

At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at the HETTON CENTRE, WELFARE ROAD, HETTON-LE-HOLE on WEDNESDAY, 3rd JUNE 2009 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor J. Scott in the Chair

Councillors Anderson, Blackburn, Ellis, A. Hall, Rolph, D. Smith, Tate and Wakefield.

Also in Attendance:

Councillor Hepple	-	Hetton Town Council
Councillor Steele	-	Hetton Town Council
Councillor Robson	-	Hetton Town Council
Helen Paterson	-	Children's Services
Victoria French	-	Community and Cultural Services
Julie Elliott	-	Community and Cultural Services
Peter High	-	Community and Cultural Services
Melanie Caldwell	-	Gentoo Sunderland
Jeff Wilkinson	-	Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade
Paul Gray	-	Sunderland TPCT
Pauline Hopper	-	Office of the Chief Executive
Emma Hindmarsh	-	Office of the Chief Executive

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Heron, D. Richardson and Speding.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all those present to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12th March, 2009 and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 31st March, 2009

i) Lambton Miners' Memorial Project

Councillor A. Hall referred to the Lambton Miners' Memorial Project and questioned whether the Project organisers had been contacted to provide a feedback report. Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Regeneration Officer, informed the Committee that she had contacted the project to provide an update on the reasons for the delay. She advised that the SIB funding was paying for artwork to be installed at each of the entrances to the new development at the former Lambton Coke Works. The contractors were not yet at the stage to progress with installation of the prepared artwork. Hopefully, the work would be complete by July in order for installation before the start of the school summer holidays. The sculptures had been designed and developed by young people from local schools. Ms. Hopper agreed to contact the group again and request that they provide an update to the next Area Committee.

ii) Area Committee Governance and Business Processes

Ms. Hopper referred to the last extraordinary meeting when the Committee had discussed the proposals for the new governance arrangements. She advised the Committee that following consultation with all Members, a closed session for decisions on SIB/SIP applications would not be adopted.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting held on 12th March, 2009 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 31st March, 2009 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Establishing a Coalfield Area Work plan

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a Work Plan for the municipal year 2009/10 for the Committee's approval and requesting Members to consider possible venues in which the Committee will meet for the forthcoming year.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Dr. Helen Paterson, Director of Children's Services and Area Executive Lead outlined the purpose of the meeting and advised that the Area Committee, delivery service partners and Directorates needed to collectively agree the Work Plan for the Coalfield area. She explained that the intention was for each meeting of the Committee to be dedicated to one priority theme as set out in appendix 1 to the report. The Committee would also receive feedback on those priorities previously

discussed at the meeting and updates on the actions recommended and taken forward on the Committee's behalf.

The Chairman invited Members to discuss the Work Plan and relevant lead organisations and delivery partners for each of the priorities. A full discussion ensued and Members agreed the order of the priority themes and lead organisations and delivery partners as detailed at Appendix 1.

The Committee then considered the list of suggested venues for future meetings of the Coalfield Area Committee.

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Regeneration Officer, invited Members to indicate which venues were suitable to host meetings of the Area Committee, advising that they would then be vetted with regards to accessibility.

The following suggestions were offered as possible venues for future meetings:-

- The Hetton Centre
- Houghton Welfare Hall
- Herrington Burn YMCA
- Bethany Christian Centre
- Shiney Row Trinity Methodist Centre

Councillor Anderson advised that she would have great difficulty in attending some of the venues as they were not accessible via public transport.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the proposed Work Plan and the order in which the priorities will be discussed be approved and Appendix 1 be updated with the names of the lead organisations and delivery partners identified at the meeting (N.B. please see Appendix 1 to these minutes for the updated Work Plan for 2009/10); and
- ii) the Democratic Services Officer undertakes a site visit to the suggested venues to further consider their suitability for meetings of the Area Committee.

Strategic Initiatives Budget: Ward Based Community Chest

The Chief Executive and City Treasurer submitted a joint report (copy circulated) seeking the Committee's agreement to the return of funding for unclaimed Community Chest approvals from 2006/2007 and the carry forward of unallocated Community Chest funding from 2008/2009 to the Ward areas.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Regeneration Officer, provided an update to the Committee in relation to the budget funding, returning to the Strategic Initiatives

Budget the Strategic Investment Programme and the Community Chest 2009/2010 allocations.

4. RESOLVED that approval be given to:-
 - i) the return of unclaimed approvals from 2006/2007 for allocation; and
 - ii) the carry forward of unallocated Community Chest budget from 2008/2009 into 2009/2010.

Strategic Initiatives Budget: 2009/10 Ward Based Community Chest

The chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) bringing forward 31 recommendations relating to the 2009/10 Community Chest Scheme.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

5. RESOLVED that approval be given to the 31 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1 to the report; and

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) J. Scott,
Chairman.

Coalfield Area Committee – Proposed Workplan for 2009/10

APPENDIX 1

Area committee	Priority Item	Lead Organisation	Delivery Partners	Strategic Link
June 2009	Planning Meeting Approval of priorities for LAPs Development of work plans Development of thematic action plan			
July 2009	Safe Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti Social Behaviour • Control of Alcohol to under 21s • Youth provision • Police/CSO visible presence • Community relations/reduce FOC Progress Review Call for projects (Safe)	Northumbria Police (Graham Finlay)	Gentoo (John Chapman/Melanie Caldwell) Safer Communities (Bill Blackett) T&W Fire Service (Jeff Wilkinson) Youth Offending Service (Guy Kirk) Houghton Kepier School (Mike Shepherd) Childrens Services (Judith Hay) Youth Development Group (LMAPS
September 2009	Attractive and Inclusive (A&I) Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Crime • Shopping Centres/state of properties • Unadopted roads • Transport • Empty properties • Residential areas Award contracts for safe theme Progress Review Call for projects (Attractive and Inclusive)	HHAS (Alan Caddick)	CCS (Nicky Rowland or Norma Johnston) Gentoo (John Chapman/Melanie Caldwell) HHAS (empty properties officer?) Business Investment Team (Janet Snaith) Private landlord association	
November 2009	Learning Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non academic support • Youth provision • Raise aspirations/prep for adult life • Attainment levels and skills • 14-19 employability skills Award contracts for A&I theme Progress Review Call for projects (Learning)	Childrens Services (Judith Hay)	Sunderland College (Nigel Harrett) Springboard Secondary School reps Gentoo Living (name to be provided) CCS Library Service (Jane Hall)	

Area committee	Priority Item	Lead Organisation	Delivery Partners	Strategic Link
January 2010	Healthy Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for vulnerable adults • Safe and independent living • Access to health services • Mental wellbeing • Sport and exercise facilities Award contracts for Learning theme Progress Review Call for projects (Healthy)	STPCT (Nonnie Crawford)	Gentoo Living HHAS (Dave Smith) CCS Sport and Leisure (Victoria French or Allison O'Neil) Diversity and Inclusion (Sal Buckler)	
March 2010	Prosperous Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support businesses/increase employment opportunities • Adult education • Community based learning • Raise aspirations and employability skills Award contracts for Health theme Progress Review Call for projects (Prosperous)	Business Investment Team (Janet Snaith)	CCS Library Service (Jane Hall) Job Linkage (Janet Butler) Adult & Community Learning (Sandra Kenny) Community Development (Julie Gray) Gentoo Living Coalfield Regeneration Trust – Family Learning and Employment Initiative University (Prof G Holmes) Hetton & Houghton Business Club (Alex Scullion)	
April 2010	End of Year Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Assessment • Annual Report 			

Nexus (Tobin Hughes or Helen Matthews) as a strategic partner – part of the core membership attending for all themes