

Priority 1: Develop resilient communities through assets based approaches to increase capacity

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		Promote and monitor the take up of the Council Employee Volunteering Scheme	Ongoing	Ian Stevenson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 31 Employees taken up scheme to date. - Internal services and external organisations - November 2015 Gateshead Housing Company, Gateshead Council officers School Children, Gateshead College Students came together to plant 500 trees in a field in the Seven Stars Estate Springwell. Christmas Shoe Box Appeal was coordinated throughout December by Gateshead Council in partnership with Support Volunteers. The donations included toiletries and small gifts and were all provided by Gateshead Council Employees. Donations were collected at the Civic Centre and employees involved in the actual wrapping of over 60 shoe boxes to young people leaving care. - Group volunteer opportunities being developed with Virgin Media and Tarmac and other external organisations looking to volunteer with Gateshead projects. - Longer term volunteer roles being promoted including those with Barnardo's and other charities amongst employees - One off new group volunteer opportunities being create and promoted for team volunteer activities - Links being made to services such as School Governors in Gateshead to promote the Employee Volunteering Policy and the 15 hours available to employees. A large number of school governors are employees of the council.

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1.1	identify and network residents skills and knowledge through effective volunteering	Continue effective collaboration with Gateshead Volunteering Centre	Ongoing	Ian Stevenson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council coordinates a Volunteers steering group regarding volunteering across all departments. • Communication between the Council and Gateshead Volunteers Centre continues on a weekly basis. • Referrals from each partner are exchanged depending on need and aspirations of the individual. • Discussions with GVOC regarding how this relationship is developed have commenced.
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers month will be held across June 2016 - Aiming to have a different focus each week including; environmental activities (litter picks etc.), sports events such as cycling, small charities and the Queens Birthday and others to be discussed. - All events and activities being held throughout volunteers month will be promoted as a programme of events on Council website - Volunteer's month Grant (up to £300 per organisation) will be available again for groups to

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		Coordinate the promotion and delivery of Gateshead Volunteers Month	Jun-15	Ian Stevenson	<p>deliver events throughout June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Celebration event also to be organised at the end of the month - Continuing to develop the action plan for volunteer's month through Volunteers Action Group and additional meetings. - Working with a range of services & groups and ensuring a true reflection of the voluntary and community sector in Gateshead. - In 2015 56,000 hours were recorded on the volunteer totaliser – a 68% rise from 2014. This equates to £778,650 economic value. - Since June all volunteers' hours have continued to be collated. As at March 2016 – 79,519 volunteer's hours are estimated every month within Gateshead. This equates to £1,033,747 economic value.
		Use the Warwick Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale to demonstrate impact of volunteering on wellbeing of those individuals engaged in volunteering	Ongoing	Ian Stevenson	Live Well Gateshead's Single Holistic Assessment continues to incorporate elements of the Edinburgh Warwick Wellbeing Scale. This allows the model to measure whether individuals' health and well being has improved as a result of engaging with Gateshead's LWG Service

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1.2	helping develop strong and viable community groups	Support the preparation of 40 action plans developed for communities and groups which identify specific health and wellbeing priorities	Mar-16	Ian Stevenson	<p>The Neighbourhood Management and Volunteering Team's capacity building work in communities to improve health worked with 95 organisations up to September 2015 (previously reported) to identify specific health and well-being priorities.</p> <p>A further 46 organisations are also now being supported through the Neighbourhood Management and Volunteering Team. Organisations continue to develop bespoke action plans and increase their respective capacity to help improve the health and well being of their local communities.</p> <p>Although work has focused around the Live Well Gateshead Model's Targeted Neighbourhoods the Team's reach has covered the whole of the borough when considering areas of influence</p> <p>Targeted Neighbourhoods are those with the greatest deprivation and identified health need - the top 35% deprived based on a range of standardized and weighted statistical data.</p>

