

10th April 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

Area Committee Annual Report 2013-14

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve the Washington Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2013-14, to be presented to Full Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 This will be the third year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:
- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the area
 - Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities
- 2.3 2013-14 has been an incredibly busy and challenging year for us all - a year when Sunderland amongst many things, celebrated its 21st year as a city. The Annual Report for 2013/14 showcases some of the key achievements delivered this year, through the dedicated work of the five Area Committees and their supporting Place and People Boards. It also highlights how we translate the principles of a community leadership council in practice and the central role of local councillors in this with the positive impact it is having on the lives of people in our communities by creating stronger, more resilient communities.

3. Annual Report 2013-2014

- 3.1 The Annual Report for Washington Area Committee 2013-2014 is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 3.2 It is important that the Annual Report is viewed as a collaborative achievement and the Washington Area Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the outcomes achieved through the work of the Area Committees and the supporting Place and People Boards.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the Washington Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2013-14.