

**At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE, 2012 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors Copeland, Curran, Davison, Foster, Jackson, MacKnight, Stewart, and D. Wilson

**Also in Attendance:-**

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| Mr. Michael Donachie | - Head of Operations, Gentoo   |
| Ms. Sandra Mitchell  | - Head of Early Intervention and Locality Services, Sunderland City Council            |
| Mr. Ron Odunaiya     | - Executive Director City Services, ALE (Area Lead Executive), Sunderland City Council |
| Ms. Gilly Stanley    | - Area Officer (North), Sunderland City Council  |
| Ms. Joanne Stewart   | - Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council                       |
| Ms. Nicol Trueman    | - Area Officer (East), Sunderland City Council   |

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman advised that this would be the first meeting of the North Sunderland Area Committee for Ms. Gilly Stanley, Area Officer and welcomed her and all new Members of the Council who had been elected in the May, 2012 elections. He then opened the meeting and invited introductions around the room.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bonallie, Howe, Shattock, Wiper and N. Wright

**Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Bell and Stewart declared personal and prejudicial interests in the Community Chest application from Redhill Community Association as Board Members and left the meeting during consideration of the application.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2012**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2012 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor MacKnight in the attendance.

### **Setting the Scene – Strengthening the Area Governance Arrangements**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which set to outline improved changes to the Council's area governance arrangements and supporting practices, as part of the wider review of the Executive and Committee arrangements agreed by Annual Council on 16 May, 2012.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Nicol Trueman, Area Officer, presented the body of the report which outlined the enhanced governance structure and improved ways of working for the Area Committees and which also sought approval for the proposed memberships of the Place and People boards as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

She also advised the Committee that in line with the promise of the Leader and Councillor Gofton (Portfolio Holder for Responsive Services and Customer Care), to help make Community Chest more responsive and in line with strengthening the Area Governance arrangements, the Members from each Ward would be required to agree all Ward application and sign the Ward Schedule to confirm their support. This would then be submitted to the Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements to process the decision.

Members were also advised that the Strategic Initiatives Budget remains unchanged although it should be noted that city-wide application were not permitted where they impact upon any more than two areas of the city.

Discussions ensued around the newly established Place and People Boards and Members were assured that the Boards were not decision making bodies and were aimed at getting Members to work alongside key officers to be a practical action orientated group towards issues in the North Sunderland Area. Any work or recommendations from the Boards would be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement and the Boards were fully inclusive and open to all Members to attend in a non-voting capacity.

Having answered Members questions, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
  - i) the report be received and noted; and

- ii) approval be given to the memberships of the North Sunderland Area Place Board and North Sunderland Area People Board as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

### **Determining the Area Committee's Priorities for 2012/13**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought to determine the Area Committee's Key priorities for the year ahead as a basis for the Committees 2012/13 Local Area Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Nicol Trueman, Area Officer, presented the report which highlighted the following proposed priorities :-

- 1) Anti Social Behaviour;
- 2) Job Prospects for Young People;
- 3) Activities for Young People;
- 4) Environmental and Shopping Centre Improvements; and
- 5) Accessibility of Services and Facilities.

The priorities had emerged from the members' workshop held in May and had subsequently been shared with residents at the State of the Area Debate and with the voluntary and Community Sector through the VCS Network.

If the priorities were endorsed at tonight's meeting it was proposed that a further members' workshop be arranged for Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012 at 5:30pm, to determine the detail of the North Sunderland Area Committee LAP Work Plan for 2012/13, although invitations to attend would be circulated to Members of the Committee.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-
  - i) the priorities for 2012/12 year ahead, which will form the basis of the Local Area Plan be agreed; and
  - ii) a further workshop be held to determine the detailed North Sunderland Area Committee Local Area Plan Work Plan for 2012/13 as referred to in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

Community Chest, Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to requests for funding from Strategic Initiatives Budget, Strategic Investment Plan and Community Chest to support initiatives which would benefit the area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Trueman presented the report and advised Members of the applications for funding which were set out as an annex to the report.

Following discussions of the application for SIB funding from Castle View Academy to fund the resurfacing of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Members requested that Condition 2 attached to the funding be amended to ensure that the Academy establish, deliver and meet the cost of Friday night football at the MUGA for a period of 5 years, and not 2 as originally set, and that a review / assessment of how the project is being carried out be undertaken at an appropriate time in the future.

Members having fully discussed the applications for funding, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- the financial statement as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report be noted;
- approval be given to the allocation of SIB funding from the 2012/13 budget towards the Castlevue MUGA of £58,000 subject to the conditions as set out in the report and as discussed;
- approval be given to the allocation of SIB funding from the 2012/13 budget of £16,698.48 as a contribution towards the Sports Complex Improvement Project; and
- approval be given to the 12 proposals for support from the 2012/13 Community Chest, totalling £7,880, as set out in the Annex to the report.

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

(Signed) R. BELL,  
Chairman.