

**At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2014 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Curran, Davison, Foster, Francis, Howe, MacKnight, Shattock, Wiper and N. Wright

**Also in Attendance:-**

Ms. Zoe Channing	- Sunderland Live
Ms. Wendy Cook	- SNCBC
Ms. Gillian Gibson	- Consultant in Public Health, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Steven Graham	- Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	- Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Allison Patterson	- Area Coordinator, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Sue Stanhope	- Director of HR & OD, Sunderland City Council and Area Lead Executive (ALE)
Ms. Joanne Stewart	- Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone, opening the meeting and inviting introductions around the room.

At this juncture the Chairman advised that having sought advice, the SIB application regarding the Hylton Castle Battle Re-enactment Project would now be considered as a Part II item in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 and that the public would be excluded during consideration of the item as it was considered to involve a likely disclosure of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority) (Paragraph 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bell, Copeland, Jackson, Leadbitter and Stewart and on behalf of Inspector Tony Carty, Northumbria Police and Mr. Andy Old, Sunderland City Council.

## **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Place Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster presented the report drawing Members' attention to the area governance arrangements, the key areas of influence / achievements up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 and the 2014/15 work plan (as detailed in annex 1).

Members having fully considered the Place Board Progress Report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the North Sunderland Place Board Work Plan for 2014/15 be received and noted.

## **People Board Progress Update**

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe presented the report drawing Members' attention to the key area of influence / achievements up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 and the 2014/15 work plan (as detailed in annex 1).

Councillor Davison advised that she had attended the Dementia Training but that there had been no indication that it had been funded with SIB monies from the Area Committee. Ms. Metcalfe informed Members that the advert for the training does show that it is funded by the North Sunderland Area Committee but that she would feedback Councillor Davison's comments.

3. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan for 2014/15 be received and noted.

## **Partner Agency Reports – North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network**

Ms. Ruth Oxley, Area Network Representative submitted a report (copy circulated) providing an update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Oxley took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland VCS Network.

Councillor Wright asked if there were any thoughts as to why organisations from outside of the North Sunderland Area may be accessing funding to deliver activities in the area and was advised by Ms. Patterson that it had been raised as an issue and having liaised with colleagues in the VCS Network a set of training as to how procurement procedures works within the Council had been held. Ms. Metcalfe also informed Members that she provided updates to the VCS Network about any funding opportunities as and when they came up. It was suggested that the issue be referred to the People Board to investigate further and report back to the Area Committee.

Having fully considered the progress report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the issue raised regarding the VCS Network and accessing funding opportunities be referred to the North Sunderland People Board for further discussion; and
- (ii) the content of the report and the opportunities and issues raised by the North Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

## **Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police**

In the absence of Neighbourhood Inspector Tony Carty, Northumbria Police, Ms. Metcalfe gave an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti social behaviour data in the North Sunderland area.

In relation to a question regarding any issues at the Roker Illuminations, Ms. Zoe Channing, Sunderland Live, advised that there were a number of measures which were in place to mitigate any issues at the Roker Park site. She informed Members that partners regularly met to discuss any issues, of which there were very few small incidents, and that there would be a debrief following the end of the event to put into place any further measures deemed necessary for the event next year. Members were informed that the intention was to have more activities next year to spread the event over a further

distance towards the Morrison's complex so that all activities were not focussed solely on the park site.

Having fully considered the information presented, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services**

Mr. Steven Graham, Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services provided a verbal update to the Committee, on performance in relation to the local indicators for the North Sunderland Area Committee area, with particular reference to the numbers of deaths from fires, injuries from accidental fires, accidental fires in domestic properties, deliberate property fires and deliberate vehicle fires.

He advised that in general the number of 999 calls had gone down but that the service still continued to face problems with secondary fires, with the majority being loose refuse or within wheely bins.

He also advised the Committee that the new station build was underway and shared with them a model of the finished development, which would be complete by the end of Summer 2015.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Graham for his report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the update from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be received and noted.

### **Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to a financial statement as an up to date position in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Officer presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

Members considered the report and it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the financial statements as set out in paragraphs 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 of the report be noted;
- ii) approval be given to the allocation of £500 from the SIB budget for 2014/15 to support the Children's Takeover Day project on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2014; and
- iii) the eleven approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2014/15 budget as set out in Annex 2 to the report be noted.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006**

At the instance of the Chairman it was: -

8. RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it was considered to involve a likely disclosure of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority) (Paragraph 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **Note:-**

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to the public.

Additional minutes in respect of other items are included in Part II.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D. WILSON,  
Chairman.