

Washington Area Committee

10 September 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

Washington Area Committee Work Plan – Feedback from Working Groups

1. Why has it come to committee?

- 1.1** At its first meeting of the municipal year in June 2009, the Committee agreed the work plan for the 2009/10. As some priorities are not being discussed until 2010, it was deemed necessary to establish working groups outside of Area Committee and build in additional actions to ensure that all priorities are addressed throughout 2009-10.
- 1.2** Each Area Committee has a standing agenda allowing for updates to be given on all five thematic priorities throughout the year. Even though some priorities will not be discussed until 2010, summary area templates have been established throughout July and August 2009 for all thematic priorities.
- 1.3** This work facilitates and assists in identifying early wins at the beginning of the municipal year. Working groups then have the opportunity of presenting early wins before the proposed scheduled date outlined in the work plan to Area Committee throughout the year, bringing flexibility to the area arrangements. This allows for any emergencies that may develop and will ensure that when other work streams under the Community Leadership Programme are established e.g. Responding to Local Responsive Services and the Community Communication Plan, that they can strengthen the whole agenda of area arrangements, using Area Committees as the established focal point.

2. Theme Area Working Groups Feedback

- 2.1** Healthy priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in November 2009. In August 2009 a workshop was held to discuss each individual priority, what services are being currently delivered, any gaps, general comments, identified needs and any proposals or recommendations to present to Area Committee, the next steps include preparing a report in September, with a pre meeting scheduled in October before coming forward to Area Committee in November 2009.
- 2.2** Attractive and Inclusive priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in January 2010, with Prosperous priorities in March 2010. Again in August 2009 a workshop was held discussing both thematic priorities, with the understanding that any early achievements should be delivered between now and November 2009, or as soon as practically possible, instead of waiting until 2010.
- 2.3** Information is currently being collected from the August 2009 workshops to inform action plans, to enable Area Committee to monitor progress on this standing item at each Area Committee, this will allow for the priorities to be continuously updated.

3. Update on key actions from the Safe Theme July 2009

- 3.1** In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed 36 proposals relating to the Safe priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. A plan has been established to formulate proposals into actions.

3.2 Lead organisations are outlined in Annex 1, where Committee has expressed an interest or a desire to progress identified action. Representatives from the organisations will be in attendance to provide Committee with a brief update and answer any questions:-

- Phoenix Project (Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue) **Annex 2**
- Positive Futures social inclusion programme **Annex 2a**
- Neighbourhood teams, Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and operation guidance (Northumbria Police). **Annex 3**

4. Recommendation

4.1 Area Committee are asked to agree:

- Agree all of the **actions** identified in Annex 1.
- Agree the following **proposal** identified in Annex 2/2a to be developed.
 - **Allocation of SIB/SIP**
 - Phoenix: full costs £22,958 over two years.
 - **Review**
 - Investigate and consult on the provision of a Positive Futures social inclusion programme for Washington, identifying delivery partners, venues, costs and report back to a future meeting of this Committee

5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- Washington 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: Washington Safe Action Plan
Annex 2: The Phoenix Project
Annex 3: Northumbria Police Neighbourhood Team
Annex 4: Washington Work Plan 2009-10