

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 1st JUNE, 2009 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Wares in the Chair

Councillors Ball, P. Dixon, Errington, M. Forbes, E. Gibson, Paul Maddison, Peter Maddison, Mordey, O'Connor, M. Smith and Wood.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor T. Martin.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 2nd February, 2009

Nicol Trueman, Area Regeneration Officer, provided an update on the progress being made on the Review of Area Arrangements as part of the Community Leadership Programme.

The meetings would still be taking place bi-monthly with an extra meeting in June to set the work plan. All budget issues would be presented to the Committee and the Members would make the decisions in public.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

Item 4 – Proposed East Area Committee Work Plan for 2009/10

Councillor M. Smith declared a personal interest as a family member was employed by the TPCT.

Councillor E. Gibson declared a personal interest as a family member was employed by the TPCT.

Item 5 – Strategic Initiatives Budget

Councillor Wares declared a personal and prejudicial interest as Chairman of Ryhope Community Association and as a Governor of Venerable Bede School.

Councillor Paul Maddison declared a personal interest as a Council appointed member of the Mayor's fund.

Councillor E. Gibson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a governor of Mill Hill Primary School and Benedict Biscop Primary School

Councillor Mordey declared a personal interest as a member of the Hendon Young People Project board and as a member of the Empire Theatre Trust.

Proposed East Area Committee Work Plan for 2009/10

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which allowed the committee to consider and agree the Work Programme and meeting venues for the municipal year 2009/10.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Mordey advised that Graffiti and Fly tipping were major problems and he wanted the Committee to look at them in July. He suggested that the Attractive and Inclusive theme be moved to July, the Safer theme to September and the Learning theme to November.

Inspector Ord agreed that Fly tipping and Graffiti were major problems and advised that he felt that they could be classed as Anti Social Behaviour and as such they could be included as part of the Safer theme and be looked at in July.

Phil Barrett, Director of Development and Regeneration and Area Lead Executive, advised that many issues were cross cutting and as such would be able to be moved into other themes if the committee felt it would be appropriate.

Judith Hay suggested that as part of the Safeguarding Children theme it could be possible to look at Domestic Violence, she also asked whether young people would be looked at as part of the Healthy theme.

Nicol Trueman advised that domestic violence would be looked at as part of the safe theme as it was being classed as hate crime. There had been no specific issues raised regarding young people and health.

The committee then looked at who should be involved in the items on the work programme. It was agreed that the people and organisations suggested be contacted to invite them to the relevant meetings.

Councillor E. Gibson asked whether there would be a representative of Doxford ward from Northumbria Police in attendance.

Inspector Ord advised that it would be possible to invite Inspector Warcup, the community inspector for Doxford ward. Ms Trueman agreed that Inspector Warcup should be invited to the meeting when the Safe theme was to be looked at.

The Members expressed concerns that it appeared that Doxford ward was being treated as second class; they wanted it to be ensured that Doxford was as well represented as the other wards in the area.

The committee agreed that the following people and organisations should be contacted:-

Safe theme:

Inspector Neal Craig, Northumbria Police
Inspector Mark Ord, Northumbria Police
Inspector Cheryl Warcup, Northumbria Police
Colin Bowman, Tyne and Wear Fire Service

Learning theme:

Lynda Brown, Head of Standards – Children’s Services
Sandra Kenny, Family Adult and Community Learning Manager – Children’s Services
SAFC Foundation
Box Youth Project
Blue Watch Youth Project
Hendon Young Peoples Project
Young Asian Voices

Attractive and Inclusive theme:

Paul Campbell, Head of Resources – Children’s Services
Alan Caddick, Head of Housing – Health, Housing and Adult Services
Go Ahead North East bus operator
Burney Johnson, Head of Transport and Engineering – Development and Regeneration
Nexus

Healthy theme:

Janette Sherratt, Head of Health Improvement – Children’s Services
Julie Russell, Sport and Leisure Partnership Manager – Community and Cultural Services
SAFC Foundation
City Hospitals

Prosperous theme:

Diane Downey, Assistant Head of ICT (delivery) – Office of the Chief Executive
Janet Snaith, Head of City Business and Investment Team – Office of the Chief Executive
Judith Hay, Head of PC&EWB – Children’s Services
City of Sunderland College
University of Sunderland
Stuart Douglass, Safer Communities Manager – Office of the Chief Executive

The Members then looked at the list of proposed venues.

Councillor Wood commented that for the past couple of years all of the meetings had taken place in the Civic Centre, he agreed that there was a valid argument for holding the meetings however the venues needed to be suitable. He had concerns regarding access and parking at Gilbridge police Station and concerns over parking at Ryhope Community Association. Grangetown Community Association would be suitable however it would be necessary to ensure that there was no football being played on the field next to the centre as there could be parking problems then. What would be done to attract the public to the meetings and to ensure public participation.

Inspector Ord advised that Gilbridge Police Station would not be suitable as the conference room would not be able to hold enough people. He suggested that the Raich Carter Sports Centre could be used as an alternative.

Councillor Errington advised that the Box Youth Project, which had been suggested as a possible venue for the Learning meeting would be suitable.

Nicol Trueman advised that the venues were simply proposals and that full checks would be carried out to ensure that the venues would be suitable. There would be a meeting with the Head of Communications to decide how best to communicate with residents to inform them when and where the meetings were to take place.

Councillor M. Forbes commented that any venues must be well known and easy to find. The public needed to be able to get to the venue easily. She appreciated the efforts in trying to move the committees out into venues within the community however she felt that the Civic Centre could be the most suitable venue as it fulfilled all of the criteria.

Councillor Mordey suggested that the July meeting be held in the Civic Centre. This would give officers more time to select suitable venues for the subsequent meetings.

2. RESOLVED that:

- a. The work programme for the year be approved subject to the inclusion of Graffiti and Fly tipping in the Safe theme.
- b. The people and organisations identified be contacted to invite them to the relevant meetings.
- c. The proposed venues be agreed subject to them being inspected for suitability. The July meeting to be held in the Civic Centre.

Strategic Initiatives Budget

The Chief Executive and City Treasurer submitted reports (copies circulated) which allowed Members to approve the proposals for Community Chest funding, approve the return of unclaimed and unallocated funding for

Community Chest and to approve the Financial Statement for the SIB and SIP funding.

(For copy reports – see original minutes)

Nicol Trueman, Area Regeneration Officer, presented the reports. She advised that:-

- There were 22 proposals for funding from Community Chest totalling £14,075
- There was a total of £7,895 to be returned to the budget from the Unclaimed approvals from 2006/2007 and Uncommitted Budget from 2008/2009
- Formal approval had not yet been given for the SIB allocation and as such the only available SIB funding was the funds carried forward from 2008/2009.
- There were two applications for year 2 SIB funding totalling £35,060 and if both of these were approved there would still be £1,199 available.
- SIP funding of £227,293 had been allocated to the committee however this was not applicable to the Doxford ward as their allocation had been spent in the previous year while part of the South Area.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The Community Chest funding for each ward be approved.
- b. The unclaimed approvals from 2006/07 be returned to the Community Chest budget for reallocation.
- c. The unallocated budget from 2008/09 be carried forward to the 2009/2010 budget.
- d. The year 2 SIB allocations and the SIP Budget allocation listed in annex 2 be approved.

(Signed) D.R. WARES,
Chairman.