

North Area Committee

28th March 2011

Report of the Office of the Chief Executive Directorate

COMMUNITY ACTION IN NORTH – PROGRESS REVIEW 2011/12 Priorities and Workplan

1. Why has it come to Committee?

This report updates Members on the progress of developing the 2011/12 Workplan and the priorities that have been identified for the North Area through this process.

2. Progress

2.1 A meeting was held with elected members for the North Area where discussion took place regarding the issues within the North. Initial priorities for a one year work plan were provisionally agreed as follows:

- Activities for young people
- Attractive and Cared for Environment
- Housing
- Anti Social Behaviour

It was agreed the following priorities would be carried over from the existing work plan:

- Heritage
- Greening (to be incorporated into attractive and cared for environment)
- Motorcycle disorder (to be incorporated into Anti Social Behaviour)
- Community Philosophy
- Byelaw Review

2.2 A Task and Finish Group has been established with elected members from the North Area, the Area Lead Executive, Area Officer, Council Officers and Partners relevant to the identified priorities.

The Task and Finish Group will:

- Provide information to validate the identified priorities.
- Consider the issues that exist within each of these priorities that may need to be addressed.
- Identify strategies, plans or actions that are in place to address the priorities and issues.
- Identify the gaps in addressing the priorities and issues where Committee can add value.
- Create a draft annual action plan based upon the findings which will be shared with Area Committee for discussion and input.

Based upon the identified priorities, a meeting of the Task and Finish Group was arranged and asked to consider:

- What are the issues
- What is currently being done
- What can Area Committee do to add value

2.3 The information collected has been collated and is attached at Annex 1f. This will be used by the Task and Finish group to propose specific actions to be included in the 2011/12 workplan.

3. Next Steps

3.1 Local residents and the Community and Voluntary Sector will be given the opportunity to express their views on the identified priorities for the area.:

3.2 The views received from this exercise, along with other qualitative research available within the Council, will be used within the Task and Finish Group to add value and support the development of priorities and the 2011/12 workplan.

3.3 A final design of the 2011/12 workplan will be provided to members for input.

3.4 The final plan will be presented to June Committee for agreement.

4. Recommendations

- Note the updated process on the development of the 2011/12 workplan and progress made.
- Agree to receive a final design of the plan for input and comment.
- Agree to receive the final plan at June Committee for agreement.