

**At a Meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2011 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Essl, Gallagher, Gofton, L. Martin, Morrissey, Oliver, Porthouse, P. Smith, Waller, P. Watson, A. Wilson and T. Wright.

**Also Present:-**

Bill Blackett	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Angela Cousins	Area Community Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Kevin Douglas	Internal Communications Officer	Sunderland City Council
Alan Duffy	Head of Operations	Gentoo
Julie Gray	Head of Community Services	Sunderland City Council
Peter Iveson	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Edna Rochester		VCS Network
Sandra Mitchell	Head of PIP, Children's Services	Sunderland City Council
Keith Moore	Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Ann Morrison		VCS Network
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Mark Overton	Consultant in Public Health	Sunderland TPCT
Richard Parry	Area Officer	Sunderland City Council
Kevin Jones	Acting Inspector	Northumbria Police
Bill Leach		VCS Network

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present introduced themselves.

In particular the Chairman welcomed Councillors Gallagher, Porthouse and Waller who were attending their first meeting as Members of the West Sunderland Area Committee.

**Declarations of Interest**

Item 2 – Community Chest, Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) – Financial Statement and Proposals for further Allocation of Resources.

With regard to the Community Chest allocation, Councillors P. Smith and Essl declared personal and prejudicial interests in the report as Council appointed representatives on the Board of Governors of Plains Farm Primary School. Both Members left the meeting room during consideration of the item.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Allan, Smiles, Tye, S. Watson, A. Wright and also on behalf of Cheryl Warcup (Northumbria Police), James Third (Nexus), Nonnie Crawford (STPCT), Julie Raine (City of Sunderland College), Jenny Scott (Sunderland City Council) and Lucy Malarky (Gentoo).

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **West Sunderland Area Committee – Annual Report**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) comprising the West Sunderland Area Committee's Annual Report which provided Members with a snapshot of the Committee's work over the 2010/11 municipal year concerning the following key priorities:-

- (i) Child Poverty
- (ii) Environmental and Street Improvement
- (iii) Health and Well Being, focusing on areas of concern and Risk Taking Lifestyle Behaviour
- (iv) Traffic and Parking
- (v) Youth and Play Provision, and
- (vi) Responsive Local Services

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Richard Parry, Area Officer presented the report assisted by Mark Overton and Bill Blackett who addressed questions and comments from Members in relation to their areas of expertise. In addition to information regarding the key priorities Members, were also apprised of the governance and operation of the Committee's meetings, its allocation of finance together with lessons learned and the next steps.

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

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

## **Sunderland West Area Committee: Work Plan 2011/12**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented for Members approval, a copy of the Committee's draft work plan for 2011/12.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Richard Parry, Area Officer presented the report and in relation to Youth and Play Provision introduced, Sandra Mitchell, Head of Early Intervention and Locality Services who provided Members with an update report (Annex 1b) on the allocation of £3,600 to provide activities during the Easter and May half-term school holidays.

With regard to the Work Programme, Mr. Parry advised that its purpose was to clearly identify the key priorities for the Area Committee to discuss, deliver actions and monitor throughout the year, with the overall outcome to improve the quality of life for residents within Sunderland West.

It would provide a transparent framework for elected members, partners and officers to work from, as well as, acting as a focal point for local residents to find out what the Area Committee was doing to make a difference within their neighbourhood.

If adopted, the work plan would inform the majority of work for Sunderland West Area Committee for 2011-2012, as it would form part of the standing agenda, along with progress updates being provided on Sunderland City Council's website after each Area Committee meeting. The Work Plan would be made up of six work streams, each of which represented a key priority for Committee, namely:-

1. Youth and Play provision; diversionary activities to alleviate Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and disorder.
2. Traffic and Highways, including repairs, speeding and dangerous driving.
3. Job Prospects.
4. Health and Well Being, focusing on areas of concern and risk taking behaviour.
5. Child Poverty.
6. Environmental and Street Scene improvements, including shopping centres.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that approval be given to the Work Plan as detailed in Annex 1 of the report together with the specific recommendations regarding each work stream as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.

## **Community Chest, Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Richard Parry, Area Officer, presented the item informing Members of the following recommendations as detailed in the report:-

- (i) to note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2011/2012;
- (ii) to approve the granting of SIB funding of £3,000 in respect of the City Council's 'Sunderland Festival' project;
- (iii) to approve the granting of £2,700 SIB funding in respect of the Silksworth Miners Banner Group's 'Celebrating Mining Heritage' project; and
- (iv) to approve 9 proposals for support from the 2011/2012 Community Chest.

Consideration was given to the report and to the funding requests.

Accordingly it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement for 2011-12 be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the granting of SIB funding of £3,000 to Sunderland City Council in respect of the Sunderland Festival project;
- (iii) approval be given to the granting of SIB funding of £2,700 to the Silksworth Miners Banner in respect of the 'Celebrating Mining Heritage' project; and
- (iv) approval be given to the granting of 9 Community Chest applications as detailed in Annex 1b of the report.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,  
Chairman.