

REVIEW OF LOCAL STUDIES – SETTING THE SCENE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Priorities: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO4: Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'.

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides a brief introduction to the presentation that will be given to members around the review of local studies. This presentation will set the scene for the 'mini-review' of the local studies service within Sunderland and provide members with some context before embarking on their investigations.
- 1.2 The work of the Committee in undertaking this review will help support the Council in achieving its Strategic Priorities of a Learning, Attractive and Inclusive City, and support the delivery of the related themes of the Local Area Agreement.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the last Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee, 15 December 2009, Members received and agreed the outline scope for the mini review into local studies.
- 2.2 This review will run alongside the main policy review of the committee, Access to Housing in Sunderland, with all members of the committee being involved in the evidence gathering processes.

3. Current position

- 3.1 The Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee having agreed the remit, scope and terms of reference for the mini review into local studies are to receive a presentation from Vicki Medhurst, Principal Librarian, that will provide an introduction, overview and future aims for the service.
- 3.2 The presentation will be forwarded to members prior to the meeting to be held on 19 January 2010, and copies will also be available at the meeting.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The presentation provides members with an overview of the local studies service as well as future aims for the service in general.

5 Recommendation

5.1 That Members note the information contained in the presentation

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