

Washington Area Committee

9th September 2010.

Report of the Office 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 Washington area. It also provides information and updates which will encourage Members to feed into proposals for service or policy change and facilitates the referral of outcomes of issues previously identified.

2. Plans and Strategies for consultation

- 2.1 Washington Road Safety Scheme
Annex 1 updates the Area Committee in respect of progress made regarding the Washington Road Safety Scheme.

Members are requested to:

- Consider the contents of the report and the recommendations contained within Annex 1.

- 2.2 Play and Urban Games Strategy
Annex 2 highlights the progress achieved against priority actions within the Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) – Moving Forward 2007-2012. It outlines the process to be 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.

Members are requested to:

- Consider the recommendations contained within Annex 2.

- 2.3 Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy
Area Committee maybe 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 3**. The Annex is the action plan which indicates proposed actions to take, 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 seen as a tool to help steer the future work around volunteering.

The extract attached needs to be referred to in conjunction with the draft strategy document which is available at www.sunderlandcompact.org.uk

Members are requested to

- Consider the Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and participate in the consultation process to ensure that the strategy will effectively address the volunteering needs of the Washington area.

3. Information and Updates

3.1 Consultation Diary

Members are requested to note the City's consultation diary which provides information regarding all consultations currently taking place and those already completed. As an example the following consultations are currently underway:

- **Boosting Enterprise Programme Review:** This consultation is to gather information/views/experiences of clients who have received the pre-employment support offered through the Boosting Enterprise Programme. This information will feed into the review of the Boosting Enterprise Programme.
- **Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy:** The Sunderland Partnership is inviting views on a draft Volunteering Strategy for Sunderland. This Strategy 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.
- **Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation :** Pursuant to Section 5 of the Act is to set out the Council's policy with respect to the exercise of its functions as the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act"). It relates to the 'licensable activities' as defined in Section 1 of the Act namely: (a) the sale by retail of alcohol; (b) the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club; (c) the provision of regulated entertainment; and (d) the provision of late night refreshment. Views are sought on the contents of the proposed policy statement.

4. Reviews and Scrutiny

4.1 There are no items for this meeting referred from the scrutiny process.

5. Background Information

- 5.1 Washington Road Safety Scheme
- 5.2 Play and Urban Games Strategy
- 5.3 Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy
- 5.4 Meetings of previous Area Committees
- 5.5 Washington Area Local Plan
- 5.6 Sunderland City Council Consultation Calendar

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