

Sunderland East Area Committee

1st March 2010

Report of the Chief Executive

Sunderland East Area Action Plans

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 2009/10. It was deemed necessary to establish Area Action Plans for each theme identified in the Local Area Plan to ensure that all priorities are addressed throughout 2009-10.
- 1.2 The area actions are available on line, via www.sunderland.gov.uk/areacommittees and updated bi monthly to provide Committee and the public with up to date information on the performance against the action plans. Red represents a delay/problem, amber represents possible issues which Officers are aware of, green represents that the action is completed.
- 1.3 Members of the Committee have the responsibility to monitor area action plans on a regularly basis and can request specific updates on actions to be brought forward to Area Committee to discuss, via the Area Officer or Chairperson.
- 1.4 Information is constantly being collected from the across the City to inform the updated of area action plans. This will enable Area Committee to monitor progress on this standing item at each meeting and allow for the priorities to be continuously updated.

2. Description of Decision (Recommendations)

2.1 Area Committee is recommended to:-

- Indicate any areas of interest to be brought forward to future Area Committees from the online action plans by the end of March 2010.
- Consider the Safe report (Annex 1) and note future reports and updates requested through the Safe Area Action Plan.
- Consider the Learning report (annex 2) and note future reports and updates requested through the Learning Area Action Plan.
- Consider the Attractive and Inclusive report (Annex 3) and note future reports and updates requested through the Attractive and Inclusive Area Action Plan.

3. Area Action Plan Updates

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. There was a clear need to focus on tailoring services, dealing with local problems, e.g. secondary fires, fly tipping, dog fouling, graffiti, etc with particular focus in the Long Streets and Middle Hendon area.

At two recent Area Committees the issue of empty properties and the demands this has on service providers, but more importantly how a community reacts and how the problem impacts on moral, confidence, esteem, etc have been discussed. A walkabout was

organised and held on the 27 January 2010. Eleven Officers attended representing the Council's Environmental Enforcement Team, ASB Team, Private Properties Team and Youth Offending Services, Gentoo, Northumbria Police, T&W Fire and Rescue and Back on the Map.

The group walked around the Long Streets, in particular St Leonard's Street, then progressed towards Athol Road area. It was agreed to formulate an action plan outlining the Lead Officer, location, what can and cannot be achieved, along with timescales for implementation. Issues relating to environmental issues have been referred to Responsive Local Services project to progress and local elected members have received copies of the action plan.

In September 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to the **Learning** priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor.

Since January's Area Committee, meetings have been held with Family, Adult and Community Services, Children Services and Corporate Procurement, Office of the Chief Executive to investigate how we can improve access to funding streams on behalf of the voluntary and community sector with the objective to increase the delivery of locally based informal courses across the East area. A proposal update will be presented to a future meeting.

In November 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to **Attractive and Inclusive** priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor.

A priority under this theme to which the Committee are keen to progress is the need to improve public transport routes and walk ability across the area. Nexus will be in attendance at the meeting to ask Committee to note the forthcoming bus network design consultation process by Nexus, which will re-design the bus networks to improve accessibility for local residential areas.

4. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Sunderland East Local Area Plan

5. List of Appendices

- Annex 1: Sunderland East Area Safe Action Plan
- Annex 2: Sunderland East Area Learning Action Plan
- Annex 3: Sunderland East Area Attractive and Inclusive Action Plan

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