

East Sunderland Area Committee

7 September 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

Feedback from Working Groups

1. Why has it come to committee?

- 1.1 At its first meeting of the municipal year in June 2009, the Committee agreed the work plan for the 2009/10. As some priorities are not being discussed until 2010, it was deemed necessary to establish working groups outside of Area Committee and build in additional actions to ensure that all priorities are addressed throughout 2009-10.
- 1.2 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 can be established throughout July and August 2009 for all thematic priorities.
- 1.3 This item and work facilitates and assists in identifying early wins at the beginning of the municipal year. Working groups then have the opportunity of presenting early wins before the proposed scheduled date outlined in the work plan, to Area Committee throughout the year, bringing flexibility to the area arrangements. This allows for any emergencies that may develop and will ensure that when other work streams under the Community Leadership Programme are established e.g. Responding to Local Responsive Services and the Community Communication Plan, that they can strengthen the whole agenda of area arrangements, using Area Committees as the established focal point.

2. Theme Area Working Groups Feedback

- 2.1 Attractive and Inclusive priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in November 2009. In August 2009 a workshop was held to discuss each individual priority, what services are being currently delivered, any gaps, general comments, identified needs and any proposals or recommendations to present to Area Committee, the next steps include preparing a report in September, with a pre meeting scheduled in October before coming forward to Area Committee in November 2009.
- 2.2 Healthy priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in January 2010, with Prosperous priorities in March 2010. Again in August 2009 a workshop was held discussing both thematic priorities, with the understanding that any early achievements should be delivered between now and November 2009, or as soon as practically possible, instead of waiting until 2010.
- 2.3 Information is currently being collected from the workshops to inform action plans, to enable Area Committee to monitor progress on this standing item at each Area Committee, this will allow for the priorities to be continuously updated.

3. Update on key actions from the Safe Theme July 2009

- 3.1 In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed 30 proposals relating to the Safe priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. A plan has been established to formulate proposals into actions.

3.2 Lead organisations are outlined in Annex 1, where Committee has expressed an interest or a desire to progress identified action. Representatives from the Lead Organisations will be in attendance to provide Committee with a brief update and answer any questions Committee may have on:-

- Phoenix Project and secondary fires/arson issues facing Sunderland East (Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue) Annex 2.
- Neighbourhood teams and operation guidance (Northumbria Police) Annex 3.
- Young people attending Area Committee, a parents perspective on Family Pathfinder and Parenting Programme and Young Persons Award Ceremony (Children Services) Annex 4.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Area Committee is asked to:-

- Note all of the **actions** identified in Annex 1
- Agree which of the following **proposals** (also identified in Annex 1) will be developed
 - **Allocation of SIB/SIP**
 - Two year funding to deliver the Phoenix Project at £6,969 per year, total £13,938.
 - Two year funding to introduce a dedicated worker to target arson attacks at £25,000 per year, total £50,000.

5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- East Sunderland Local Area Plan
- Information provided by partners and officers at workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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Annex 1: East Sunderland Safe Action Plan
Annex 2: The Phoenix Project
Annex 3: Northumbria Police Team and Operation Guidance
Annex 4: Family Pathfinder Update
Annex 5: East Sunderland Work Plan 2009-10