

At an Extraordinary meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 2013 at 3.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors Bonallie, Copeland, Curran, Davison, Foster, Howe, Jackson, Shattock, D. Wilson and Wiper.

Also Present:-

Inspector Tony Carty	- Northumbria Police
Sergeant Dave Cole	- Northumbria Police
Ms. Gillian Gibson	- Consultant in Public Health, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	- Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Andy Old	- Area Response Officer (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ruth Oxley	- SNYP, North VCS Representative
Ms. Allison Patterson	- Area Coordinator, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Alan Scott	- North Locality Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Sue Stanhope	- Director of HR & OD, Sunderland City Council and Area Lead Executive (ALE)
Ms. Joanne Stewart	- Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Graham Wharton	- Salvation Army, VCS Network

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors MacKnight and Stewart.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Area Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) Change to Project Application

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to an application to make a change to the SIB award of £10,000 to Northumbria Police.

(for copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Officer presented the report drawing Members attention to the change to project application and explaining that an original SIB application made by Northumbria Police had been in relation to summer disorder at the Seaburn and Hylton Castle area's, of which the £10,000 awarded there had been a £3,000 underspend.

A further application for SIB funding of £3,000 had been received from Northumbria Police to prevent similar issues from occurring by identifying those hotspots areas in advance and increasing police patrols in the area to prevent them. This application had been circulated to Members for consultation and requested to bring to the Area Committee for further discussion.

Inspector Carty and Sergeant Cole gave the Committee a breakdown of the proposed projects to benefit from the provision of the SIB funding, should it be awarded and explained that they would primarily be dealing with the build up to and including Bonfire Night.

Members praised the work of the Northumbria Police around the projects mentioned and those that had been carried out in the past and thanked them for their continued hard work in trying to tackle anti social behaviour in the North Sunderland Area.

Councillor Foster sought clarification as to whether the application was for the underspend or a new project and was advised by Ms. Patterson that there had been an initial underspend of £3,000 from the original application of £10,000. It was suggested at the last Area Committee that this could be used to support projects in the build up to Bonfire Night but that to do so a new application would have to be submitted, consulted on and agreed.

Councillor Bell commented that the new application had been circulated to Members for their consideration, whereby it had been requested that it be considered at a future Area Committee. As the next Area Committee was not scheduled until January, 2014, which would obviously be after the time the project would be running, he had suggested that an extraordinary meeting be held to consider the application in a timely fashion.

Members having fully discussed the change to project application, and upon being put to the meeting, it was :-

1. **RESOLVED** that approval be given to the allocation of £3,000 from the SIB budget for 2013/14 to support the Northumbria Police Tackling Anti Social Behaviour Project as set out in the report.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) R. BELL,
Chairman.