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		Carry out capacity building assessments with 40 community groups	Mar-16	Ian Stevenson	Of the 141 organisations worked with so far, 63 have been supported to develop an action plan outlining their ongoing development. 33 of these groups/organisations have been supported to complete initial assessments of their capacity using the Canadian Assessment Tool. Although this relies on the group's agreement to undertake the assessment it is expected that a minimum of 40 will be completed by end of March 2016.
1.3	maintaining a network of sustainable and viable community buildings and services	Coordinate the Community Centre Network and facilitate a programme of events and meetings	Ongoing	Ian Stevenson	The Network continues to provide an effective way of sharing information, best practice and peer support amongst community organisations that own and/or operate community facilities. Two meetings were arranged between March-September; one meeting looked at business planning and the meeting scheduled to look at funding was postponed, with Network members signposted to the Funding Event held at the Hilton

Priority 2: Support the growth of local capacity building through the Capacity Building for Health Service

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		Support embedding the Integrated Wellness approach at a regional level through the establishment of peer learning and a knowledge exchange	Ongoing	FUSE / Public Health England	<p>Regional Research into Practice event held 12 March 2015 to explore Live Well models operating regionally and share good practice and collaborate on regional evaluation of the models and improvements made in health and well-being.</p> <p>Further regional work has continued through a bespoke working group to drive regional evaluation.</p> <p>A further regional integrated health event was held on 21 March 2016 to consider "Community Based Approaches in the North East". This event is the follow up from that held in March 2015 and will use local evaluation and feedback to shape future delivery in the region. Gateshead presented a summary of the borough's model and success to date.</p>

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2.1	Collaborative, innovative working between the Council, its service and voluntary sector partners	Actively pursue the adoption and delivery of social prescribing opportunities including Achieving More Together enabling community organisations deliver better health outcomes for Gateshead residents	Ongoing	Ian Stevenson	<p>A working group was established between council staff, CCG and VCS. The group has been considering the definition and approach for Gateshead. A study visit was arranged in October 2015 to a nationally recognised social prescribing project Bromley by Bow. A workshop was held in November 2015 with stakeholders consulting on key areas linked to social prescribing. A report will be taken to the Health and Well Being Board in April proposing next steps based on feedback from the workshop and work carried out by the social prescribing working group. Options in the report for Gateshead will include the proposal to develop a social prescribing framework for Gateshead</p> <p>Live Well Gateshead and Public Health colleagues and other partners attended a number of Achieving More Together workshops linked to the development a bespoke Social Prescribing model in Gateshead.</p> <p>Live Well staff from within the Council have been heavily involved in informing the potential social prescribing landscape for Gateshead and it is hoped that a definitive model can be agreed in the near future.</p>

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		Establish a programme of Live Well Gateshead Learning and Sharing sessions for frontline staff and partners	Ongoing / quarterly	Ian Stevenson	<p>29 Jan 2015 - Gateshead Local Engagement Board presentation and market place stalls for LWG</p> <p>A range of presentations and workshops have been held with Newcastle/Gateshead CCG, Gateshead's Local Engagement Board, Gateshead's Jewish Community, etc to inform partners about the LWG model</p> <p>LWG Learning and Sharing event held March 2015 for LWG, Public Health and CCG staff/representatives</p> <p>Gateshead received visitors from Dumfries and Galloway on 30 November 2015 to enable them to observe how Gateshead's Live Well Model was being delivered and learn about how it was developed.</p>
		Establish and support "Live Well @" forums in target neighbourhoods, in response to community demand	Ongoing	Gary Carr	<p>Live Well@ partnerships have been established in High Fell, Teams and Lobley Hill and Bensham. These forums offer community groups and representatives an opportunity to come together and identify health and well being priorities and work together to help address them. A further Live Well @ Gateshead group was formed in Pelaw and Heworth in February 2016</p>

