

# Coalfield Area Committee

4 November 2009

## Report of the Chief Executive

### Thematic Feedback Report

#### 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 item 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 are being established throughout 2009 for all thematic priorities.
- 1.3** This approach facilitates and assists in identifying early wins at the beginning of the municipal year. Working groups then have the opportunity of presenting early wins to Area Committee before the proposed scheduled date to bring 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 Communications for Area Committees, that they can strengthen the whole agenda of area arrangements, using Area Committees as the established focal point.

#### 2. Thematic Feedback

- 2.1** In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to the **Safe** priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. This is attached as Annex 1. In September 2009 the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals relating to the **Attractive & Inclusive** priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. This is attached as Annex 2.
- 2.2** **Healthy** priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in January 2010. In August 2009 a workshop was held to discuss each individual priority, what services are currently being delivered, any gaps, identified needs and proposals or recommendations to present to Area Committee. The next steps include preparing a report in November, with a pre meeting scheduled in December before coming forward to Area Committee in January 2010.
- 2.3** **Prosperous** priorities are due to be discussed at Area Committee in March 2010. In August 2009 a workshop was held discussing the thematic priorities, with the understanding that any early achievements should be delivered as soon as practically possible, instead of waiting until 2010.
- 2.4** 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. Description of Decision (Recommendation)

3.1 Area Committee is asked to note the attached Annex 1 and 2.

3.2 Area Committee is asked to consider and agree the following proposals as attached in Annexes 1 and 2

#### **Proposal**

##### **SIB/SIP**

- Receive funding application for River Wear Trail

##### **Review**

- Citywide approach to be developed around the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme
- Youth provision across the area to be reviewed (Children's Services – YDG)
- Committee is requested to:
  - Note the initiatives already taking place to tackle Anti Social Behaviour;
  - Note the work to be carried out by the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee review;
  - Agree to receive a further report in April 2010.

### 4. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- Coalfield 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: Coalfield Safe Action Plan

Annex 2: Coalfield Attractive and Inclusive Action Plan

Annex 2a: Report regarding River Wear Trail

Annex 2b: Report regarding Private Landlords, empty properties, anti-social behaviour