

# West Sunderland Area Committee

4<sup>th</sup> November 2009

## Report of the Chief Executive

### Thematic Feedback Report

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

- 1.1 Earlier in the municipal year the Committee agreed the work plan for the 2009/10. As some priorities are not being discussed until 2010, it was deemed necessary to establish working groups outside of Area Committee and build in additional actions to ensure that all priorities can be addressed throughout 2009-10.
- 1.2 Each Area Committee has a standing agenda item allowing for updates to be given on all five thematic priorities throughout the year. Even though some priorities will not be discussed until 2010, summary area templates are being established throughout August and September 2009 for all thematic priorities.
- 1.3 This approach facilitates and assists in identifying early wins at the beginning of the municipal year. Working groups then have the opportunity of presenting early wins to Area Committee before the proposed scheduled date to bring flexibility to the area arrangements. This allows for any emergencies that may develop and will ensure that when other work streams under the Community Leadership Programme are established, for example, complementing 'Responsive Local Services' and the 'Communications for Area Committees', that they can strengthen the whole agenda of area arrangements, using Area Committees as the established focal point.

#### 2. Description of Decision (recommendation)

- 2.1 Area Committee is asked to agree the contents of Annex 1 and 2.
- 2.2 Area Committee is asked to agree the following proposal (also identified in Annex 2a):

##### Review

- Note the initiatives already taking place to tackle Anti Social Behaviour
- Note the work to be carried out by the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee review
- Agree to receive a further report in April 2010

#### 3. Thematic Feedback

- 3.1 In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to the 'Safe' priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. This is attached as Annex 1. In September 2009 the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals relating to the 'Attractive and Inclusive' priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. This is attached as Annex 2.
- 3.2 'Attractive and Inclusive – improving the environment' priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in January 2010, with 'Prosperous' priorities in March 2010. In August 2009 a workshop was held discussing both thematic priorities, with the understanding that any early achievements should be delivered between now and November 2009, or as soon as practically possible, instead of waiting until 2010.

**3.3** Information is currently being collected from the workshops to inform action plans, to enable Area Committee to monitor progress on this standing item at each Area Committee, this will allow for the priorities to be continuously updated.

#### **4. Background Papers**

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- West Local Area Plans
- Information provided by partners and officers at workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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Annex 1: West Sunderland Safe Action Plan

Annex1a: Illegal sales of alcohol report

Annex 2 West Sunderland Attractive and Inclusive Action Plan

Annex 2a: Report regarding Private Landlords, empty properties, anti-social behaviour

