

# SUNDERLAND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

28<sup>th</sup> March 2011

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND NORTH – PROGRESS REVIEW Work Plan 2010/11: Seaburn Public Realm Improvements

#### 1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of outstanding issues from the 2009/10 work plan and shows progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2010/11) work plan, **Annex 1a**.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 North Area Committee allocated £32,000 Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and £96,000 Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) funding to public realm improvements at Seaburn seafront in January 2010. A further £30,000 in SIB funding was allocated by East, West and Washington Area Committees in February 2010. The funding was allocated on the basis that the Seafront Members' Steering Group approved the final scheme.
- 2.2 The council's Landscape Architects developed a public realm scheme for Seaburn promenade in consultation with the Seafront Members' Steering Group. The improvements are south of Seaburn Shelter and include new street furniture, such as seating and litter bins, and a new granite edge to the grass banks to act as informal seating.
- 2.3 Following approval of the designs by the Steering Group and a procurement process, the contractor Trevor Atkinson was appointed in July 2010 to undertake the works. The scheme was granted planning permission in September 2010.

#### 3. Project Update

- 3.1 Due to extreme weather during November and December 2010 work on-site had to be put on hold, meaning the works are behind schedule.
- 3.2 The damaged concrete edging (shown in photograph 1) has been removed and replaced with granite steps which will also act as informal seating.



Photograph 1: Original damaged concrete edging



Photograph 2: New granite steps (January 2011)

- 3.3 Two ramped access points connecting the upper promenade to the lower promenade have been installed using Porphyry Granite sets.



Photograph 3: Ramped access (February 2011)

3.4 Turf has now been laid on the grass banks adjacent the Marriott Hotel and Ocean Parade.



Photograph 4: Turfing (February 2011)

- 3.5 The next stage is to install the street furniture including seating facing the sea on the upper promenade, litter bins and seating attached to the sea wall. In addition the area in front of the Seaburn Leisure Centre will be tidied up and street furniture will be installed.
- 3.6 Due to savings made in the cost of works it is now possible to install an additional section of granite steps directly adjacent the Marriott Hotel, on the area shown in photograph 5. A plan showing the feature steps to be installed in this location is included in appendix A. This will extend the time on-site in to April 2011.



Photograph 5: Location of additional works

### Recommendations

- Note the content of the report and progress of works.

### Appendices:

Appendix A: Plan showing design of additional works

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