

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

9 SEPTEMBER 2010

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 Coalfield 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 draft Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan, which is currently subject to consultation, and to participate in the consultation process to ensure that the strategy will effectively address the volunteering needs of the Coalfield area.

3. Information and Updates

- 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.

The Council acknowledges the vitally important contribution volunteers make in Sunderland. The Sunderland Volunteering Strategy is a tool to steer future work around volunteering.

A copy of the full document is available at www.sunderlandcompact.org.uk. The deadline for consultation comments is 17 September 2010.

Annex 1: Sunderland Volunteering Strategy Draft Action Plan

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