

West Sunderland Area Committee

4th November 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

West: A Learning Area Summary: 'Better support for young people with more play and youth services and encouragement to continue into further education'

Strategic Priority: 2

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 At its meeting in July, the committee agreed its work plan for the 2009/10 municipal year and the Learning priority is the third to come to committee for discussion and consideration.

2. Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 Area Committee is asked to agree the following:

- Agree the **actions** identified in Annex 1;
- Agree which of the following **proposals** (also identified in Annex 1) will be developed:

Allocation of SIB/SIP

Consider receiving an SIB application from the Youth Development Group of £38,000 revenue and £30,000 capital to enhance evening and weekend youth services with increased XL Youth Village and mobile neighbourhood provision

Review

Area Committee to receive a report from the Youth Development Group, in light of youth work commissioning, on the range of services and providers for children and young people to enable an integrated approach to meeting needs and the planning and delivery of services.

Review

Area Committee to receive a report on current Family, Adult and Community Learning provision including partners and learning providers, types of courses, community needs, gaps in provision, times and venues.

Escalate to LSP

Review apprenticeship opportunities, including the commitment of the public sector, to the creation of more full apprenticeships either by seeking to provide opportunities within statutory sector organisations or the possibility of providing financial incentives to other employers.

3. Background

3.1 Following the extensive programme of consultation with members, partners, community stakeholders and the wider community, the agreed priorities for this theme are:

- Provide a safe environment for young people with better youth and community programmes;
- Provide more weekend and evening activities;

- Raise aspirations of children and young people and their families;
- Reduce the number of young people Not in Education, Employment or training.

3.2 Who has been involved?

- Children's Services
- Connexions
- Community and Cultural Services
- Youth Development Group
- Young Asian Voices
- SAFC Foundation
- City of Sunderland College
- Education Business Connections
- South Hylton Tansy Centre
- Area Coordination Team, Office of the Chief Executive

3.3 Key Dates

- 12.10.09 – Pre meeting for Area Committee
- 21.10.09 – Report deadline for Area Committee
- 28.10.09 – Area Committee: discuss and agree recommendations
- 14.12.09 – Feedback deadline
- 06.01.10 – Area Committee: feedback presented
- 29.03.10 – End of year report deadline for Area Committee
- 07.04.10 – Area Committee: End of Year report presented

4. Learning Theme Area Summary

4.1 Attached as Annex 1 is the area summary for theme. The annex covers:

- Priorities agreed at Area Committee
- Key Issues/background
- Current activity delivered day to day from services
- Any gaps, identified needs or general comments
- Proposals/options

5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- West Sunderland Local Area Plan
- Information provided by partners and officers at workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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Annex 1: West: A Learning Area: Summary