

At a meeting of the SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2009 at 5.00 P.M.

Present:-

Councillor Tye in the Chair

Councillors Errington, M. Dixon, E. Gibson, P. Gibson, Oliver, P. Smith and A. Wright

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Vardy.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 5th January, 2009

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5th January, 2009 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

Item 6 – Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues

Councillor Errington declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as a member of the Box Youth Project.

Councillor E. Gibson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as a member of Friends of Doxford Park.

Councillor P. Gibson declared personal and prejudicial interests in the item as Chairman of Governors at Farringdon Community Sports College and also as Chairman of Silksworth Community Centre.

Councillor Oliver declared a personal interest in the item as a Governor of Farringdon Community Sports College.

Councillor P. Smith declared personal and prejudicial interests in the item as Vice-Chairman of Silksworth Community Centre.

Councillor Tye declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as Chairman of the Youth Almighty Project.

Item 8 – Strategic Initiatives Budget 2008/2009 Ward Based Community Chest

Councillor E. Gibson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as a Governor at Benedict Biscop Primary School.

Crime Rates relating to the South Sunderland Area – Presentation from Northumbria Police

Inspector Cheryl Warcup presented the report and updated the Committee on crime rates as follows:-

Criminal Damage	28.3% Reduction
Violence against a person	17.5% Reduction
Vehicle crime	14.8% Reduction
Burglary Dwelling	13.4% Reduction
Burglary other than dwelling	16.8% Increase

Councillor P. Gibson commented that in the past the Committee had received copies of crime figures broken down by each Ward, which were very helpful.

Inspector Warcup advised that she would look into the matter and provide Members with the information.

2. RESOLVED that the contents of the presentation be received and noted.

Minutes of the Meetings of the Local Multi-Agency Problem Solving Group

A copy of the minutes of the meetings of the Local Multi Agency Problem Solving Group held on 16th December, 2008 and 20th January, 2009 (copy circulated) were submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Inspector Cheryl Warcup informed the Committee on the deployment of four new CCTV cameras to be managed by the Council, the locations of the cameras include Perth Road, Allendale Road, Newport and Blind Lane/Dunn Avenue.

Members agreed to the locations identified for deployment of the CCTV cameras.

Inspector Warcup advised that there had been a small amount of money left in the budget which had been agreed upon, in principle, to spend on mobile phones to link with the Council and also on other crime prevention, shed alarms for example.

In relation to the parking problems at Doxford Park, Inspector Warcup advised that police are monitoring the situation and if people caused an obstruction, they would be ticketed.

Inspector Warcup also advised that the persons responsible for the criminal damage at Doxford Park had yet to be identified.

Councillor Errington enquired if the issues concerning Brunswick Road could be elevated to LMAPS.

Inspector Warcup advised that the issue had been raised at LMAPS with a view to arranging a site visit.

Councillor Oliver enquired if anything could be done in regards to youths congregating outside the BP Spa Shop in Herrington, which has been granted a 24 hour licence to sell alcohol.

Inspector Warcup advised that she would speak to the Licensing Officers at Gillbridge to see if any complaints had been made.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Warcup for her attendance.

3. RESOLVED that:

- (i) the minutes of the Local Multi Agency Problem Solving Group held on 16th December, 2008 and 20th January, 2009 be received and noted;
- (ii) Members agree to the locations of the CCTV Cameras.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) outlining the current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and applications for funding from this budget in order to support new initiatives, which would benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Richard Parry, Area Regeneration Officer, presented the report and requested the Committee agree to return £1,658 from the Events Budget to enable full consideration of project applications. This would leave the Events Budget with a balance of £6,812, which at this stage of the financial year, was considered more than adequate.

The Committee was requested to approve funding to support proposals for the following projects from the 2008/09 budget:-

- (i) Doxford Park Rejuvenation Project;
- (ii) Fame at Farringdon Project;
- (iii) Redundant Bridge at Newport Project;
- (iv) Development of a Multi Games Area Project;
- (v) Herrington Hall Stones Project;
- (vi) Capital Build Project;
- (vii) A690 Christmas Lights Project;
- (viii) Kerb Works Project;
- (ix) South Youth Services Project;
- (x) Durham Miners Gala Project;
- (xi) Vehicle Activated Sign Project;
- (xii) Lighting at Silksworth Recreation Park Project;

The Committee was further requested to approve capital funding to support the following new projects from the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP):-

- (i) Doxford Park Rejuvenation Project;
- (ii) Redundant Bridge at Newport Project;
- (iii) Development of a Multi Games Area Project;
- (iv) Capital Build Project;
- (v) A690 Christmas Lights Project;
- (vi) Kerb Works Project;
- (vii) Vehicle Activated Sign Project;
- (viii) Lighting at Silksworth Recreation Park Project.

