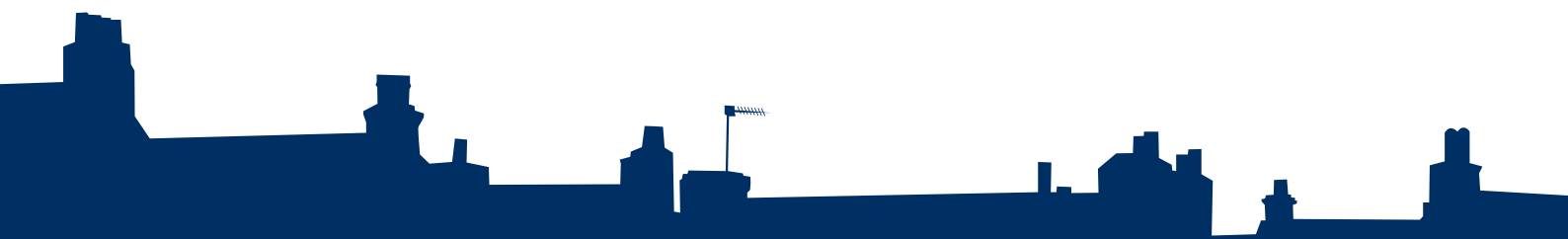


# **towns & Villages**



## **Programme Investment Plan**

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# Introduction

The Towns and Villages programme offers an 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 a number of challenges ahead including how it addresses the Climate Change Emergency and how it responds to the impacts of the COVID19 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 Partners 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

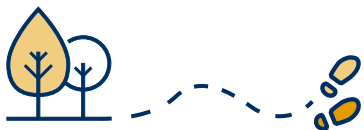
has been identified as having capacity to support local small businesses, artisans and community groups. A phased investment programme will improve units and support local development opportunities.





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





# 5.0 Towns and Villages Programme Delivery

Theme	Project	2021/22				2022/23	2023/24
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
<b>Strategic Investments</b>	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 Newton Hall Belmont Carville Thornley Sherburn Hill New Brancepeth Bearpark Brandon West Rainton Pittington	

Theme	Project	2021/22				2022/23	2023/24
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
<b>Strategic Investments</b>	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
<b>Housing &amp; Community</b>	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.	

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Theme	Project	2021/22				2022/23	2023/24
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
<b>Housing &amp; Community</b>	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
<b>Environmental &amp; Health</b>	Enhanced Environmental Maintenance	Deliver environmental improvement programme aligned to neighbourhood retail programme and targeted delivery plan areas					
<b>Built Environment</b>	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.				

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Theme	Project	2021/22				2022/23	2023/24
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
<b>Built Environment</b>	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 Coop Buildings, Workshops 4,5 & 6 completed		
<b>Transport &amp; Connectivity</b>	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 Investment:

- Recent Investment:
- New Lidl Store - Crook
- New Aldi Store - Crook
- Targeted Business Improvements – Crook and Willington
- Shutter Blight - Willington
- TBI Tow Law
- Spruce Up Scheme – Tow Law and Willington
- C.A.T Scheme – Crook and Willington

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Strategic Investment</b>			Digital High Street – WIFI Design Crook	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	AAP Area Programme launched			Community Housing opportunity Crook
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
<b>Built Environment</b>				Support active re-use of Tow Law Cattle mart
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>				Parking Improvements Crook post office



## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Digital High Street – WIFI installation Digital Retail Skills Programme	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 Investment:

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

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

## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	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.	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 – 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 and 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 Investment:

- Town Hall refurbishment
- Town Centre WI-FI
- Welcome Tower completed
- Targeted Business Improvement Programme – Bishop Auckland
- C.A.T Scheme – Shildon
- Spruce Up Scheme – Shildon and Bishop Auckland

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	<p>Bishop Auckland Pop up retail Store opens Newgate Street</p> <p>Neighbourhood Retailing Programme- Proudfoot Drive</p>	<p>Bishop Auckland FHSF - Property Conversion Programme commences</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Retailing Programme - Coundon</p>	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	<p>Targeted Delivery Plans for Coundon Grange and Thickey</p> <p>Former King James redevelopment commences</p> <p>AAP Area Programme launched</p>			

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Environment and Health</b>			Bishop Auckland - commence improvements to Public Realm	
<b>Built Environment</b>		Postchaise / Queens Head Hotel Redevelopment		
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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



## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Town Centre Vibrancy - Bishop Auckland Food Festival	Town Centre Vibrancy - Bishop Auckland Food Festival
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Douglas Crescent Housing Development Canney Hill Community Housing Scheme Housing Developments – Etherley Lane, Howard Close, Bishop Auckland Housing Development Davis Avenue, West Auckland	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Deer Park Improvements	Walking and Cycling Route Improvement
<b>Built Environment</b>	Binchester improvement/ education space	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>		Bishop Auckland Future High Street Fund – New bus Station/Multi Storey Car complete

### Aligned Activity/Investment:

- Heritage Action Zone Programme £1.6 million 2018-2023
- Future High Street Programme £28 million 2021-2024
- Stronger towns Programme Bishop Auckland £49 million (Subject to Award) 2021-20
- Leisure Transformation Programme – New Leisure Facilities – Bishop Auckland
- Tindale Crescent Retail / Leisure developments
- Believe Housing Development – Woodhouse Close
- One Public Estate co-location and development opportunities – Woodhouse Close
- 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 Priorities:** Support for retailers and businesses, improve the public realm, address local connectivity and address traffic and parking issues. Town Hall refurbishment.

