

**At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2014 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors Copeland, Curran, Davison, Foster, Francis, Howe, MacKnight, Shattock, D. Wilson, Wiper and N. Wright

**Also in Attendance:-**

Inspector Tony Carty	Northumbria Police
Ms. Zoe Channing	- Sunderland Live
Mr. Steven Graham	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. Gillian Gibson	- Consultant in Public Health, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	- Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Allison Patterson	- Area Coordinator, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Alan Scott	- North Locality 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
Mr. Graham Wharton	- Salvation Army, VCS Network

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, inviting introductions around the room.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bonallie, Jackson and Stewart and on behalf of Mr. Andy Old, Ms. Nikki Vokes and Mr. Michael Donachie

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Sunderland Live Presentation**

Ms. Zoe Channing, Sunderland Live, provided a presentation provided on the background of the Sunderland Live Company and the services they catered for and could offer in the future.

(for copy presentation – see original minutes).

Members commented that there were some good projects looking forward to be delivered through a working partnership.

Councillor Wright asked if Sunderland Live would be involved with the Cultural Spring project and was advised that a meeting had been held with representatives and that there were a number of projects being looked into, one of them being how local children could help create the illuminations show at Roker Park.

Members queried the use of Hylton Castle as part of the Cultural Spring projects and were informed that Sunderland Live understood there was a plan around events being held at Hylton Castle and that there were a number of projects being worked on for the following twelve months.

Councillor Wilson referred to decorations which had been used previously in parks in the city at Christmas time, such as the Magic Storytelling Tree, and was advised that problems had been experienced with some of the equipment due to the bad weather and that there had not been the funding available to replace them. Ms. Channing advised that Sunderland Live would continue to work with partners and the City Council to enhance the offer for the Christmas festivities and decorations.

Members discussed a number of projects which had been held previously and the possibility of holding similar events in partnership with Sunderland Live in the future. It was recommended that a representative from Sunderland Live be invited along to a future meeting of the North Sunderland People Board to have an discussion; and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the content of the presentation be received and noted and that a representative from Sunderland Live be invited along to a future meeting of the North Sunderland People Board.

## **Area Committee Annual Report 2013-14**

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) which asked the Committee to approve the Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2013-14 to be presented to a future Council meeting.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Allison Patterson, Area Co-ordinator, presented the report drawing Members attention to the final page of the report and recommending with the Committee's agreement that of the two photographs showing the St Peter's site be used in the final document.

Members having considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the North Sunderland Annual Report be approved for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2013-14.

### **Maximising the Use Made of Green and Other Space in Areas to Improve Health and Happiness**

The Director of Public Health submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with background information to assist Members with considering the future use of the £20,000 allocated to the area by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), formerly the Sunderland TPCT, to support improvement to physical and mental wellness through facilitating local people's access to local greenspace.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Gillian Gibson, Consultant in Public Health, presented the report and stated that a lot of the greenspace in Sunderland was underused. It was recommended that the funding provided by the CCG be used to improve access to, and use of, greenspace in the area. She recommended that the allocation of the funding to projects be delegated to the area boards.

Councillor Foster referred to the exercise trails proposed at the St Peter's site and in Thompson Park and asked if these kinds of projects were acceptable. Ms. Gibson advised that these were examples of projects that could be considered for funding and that it was for Councillors to consider options.

Members having thanked Ms. Gibson for her report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report asking Members to give consideration to how they might enhance and facilitates local people engaging the five ways to wellbeing and to commissioning action, looking specifically at action around greenspace accessibility, availability and amenity utilisation and using its £20,000 allocation as 'seed money' to achieve this be received and noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports – North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network**

Mr. Graham Wharton, 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)

Mr. Wharton took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland VCS Network.

Having fully considered the progress report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that 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 an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti social behaviour data in the North Sunderland area.

In response to a question from councillor Davison regarding the tethering of horses around the North Sunderland Area, Inspector Carty advised that they did not receive a great number of reports regarding them and that there was very little that Northumbria Police could do as it was mainly dependant on the land owner.

Councillor Wilson referred to damages made to empty properties and in particular those cases in the Castle Ward. Inspector Carty advised that it was mainly broken windows to one property in the ward but that the number of incidents had reduced.

In relation to a question regarding the Prom nights which were imminent Inspector Carty advised that the Police had the dates of the nights from each of the schools and a working group was looking at how best to manage the movement of young people to and from the proms as well as having meetings with youth providers.

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

6. 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.

He advised that Red House and Castle View Academies had both visited the Safety Works facility and that they would continue to target Year 6 pupils in other schools with visits. Local firefighters continue to visit target areas for the burning of fly tipping and rubbish at weekends and that they were closely working with Louise Butler who was looking into issues of fires in industrial estates in the Washington area which if projects were successful they may consider bringing to the North Sunderland area in the future.

Councillor Curran commented that he has previously suggested it may be useful for all Members to have a visit to the Safety Works site. Mr. Graham was more than happy to welcome Committee Members through for a visit at an arranged time in the future.

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

7. 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 Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the current year's (2013/14) Place Board Work Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe, Area Community Officer presented the report drawing Members' attention to the Area Governance Arrangements detailed in paragraph 3 and the key areas of influence and achievements of the Place Board detailed in paragraph 4 in relation to Responsive Local Services, Greenspace and Shopping Centre Improvements, Accessibility of services, facilities, events and information and Heritage.

Following full discussion on the report and matters raised, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-
  - i) the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14 be received and noted; and
  - ii) the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North Sunderland area for 2014/15 be agreed.

## **People Board – Progress Update**

The Chairman of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the People Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Officer presented the report drawing Members' attention to the key areas of influence and achievements of the People Board detailed in paragraph 4 in relation to Influencing Core Services Devolved to the Area Committee, Early Intervention and Locality Based Services and Job Prospects and Activities for Young People.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

9. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area People Board's Work Plan for 2013/14 be noted.

## **Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Community Chest and Healthy Cities 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 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 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 £25,000 from the SIB budget for 2014/15 to support the Sunderland Young People's Bike Project – Thompson Park House Project;
  - (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £5,750 from the SIB budget for 2014/15 to support the Health Champions Dementia Training Module;

- (iv) the eleven approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2013/14 budget as set out in Annex 3 to the report be noted.

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

(Signed) R. BELL,  
Chairman.