

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting

26 November 2024

Key Messages

The following are the key messages from the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024:

- Allan Blakemore (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting of the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership (EDRC AAP).
- Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman was unable to attend the meeting, however she did provide a written update on local policing issues which Jane Bellis (AAP Co-ordinator) covered on her behalf.
- Fiona Harrington – Bus Community Engagement Officer, Durham County Council (DCC) provided a brief update on public transport in communities. She had recently attended a coffee morning held in Sedgefield Parish Hall.
- Mark Readman - Head of Highway Services, DCC delivered a comprehensive presentation on Winter Maintenance 2024/25.
- Victoria Murray - Head of Transactional and Customer Services, DCC delivered a presentation on the Poverty Action Strategy and Action Plan – progress update.
- Board members had been provided with an update on Durham County Council's Community Engagement Review. The purpose of the report was to outline the main elements which were agreed by DCC Cabinet on 13 November 2024.
- Board members agreed to support the following Area Budget projects –
 1. Dress to Impress - Fishburn Youth and Community Centre: £11,107
 2. Coxhoe and Area Community Pantry and Foodbank – Coxhoe Village Hall Association: £9,684
 3. Shed for All – Trimdon Community Garden – Groundwork North-East and Cumbria: £6,520
 4. Stage Curtains Replacement and Bar Refurbishment – Sedgefield Town Council: £11,500
- The following Neighbourhood Budget projects were shared with the Board –

Name of Scheme: TA925 – B6291, Parkhill Close, Coxhoe – Safe Crossing
Councillor(s): Jan Blakey / Gary Hutchinson
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £18,049 (£9,024.50 each)

Name of Scheme: Bowburn Banner Group – Banner Replacement
Councillor(s): Jan Blakey / Gary Hutchinson
Interest Declared: Yes, Cllr Blakey is the Vice Chair, and a trustee and Cllr Hutchinson is a committee member.

Amount: £6,900 (£3,450 each)

Name of Scheme: Wyke Close, Sedgefield – Footpath Works

Councillor(s): Chris Lines / David Brown

Interest Declared: No

Amount: £15,191.50 (£7,595.75 each)

Name of Scheme: Sedgefield Speed Visor

Councillor(s): Chris Lines / David Brown

Interest Declared: No

Amount: £11,928 (£5,964 each)

Name of Scheme: Sedgefield High Street Bike Racks

Councillor(s): Chris Lines / David Brown

Interest Declared: No

Amount: £4,128 (£2,064 each)

Board Members noted the projects and the interest as declared.

- Date and Time of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday 15 January 2025, 5.00 pm at Cassop Community Centre

Subsequent Board Meeting

- Wednesday 5 March 2025; 5.00 pm – Bowburn Community Centre

Please make every effort to attend and promote amongst your contacts.