

## **Sunderland North Area Committee**

**13th September 2010.**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **Influencing Practice, Policy and Strategy**

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

- 1.1. This report offers Members the opportunity for consultation on plans and strategies relevant to the Sunderland North area. It also provides information and updates, which will encourage Members to feed into proposals for service or policy change.

##### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 Members are requested to consider the following plans provided for consultation ;

- The draft Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan
- Play and Urban Games Strategy Review

##### **3. Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan**

- 3.1 The Committee will be aware that the Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan consultation process is currently ongoing. A draft document has now been produced to seek views through a formal consultation process. An extract from the document is attached as Annex 1. The Annex is the action plan which indicates proposed actions to reflect the changing landscape of volunteering, at both the national and local level, and to build upon existing good practice in Sunderland. The Strategy and accompanying action plan will provide the basis for partners and organisations to work together to raise the profile of volunteering and increase the number and diversity of volunteers in the City.
- 3.2 The Council acknowledges the vitally important contribution volunteers make in Sunderland. The Sunderland Volunteering Strategy is a tool to steer future work around volunteering.
- 3.3 The report will outline the process to be undertaken to review the existing Strategy and identify the priorities for investment for the period 2010-2012 for inclusion within an addendum to the Strategy.

##### **4. Play and Urban Games Strategy**

- 4.1 The report in Annex 2 outlines the process being undertaken to review the existing Strategy and identifies the priorities for investment for the period 2010-2012 for inclusion within an addendum to the Strategy.

##### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Area Committee Members are requested to;
- i. Note the content of the report
  - ii. Provide feedback on the achievements to date
  - iii. Comment on the consultation framework
  - iv. Agree to the priorities for future investment in the North area.

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