

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER, 2012 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors Copeland, Curran, Davison, Foster, Francis, Howe, Jackson, MacKnight, Shattock, Stewart, D. Wilson, Wiper and N. Wright

Also in Attendance:-

Insp. Tony Carty	- Northumbria Police
Ms. Wendy Cook	- Youth and Community Coordinator, SNCBC
Ms. Gillian Gibson	- Consultant in Public Health, STPCT
Mr. Andy Old	- Area Response Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Allison Patterson	- Scrutiny and Area Arrangements Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ev Ripley-Day	- Head of Raising Standards, SAFC Foundation of Light
Mr. Alan Scott	- North Locality Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Sue Stanhope	- Director of HR & OD, Sunderland City Council – ALE (Area Lead Executive)
Ms. Gilly Stanley	- Area Officer (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	- Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Gary Yates	- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Ms. Sue Stanhope, Director of HR & OD, who would be the new Area Lead Executive for the North Sunderland Area Committee and opened the meeting, inviting introductions around the room.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Francis and on behalf of Mr. Michael Donachie, Gentoo, Ms. Sandra Mitchell, Sunderland City Council and Mr. James Third, Nexus.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Copeland an open declaration in the SIB application for the Southwick Old Town Hall Project as a members of SNYP.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 21st June, 2012

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21st June, 2012 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Place Board – Progress Update

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the current years Place Board Work Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Allison Patterson, Scrutiny and Area Arrangements Manager presented the report advising that the Committee had agreed its Local Area Plan at its meeting in June and the priorities identified in that plan associated to Place had been referred to the Place Board for consideration. She informed Members that the Place Board had started to initiate action on the priorities and were in the process of agreeing target dates for delivery and when to feedback to the Area Committee in the year ahead.

Ms. Patterson then gave Members a progress update on the work undertaken by the Place Board to date on the following areas and/or priorities, including any requests for decisions, where necessary:-

- Responsive Local Services (RLS) : Streetscene;
- Greenspace Improvements and Shopping Centre Improvements; and
- Heritage.

Following Member discussions, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the report and timetable for activity for the year ahead be received and noted; and
 - ii) progress update reports based on the timetable be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

People Board – Progress Update

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing an update of progress against the current years People Board Work Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Allison Patterson presented the report again advising that the Committee had agreed its Local Area Plan at its meeting in June and the priorities

identified in that plan associated to People were to be referred to the People Board for consideration.

She informed Members that the People Board were scheduled to meet to action those priorities on behalf of the Committee and agree a timetable for activity for the year, updating the Committee on progress at a relevant time based on that timetable.

Members were advised that the Locality Manager for the North Sunderland area and Commissioning Lead, Children's Services would be attending the next meeting of the People Board to give a presentation on youth provision in the area, which had been highlighted as a priority in most of the Area Committees' Work Plans. A report would be submitted to Cabinet in November which should include any comments from the Committee and therefore Ms. Patterson advised that it would be necessary to arrange an extraordinary meeting of the Committee to consider the proposals for the area and make comment.

Councillors Davison and MacKnight referred to a night when they had made a visit to the youth provision based within Red House Academy and had found a number of youth workers but no young people and raised concerns if the provision was going to be poorly attended that it needed to be moved. Mr. Alan Scott, Locality Manager, agreed to investigate the matter further and respond directly to Members but advised that he was aware that this had been a popular venue for young people during the summer holidays so was surprised to hear it was so poorly attended. He also advised that detached workers should be approaching young people to try and get them involved with activities in the area, but advised that had the young people been drinking they would not be invited or allowed into the facility.

Inspector Carty gave Members an update on the Operation Educate and SafetyWorks Programme that were being undertaken in the area, advising of actions that had been carried out to work towards reducing anti social behaviour in the North area.

Members discussed the impressive SafetyWorks Programme and requested that a visit to the facilities be arranged for those Members who had not been previously, and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the content of the report be received and noted; and
- ii) the People Board's timetable for activity for the year ahead be received at a future meeting of the Committee; and
- iii) a site visit be arranged for Members of the Committee to the SafetyWorks interactive safety centre.

Community Chest, Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Healthy City Investment Fund (HCIF) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to requests for funding from Community Chest, Strategic Initiatives Budget and Healthy City Investment Fund to support initiatives which would benefit the area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Patterson presented the report and advised Members of the applications for funding which were set out as an annex to the report.

Members discussed the requested change in condition for the Castleview MUGA and expressed their disappointment in the way in which the application had been carried out. The Committee asked that the Board be contacted to express their dismay in the way the application had been made and advise that they wished for a review to be undertaken towards the end of the two year contract to consider the provision of Friday Football sessions.

Having fully considered the report and applications therein, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- the financial statement as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report be noted;
- approval be given to the seven proposals for support from the 2012/13 Community Chest, totalling £4,960, as set out in the annex to the report;
- approval be given to the allocation of SIB funding from the 2012/13 budget of £6,000 as a contribution towards the Southwick Old Town Hall Project;
- approval be given to the allocation of HCIF funding from the 2012/13 budget of £31,000 as a contribution towards the Men's Healthy Futures North Project;
- approval be given to allocate a budget of £35,837 to deliver the Southwick Community Christmas Scheme, subject to full appraisal, assessment and consultation; and
- a letter be sent to the Board of the Academy from the Committee, as discussed, regarding the change of condition to Castleview MUGA Project to commit to deliver the football sessions for a period of 2 years, subject to a review being carried out nearer that time to look at the delivery of further football sessions.

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

(Signed) R. BELL,
Chairman.