

Washington Area Committee

7th January 2010

Report of the Chief Executive

Washington Area Action Plans

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 At its meeting in July 2009, the Committee agreed the work plan for the 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 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 asked to

- Consider the Safe report (Annex 1) and note future reports and updates requested through the **Safe Area Action Plan**
- Consider the Learning report (annex 2) and note the new commissioning model for youth contracts across the City to be confirmed by April 2010.
- Consider the Prosperous report (Annex 3) and note activity detailed through the **Prosperous Area Action Plan**

3. Area Action Plan Update

- 3.1 Following a number of Washington thematic working groups, it has been identified that the Action Plans need to be more structured and aligned to each other. Without exception, groups that have met have requested that the Action Plans should be focused on priorities and actions where the Area Committee can add real value and can influence. With that in mind, work has now commenced to produce measurable and co-ordinated plans. All appendices attached are being presented in the proposed new format.
- 3.2 In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to the **Safe** priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. The Washington Safe Working Group met in December and received a number of updates. The reviewed Washington Safe Action Plan is attached as Annex 1. Area Committee is asked to note a report with regard to the Community Payback Scheme will be presented to a future meeting. 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.

- 3.3** In September 2009 the Area Committee also agreed a number of actions and proposals relating to the **Learning** priorities, also to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. This is attached as Annex 2.

One of the 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 Directorate to implement new commissioning arrangements from April 2010 that better represent the needs of young people in their neighbourhoods.

- 3.4 Prosperous** priorities are due to be discussed at Area Committee in March 2010. The Prosperous Working Group met in December and a number of actions arose from that meeting. The updated Prosperous Action Plan is attached as Annex 3.

- 3.5 Attractive and Inclusive** priorities are being discussed at this meeting with the understanding that any early achievements should be delivered as soon as practically possible and reported to the next meeting.

Area Committee is asked to note the forthcoming bus network design consultation process by Nexus, which will re-design the bus networks to improve accessibility for local residential areas.

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.

- 3.6** Information is currently being collected from the working groups to inform the updated action plans. This will enable Area Committee to monitor progress on this standing item at each meeting and allow for the priorities to be continuously updated.

4. Background papers

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

5. List of Appendices

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

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