

# Sunderland North Area Committee

22nd July 2010

## Report of the Office of the Chief Executive

### Community Action in the North – Reviewing Progress and Agreeing Next Steps

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

1.1. North Area Committee has agreed that aspiration, self-esteem and pride lie at the heart of its work and those elements from each of the priorities would form a work programme. The 12 key priorities for 2010/11 are:

- Antisocial behaviour
- Increase confidence and trust levels in the community
- Responsive Local Services project
- Inclusiveness and community cohesion
- Environmental and street scene improvements
- Enhancing and raising the public profile of the heritage of the North area
- Ensure that Family, Adult and Community Learning (FACL) provision is delivered in line with local need;
- Identify and address gaps in youth and play services for all ages
- Addressing the reasons behind the inequity of life expectancy across wards in the North Area
- Child Poverty at a local level
- Consider how a targeted response could be provided to support individuals who may not be aware that the Council could help them maximise their independence, an objective within the Local Area Agreement.
- Support enterprise and entrepreneurship

1.2 Two Working Groups have been established to identify activity that addresses the issues raised, propose innovative programmes of work, and identify potential resource requirements where appropriate.

1.4 Annex 1 provides detail of issues previously identified through the 2009/10 Work Plan and Action Plans, and provides an update with regard to progress or completion. It also identifies any unresolved issues and actions and where Area Committee will consider an SIB or SIP funding application to address the issue or priority, or to facilitate a solution. Members are requested to consider those applications and refer to Annex 2b for details and summary.

1.5 Annex 2a includes the Community Chest and SIB/SIP financial statement. Annex 2b provides a summary of spend, proposals received and balances for SIB, SIP and Community Chest. It also includes details of all applications received.

#### 2. Performance Management

2.1 A number of sources have been utilised to evidence and identify the key issues and queries. Some of the issues included in Annex 1 have been raised during the delivery of the 2009/10 Action Plans and Works Plan. Data sources include:

1. Safe Theme	Issues Log, Members queries, Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group, Northumbria Police Statistics, Safe Sunderland Partnership Local Confidence Survey
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2. Learning Theme	Issues Log, Members queries, Hanlon Data, Tyne & Wear Research Institute, Children's Services, Connexions
3. Healthy Theme	Mosaic Data (Primary Care Trust), Director of Public Health Report, Ward Visits, Issues Log, LMAPS, Index Multiple Deprivation
4. Attractive and Inclusive	Place Survey, City Services, Members queries
5. Prosperous	Ward Visits, Area Committee Issues, Hanlon, Tyne & Wear Research Institute, Working Neighbourhoods Fund Data, NOMIS

### 3. Progress Report

#### 3.1 Safe Theme

Anti social behaviour (ASB), misuse of alcohol and disorder and the development of a safe environment are identified as key issues to be addressed. Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee Policy Review on Alcohol and ASB will report to June Cabinet. The Area Committee will receive updates and information with regard to recommendations.

#### 3.2 Attractive and Inclusive Theme

A number of issues have been identified over the last 12 months relating to green spaces and the environment. The development of a Heritage Lottery Fund application is continuing for Hylton Castle and a number of fun days are taking place over the 2010 on local sites throughout the North area.

#### 3.3 Learning Theme

The provision of youth and play services and facilities has previously been identified as an issue. Area Committee will receive updates and information, where relevant, on progress in relation to the reviews underway on youth and play provision. A strategic review of apprenticeship opportunities is also underway.

#### 3.4 Health Theme

Support for vulnerable adults is a key priority.

#### 3.5 Prosperous theme

The development of business support, supporting local people into jobs and raising the skills and aspirations of adults are key priorities and a Scrutiny report on Employment will be received to future Area Committee.

### 4. Financial Statement

- 4.1 A financial statement detailing all Community Chest, SIB, and SIP approvals up to April 2010 is attached as Annex 2a. There are no proposals for support from SIB or SIP, and 22 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest. Members are requested to approve funding for proposals as detailed in Annex 2b and to note balances remaining for the remainder of this financial year.

### 5. Recommendations/Options

#### 5.1 Members are requested to:

1. Note the contents of the report and agree next steps and actions detailed in Annex 1
2. Agree recommendations for SIB, SIP and Community Chest funding applications as detailed in 4.1 above and in Annex 2b.

## **6. Background papers**

- 6.1 Annex 1: Community Action: Review Progress
- 6.2 Annex 2: Financial Statements and Funding Requests
- 6.3 Reports to previous committees
- 6.4 North Local Area Plan

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