

Washington Area Committee

5 November 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

Washington Area Committee Work Plan – Thematic 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 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 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 have been established throughout 2009 for all thematic priorities.

2. Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 Area Committee are asked to:

- Consider the Safe (Annex 1) report and determine the appropriate option(s) set out in the report.
- Consider the Learning (Annex 2) report and agree that an SIB application is received from Groundworks for £50,000 and Arts Centre Washington for £25,000 at a future Area Committee meeting.

3. Thematic Feedback

3.1 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 also agreed a number of actions and proposals relating to the **Learning** priorities, also to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. This is attached as Annex 2.

3.2 **Attractive and Inclusive** 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.

3.3 **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.

3.4 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.

4. Background papers

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

5. List of Appendices

- Annex 1: Washington Area Safe Action Plan
- Annex 2: Washington Area Learning Action Plan
- Annex 2a: Green Team
- Annex 2b: Oxclose and District Young People Programme
- Annex 2c: Arts Centre Washington

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