

APPENDIX 1: EXAMPLES OF TAA INITIATIVES

<p><u>Clean Ups</u> 12 x community clean up sessions have taken place. Initially the Councils services were the dominant force providing crews, sweepers, enforcement and coordination. Other partner services such as housing providers and police/fire gave support.</p>
<p><u>Alley Way projects</u> The community clean up sessions and regular walkabouts highlighted urban spaces were being underutilised and neglected. This project identified alleys that are overgrown with weeds, targets for fly tipping, used for illegal activities and in some instances a place simply used to store household waste.</p>
<p><u>Environmental Improvements</u> Examples include: the railway underpass on Dovecot Street in Stockton. The underpass was dark, graffiti strewn and not well used due to perception of safety. Lighting was improved, a thorough cleaning took place culminating in the painting of walls and an anti-graffiti covering being applied, volunteers from The Hub in Stockton then helped with minor painting projects.</p>
<p><u>Community shed projects</u> 2 projects one in each locality</p>
<p><u>Engagement with local schools</u> Work with students Eco clubs to facilitate and encourage litter picks, and educational programmes to understand the wider issue of waste.</p>
<p><u>Community Pop ups (drop ins)</u> 40+ pop-up activities have taken place. Pop-ups were held in community locations and provided a drop-in facility for community members to speak to officers from the Police, Housing Providers and council services. These sessions engaged with those more difficult to engage i.e. community members who traditionally would not approach 'formal services'.</p>
<p><u>Property Closure Orders</u> 2 property closure orders have been secured in partnership with the Police.</p>
<p><u>Landlord scheme (PLUSS)</u> As noted within the body of the report.</p>
<p><u>Collaborative working</u> Across a range of agencies including ward members, housing providers across all tenures, VCSE and church groups.</p>
<p><u>Hartington Road</u> Task and finish group worked collaboratively to investigate underlying issues and community concerns in the Hartington Road area.</p>
<p><u>Social media</u> 2 community Facebook pages have been established (one for each area) sharing ongoing projects and local information.</p>
<p><u>Empty properties</u> Additional security measures have been implemented in hotspot areas i.e. use of steel security shutters and minor works to secure properties of absent landlords.</p>