

Coalfield Area Committee

6 January 2010

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. It was deemed necessary to establish Area Action Plans for each theme identified in the Local Area Plan (LAP) 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 and at the November meeting summary templates showing updates on actions were presented. Progress on key actions, with ratings of red, amber or green will be presented at each meeting. Progress on all other actions identified at Area Committee will be available on line via www.sunderland.gov.uk/localareaplans and updated bi monthly to provide up to date information on performance and progress. In addition, the Area Action Plan updates presented to Committee will show performance against key indicators, again rated red, amber or green in comparison with the City performance. Area Action Plans for Safe, Attractive and Inclusive and Learning are attached at Annex 1.

2. Safe Area Action Plan Update

- 2.1 In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to the **Safe** priorities. An action agreed to was for Youth Offending Services (YOS) to investigate and feedback the possibility of linking hours from the Community Payback Scheme into Area Committee. Discussions have been held with YOS who have agreed that it is feasible for Area Committee to discuss and recommend a hotspot in their area that will improve the quality of life for local residents, via LAPs priorities, for example, removal of graffiti, litter pick, etc. Members are asked to consider any potential areas and send details to the Area Officer two weeks in advance of the next Area Committee, who will then forward to Area Committee. Area Committee will then be asked to select one area to be targeted. It is important to remember that the Community Payback scheme is established primarily to support the victims of crime, and as such, their requests for work will always be given priority for action.
- 2.2 Another action identified was to investigate the Positive Futures social inclusion programme model. Positive Futures is a national programme using sport and leisure activities to engage with disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people. The programme works to tackle social deprivation and reduce health inequalities by enabling young people from deprived areas to access safe and positive activities. Sessions need to be delivered locally, at an accessible time, and designed to raise aspirations but at the same time be fun. The annual costs for the Positive Futures scheme which attracts 100% external funding is circa £50,000 for a range of sessions per week. Further information on key actions from the Safe Area Action Plan are outlined in Annex 1.

3. Attractive and Inclusive Area Action Plan Update

- 3.1 In September 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals relating to Attractive & Inclusive priorities. Progress on all actions is outlined in Annex 1.

4 Learning Area Action Plan Update

- 4.1 In November 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals relating to the Health priorities. Progress on all actions is outlined in Annex 1.

5 Description of Decision (Recommendations)

Area Committee to forward areas which would benefit from Youth Offending Service Community Payback Scheme to Area Officer two weeks before next meeting

Area Committee to note Positive Futures information and discuss once the commissioning exercise for youth provision is complete

6 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: Area Action Plans for Safe, Attractive & Inclusive and Learning