

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 8th JUNE, 2015 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Beck, Bell, Copeland, Foster, Howe, Jackson, Leadbitter and N. Wright

Also in Attendance:-

Insp. Tony Carty	-	Northumbria Police
Ms. Wendy Cook	-	Youth and Community Co-ordinator, Sunderland North Community Business Centre
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
Mr. Alan Scott	-	North Locality Manager, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Tony Semley	-	SYPBP Manager
Ms. Susan Stanhope	-	Area Lead Executive, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, inviting introductions from those in attendance.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Curran, Davison, Elliott, Francis, MacKnight and Stewart and on behalf of Graham Wharton

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd March, 2015

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 2nd March, 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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 annual update of the 2014/15 work plan, including SIB funded projects; the priorities to be taken forward as part of work plan for 2015/16 which sought approval; and the Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

Members discussed the clean-up of shopping centres in the North Sunderland and sought an update on the issue. Ms. Metcalfe directed Members to the work plan for 2015/16 where it was proposed to carry out targeted engagement with traders at Southwick and Sea Road Shopping Parades, in the first instance, to explore the possibility of traders working together to encourage trade and the look and feel of the area.

Councillor Wright referred to on-going parking problems at Marine Walk and commented that although the installation of yellow lines had made a difference there were still issues with disabled badge holders parking outside of the commercial properties. She raised concerns over the safety of pedestrians using the area, especially young children, who may run out between the parked vehicles onto the road where drivers may not see them. Councillor Jackson agreed and advised that the biggest point of contact from residents to her were those passing on concerns over the parking issues in the area. The Chairman asked that Officers look at any further opportunities to further improve the situation and report back to Members.

Members having no further comment or questions, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- The report be received and noted;
- the annual update on the 2014/15 work plan be received and noted;
- the work plan and priorities for 2015/16 be agreed; and
- the Governance Arrangements for 2015/16 for the North Sunderland Area Place Board be received and noted.

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 annual update of the 2014/15 work plan, including SIB funded projects; the priorities to be taken forward as part of work plan for 2015/16 which sought approval; and the People Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- The report be received and noted;
- the annual update on the 2014/15 work plan be received and noted;
- the work plan and priorities for 2015/16 be agreed; and
- the Governance Arrangements for 2015/16 for the North Sunderland Area People Board 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.

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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:-

- ### **4. 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.

With regards to the move from Gilbridge Station to Southwick, Inspector Carty advised that there had been a lot of partnership working with local businesses to arrange car parking provision for staff members for free, to ensure local residents were not affected by cars being parked outside of properties. Gilbridge Station was almost closed now with very little numbers of staff and resources remaining.

Inspector Carty was asked if they would be undertaking work to prevent any anti-social behaviour on the upcoming prom nights and he advised that they had been provided with a list of dates and venues for the proms and they would be carrying out the same project as last year to ensure that pupils had enjoyable evenings but that there was as little disruption as possible.

Discussions took place around the use of mobile CCTV cameras and the suitability of venues for them to be installed and it was suggested that Mr Old be asked to submit further information to a future meeting of the Place Board as to what was needed to install the cameras and where they could be placed.

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

5. 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 had a completion date of 19th June, 2015 with the intention for the service to move from Fulwell Fire Station on 8th July, 2015. It was proposed to have a family friendly open day on 24th August, 2015 and all Members were welcome to attend.

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

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

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 Mr. Tony Semley was in attendance from the Bike Hire Scheme to answer any questions regarding the project Members may have.

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

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in paragraphs 2.1, 2.2 and 3.2 of the report be noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £20,662 from the SIB budget for 2015/16 and the realignment of £7,348 of SIB funding (underspend from Phase 1) to support the Southwick Illuminations 2015-17;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £3,651 from the SIB budget for 2015/16 and the realignment of £2,229 (underspend from Phase 1) to support the Wheatsheaf Gyrotory Clock Phase 2;
- (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £2,836 from the SIB budget for 2015/16 to support the Johnstone Villas Fencing Project;
- (v) approval be given to the allocation of £4,500 from the SIB budget for 2015/16 to support the Downhill 3 2 1 Route Project;
- (vi) approval be given to the allocation of £1,679 from the SIB budget for 2015/16 to
- (vii) award the previously approved £30,000 SIB budget and £20,000 CCG funding for the North Sunderland Bike Hire Scheme to Sunderland Young People's Bike Project, Roker Bike Hub subject to the conditions as set out in the report;
- (viii) approval of the increase of the SIB grant allocation for the Summer Holiday Activities for the Young People Project from £30,000 to £30,629 and re-align the underspend of £8,043 from the Activities for Young People 2012 project, as set out in the report; and award to the funding of £30,000 to Sunderland North Community Business Centre and £8,762 to NE Sports;
- (ix) reject the application from the Chapel of Light as part of the Summer Holiday Activities Programme;
- (x) approval be given to the extension of the Thompson Park Phase 2 Project as set out in the report;
- (xi) approval be given to put the Hylton Castle Cabin Project on hold until the outcome of the HLF bid submission;

- (xii) the eleven approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2014/15 budget as set out in Annex 4 to the report be noted; and
- (xiii) the five approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2015/16 budget as set out in Annex 5 to the report be noted.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.