

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 22nd APRIL, 2013 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors Bonallie, Copeland, Davison, Foster, Francis, Jackson, MacKnight, Shattock, Stewart, D. Wilson, Wiper and N. Wright

Also in Attendance:-

Mr. Steve Anderson	- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Insp. Tony Carty	- Northumbria Police
Ms. Gillian Gibson	- Consultant in Public Health, STPCT
Mr. Hugh McShane	- SNCBC
Ms. Viv Metcalfe	- Area Community Coordinator, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Sandra Mitchell	- Head of Early Intervention and Locality Services, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ruth Oxley	- SNYP
Ms. Allison Patterson	- Scrutiny and Area Arrangements Manager, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Alan Scott	- North Locality Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Sue Stanhope	- Director of HR & OD, Sunderland City Council – ALE (Area Lead Executive)
Ms. Joanne Stewart	- Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, welcoming Ms. Metcalfe to her first meeting in her new role as Area Officer for the North Sunderland Area. He also welcomed Mr. Anderson to the North Area Committee as the new representative from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman asked if letters of thanks could be sent to Ms. Gilly Stanley, Temporary Area Officer (North) and Mr. Gary Yates, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service for all of the work and contributions they had made to the North Sunderland Area Committee and wished them well for the future.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Curran and Howe.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 21st January, 2013 and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 20th March, 2013

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21st January, 2013 and of the extraordinary meeting held on 20th March, 2013 (copies circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Annual Report 2012/2013

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) for the second year, providing an update on how Area Arrangements has developed over the last year, in addition to providing an overview of the Committee's achievements during the year in line with the agreed work plans for 2012/13.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Bell presented the report advising that the key areas the Area Committee had wanted to focus on were environmental and shopping centre improvements, encouraging heritage activity, improving job prospects for young people, activities for young people and continuing to work with partners to target anti-social behaviour.

Concerns were raised over the level of reliance on voluntary and community sector groups in helping to provide services in communities and the sustainability of those in meeting future needs and demand. Ms. Oxley, SNYP, referred to the level of service cuts the groups were needing to make themselves and how quite often groups did not have the capacity to meet demand and how they expected this to become a greater problem as further financial restrictions and further changes to funding were made.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the Annual Report be approved for inclusion in the combined Area Committees Annual Report for 2012/2013 to be presented to Full Council.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an end of year performance update on the 2012/2013 Place Board work plan and the Board's proposed refresh of the work plan priorities for 2013/2014.

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Ms. Metcalfe, Area Officer presented the report informing Members that the Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place had been referred to the North Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Committee. She took Members through the work plan for 2012/2013 advising of the work that had been carried out by the board to date and the proposals to be taken forward as part of the work plan for 2013/2014.

Following Member discussions, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the annual performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Place Board's work plan for 2012/2013 be noted; and
- ii) the North Sunderland Area Place Board work plan for 2013/2014 be agreed.

People Board – Progress Update

The Chairman of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an end of year performance update on the 2012/2013 People Board work plan and the Board's proposed refresh of the work plan priorities for 2013/2014.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Officer presented the report informing Members that the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People had been referred to the North Sunderland Area People Board to action on behalf of the Committee. She took Members through the work plan for 2012/2013 advising of the work that had been carried out by the board to date and the proposals to be taken forward as part of the work plan for 2013/2014.

Following Member discussions, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- iii) the annual performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area People Board's work plan for 2012/2013 be noted; and
- iv) the North Sunderland Area People Board work plan for 2013/2014 be agreed.

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

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to requests for funding from Community Chest and providing a financial statement as an up to date position in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget, Healthy City Investment Fund and Community Chest to support initiatives which would benefit the area.

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Ms. Metcalfe presented the report and advised Members of the confirmed allocations for funding for the new financial year 2013/2014.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that:-

- the financial statement as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report be noted;
- approval be given to the eleven proposals for support from the 2012/13 Community Chest, totalling £7,338.50, as set out in the annex to the report.

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

(Signed) R. BELL,
Chairman.