

COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9th NOVEMBER 2010

SUNDERLAND STREET PASTORS

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP3 SAFE CITY

CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES: CI01: Delivering Customer Focussed Services, CI04: Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide Members of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee with information about the Street Pastors and how the scheme operates within Sunderland.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Street Pastor is a Church leader/minister or member with a concern for society. They help people who have had too much to drink or who are left feeling vulnerable. Street Pastors regularly work with young people and are willing to engage people in a number of locations including the streets, in the pubs and clubs or at parties. Support provided can range from; practical help supplying flip flops or water, to support and guidance to those who are unable to look after themselves properly.
- 2.2 Street Pastors are also willing to work with fellow activists, church and community leaders, and with agencies and projects, both statutory and voluntary, to look at collaborative ways of working on issues affecting youth, and initiatives that will build trust between them and the Street Pastors.

3. Current position

- 3.1 The first 40 volunteers were officially recognised by the Church as Street Pastors in a ceremony at Sunderland Minster on Friday, 9 July 2010. They are now on patrol in Sunderland city centre from 10pm until 4am on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights.
- 3.2 The presentation provides further information about the work carried out by the Street Pastors. The presentation is attached as Appendix A of this report.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the report and provide any comments as appropriate.

5 Background Papers

No background papers

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