

11th March 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE WEST AREA COMMITTEE

West Area Committee Annual Report 2014-15

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve the West Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2014-15 to be presented to Full Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 This will be the fourth year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.

- 2.2 Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:

- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the area
- Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities

- 2.3 2014-15 has been an incredibly busy and challenging year for us all - a year when Sunderland, amongst many things, commemorated its WW1 heroes. The Annual Report for 2014/15 showcases some of the key achievements delivered this year through the dedicated work of the five Area Committees and their supporting Place and People Boards. It also highlights how we translate the principles of a community leadership council in practice and the central role played by local councillors in helping to strengthen our communities.

3. Annual Report 2014-2015

- 3.1 The Annual Report for West Area Committee 2014-2015 is attached as **Annex 1**

- 3.2 It is important that the Annual Report is viewed as a collaborative achievement and the West Area Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the outcomes achieved through the work of the Area Committees and the supporting Place and People Boards.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the West Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2014-15.

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