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2.2	Provision of resources, advice and support to community organisations including accessing external funding and commissioning opportunities	Create opportunities to share learning and best practice across communities, by generating and sharing case studies, updates across community networks and annual updates	Ongoing	Ian Stevenson	<p>Gateshead Councils Public Health team funded a training package delivered locally by the Asset Based Consulting team. Three events in Gateshead with over 50 partners from the three Live Well Gateshead @ Groups attending.</p> <p>Wednesday 7th October at Caedmon Hall Thursday 15th October at Redheugh 1957 Tuesday 20th October at Wrekenton Methodist Church</p> <p>Feedback from participants suggested that the training gave them a completely different understanding on service delivery solutions and that those solutions can be developed by people and communities not just by specialists and professionals.</p> <p>It is anticipated that further roll out of asset based community development will follow as part of the Council's Achieving More Together agenda and in response to the recent development sessions presented by Cormac Russell on 14/15 March 2016. Live Well Gateshead staff hosted a learning and sharing event with the Council's Leisure Services staff to maximize synergy between the Live Well offer and Gateshead's Leisure provision. The event was held on 20 November 2015 and it afforded staff the chance to meet and learn from each other and explore how closer working arrangements could benefit local residents.</p>

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		Hosting of access to GrantNet service on the Council website	Ongoing	Ian Stevenson	Grantnet has been promoted to all Capacity Building Fund applicants via the funding recommendation letter. Grantnet was hosted on the Council's website until June 2015 when the licence expired and was not renewed due to cost. Alternative funding information sources, such as Funding Information North East and Funding Central will be utilised as well as the benefits of the continuing development of close working relationships with funders such as Big Lottery Fund, Garfield Weston Foundation, Community Foundation and Charity Bank.
		Delivery of an annual funding event for community organisations	Apr-15	Linda Whitfield	Funding event held 27th April 2015 at the Hilton Hotel Newcastle Gateshead. 29 funders and support organisations were present. 195 representatives from 164 VCS organisations attended. Options for 2016 still being considered
		Establishment of a monthly funding e-bulletin to community organisations	Apr-15	Ian Stevenson	New funding opportunities have been regularly circulated to community organisations
		Carry out a refresh and re-launch of the Gateshead Offer to ensure it remains an effective approach to provide information, advice and support to Gateshead's communities	Jun-15	Ian Stevenson	This has been deferred whilst plans for support to the VCS for 2016/17 are finalised following the announcement that GVOG is closing down in May 2016

Priority 3: Support ward councillors as community champions

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3.1	Provide councillors with regular briefings on Live Well Gateshead and associated capacity building activities	Utilise ward liaison meetings to provide updates on capacity building activities	Ongoing	Ian Stevenson	<p>Ward Liaison meetings continue to offer an opportunity for ward councillors to receive updates on the work of the Neighbourhood Management and Volunteering Team's capacity building activities, Live Well Gateshead and how the Gateshead Fund supports capacity building within their wards</p> <p>A Member's Seminar held on the 9 December 2015 updated ward councillors on LWG progress and further reinforce and cement ward councillors role as champions for improving health and well being in their respective wards. Engagement officers from LWG regularly attend Ward Liaison meeting with a range of Ward Councillors</p> <p>A further Members' Seminar held on 23 March 2016 updated ward councillors on the recent evaluation undertaken by Mandy Cheetham.</p>
		Review the approach and delivery of the Gateshead Fund	March - June 2015	Lindsay Murray	Revised criteria introduced with emphasis on evidence of need and impact. Prioritising small and medium sized organisations as well those who are financially vulnerable. Simplified application form introduced for organisations requesting up to £2,000. New system established to streamline the process and provide more detailed application details for Advisory Group

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3.2	Implementation of the Gateshead Fund		2015/16	Ian Stevenson	<p>CBF 2015/16 summary CBF (main) - 82 organisations funded totalling £554,710 Gateshead Volunteers Month - 34 organisations funded totalling £9,987 Health & Wellbeing small grant - 15 organisations funded totalling £20,000 Total: 131 organisations funded totalling £584,697</p> <p>In addition 57 Sporting Grants to Individuals totalling £10,500 and 4 Talented Athlete awards totalling £1,500</p>