

SUNDERLAND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

16th NOVEMBER 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND WEST: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2011/12 WORK PLAN)

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 To enable the future development of area based working, the Area Committee requires detailed information to be freely available from a number of different sources.
- 1.2 Information to be presented has been sourced from other Committee meetings, LMAPS, the Data Analyst Team from Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

2 New Issues Crime and Community Safety

- 2.1 Following the last meeting, committee requested the Police and Fire and Rescue Service provide an update on crime trends, Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and community safety.
- 2.2 The West's Neighbourhood Police Inspector and the Station Manager at Farrington Community Fire Station will present an update on the latest situation within the West (attached at **Annex 2**).
- 2.3 It is proposed that Crime and Community Safety be added to the committee's work plan, as part of the 'Environment and Street Scene' priority. This will enable regular reports and updates to be presented at Area Committee.
- 2.4 Committee may wish to consider other means by which members can influence the work of the Police, Fire Service and other agencies, regarding crime and community safety.
- 2.5 Currently, committee has councillor representation on the Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) group for the West. This enables members to channel their concerns to LMAPS and for LMAPS to raise new issues within Area Committee.
- 2.6 Members can contact the Neighbourhood Police Inspector and her Team, as well as, the Fire Service at a local level or via representation on the Fire and Rescue Authority.

2.7 An additional means of discussing and influencing local concerns about crime and community safety could be through informal meetings with the Police at a ward or area level. Although the Police piloted a ward based approach a number of years ago, members may feel the time is opportune to reinstate this type of informal, and often very productive, means of communication and exchange.

3. Recommendation

- i) Note the update from the Police and Fire and Rescue Service
- ii) Agree the adoption of Crime and Community Safety as an action in the committee's Work Plan, under the 'Environment and Street Scene' priority.
- iii) Consider whether committee wishes to engage in regular, informal dialogue with the Police, and in what form.

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