Mr. Parry advised that the applications for funding before the Committee were requesting £120,500 from the 2008/09 SIB budget and £200,000 from the SIP allocation. Should the Committee agree this request, the 2008/09 SIB budget

and the SIP allocation would be fully committed and £20,000 from the 2009/10 SIB budget, subject to budget approval, would have been committed.

Mr. Parry provided Members with a summary of the applications and addressed comments and questions they had.

Consideration having been given to the items, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- a) approval be given to return £1,658 to the SIB budget from the Events budget to enable full consideration of project applications;
- b) approval be given to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget funding of:-
 - (i) £5,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to 'Doxford Park Rejuvenation' Project, be approved;
 - (ii) £20,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Fame at Farringdon' Project, be approved;
 - (iii) £65,000 (as amended in circulated report) from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Redundant Bridge at Newport' Project be approved;
 - (iv) £10,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Development of a Multi Games Area' Project, be approved;
 - (v) £10,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Herrington Hall Stones' Project, be approved;
 - (vi) £25,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Capital Build' Project, be approved;
 - (vii) £2,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'A690 Christmas Lights' Project, be approved with a strong recommendation that it is supported by Citywide funding;
 - (viii) £500 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Kerb Works' Project, be approved;
 - (ix) £23,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'South Youth Services Development' Project, be approved;
 - (x) £3,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Durham Miners' Gala' project, be approved;
 - (xi) £1,500 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Vehicle Activated Sign' Project, be approved;

- (xii) £500 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to the 'Lighting at Silksworth Recreation Park' Project, be approved;
- c) approval be given to the allocation of capital funding from the Strategic Investment Plan Budget for:-
 - (i) £30,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to 'Doxford Park Rejuvenation' Project, be approved;
 - (ii) £45,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to 'Redundant Bridge at Newport' Project, be approved;
 - (iii) £45,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to Development of a Multi Games Area Project, be approved;
 - (iv) £56,400 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to 'Capital Build' Project, be approved;
 - (v) £3,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to 'A690 Christmas Lights' Project, be approved;
 - (vi) £6,500 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to 'Kerb Works' Project, be approved;
 - (vii) £3,000 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to 'Vehicle Activated Sign' Project, be approved;
 - (viii) £11,100 from the 2008/09 budget as a contribution to 'Lighting at Silksworth Park' Project, be approved.

Strategic Initiatives Budget Update

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members with an update on live projects for which the Area Committee has previously approved funding through its Strategic Initiatives Budget.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor P. Gibson suggested as there would no longer be any South Sunderland Area Committee meetings, that the remaining budget from the Area Committee Marketing Project be used for other projects, possibly the Board Inn Roundabout Project.

Steve Hanratty, Performance and Development Manager, advised that the Area Committee Marketing Project publicised the work of the Area Committees over a two year period and there should be a substantial amount of money to come back into the budget, which may be used for the Board Inn Project.

The Chairman felt that the press coverage had been poor and the Area Committee had not received value for money.

Mr. Hanratty suggested a report be produced detailing press releases that made it into the Sunderland Echo and so on.

The Chairman suggested that the outcomes of this particular meeting could be an ideal opportunity for press coverage.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget: 2008/09 Ward Based Community Chest

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) on ten projects recommended for support from the 2008/2009 Community Chest Scheme in respect of the Doxford, Silksworth and St. Chad's Wards.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

6. RESOLVED that approval be given to the ten projects recommended for support from the 2008/09 budget with a total of £4,142 as detailed in Annexes 1 and 1A to the report.

Fly Tipping and Cycle Path Interventions

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members with information relating to research undertaken across Sunderland and advise of the planned expenditure to address Fly Tipping and Improve Cycle Paths as part of the Council's Strategic Investment Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Helen Peverley, Project and Service Development Manager, presented the report and advised Members that staff had been given mobile phones to report areas of fly tipping and that there would be targeted enforcement.

Members provided several examples of where they believed fly tipping to be of concern, which included Tunstall Hope Road, Hangmans Lane and Foxcover Lane.

Ms. Peverley agreed to add these suggestions to her list.

Councillor Oliver enquired which part of Stephenson Trail was proposed to receive cycleway improvements.

Ms. Peverley advised that she would send Councillor Oliver a detailed map of the proposal.

7. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) P.M. TYE,
Chairman.