

# **Washington Area Committee**

**10 September 2009**

## **Report of the Chief Executive**

### **Washington a Learning Area Summary**

**Strategic priorities: 1, 2**

#### **1. Why has it come to committee?**

**1.1** At its last meeting in June, the committee agreed its work plan for the 2009/10 municipal year and the Learning priority is the second to come to committee for discussion and consideration.

#### **2. Background**

**2.1** Following the extensive programme of consultation with members, partners, community stakeholders and the wider community, the agreed priorities for this theme are:

- Improve and increase the variety youth services available across Washington.
- Deliver holistic campaigns around healthier lifestyle choices delivered at schools/college, businesses, public venues.
- Plan training around jobs.
- Target people EET and young people who are NEET into education and employment

#### **2.2 Who has been involved?**

- Elected Members
- Bridge Women's Educational Project
- Children Services
- Millennium Centre
- Oxclose and District Young People Project
- North Washington YIP
- Community and Cultural Services
- Connexions
- Youth Development Group

#### **2.3 Key Dates**

- 13.08.09 – Pre meeting for Area Committee
- 01.09.09 – Report deadline for Area Committee
- 10.09.09 – Area Committee: discuss and agreed recommendations
- 27.10.09 – Deadline for action plan to be developed
- 05.11.09 – Area Committee: Action Plan presented
- 06.04.10 – End of year report deadline for Area Committee
- 15.04.10 – Area Committee: End of Year report presented

### **3. Learning Theme Area Summary**

**3.1** Attached as Annex 1 is the area summary for the Learning theme. The annex covers:

- Priorities agreed at Area Committee
- Key Facts
- Current activity

- Any gaps or needs
- Actions
- Proposals

#### 4. Recommendation

##### 4.1 Area Committee is asked to:-

- Note the **actions** identified in Annex 1
- Agree which of the following **proposals** (identified in Annex 2) will be developed
  - **Allocation of SIB/SIP:**
    - £30,000 of one off capital costs, £38,000 per year for three years for revenue costs, totalling £144,000. Supplement current practice with mobile provision. Applying to all Area Committees. (Youth Development Group)
  - **Review**
    - Investigate and feedback to Area Committee on the feasibility of amending the procurement process to make the commissioning of youth services process more accessible. (Office of the Chief Executive)
  - **Escalate to Scrutiny or LSP**
    - Strategic links need to be made between the Business Investment Team, who can identify potential and current future employers and Sunderland Learning Partnership, who can co-ordinate training and educational courses to address the needs of employers, if tailored appropriately it can be used to attract investors to Washington and the City. (ALE)
    - Investigate how we engage with Employers and encourage them to employ local people (ALE)

#### 5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- Washington Local Area Plan
- Information provided by partners and officers at workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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**Annex 1:** Washington Learning Area Summary

**Annex 2:** Informal Learning Provision (City Council)