

At an Extraordinary meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at HERRINGTON BURN Y.M.C.A, BURN HOUSE, HOUGHTON – LE - SPRING, DH4 4YB on WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Speding in the Chair

Councillors Anderson, Blackburn, Ellis, Heron, Lawson, D. Smith, Tate and Wakefield

Also in Attendance:-

Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Les Clark	Head of Street Scene	Sunderland City Council
Wendy Cook	Youth and Community Co-ordinator	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Tracy Hassan	Commissioning Head, Children's Services	Sunderland City Council Hetton Town Council
Councillor Julianna Heron		
Pauline Hopper	Area Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Juliette Johnson	Chief Executive	Herrington Burn Y.M.C.A.
Karen Lighfoot	Commissioning Head, Children's Services	Sunderland City Council
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Malcolm Page	Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services & Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Christine Tilley	Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council
Claire Uren	Neighbourhood Operations Manager	Gentoo
Lee Wardle	Volunteer Coordinator	Network

Appointment of Chairman

1. RESOLVED that in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Speding be appointed Chairman for this meeting of the Committee.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded everyone that this was a one item agenda and that there were youth services providers present and therefore specific questions or discussions which could prejudice any decision as to which organisations would be commissioned to provide the services under the new contract should be avoided. Councillor Speding added that he did not want to prevent any attendees from taking part in the discussions. However as a precautionary measure, asked that questions and answers in relation to the review be communicated through the Chair. If he felt that any questions or answers were best addressed outside of the meeting then he would indicate so.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D. Richardson, Rolph and Scott, together with John Chapman, Head of Neighbourhoods, Gentoo, Dave Ellison, Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council and Pam Lee, Public Health Consultant, Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust.

Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

Review of Youth Provision and Activities for Young People

The Chairman welcomed Ms Tracy Hassan, Commissioning Head, Children's Services and Ms Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, Coalfield, who proceeded to provide a power point presentation on the review of youth provision and activities for young people.

(For copy presentation – see original minutes).

Ms Hassan presented the purpose and background of the review, describing the process to date including the discussion and questions asked by the People Board at its meeting held on 11th October.

Ms Hopper with support from Councillor Lawson, (who was acting as Chair of the People Board) and Mr Les Clark, Head of Street Scene presented the recommendations made by the People Board and gave further information on the discussions and reasons behind the recommendations.

Ms Hopper and Ms Hassan clarified that the senior youth provision age range had been extended from 13- 9 to 11-19 years. The junior age range was 8-10 year olds. The presentation detailed the key points which Members had raised in the discussions at the People Board meeting. Ms Hassan assured Members that

these points would be incorporated into the final generic service specification for youth provision and activities for young people.

Ms Hassan then described the next steps which were that the contract would go out to tender in November 2012, in January/February 2013 evaluations would be completed and contracts awarded and in April 2013 the new youth provision and activities for young people service would start. Ms Hassam advised that feedback would be provided to the People Board which would monitor performance and outcomes to ensure they were being achieved and that they linked to the key priorities of the Council.

Members commented that they felt that this had been a productive and inclusive process. All of their comments and suggestions had been listened to and taken on board and they expressed appreciation at being involved in developing the specification for the new contract. All in attendance at the meeting agreed that the discussion had made a positive contribution to the process.

Full consideration therefore having been given to the presentation which detailed the recommendations of the People Board, the Committee:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the outcomes recommended by the Coalfield Area People Board listed in the presentation be approved and incorporated as part of the generic service specification and that it be noted that no additional outcomes from those specified needed to be added to the Outcomes Framework;
- (b) the specific requirements of the area recommended by the People Board and detailed in the presentation which have not already been addressed in the Draft Service Specification for both 8-10 and 11-19 provision be included and that it be noted that three sessions for the 11-19 age group and one for the 8-10 age group (year round but flexible days/hours within the holiday periods) is the preference of Members; and
- (c) the following additional questions/statements be included within the evaluation criteria used when awarding youth contracts:-
 - Working across ward boundaries to ensure accessibility in meeting the needs of young people in the Coalfield area.
 - Demonstrating effective partnerships, use of existing locations and pooling of resources to support choice and value for money.
 - Ensure evidence of holiday and sickness cover and relevant qualifications.
 - Co-operation and co-ordination between providers in neighbouring wards.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.

(Signed) M. SPEDING,
Chairman.