

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND, MARINE WALK, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 18th JUNE, 2014 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Copeland, Curran, Foster, Francis, Howe, Jackson, Leadbitter, MacKnight, Wiper and N. Wright

Also in Attendance:-

Inspector Tony Carty	- Northumbria Police
Ms. Gillian Gibson	- Consultant in Public Health, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Steven Graham	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	- Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Cllr Michael Mordey	- Portfolio Holder for City Services
Ms. Ruth Oxley	- North Sunderland Area VCS Network
Mr. Trevor Parkin	- Seafront Traders Association
Ms. Nicky Rowland	- East Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Sue Stanhope	- Director of HR & OD, Sunderland City Council and Area Lead Executive (ALE)
Ms. Joanne Stewart	- Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman thanked Councillor Bell for his work with the Area Committee as the previous Chairman and welcomed everyone, opening the meeting and inviting introductions around the room.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Shattock and on behalf of Ms. Nikki Vokes and Ms. Allison Patterson

Declarations of Interest

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

Hylton Dene Cabin Project – Castle in the Community

Councillor Foster made an open declaration in the above application and Councillors MacKnight and Wilson declared DPI's in the application and left the meeting during consideration of the application.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 7th April, 2014

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 7th April, 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Part 6, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Dog Control Orders – Consultation Results and Findings

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of the results of the public consultation exercise relating to the Council's intention to implement Dog Control Orders under Part 6 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Mordey, Portfolio Holder for City Services and Ms. Rowland, East Area Response Manager, presented the report which also sought the Committee's endorsement of the implementation of the Orders as detailed in Annex1 to the report. Members were informed that of the four Dog Control Order proposals consulted upon, the results were as follows:-

- a. 90.48% agreed with the proposal to introduce an order making it an offence for a person to fail to clear away after their animal has fouled in any open public area.
- b. 83.93% agreed with the exclusion of dogs from enclosed children's play sites
- c. 56.55% agreed with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in open play areas
- d. 72.02% agreed with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a led at all times in cemeteries
- e. 66.07% agreed with the proposal to enable an authorised officer of the Council to request a dog be put on a lead in any location across

the city with is open to the public, where the officer feels it is appropriate to do so.

Councillor Mordey and Ms Rowland having addressed comments and questions from Members in relation to the extent and format of the consultation, enforcement of the orders and the installation of dog waste bins, it was :-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the information presented in the report be received and noted; and
- ii) the implementation of the Dog Control Orders within the North Sunderland Area, as outlined in Annex 1 of the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, be endorsed.

Partner Agency Reports – North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

Ms. Ruth Oxley, Area Network Representative submitted a report (copy circulated) providing an update with regard to the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Oxley took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland VCS Network and thanked Councillor Bell for his support in helping to strengthen and support the network through the Area Committee.

Members referred to the school summer holidays and activities being provided for young people during that time and were advised by Ms. Oxley that the North Operational Group had met at SNCBC, putting programmes of activities together but that a lot of those programmes were reliant upon funding which they were waiting for responses for. All Members would receive a copy of the activities on offer once finalised.

Concerns were raised by Members over the variances between schools allowing young people in the community to use their facilities during the school holidays for use and it was suggested that this topic be referred to the North Sunderland Area Place Board for further discussions.

Having fully considered the progress report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the issue raised regarding use of school premises during school holidays be referred to the North Sunderland Place Board for further discussion; and
- (ii) the content of the report and the opportunities and issues raised by the North Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Neighbourhood Inspector Tony Carty, Northumbria Police gave a verbal update to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti social behaviour data in the North Sunderland area.

In relation to a question regarding the Prom nights which were imminent Inspector Carty advised that the Police had spoken with the three comprehensive schools in the area and found that two of the Prom nights were outside of the Sunderland area, with the school providing buses for pupils to get to and from the venue. He was hopeful this would not allow for the gangs of youths congregating as they had last year.

Having thanked Inspector Carty for his report and continued excellent work in the North Sunderland Area, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

Mr. Steven Graham, Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services provided a verbal update to the Committee, on performance in relation to the local indicators for the North Sunderland Area Committee area, with particular reference to the numbers of:-

- i) deaths from fires (there were none),
- ii) injuries from accidental fires (there were two),
- iii) accidental fires in domestic properties (there were four),
- iv) deliberate property fires (there were four), and
- v) deliberate vehicle fires (there were four).

He advised that in general the number of 999 calls had gone down that the service still continued to face problems with secondary fires in the wards of Southwick and Redhill.

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

5. RESOLVED that the update from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be received and noted.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe presented the report drawing Members' attention to the annual update of the 2013/14 work plan, the proposed priorities for the 2014/15 work plan (as detailed in annex 3) together with the Area Governance arrangements of the Place Board for 2014/15.

6. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the Annual Performance update on the Place Board's Work Plan be noted,
 - ii) approval be given to Place Board's Work Plan priorities for 2014/15 as detailed in annex 3 of the report; and
 - iii) the Governance arrangements as outlined in paragraph 5 and annex 4 of the report be noted.

People Board – Progress Update

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe presented the report drawing Members' attention to the annual update of the 2013/14 work plan, the proposed priorities for the 2014/15 work plan (as detailed in annex 3) together with the Area Governance arrangements for the North Sunderland People Board for 2014/15.

7. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the Annual Performance update on the People Board's Work Plan be noted,

- ii) approval be given to People Board's Work Plan priorities for 2014/15 as detailed in annex 3 of the report; and
- iii) the Governance arrangements as outlined in paragraph 5 and annex 4 of the report be noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to a financial statement as an up to date position in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Officer presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

Members considered the report and it was:-

10. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £23,000 from the SIB budget for 2014/15 to support the Castle in the Community – Hylton Castle Cabin Project;
- (iii) approval be given to the following projects to address social isolation from the £30,000 previously approved by the Area Committee:-
 - CEED – Wellbeing Together - £4,470
 - Groundwork NE – Active Green Living - £4,500
 - Age UK Sunderland – Promoting Friendships in North Sunderland - £2,050
 - Salvation Army – United we Stand - £4,000
 - Castletown Community Association - £2,500
 - Redby Community Association - £2,500
 - Thompson Park Community Association - £2,500
 - Redhouse Community Association - £2,500

And to reject the following application as it failed to meet the brief:-

- B Active N B Fit CIC – Social Activity Health Mentor - £3,000
- (iv) Approval be given to the balance of £4,980 of unallocated SIB from the monies awarded to address Social Isolation be used to fund trips / events and activities which help address

- social isolation for communities in the North Sunderland Area with all application being endorsed by the People Board as outlined in Section 2.8 of the report;
- (v) The application from Salvation Army for the Southwick Ward Event be rejected as it does not meet the brief of the Strengthening Families project:
 - (vi) approval be given to develop a collaborative approach to Strengthening Families – Family Focus Ward based events funding through the North Voluntary and Community Sector Network, from the allocation of £10,000 SIB funding previously agreed by the Area Committee and as set out in paragraph 2.9 of the report
 - (vii) approve extensions to the following projects as set out in the report:-
 - Southwick Community Christmas;
 - Why Did Charlie Buchan go to War? (Beamish); and
 - Redhouse Academy Youth Project.
 - (viii) the twelve approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2014/15 budget as set out in Annex 5 to the report be noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.