
Tackling empty properties with particular concentrations in Barnard Castle, Butterknowle, Cockfield, Evenwood, Gainford, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Staindrop and Winston.	



Weardale Area Action Partnership

Current Investment Total: £2.9 million

Consultation Priorities Improved connectivity through public transport, walking, cycling and broadband connectivity; investment in community facilities; well-designed public spaces; and support for retailers and businesses.

Recent Investments

Spruce up - Wolsingham		Wolsingham Skate Park development
Targeted Business Improvements		Electric Vehicle infrastructure
Weardale Railway infrastructure		

Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Strategic Investments	To identify opportunities to support for town and neighbourhood centres; link with Partner and wider investments to maximise outcomes; and to maximise integration between council activity and communities.			
Housing & Community	AAP Area Programme launched			
Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
Built environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
Transport & connectivity		Audit of opportunities along the Weardale Way		

Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
Strategic Investments	To identify opportunities to support for town and neighbourhood centres; link with Partner and wider investments to maximise outcomes; and to maximise integration between council activity and communities. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.	
Housing & Community	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.	

Environment & Health	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.
Built Environment	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.
Transport & Connectivity	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.
Aligned Activity / Investment	
Weardale Railway	
Tackling empty properties with particular concentrations in Cowhill, Frosterley, Ireshopeburn, Rookhope, St John's Chapel and Stanhope.	

