

East Sunderland Area Committee

7th September 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

East Sunderland a Learning Area Summary

1. Why has it come to committee?

1.1 At its last meeting in June, the committee agreed its work plan for the 2009/10 municipal year and the Learning priority is the second to come to committee for discussion and consideration.

2. Background

2.1 Following the extensive programme of consultation with members, partners, community stakeholders and the wider community, the agreed priorities for this theme are:

- Encourage young people to continue into further education.
- Support more adults to return to learning.
- Increase opportunities to deliver informal education courses.
- Better support for young people e.g. more youth and play services.
- Do more to ensure health and emotional well being of children and young people.
- Reduce barriers in accessing services and provision which offer support to parents and carers.

2.2 Who has been involved?

- Children Services
- SAFC Foundation
- The Box Youth Project (Box)
- Blue Watch Youth Project
- Hendon Young People Project (HYPP)
- Young Asian Voices (YAV)
- Community and Cultural Services: (CCS)
- Education Business Connections Limited (EBC)
- Office of the Chief Executives

2.3 Key Dates

- 12.08.09 - Pre meeting for Area Committee
- 26.08.09 – report deadline for Area Committee
- 07.09.09 – Area Committee, discuss and agreed recommendations
- 22.10.09 – Deadline for action plan to be developed
- 02.11.09 – Area Committee, action plan presented
- 30.03.10 – End of year report deadline for Area Committee
- 12.04.10 – Area Committee, End of Year report presented

3. Learning Theme Area Summary

3.1 Attached as Annex 1 is the area summary for the Learning theme. The annex covers:

- Priorities agreed at Area Committee
- Key Facts
- Current activity delivered day to day from services

- Any gaps, identified needs or general comments
- Proposals/options for short, medium and long term proposals

4. Recommendation

4.1 Area Committee is asked to agree the following:-

- Note all of the **actions** identified in Annex 1
- Agree which of the following **proposals** (also identified in Annex 1) will be developed
 - **Allocation of SIB/SIP**
 - £30,000, one off capital, plus £38,000 per year for three years for revenue, total: £144,000. Supplement current practice with mobile provision. Applications are being made to all Area Committees. (Youth Development Group)
 - **Review**
 - Resources are needed or services should be realigned to provide 1:2:1 Support Workers, using good practice, as established at Blue Watch. Extending the remit to be more inclusive and addressing a wider range of issues would provide emphasis on 1:2:1 support on a referral basis linking with Common Assessment Framework teams. (Children Services)
 - Investigate and feedback to Area Committee on the feasibility of amending the procurement process to make the process more accessible. (Office of the Chief Executive)
 - Source additional funding to deliver low level accredited learning (level 1 or level 2) ensuring seamless progression routes for local residents. (F.A.C.L.)
 - Resources needed to deliver Healthy Living Club and Young Mums Drop in programme. (T.P.C.T. and CCS)
 - Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project (SYPBP) when funding is available will be able to provide a Cycling Club (Pilot) one session per week. Encourage parents and young people to spend time together sharing interests, working together, breaking down generational gaps etc. (SYPBP, CCS and TPCT)
 - **Escalate to Scrutiny or LSP**
 - Investigate the possibility of increasing the number of apprenticeship opportunities offered, including by the public sector. (ALE)

5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- Sunderland East Local Area Plan
- Information provided by partners and officers at workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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Annex 1: Sunderland East Learning Area Summary