

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2009 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Forbes in the Chair

Councillors Allan, Arnott, M. Dixon, P. Gibson, Gofton, Morrissey, Old, Oliver, J.B. Scott, P. Smith, P. Watson, S. Watson, A. Wilson, A. Wright and T. Wright.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors L. Martin and Tye.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 2nd April, 2009

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 2nd April, 2009 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

Item 6 – Strategic Initiatives Budget: 2009/10 Ward Based Community Chest

Councillor Pat Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the application from Silksworth Community FC and left the meeting during the consideration of the item.

Establishing a Local Area Work Plan

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval for the West Sunderland Area Committee Work Plan 2009/2010.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman having moved that the item be deferred to allow further discussions to take place, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that consideration of the report be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee to allow further discussions to be undertaken.

Strategic Initiatives Budget: Ward-Based Community Chest

The Chief Executive and City Treasurer submitted a joint report (copy circulated) which sought agreement for the return of funding for unclaimed Community Chest approvals from 2006/2007 and the carry forward of unallocated Community Chest funding from 2008/2009 as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Members' attention was also drawn to the annex to the report which provided a financial statement as at 4th June, 2009 in respect of the West Sunderland Area Committee SIB, SIP and Community Chest approvals.

Richard Parry, Area Regeneration Officer, referred to the financial statement and advised Members that it did not include an allocation of £20,000 in respect of the Farringdon Jubilee Centre made by the former South Sunderland Area Committee subject to budget approval. Mr. Parry asked Members of the West Sunderland Area to give consideration to the confirmation of this allocation. Members expressed concern that they were being asked to consider the issue as an urgent item without the benefit of a full written report and declined to consider the matter pending the receipt of details in writing.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) approval be given to the return of unclaimed Community Chest approvals from 2006/2007 for allocation together with the carry forward of unallocated Community Chest Budget from 2008/2009;
- ii) the financial statement as at 4th June, 2009 be noted; and
- iii) a full report in respect of the Farringdon Jubilee Centre allocation be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked Members and Officers for their attendance.

(Signed) D. FORBES,
Chairman.