

At an extraordinary meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 20th MARCH, 2013 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Ball in the Chair

Councillors Emerson, Forbes, E. Gibson, Marshall, Mordey, Price, Scanlan and Wood

Also Present:-

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| Charlotte Burnham | - | Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements, Sunderland City Council |
| Hazel Clark | - | East Area VCS Representative |
| Les Clark | - | Head of Streetscene, Sunderland City Council |
| Paula Hunt | - | East Area VCS Representative |
| Jen McKeivitt | - | East Area VCS Representative |
| Keith Moore | - | Executive Director of Childrens Services and Area Lead Executive, Sunderland City Council |
| Nicol Trueman | - | Area Officer, Sunderland City Council |

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Farr, Kay, Maddison and McClennan along with Mick Hall, Jamie Southwell, Helen Peverley, Nicky Rowland and Joe Cummings

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Highways Maintenance Programme 2013-14

Les Clark, Head of Streetscene, introduced the proposals which had been considered by the Place Board. He advised that ten percent of the highways

maintenance budget had been delegated to the Area Committees in order to allow local influencing of the highways maintenance schemes.

Mr Clark circulated a short report and plan of the area which detailed the locations nominated by Members where works needed to be carried out. The priority list was the locations where Members had felt that work was necessary to be carried out using the £60,000 provided from the Highways budget. There was also the select list which detailed other schemes Members felt were vital but which could not be funded from the £60,000; Members would be asked to approve SIB funding to cover these works. The schemes not to be taken forward would be kept on the list until next year and would be reconsidered as potential projects for next years highways maintenance programme.

Councillor Wood stated that although Newlands Avenue and St. Nicolas were listed together they were actually 2 separate streets; he queried whether work would be done on both of the streets. Mr Clark advised that he was not certain of this however he thought that it would be likely that both streets would be benefiting from works.

Councillor Wood then stated that there was no reference to Ashbrooke Road on the list; a few years ago half of the road had been resurfaced and now the other half was in exceedingly poor condition and had become a source of complaints. He asked whether there were any proposals to resurface this road. Mr Clark advised that only the schemes detailed in the list had been identified for this years programme. Consultation would be ongoing for the programme for next year.

Councillor Scanlan asked whether the projects which were not being undertaken this year would be prioritised next year. Mr Clark advised that it would depend on what schemes were identified for next year; there would be a new list produced and then the schemes prioritised in order of need.

Councillor Scanlan then stated that it was important that Members raised concerns about any streets which needed repairs during the walk and talk sessions so that they could be considered for next years maintenance programme.

1. RESOLVED that the proposals for highways maintenance in the East Area for 2013-14 be approved.

Financial Statement and Proposals for Funding

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the financial statement for SIB funding and requested the approval of an application for £20,000 to be allocated to the Highways Maintenance programme to enable additional schemes to be completed.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Nicol Trueman, Area Officer, presented the report and advised that there was still £165,000 remaining SIB to be allocated. There was a proposal to allocate £20,000 to the highways maintenance project 2013-14 to allow additional maintenance schemes to be delivered.

Members having discussed the proposal it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statement be noted
- b. £20,000 of SIB be aligned to the highway maintenance programme for 2013/14.

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

(Signed) E. BALL,
Chairman.