

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in CASTLE VIEW ENTERPRISE ACADEMY, CARTWRIGHT ROAD, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 2nd MARCH, 2015 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Copeland, Curran, Davison, Foster, Jackson and MacKnight

Also in Attendance:-

Insp. Tony Carty	-	Northumbria Police
Ms. Gillian Gibson	-	Consultant in Public Health, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Steve Graham	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Andy Old	-	Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ruth Oxley	-	Area Network Representative, SNYP
Ms. Allison Patterson	-	Area Coordinator, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Susan Stanhope	-	Area Lead Executive, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Wendy Cook	-	SNCBC

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Minutes Silence

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Christine Shattock who had recently passed away and Members and Officers of the Committee stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Francis, Howe, Leadbitter, Stewart and Wiper and on behalf of Graham Wharton and Nikki Vokes.

Declarations of Interest

Item 6 – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

Councillor Wilson declared a DPI in the SIB application from Castletown Scout Group and left the meeting during consideration of the application.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th December, 2014

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 8th December, 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

North Sunderland Area Committee Annual Report 2014-15

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Wilson presented the report seeking Members approval of the North Sunderland Area Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2014-15 which would be presented to a future meeting of the Council.

He took Members through the report advising that the Committee had continued to work alongside the community to understand their need and work together to address them advising that the report set out examples of activities undertaken in relation to the Area Committee's priorities during 2014/15.

2. RESOLVED that the Annual Report be received and approved for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2014/15.

Change in Order of Business

At this juncture the Chairman advised that it was intended to bring Item 6 – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources forward to the next item on the agenda to allow members of the public to leave once their applications had been considered if they wished.

Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to a financial statement as an up to date position in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Officer presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

The Chairman advised that there were young people in attendance from both the Downhill Wheeled Skate Park and the Castletown Scout Group should Members have any questions for them in relation to the applications within the report.

Having fully discussed the application and those in attendance having answered Members questions; it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in paragraphs 2.1, 3.1 and 5.1 of the report be noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £27,000 from the SIB budget for 2014/15 to support the Castletown Scout Group Minibus Transport Project;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £30,000 from the SIB budget for 2014/15 to deliver Summer Holiday Activities for Young People with the condition that a Call for Projects is developed and agreed by the North Sunderland People Board and to be circulated to the North Sunderland VCS Network;
- (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £2,000 from the SIB budget for 2014/15 to support the Marine Walk Interpretation Board Signage by Sunderland City Council;
- (v) approval be given to the allocation of £35,000 from the SIB budget for 2014/15 to support the Downhill Wheeled Sports Park Project by Sunderland City Council;
- (vi) approval be given to accept £20,000 match funding from Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG) to support further delivery of the North Sunderland Bike Hire Scheme Project, subject to final CCG approval; and
- (vii) the eight approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2014/15 budget as set out in Annex 2 to the report be noted.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster presented the report drawing Members attention to the key areas of influence and achievement and the actions taken in relation to the local priorities agreed by the Committee, up to 20th February, 2015 and the 2014/15 work plan as detailed in the report.

Members attention was drawn to the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme included at Annex 2 and were advised that Francis Street, Osbourne Street and Sidecliffe Road had been recorded as being within Fulwell Ward when they were actually within St Peters Ward. The amendments having been noted the Committee were asked to consider the streets recommended for works.

The Committee discussed the developments along the seafront and invited the public to raise any issues or areas of concern. Members were informed of the increasing levels of dog fouling in the area and were advised that Officers were aware that there was an issue in the area. When asked about the installation of CCTV the Committee were advised that a high pole was to be installed to attach the cameras to which would help to alleviate the problems in the future.

Members discussed the findings of the Ambient Air Study that had been carried out in the North Sunderland Area and presented to the Place Board advising that there were no concerns over air pollution of any kind in the area. Concerns were raised that although there were no toxins found there was still an ongoing unpleasant smell which residents were experiencing. Members of the public also advised that although they had been involved in the study they had not received any update on the findings apart from that passed on by Ward Councillors. The Committee felt that as participants in the study they should have received feedback on the outcome and asked that the relevant Officers be advised.

4. RESOLVED that:-

- the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Place Board Work Plan for 2014/15 be received and noted; and
- the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North Sunderland area for 2015/16 as attached at Annex 2 be agreed.

People Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe presented the report drawing Members' attention to the key areas of influence and achievements up to 20th February, 2015 and the 2014/15 work plan as set out in the report.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that:-

- the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan for 2014/15 be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the Network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Oxley, Area Network Representative, took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland Area VCS Network.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the content of the report and the opportunities and issues raised by the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Neighbourhood Inspector Tony Carty of Northumbria Police gave an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti social behaviour data and of any on-going issues in the North Sunderland area.

Members asked that the Inspector pass on the Committee's gratitude and thanks for the continual hard work and impact that was being made on crime and disorder in the North Sunderland area.

Having thanked Inspector Carty for his report and continued excellent work in the North Sunderland Area, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

Mr. Steven Graham, Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services provided a verbal update to the Committee, on performance in relation to the local indicators for the North Sunderland Area Committee area.

He advised that the building of the new station was ahead of schedule with a completion date of 19th June, 2015, when Fulwell Fire Station would close and all operations move to the new site.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Graham for his report, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that the update from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.