

# North Sunderland Area Committee

9 November 2009

## Report of the Chief Executive

### North Sunderland a Learning Area Summary

#### 1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 At its June meeting, the committee agreed its work plan for the 2009/10 municipal year and the **Learning** priority is the third to come to committee for discussion and consideration.

#### 2. Background

2.1 Following the extensive programme of consultation with members, partners, community stakeholders and the wider community, the agreed priorities for this theme are:

- 1 Provide non-academic support and advice for children and young people
- 2 Specialist and generalist youth provision to be available in all wards in the North area
- 3 Raise aspirations of children/young people and their families
- 4 Raise attainment levels and skills of young people

#### 2.2 Who has been involved?

- Children's Services
- City of Sunderland College
- Gentoo
- SAFC Foundation
- Youth Development Group
- Education Business Connections (EBC)
- School Representatives
- Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC)
- Connexions
- Sunderland Learning partnership

#### 2.3 Key Dates

August 2009	Preparation of summary report (workshop)
9 November 2009	Meeting of Area Committee and development of detailed action plan
November 2009	Actions implemented and call for projects (SIB) where appropriate
January 2010	Consideration/approval of SIB applications
Ongoing	Monitoring and progress reports

#### 3. Safe Theme Area Summary

3.1 Attached as Annex 1 is the area summary for the Learning theme. The annex covers:

- Priorities agreed at Area Committee
- Background/Key Issues
- Current activity
- Any gaps, identified needs or general comments
- Actions and Proposals with lead organisations identified

## 4. Recommendation

4.1 Area Committee is asked to:

- Note all of the **actions** identified in Annex 1
- Agree which of the following **proposals** (also identified in Annex 1) will be developed
  - **Review** anti bullying provision in schools and explore extending anti-bullying programmes in primary schools in the North – Children’s Services
  - **Review** current policy for community use of school facilities outside of school hours – Children’s Services, Extended Schools
  - **Review** the use of underutilised youth and sports facilities e.g. North Community Sports Centre - City Services – sports development and community development
  - **Review** current FACL provision including contracting arrangements, learning providers, type of courses available, times and venues – Children’s Services
  - **Escalate to LSP** - review apprenticeship opportunities. Greater public sector commitment to the creation of more full apprenticeships is required - Either by providing apprenticeships within statutory sector organisations or providing financial incentives to other employers

## 5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Sunderland North Local Area Plan
- Information provided by partners and officers at a Learning workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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**Annex 1:** Sunderland North Learning Area Summary