

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL, 2013 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Allan, Atkinson, Dixon, Essl, Gofton, Porthouse, Smiles, P. Smith, Turton, Waller, P. Watson, S. Watson, A. Wilson and T. Wright.

Also Present:-

Bill Blackett	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
John Chapman	Head of Neighbourhoods	Gentoo
Simone Common	West Locality Ops Manager	Sunderland City Council
Kevin Douglas	Media Officer	Sunderland City Council
Janet Johnson	Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Bill Leach		VCS Network
Julie Lynn	Area Officer	Sunderland City Council
Eddie Maddison	Specialist Employment Consultant	SNCBC
Chris Marshall	Head of Operations	Gentoo
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Julie Parker	Public Health Lead	Sunderland City Council
Phil Spooner	Head of Community Leadership Programmes	Sunderland City Council
Colin Stephenson	Sergeant	Northumbria Police

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present introduced themselves.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Oliver, Tye and Waller and also from Bill Forster (Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service), Inspector Dave Pickett (Northumbria Police), Claire Fisher (Nexus), Anita Heskett-Saddington (VCS Network) and Edna Rochester (VCS Network).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 16th January 2013, together with those of the extraordinary meeting held on 28th March, 2013 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

Annual Report 2012 – 2013

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval for the inclusion of the West Sunderland Area Committee's Annual Report 2012 – 2013 in the combined Area Committees report to be submitted to full Council.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman presented the Annual Report and highlighted the key achievements delivered with regard to the Committee's agreed local priorities of activities for young people; job prospects for young people; health and wellbeing and environmental and street scene improvements.

2. RESOLVED that the West Sunderland Area Committee's Annual Report 2012 – 2013 be approved for inclusion in the combined Area Committees Annual Report to Council.

Place Board Progress Report.

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an end of year performance update on the 2012/13 Place Board work plan and which requested the Committee's approval of the Board's proposed refresh of its work plan priorities for 2013/14.

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Councillor Essl presented the report drawing Members' attention to the progress made against key priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and the proposed priorities for action during 2013/14 as detailed in Appendix 2.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the West Sunderland Area Place Board's Work Plan Annual Performance Update be received and noted, and
- ii) approval be given to the West Sunderland Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.

People Board Progress Report.

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an end of year performance update on the 2012/13 People

Board work plan and which requested the Committee's approval of the Board's proposed refresh of its work plan priorities for 2013/14.

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Councillor Porthouse presented the report drawing Members' attention to the progress made against key priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and the proposed priorities for action during 2013/14 as detailed in Appendix 2.

4. RESOLVED that:-

- iii) the West Sunderland Area People Board's Work Plan Annual Performance Update be received and noted, and
- iv) approval be given to the West Sunderland Area People Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.

Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1st April, 2012 to 31st March, 2013 compared with the same period for 2011/12. Particular reference was paid to:-

- i) the number of deaths / injuries from accidental / all dwelling fires (there were no deaths and 3 injuries),
- ii) accidental kitchen fires in domestic properties,
- iii) deliberate property fires,
- iv) deliberate vehicle fires

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The Chairman advised that Mr Forster of TWFRS was unable to attend this evening's Committee but would be happy to address any questions members may have following the meeting.

Councillor Gofton welcomed the downward trend in the majority of performance indicators but given recent events, expressed her concern at the increase in deliberate property fires. She requested that Mr Forster be asked whether he felt there was anything the Committee could do to help tackle the issue for example through the use of publicity etc.

5. RESOLVED the report be received and noted and that Members enquiries be forwarded to Mr Forster.

Report of the Northumbria Police – Sunderland West

Colin Stephenson of Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1st April, 2012 to 31st March, 2013 compared to the previous year. Particular reference was paid to crime levels in relation to violent crime, vehicle crime, burglary from dwelling, burglary other than dwelling, criminal damage, theft and handling, shoplifting, youth ASB and Non Youth ASB.

In addition members were informed of the particular crime patterns in respect of the Barnes, Pallion, St. Anne's, Sandhill, Silksworth and St Chad's wards.

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Sergeant Stephenson having addressed comments and questions from members in relation to Anti Social Behaviour Agreements, shoplifting, youth anti social behaviour in St Chad's and the processes for recording crime, the Chairman thanked him for his report, and it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Julie Lynn, Area Officer, presented the report highlighting the financial statement including an update on the allocation of Community Chest, HCIF, SIP and SIB funding together with details of 7 approvals for support from the 2012/13 Community Chest budget as detailed in Annex 2 of the report.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-
 - (i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted, and
 - (ii) the approval of the 7 Community Chest applications as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be noted

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

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.