

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

30th January 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND NORTH – PROGRESS REVIEW Workplan 2011/2012 – ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current years (2011/2012) workplan, **ANNEX 1**.

2. Redhouse Academy Youth Centre

2.1 The task and finish group were presented with a proposal to deliver activities for young people from the purpose built youth centre at Redhouse Academy.

2.2 It is proposed to deliver 3 additional youth sessions per week from the Redhouse Academy Youth Centre, one of which will be a targeted daytime session and two of the sessions will be generalist youth activities. The sessions will be available for young people aged 11 – 19 years old from the North area of Sunderland.

2.3 The targeted session will be aimed at NEET young people and those at risk of becoming NEET. The session will be delivered in partnership with SNCBC, the city NEET board, Sunderland City College and local businesses. The session will support young people to access employment, education or training, the full detail of which is held within the SIB funding application at **Annex 6**.

2.4 The generalist youth provision will address the needs for young people from across the north of the city to socialise with friends and participate in structured activities in a safe and secure place. The young people will have opportunities to learn lots of new skills and gain accreditation through participating in short courses that youth workers will provide. The project will act as a hub for local young people to access information on a wide range of issues including health and leisure that will support their personal and social development.

3. Castleview Academy

3.1 The multi use games area at Castleview Academy is used by both the school and community to deliver activities for the students and local community including activities for young people.

3.2 The activities delivered for young people have proved to be very successful in engaging young people and supporting the reduction in anti social behaviour in the area. The activities delivered which engaged the local community and community groups supported community cohesion and the improvement of health and wellbeing in the area.

3.3 A recent inspection has seen the multi use games area condemned due to Health and Safety regulations and the area has been closed. All activities previously delivered for both the students and local community have ceased.

3.4 To bring the MUGA back into use the area would need to be resurfaced at a cost of approximately £66,000, it is proposed to allocate £30,000 towards the cost of

the works in order to continue to support the activities for young people and reduction in anti-social behaviour achieved.

- 3.5 Work is ongoing to support the Academy to access available funding to match to the SIB allocation to resurface the area and ensure it is reopened for community and academy use.

Recommendations

- Note the content of the report.
- Approve the SIB application of £46,000 to deliver targeted and generalist youth provision from the RHAY centre for the North area.
- Approve the alignment of £30,000 SIB funding to the repair of Castleview Academy MUGA, subject to full application, consultation and appraisal subject to recommended conditions.

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