

Sunderland West Area Committee

7th September 2010

Report of the Chief Executive

Community Action in Sunderland West – Progress Review

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 **Annex 1** provides an update of outstanding issues from the 2009/10 work plan and shows progress against agreed actions in the current year's work plan. It also identifies where Area Committee can consider funding application proposals to address their work plan.

Annex 1a highlights the progress achieved by the Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS): 'Moving Forward 2007-2012'. It outlines the process to review the existing Strategy and identifies the priorities for investment for the period 2010-12.

1.2 **Annex 2** provides an Executive Summary and main report outlining recommendations for approval for Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP).

Annex 2a provides the financial statement for Area Committee's funding streams.

Annex 2b provides summaries for SIB and SIP applications for approval.

Annex 2c provides detail of the 22 Community Chest applications for approval.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are requested to consider the recommendations set out in sections 2.2 to 2.8 below.

Annex 1: Progress review

2.2 Work Plan 2009-10: Raise aspirations of children, young people and their families.

- Note the progress on more effective delivery of Family, Adult and Community Learning Services
- Approve the funding proposals contained in Annex 1 and outlined in Annex 2.

2.3 Work Plan 2010-11: Environment and Street Scene, including Shopping Centres, Task and Finish Group

- Note update and provide feedback on Tree planting, Thorndale Road and Pallion Shops.

2.4 Work Plan 2010-11: Traffic and Parking Task and Finish Group

- Choose a preferred option for traffic calming in Ettrick Grove:
 - Vehicle Activated Signs (can be used across West area) at £35,000;
 - Installation of refuges along a stretch of road at approximately £70,000.
- Approve the preparation of detailed costs for safety works on Allendale Road outside Farrington Community College.
- Approve the preparation of detailed costs for safety works, estimated at £35,000, at the junction of Warwick Terrace and Lincoln Avenue, Silksworth.

- Note the approach to the Chief Constable regarding possible parking enforcement by Community Support Officers.
 - Choose a preferred option with regard to employing an additional Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) in the West, to support the existing CEO: cost £60,000, for two years.
- 2.5 Work Plan 2010-11: Health and Well Being Task and Finish Group.
- Note the lack of progress with this group due to changes with the Health Lead.
- 2.6 Work Plan 2010-11: Reducing Anti Social Behaviour and Secondary Fires priority.
- Approve the funding proposals contained in Annex 1 and outlined in Annex 2.
 - Approve the proposals from West and South LMAPS to submit a funding application, through the emergency protocols, for a West area multi agency ASB project at approximately £41,000 revenue and £20,000 capital.
- 2.7 Work Plan 2010-11: Youth and Play
- Annex 1a: Play and Urban Games Strategy Review
 - Note the report and provide feedback on the achievements to date.
 - Comment on the consultation framework for the Strategy.
 - Agree to the priorities for future investment in Sunderland West area.
 - To identify the preferred location for play development in the Grindon/Hastings Hill area and progress development of a high quality play area.
 - To undertake further consultation to 'add play value' in South Hylton.
 - Consider funding options.

Annex 2: Requests for funding

- 2.8
- Annex 2a: note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11,
 - Annex 2b: SIB-approve £3,000 for West and South LMAPS 'ASB Secondary Fires' project;
 - approve £52,421 for Pallion Action Group's 'Raising Aspirations' project;
 - approve £52,421 for Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre's 'Next Steps' project
 SIP-approve £30,000 for the City Council's 'Hastings Hill' project.
 - Annex 2c: approve 22 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, all projects total £12,803.

3. Background to the Progress Review

- 3.1 Work Plan 2009-2010: Raise aspirations of children, young people and their families. The committee will be updated on the progress on improving the procurement and delivery of adult learning services, which have been agreed and will be discussed with the West Voluntary and Community Sector Networks (VCS) over the next few months. Updates will be presented to committee.
- 3.2 Work Plan 2010-11: Environment and Street Scene, including Shopping Centres, Task and Finish Group. The group has met twice and committee approved a programme of works to implement this priority. Utilising agreed emergency funding protocols, works are due to commence. A proposal on a tree planting scheme will be presented to committee. The Group will meet to develop further proposals for the committee.
- 3.3 Work Plan 2010-11: Traffic and Parking Task and Finish Group.

Inconsiderate parking is a major concern highlighted in resident's surveys and the Group has met on two occasions to formulate proposals to address some of these concerns. Members are asked to contact Parking Services, which will enable them to respond to their concerns and the Group will continue to develop proposals for the committee.

- 3.4 Work Plan 2010-11: Health and Well Being Task and Finish Group
The recent changes in the Teaching Primary Care Trust have led to delays in this Group meeting to formulate proposals to tackle this priority. It is anticipated the Group will meet this month.
- 3.5 Work Plan 2010-11: Reducing Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and Secondary Fires.
The two LMAPS covering the West Committee area have, as agreed, taken a proactive position to meeting this priority. One proposal is before this committee. A further proposal has been developed to target ASB hotspots with a multi agency approach (Police, Council ASB Officers, and Youth Providers) to deliver a number of interventions across the area. The first proposed intervention will be in the Eden Vale area.
- 3.6 Work Plan 2010-11: Youth and Play.
One of the Lead Agents for identifying gaps in youth and play provision will present an update report on the Play and Urban Games Strategy.

4. Financial Statement

- 4.1 A financial statement detailing all Community Chest, SIP, and SIB approvals up to September 2010 is attached as Annex 2a. There are 22 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, Annex 2b, one proposal to approve from SIP 2010/11 and three proposals to approve from SIB 2010/11, Annex 2c.

Appendices

- Annex 1: Community Action: Review Progress
Annex 1a: Play and Urban Games Strategy
Annex 2: Funding Requests
Annex 2a: Financial Statement
Annex 2b: Summary of SIP and SIB funding applications
Annex 2c: Summary of Community Chest Applications

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