

# **Sunderland West Area Committee**

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009

## **Report of the Chief Executive**

### **Establishing a Local Area Work Plan**

**Strategic Priority: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**

#### **1. Why has it come to committee?**

**1.1** The committee needs to agree its work plan for the municipal year 2009/10. This is attached as Annex 1. Further, the committee may wish to confirm if it wishes to meet in venues other than the Civic centre.

#### **2. Background**

**2.1** For the past year the committee and its partners have been developing a Local Area Plan and the priorities to deliver it. This process developed in November 2008 with a workshop for members. This was followed in January 2009 with a workshop for members and partner organisations, which led to the establishment of jointly agreed priorities. Following this, a meeting was held with community stakeholders in the West area. This meeting was attended by almost 60 representatives of the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and further added to establishing local priorities. This was followed with an extensive programme of public consultation throughout the area's wards in February and early March. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April the West Area Committee approved the adoption of ten Local Area Plan priorities. At a workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> May the Committee and its partners agreed the adoption of five key priorities to form its work plan for the municipal year.

#### **3. Area Committee Work Plan**

**3.1** The proposed work plan is attached at Annex 1 and represents the culmination of the process described above. The adoption of the plan will enable the committee to receive reports, Action Plans and devise interventions to improve services and improve the quality of life for local residents.

#### **4. Recommendation**

**4.1** To approve the Work Plan, as set out in Annex 1.

#### **5. Background papers**

**5.1** Area Committee reports  
Local Area Plans

Workshop notes

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**Annex 1:** Proposed Work plan