

Sunderland North Area Committee

13th September 2010

Report of the Chief Executive

Community Action in Sunderland North – Progress Review

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 **Annex 1** provides an update of outstanding issues from the 2009/10 work plan and shows progress against agreed actions in the current year's work plan. It also identifies where Area Committee can consider can funding application proposal to address their work plan.

1.2 **Annex 2a** provides the financial statement for Area Committee's funding streams.

Annex 2b provides summaries for SIB and SIP applications for approval.

Annex 2c provides detail of the 30 Community Chest applications for approval.

2. Recommendations

2.1 **Annex 1: Community Action: Outstanding Issues Log**

2.2 Work Plan 2009-10: Raise aspirations of children, young people and their families.

- note the progress on more effective delivery of Family, Adult and Community Learning Services

2.3 Work Plan 2010-11: Greening of the North Area Task and Finish Group

- Note the developments of the group and receive a further report at the next Area Committee meeting

2.4 Work Plan 2010-11: Heritage Task and Finish Group

- Note the developments of the group and receive a further report at the next Area Committee meeting

2.5 **Annex 2: Requests for funding**

- annex 2a: note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11,
- annex 2b: approve 30 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, all projects total £21,772.
- annex 2c:

SIB-approve 3 proposals;

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| • Thompson Park | £55,000 |
| • Wearside Allotments | £10,500 |
| • Sensory Garden | £4,900 |

SIP-approve 2 proposals;

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| • Oswald Terrace South;Hard Paving of Verge | £20,266 |
| • Tree Lights to Washington Road Gateway | £4,200 |

3. **Background to the Progress Review**

3.1 Work Plan 2009-2010: Raise aspirations of children, young people and their families.

The committee will be updated on the progress on improving the procurement and delivery of adult learning services, which have been agreed and will be discussed with the VCS Networks over the next few months. Updates will be presented to committee.

- 3.2 Work Plan 2010-11: Greening of the North Area, Task and Finish Group.
A preliminary group has met to look at available land in the area and obtain an understanding of what allotment services are being provided and what land issues are being raised. Specific sites are being identified across the North area as opportunities for development. Information on their ownership, strategic context and future options for development are being identified in order to report back to this committee on the way forward.

A draft proposal for the development of three allotment sites has been provided ready for development when suitable sites are identified. In addition, work is being undertaken to address how such options can fit within communities, looking at volunteering options that will assist the sustainability of any project. Community gardens are being considered and learning from developments at Wearside Allotments community gardens will inform the group.

Members are requested to consider being represented on the group.

- 3.4 Work Plan 2010-11: Heritage and Volunteering
A group representing the City Council, Sunderland SNCBC and SAFC have met to consider a way forward with regard to developing this priority. Discussions are ongoing with linking the heritage of the North Area into the learning areas of the City.

Schools could take the opportunity to undertake projects that research and publicise our heritage, whilst at the same time deriving significant learning benefit. Young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training will also be included and the volunteering options of being associated with specific heritage sites will be developed.

Heritage groups across the North area will be consulted on their engagement with volunteers and how they can be supported in performing a valuable role.

Members are requested to consider being represented on the group.

4. Financial Statement

- 4.1 A financial statement detailing all Community Chest, SIP, and SIB approvals up to September 2010 is attached as Annex 2a. There are 30 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, Annex 2b, one proposal to approve from SIP 2010/11 and three proposals to approve from SIB 2010/11, Annex 2c.

Appendices

- Annex 1: Community Action: Review Progress
Annex 1a: Play and Urban Games Strategy
Annex 2: Funding Requests
Annex 2a: Financial Statement
Annex 2b: Summary of SIP and SIB funding applications
Annex 2c: Summary of Community Chest Applications

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