

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY, 26th JUNE, 2012 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Atkinson, Essl, Gofton, L. Martin, Oliver, Porthouse, Smiles, P. Smith, Turton, Tye, Waller, S. Watson and Wilson.

Also Present:-

Bill Blackett	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Simone Common	West Locality Ops Manager	Sunderland City Council
Angela Cousins	Area Community Coordinator	Sunderland City Council
Mrs K. Day		Member of the Public
Kevin Douglas	Media Officer	Sunderland City Council
Alan Duffy	Head of Operations	Gentoo
Angela Cousins	Area Community Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Julie Gray	Head of Community Services	Sunderland City Council
Anita		VCS Network
Heskett-Saddington		
Pauline Hopper	Area Officer	Sunderland City Council
Brandon Lisle		Youth Almighty
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Julie Parker	Public Health Lead	Sunderland TPCT
Alison Patterson	Scrutiny and Area Arrangements Manager	Sunderland City Council
David Pickett	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
Phil Spooner	Head of Community Leadership Programmes	Sunderland City Council
Sue Stanhope	Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Ben Turner		Youth Almighty

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present introduced themselves.

In particular the Chairman welcomed Councillors Rebecca Atkinson and Mary Turton, newly elected members for the Barnes and Sandhill Wards, who were attending their first meeting of the Area Committee.

In addition the Chairman welcomed Sue Stanhope who was attending the meeting as the Committee's Area Lead Executive on behalf of Janet Johnson who had just returned home from a period in hospital. The Committee offered their warmest wishes to Mrs Johnson for a full and speedy recovery.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Allan, Dixon, P. Watson and T. Wright also on behalf of James Third, Bill Foster, Edna Rochester and Bill Leach.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 25th April, 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Fire and Crime Statistics

The Chairman advised that as discussed at the last meeting he would utilise this point on the agenda to enable consideration of the Fire and Crime statistics provided by the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and Northumbria Police respectively. The Chairman advised that he had received apologies from Bill Forster, Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service but that he had emailed the most recent fire statistics, copies of which were tabled for members' information.

The Chairman then welcomed and introduced, David Pickett, Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police who proceeded to brief Members on the Annual crime statistics in the following categories for the period 1st April, 2012 to 21st June 2012 compared to the 2011-2012 average.

	Previous	Current	Difference	%
Total Crime	747	630	117	-16%
Violent Crime	135	101	34	-25%
Violence Against the Person	122	90	31	-26%
Vehicle Crime	74	43	31	-42%
Burglary Dwelling	73	73	0	0%
Criminal Damage	203	184	19	-9%

CD to Vehicle	86	78	8	-9%
CD to dwelling	72	57	15	-21%
Theft and Handling	184	170	14	-8%
Shoplifting	65	91	26	+28
ASB	956	1001	45	+4%
ASB Youth	408	420	12	+3%
ASB Non Youth	574	581	7	-1%

Inspector Pickett addressed comments and questions from Members and in reply to an enquiry from Councillor P. Smith advised that he would endeavour to provide the statistical information on a ward by ward basis. Councillor Tye having requested youth anti social behaviour was plotted into the next LMAPS meeting, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that :-

- i) the crime and fire statistics be received and noted.
- ii) an update from Northumbria Police and the Tyne and Wear Rescue Service be included as a standing item at this juncture on the agenda for all future meetings of the West Sunderland Area Committee.

Setting the Scene – Strengthening the Area Governance Arrangements

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which outlined changes to the City Council's Area Governance Arrangements and supporting practices as part of the wider review of the Executive and Committee arrangements agreed by Council on 16th May 2012.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the body of the report which outlined the enhanced governance structure and improved ways of working for the Area Committee and which also sought approval for the proposed memberships of the Place and People boards as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

Consideration having been given to the matter it was :-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and noted and

- ii) approval be given to the memberships of the West Sunderland Area Place Board and West Sunderland Area People Board as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

Determining the Area Committee's Priorities for 2012/13

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought to determine the Area Committee's Key priorities for the year ahead as a basis for the Committees 2012/13 Local Area Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the report which highlighted the following proposed priorities :-

- 1) Health and Wellbeing.
- 2) Job Prospects for Young People.
- 3) Activities for Young People.
- 4) Environmental and Street Scene improvements.

The meeting was informed that the priorities had emerged from the members' workshop held in May and had subsequently been shared with residents at the State of the Area Debate and with the voluntary and Community Sector through the VCS Network.

If the priorities were endorsed at tonight's meeting it was proposed that a further members' workshop be arranged to determine the detail of the West Sunderland Area Committee LAP Work Plan for 2012/13:-

Consideration having been given to the matter it was:-

4. RESOLVED that :-

i) the following issues be approved as the Committee's key priorities for 2012/13

- a) Health and Wellbeing.
- b) Job Prospects for Young People.
- c) Activities for Young People.
- d) Environmental and Street Scene improvements.

ii) a members' workshop to determine the detailed West Area Committee LAP Work Plan for 2012/13 be arranged for 9th July, 2012 at 9.30am

Community Chest, Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the report highlighting the financial statement including an update on the allocation of Community Chest, SIP and SIB funding together with details of 22 proposals for support from the 2012/13 Community Chest budget.

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted, and
- (ii) approval be given to the granting of the 22 Community Chest applications as detailed in Annex 4 of the report.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.