

# SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

25<sup>th</sup> April 2012

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND WEST – PROGRESS REVIEW Work Plan 2011/12: Update on Priorities

#### **1 Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides an update of outstanding issues from the 2010/11 work plan and progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan; Annex 1.

#### **2 Background**

- 2.1 The purpose of the work plan is to clearly identify the key priorities for Area Committee to discuss, deliver actions and monitor throughout the year, with the overall outcome to improve the quality of life for residents within the West area.

#### **3 Job Prospects**

- 3.1 Following March's meeting, committee agreed an 'Apprenticeship Road Show' be held with local employers to investigate barriers to employing young people and what support the committee could offer to overcome any such barriers.
- 3.2 The committee's view was that they wished to support the area's young people to access employment and a Road Show was seen as a way to investigate the means to improved opportunities for young people.
- 3.3 The Apprenticeship Road Show took the form of a focus group, with six employers in attendance. It was held at the South Hylton Tansy Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- 3.4 The results of the Focus Group, and recommendations from it, will be the subject of a presentation to tonight's committee

#### **4 Recommendations**

Committee is requested to:

- i) Note the presentation and it's contents;
- ii) Agree the next steps in implementing this priority,

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