

At an extraordinary meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 6, CIVIC CENTRE, BURDON ROAD, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY, 16th OCTOBER, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors Copeland, Curran, Davison, Foster, Howe, MacKnight, Shattock, D. Wilson and Wiper

Also in Attendance:-

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| Ms. Tracey Hassan | - Commissioning Lead, Sunderland City Council |
| Ms. Karen Lightfoot-Gencli | - Commissioning and Inspection Officer, Sunderland City Council |
| Ms. Allison Patterson | - Scrutiny and Area Arrangements Manager, Sunderland City Council |
| Ms. Ev Ripley-Day | - Head of Raising Standards, SAFC Foundation of Light |
| Mr. Alan Scott | - North Locality Manager, Sunderland City Council |
| Ms. Sue Stanhope | - Director of HR & OD, Sunderland City Council – ALE (Area Lead Executive) |
| Ms. Gilly Stanley | - Area Officer (North), Sunderland City Council |
| Ms. Joanne Stewart | - Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council |
| Mr. Gary Yates | - Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service |

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the extraordinary meeting of the North Sunderland Area Committee, opened the meeting and invited introductions around the room.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Francis, Jackson, Stewart and Wright.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Review of Provision of Activities of Youth Services for Young People

The Executive Director of Children's Services provided a powerpoint presentation (copy circulated) which provided the committee with the recommendations from the North Sunderland Area People Board on the commissioning of youth services in the area.

(for copy of presentation – see original minutes)

Ms. Tracey Hassan, Commissioning Lead, advised that the Consultation had been undertaken between June and September, 2012 and looked to seek views on youth provision and activities for young people in the city. The North Sunderland Area People Board had been consulted on the provision within their area of the city. The People Board had been asked a set of three questions and the draft service outcomes and draft service specifications had been given consideration. A set of recommendations for the Area Committee had been developed and approval of these recommendations was being sought at this extraordinary meeting.

Ms. Hassan also advised that the age ranges had been extended from 13 – 19 years to 11 – 19 years, plus services for 8 – 10 year olds.

The three questions the People Board were asked to consider were:-

- i) Are there any additional outcomes to add to the draft Outcomes Framework?
- ii) Are there any specific needs within the area which have not been addressed in the draft Service Specification; and
- iii) Are there any questions Members wish to have included as part of the evaluation criteria to support the award of the youth contract?

Members agreed to consider the recommendations of each question individually.

Are there any additional outcomes to add to the draft Outcome Framework?

Members of the People Board discussed the above question and concluded that particular reference to bullying and how organisations deal with both the victim and the perpetrator with questions as to how bullying incidents are recorded should be included.

It was suggested to Members that an additional outcome was not required but that it would be included in the service specification - 'Young people feel safe in their home, social setting and city environments' which will then be measured by the feedback from young people.

As such, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that no additional outcomes be recommended.

Are there any specific needs within the North Sunderland area which have not been addressed in the draft Service Specification?

The Area Committee were advised that the People Board requested them to consider the inclusion of the following specific requirements of the area which were not already being addressed in the Draft Service Specification for both 8-10 and 11-19 year old provision:-

- 8 – 10 year olds – Similar to 11-19, however, specific outcomes and method of delivery would differ. Suggested delivery is for one session per week per ward plus some provision during school holidays
- 11 – 19 year olds - Two options were discussed for Area Committee consideration:

Option 1 - Three sessions per week, per ward as a standard service throughout the year; including some provision during school holidays; or

Option 2 – Two sessions per week, per ward with a full and comprehensive holiday programme.

Members discussed the two options as set out for 11-19 year old provision. Ms. Mitchell advised the Committee of proposals other Area People Boards had considered.

Following discussions around the different options for youth provision it was moved by Councillor Foster and seconded by Councillor Wilson that a third option for 11-19 year old provision be proposed:-

Option 3 – Two sessions per week, per ward with the remaining hours banked and used as and when required, based on need, identified using local intelligence and as agreed by the People Board, as the year progressed.

It having been agreed unanimously, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the following specific requirements be included for the North Sunderland Area:-

- 8-10 year old provision – similar to that of 11-19 year olds although specific outcomes and method of delivery would differ over one session per week, per ward with some holiday provision; and
- 11-19 year old provision – two sessions per week, per ward with the remaining hours banked and used as and when required as the year progressed, as set out in Option 3.

Are there any questions Members wish to have included as part of the evaluation criteria to support the award of the youth contract?

The People Board had discussed the specific needs of the North Sunderland Area with regards to the award of youth contracts and asked the Area Committee to consider that the following additional questions / statements be included within the evaluation criteria used when awarding youth contracts:-

- How will you build effective partnerships to make best use of resources and maximise outcomes for young people?
(Strengthening partnerships with local organisations and businesses was identified as a key area for development by the People Board. This question would be used to seek information on how providers would best use resources already available in the North Sunderland area such as existing organisations, facilities, the beach front, etc.)

- How will you ensure young people are supported in preparation for training and work?
(Job readiness was identified as being an essential outcome. The question would be used to draw out information in relation to enhancing softer skills to support young people to be job ready.)

Members having considered the above questions, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the questions as set out above be included within the evaluation criteria used when awarding youth contracts in the North Sunderland area.

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

(Signed) R. BELL,
Chairman.