

Area Committees Annual Report

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AREA COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Combined Area Committee Annual Report which summarises the work of the five Area Committees during 2012/13.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 The Annual Report provides an overview of where the Area Committees have helped to ensure the delivery of good quality public sector services that meet the needs of the residents of Sunderland at a local level. It summarises where the Area Committees have both influenced service delivery and delivered activities utilising their own resources and in line with their area priorities during 2012/13. It also outlines the development of the Area Arrangements to date and further evolution for the year ahead for 2013/14.

3. Operation of the Area Committees

- 3.1 The Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:-
- (a) leading on the development and delivery of Local Area Plans (which are subject to Cabinet approval) and identifying all main priorities for the improvement of an area;
 - (b) monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the council and other main providers in the area; and
 - (c) Actively encourage local residents to become involved in decision making on matters which affect them.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 During 2012/13 the Area Committees have been involved in shaping and delivering a wide range of activities against key priorities in order to meet the needs of local communities. 2013/14 will see their role strengthen further and the Area Committees will have direct local influence over the design, delivery and review of a number of place and people based services and activities.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the achievements and impact of the work of the Area Committees during 2012/13 as outlined in the combined Annual Report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 All five Area Committee Annual Reports for 2012/13.

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