## Recent Investment:

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Digital High Street – Chester-le-Street WIFI Installation  Digital Retailing Programme		Digital High Street – Chester-le-Street WIFI Installation  Digital Retailing Programme	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	AAP Area Programme launched			
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
<b>Built Environment</b>			Streetscape Improvements – Market place/ North Blunts  Building Improvements – Sacriston former Co-op building	Scope opportunities for development – Stella Gill Fertiliser Shed
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			

## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	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.	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 Investment:

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Strategic Investment</b>			Neighbourhood Retail Improvements Blackhill	Wi-Fi scheme Design - Consett
<b>Housing and Community</b>	AAP Area Programme launched			
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
<b>Built Environment</b>			Streetscape Improvements - Consett	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			



## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Digital High Street – Town centre Wi-Fi Digital Retail Skills Programme	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 Investment:

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements Gilesgate		Digital High Street – City Centre Wi-Fi	Neighbourhood Retail Improvements - Framwellgate
<b>Housing and Community</b>	AAP Area Programme launched			
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>		Elvet Bridge Improvement's completed		



## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	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.	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Community Housing Scheme	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Millennium Place Improvements	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 Investment:

- Dalton Park Phase 2 Retail Store
- Peterlee Retail Park
- Replacement Aldi Store – Peterlee
- Durham Villages Regeneration Housing Scheme – Peterlee and Seaham
- Chapter Homes Development – Peterlee
- Neighbourhood Retail Investment – Murton
- Car Park Refurbishment – Seaham
- Horden Rail Station
- Believe Housing Development Programme -Peterlee and Seaham
- Strategic Employment Site – Jade Business Park

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Town Centre Wi-Fi installation – Seaham  Digital Retail Training Programme	Neighbourhood Retail Programme -Blackhall	Neighbourhood Retail Programme Murton and Easington Colliery	Neighbourhood Retail Programme Station town, Haswell and Thornley
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Targeted Delivery Plans for Blackhall Colliery South and Deneside East  AAP Area Programme launched			
<b>Environment and Health</b>			Pocket Park Development Easington Colliery	

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Built Environment</b>	Demolition of former Easington Colliery School			
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>		Easington Village Parking and Circulation		Parkside Traffic Improvement Scheme

## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Seaham Food Festival	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Seaham Community Housing Scheme	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 at 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 Investment:

- Durham Villages Regeneration Housing Schemes - Bowburn
- Believe Housing Investments – Bowburn
- Keepmoat Housing Development – Coxhoe
- Strategic Employment Opportunities at Integra 61 development and significant investment at NetPark
- Spruce Up Scheme – Deaf Hill/Trimdon Grange and Fishburn

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

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

## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Neighbourhood Retail Programmes – Station Town, Thornley, Trimdon	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	East Durham Rural Corridor at Trimdon link to Coxhoe	

### Aligned Activity/Investment:

- Livin Development Programme - Sedgefield
- Sedgefield 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 Investment:

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

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



## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Wi-Fi Scheme Design	Town Centre Wi-Fi Installation Digital Retail Skills Training
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Tackling problem and vulnerable buildings including Elmfield school, Horndale Club and Southern Club.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 Investment:

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

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



## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

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

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

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

## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Spennymoor Town Centre Wi-Fi Digital Retail Skills Programme	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 Investment:

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	South Stanley Neighbourhood Retail Programme	Annfield Plain Neighbourhood Retail Programme		
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Targeted Delivery Plans for Stanley Hall West and New Kyo  AAP Area Programme launched			
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
<b>Built Environment</b>			Agnes Street Retail Development Scheme  Improve key problem sites and vulnerable properties	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity.			

## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Ritson Street Retail Development Agnes St Retail Development	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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; support for retailers and businesses; and issues of traffic and parking.

### Recent Investment:

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

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

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



## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	Staindrop Neighbourhood Retailing Programme	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	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.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 Investment:

- Spruce Up Scheme – Wolsingham
- Targeted Business Improvements
- Weardale Railway infrastructure
- Wolsingham Skate Park development
- Electric Vehicle infrastructure

## Town and Village Programme 2021/22

Theme	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	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.			
<b>Housing and Community</b>	AAP Area Programme launched			
<b>Environment and Health</b>	Identify opportunities for addressing climate change emergency and building community resilience and health and well-being of our communities.			
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to drive and support regeneration activities within towns and villages across the AAP.			
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>		Audit of opportunities along the Weardale Way		

## Future Years Towns and Villages Programme

Theme	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Strategic Investment</b>	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.	
<b>Housing and Community</b>	Identify opportunities for meeting the communities housing needs and improving community resilience. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.	
<b>Environment and Health</b>	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.	
<b>Built Environment</b>	Identify opportunities to ensure connected communities through excellent connectivity. With particular attention to the needs of rural communities.	
<b>Transport and Connectivity</b>	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 Cowshill, Frosterley, Ireshopeburn, Rookhope, St John's Chapel and Stanhope.

