

SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

5th JANUARY 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) Report: 'Community Leaders of the Future'; Education Business Connections

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 In October the Area Committee received an interim progress report on the performance of projects funded by the committee. In the report the 'Community Leaders of the Future' project was noted as having significantly failed to achieve its outputs. This report is to notify committee of what actions have been taken since the last meeting when it was reported
- 1.2 Members will recall the project was awarded £11,543 in June 2010 to deliver a 16 month project developing enterprise and entrepreneurial skills in young people, supported and mentored by voluntary sector projects. The project had originally been deferred from January 2010 and four of the City's five areas are funding a 'Community Leaders of the Future' project. The performance summary for the last quarter (July – September) is below.

Community Leaders of the Future Education Business Connections	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of people employed in voluntary work	20	0		£2,020	£1,174	
No. of additional young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	20	0				
Number of community/voluntary groups supported	0	0				

2. Actions to date

- 2.3 Members will recall that a meeting was planned with Education Business Connections (EBC), the project lead, to discuss the performance and measures necessary to ensure that targets and outputs could be met.
- 2.4 A series of meetings have been held with EBC and information has been gathered Around a number of questions asked of the project. As part of the normal protocol, financial claims from EBC are not being progressed until matters are resolved.
- 2.5 To date, the matter remains unresolved and is the subject of continuing information gathering and discussion with EBC. Officers from other relevant sections of the Council are also involved.

Recommendations

- Committee is requested to note the report and receive a further update.

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