

## **Sunderland East Area Committee**

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **Sunderland East Area Action Plans**

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

**1.1** At its first meeting of the municipal year in June 2009, the Committee agreed the work plan for 2009/10. It was deemed necessary to establish Area Action Plans for each theme identified in the Local Area Plan to ensure that all priorities are addressed throughout 2009-10.

**1.2** At the November Area Committee summary area templates were presented, showing an update on each action and also coded them as red, amber or green. The area actions will be available on line, via [www.sunderland.gov.uk/localareaplans](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/localareaplans) and updated bi monthly to provide Committee and the public with up to date information on the performance against the action plans. Red represents a delay/problem, amber represents possible issues which Officers are aware of, green represents that the action is completed.

**1.3** Each Area Committee has a standing agenda 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 will be established throughout 2009 for all thematic priorities.

##### **2. Description of Decision (Recommendations)**

###### **2.1 Area Committee is recommended to:-**

- Agree to select a hotspot at future Area Committee, when appropriate, to be incorporated into the programme of works for Youth Offending Services, under the Community Payback Scheme as set out in the report.
- Note the new commissioning model for youth contracts across the City.
- Identify opportunities for further potential improvements to public transport routes and walking access across the area by mid January 2010.

##### **3. Safe Area Action Plan Update**

**3.1** In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to the **Safe** priorities. One of the four priorities agreed was to build confident communities with mutual support, trust and respect by tailoring services, dealing with local problems e.g. secondary fires (wheelie bins), graffiti, fly tipping and dog fouling. An action agreed to deliver this priority was for Youth Offending Services (YOS), in Children Services Directorate to investigate and feedback the possibility of linking hours from the Community Payback Scheme into Area Committee.

**3.2** Discussions have been held with YOS who have agreed that is it feasible for Area Committee to discuss and recommend a hotspot in their area that will improve the quality of life for local residents, via LAPs priorities, for example, removal of graffiti, litter pick, etc.

**3.3** Members are asked to consider any potential areas and send details to the Area Officer two weeks in advance of the next Area Committee, who will then present a list forward to Area Committee. Area Committee will then be asked to select one area per meeting to be targeted.

**3.4** It is important to remember that the Community Payback scheme is established primarily to support the victims of crime, and as such, their requests for work will always be given priority for action. Further information on key actions identified in the Safe Area Action Plan are outlined in Annex 1.

#### **4. Learning Area Action Plan Update**

4.1 In September 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to Learning priorities. One of the four priorities agreed is to provide better support for young people e.g. more youth and play services by increasing service provision/activities for children and young people with disabilities or who are carers themselves and by improving partnership working between organisations who provide services to children and young people. An action agreed to deliver this priority was for Youth Development Group, in Children Services Directors to implement new commissioning arrangements from April 2010 that better represent the needs of young people in their neighbourhoods.

4.2 Representatives from YDG will be present at the meeting to provide Committee with an update on the commissioning model and way forward. Further information on key actions identified in the Learning Area Action Plan are outlined in Annex 2.

#### **5. Attractive and Inclusive Action Plan Update**

5.1 In November 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to Attractive and Inclusive priorities. One of the seven priorities agreed is improve public transport routes and walkability across the area. An action agreed to deliver this priority was for Committee to identify opportunities for further potential improvements to public transport routes and walking access across the area.

5.2 The Committee is requested to inform the Area Officer of potential improvements by mid January 2010, to enable the information to be feedback into the overall network design consultation process by Nexus which will re-design the bus networks to improve accessibility for local residential areas.

5.3 City Services, Corporate Communications and Nexus are working together on the consultation around public transport provision in Sunderland. All members are invited to a meeting at 6 p.m. on 10 February in the Council Chamber. This will be a briefing on the Nexus Network Design Project and will identify service areas which need to be addressed. In March each Area Committee will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan and what is needed for their specific area. Further information on key actions identified in the Attractive and Inclusive Area Action Plan are outlined in Annex 3.

#### **6. Background papers**

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Sunderland East Local Area Plan

#### **7. List of Appendices**

- Annex 1: Sunderland East Area Safe Action Plan
- Annex 2: Sunderland East Area Learning Action Plan
- Annex 3: Sunderland East Area Attractive and Inclusive Action Plan

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