

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

30th January 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND NORTH – PROGRESS REVIEW Workplan 2011/2012 – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current years (2011/2012) workplan, **ANNEX 1**.

2. Safer Sunderland Partnership

2.1 The main findings were as follows:

29% reduction in anti social behaviour

24% reduction in alcohol and anti social behaviour

39% reduction in youth related anti social behaviour

An increase in youth, alcohol anti social behaviour

2.2 Some of the progress made within 2011/2012 relating to the North area included:

- Addressing youth related anti social behaviour through Operation Focus which saw the police and council work jointly to target areas.
- The implementation of new tactics to address seasonal motorcycle disorder that continues to be an issue.
- The implementation of partnership intelligence and tasking meetings to deploy resources to anti social behaviour hotspots and areas of greatest need based upon real time information.
- Good examples of partnership activities funded through LMAPS and Area Committees.

2.3 Areas identified for continued improvement:

- Continue to embed and develop the intelligence and tasking meetings to help tackle youth related anti social behaviour.
- Joint working to support the fire service to reduce ASB related fires and seasonal problems related to bonfire night.
- Consideration to be given to learning from best practice adopted in each area in addressing.
- Following the decommissioning of the Safer Homes Initiative a Task and Finish Group to be established to review the support provided to high risk victims and produce proposals for re-commissioning delivery to support this aim.

3. ASB Hotspots

3.1 The police reported hotspots of anti social behaviour at Bunnyhill and Roker. These hotspots have been policed out and preventative work carried out with young people.

3.2 The police identified the ring leaders of the disorder and encouraged them to attend prevent training which looks at good citizenship, and the impact their behaviour has on them as individuals, the community and in some cases the environment.

- 3.3 As part of the policing of the activity information is being gathered on which schools the young people attend with the intention of delivery educational/awareness sessions within the identified schools.
- 3.4 The Task and Finish Group agreed that educational delivery should cover a number of areas of anti social related behaviour. The Academies in the North are eager to participate and continue the education of young people in this area.
- 3.5 The police have reported the statistics relating to Anti Social Behaviour across the North area detailed at **Annex 2**.
- 3.6 Anti social behaviour disorder has improved across the North area with all wards seeing a reduction. It is acknowledged that the partnership approach in addressing this behaviour has been very successful and this work and the action taken should continue to be built upon.

4. Motorcycle Disorder

- 4.1 Motorcycle disorder is increasing in the North area in line with seasonal changes and has been reported at both the Sunderland North Community Sports Complex site and Hylton Dene.
- 4.2 The Task and Finish Group agreed that the actions put into place last year to address the disorder need to be revitalised to try and reduce the behaviour and impact.

5. SAFC/SNCBC Youth Work Bid

- 5.1 The SAFC foundation in partnership with Sunderland North Community Business Centre have developed and submitted a bid to the Community Action against Crime and Innovation fund.
- 5.2 The bid is to have detached youth workers working together with the proposed Community Warden for the North area to provide a responsive service to anti social behaviour hotspots across the area, enabling a reactive and proactive response to prevention and escalation of behaviour. The youth workers would engage young people and divert them into existing youth provision across the area.
- 5.3 The bid also includes the provision of a static youth session at Sunderland North Community Sports Complex on a weekly basis to compliment the sessions being delivered across the area.

6. Community Warden Scheme

- 6.1 The remit of the amended Community Warden Scheme was presented to the Task and Finish group and was agreed with slight amendments to include greater member involvement. The remit is attached at **Annex 3** for approval.

Recommendations

- Through LMAPS implement the identified actions to continue to improve response to anti social behaviour.
- Support the progression of the educational awareness sessions in schools across the North area.
- Agree the remit of the Community Warden project.

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