

West Sunderland Area Committee

10 September 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

Thematic Feedback Report

1. Why has it come to committee?

- 1.1** Earlier in the municipal year the Committee agreed the work plan for the 2009/10. As some priorities are not being discussed until 2010, it was deemed necessary to establish working groups outside of Area Committee and build in additional actions to ensure that all priorities can be addressed throughout 2009-10.
- 1.2** Each Area Committee has a standing agenda item allowing for updates to be given on all five thematic priorities throughout the year. Even though some priorities will not be discussed until 2010, summary area templates are being established throughout August and September 2009 for all thematic priorities.
- 1.3** This approach facilitates and assists in identifying early wins at the beginning of the municipal year. Working groups then have the opportunity of presenting early wins to Area Committee before the proposed scheduled date to bring flexibility to the area arrangements. This allows for any emergencies that may develop and will ensure that when other work streams under the Community Leadership Programme are established, for example, complementing 'Responsive Local Services' and the 'Communications for Area Committees', that they can strengthen the whole agenda of area arrangements, using Area Committees as the established focal point.

2. Thematic Feedback

- 2.1 'Learning'** priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in November 2009. In August 2009 a workshop was held to discuss each individual priority, what services are currently being delivered, any gaps, identified needs and proposals or recommendations to present to Area Committee. The next steps include preparing a report in September, with a pre meeting scheduled in October before coming forward to Area Committee in November 2009.
- 2.2 'Attractive and Inclusive – improving the environment'** priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in January 2010, with '**Prosperous**' priorities in March 2010. In August 2009 a workshop was held discussing both thematic priorities, with the understanding that any early achievements should be delivered between now and November 2009, or as soon as practically possible, instead of waiting until 2010.
- 2.3** Information is currently being collected from the workshops to inform action plans, to enable Area Committee to monitor progress on this standing item at each Area Committee, this will allow for the priorities to be continuously updated.

3. Update on key actions from the Safe Theme July 2009

- 3.1** In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed proposals relating to the Safe priorities, progress of which will be reported to committee throughout the year. The seven areas identified for further development and action are attached as follows:

- The Phoenix Project (Annex 1);
- Drinking Dens (Annex 2);
- Bottle Tracing and illegal alcohol sales (Annex 3);
- Neighbourhood Wardens, Community Safety Days, Community Payback Schemes, Neighbourhood Watch Schemes (Annex 4).

4. Recommendation

4.1 Area Committee is asked to:

- Agree the following **proposal** (identified in Annex 1) to be developed
 - **Allocation of SIB/SIP**
 - Two year funding to deliver the Phoenix Project at £8,609 per year, total £17,218
- Agree the following **proposals**:
 - **Review**
 - **Drinking Dens**: agree the options within Annex 2 pending a further report on costs and appropriate youth work intervention.
 - **Bottle tracing and illegal alcohol sales**: agree the proposals within Annex 3 regarding: use of cameras, more joint operations, retail watch schemes, better information, better publicity and licence reviews.
 - Agree the proposals in Annex 4 to provide further reports to Committee on;
 - **Neighbourhood Wardens**
 - **Community safety Days**
 - **Community Payback Scheme**
 - **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

5. Background papers

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

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Annex 1: Phoenix Project
 Annex 2: Drinking dens
 Annex 3: Bottle tracing and illegal alcohol sales
 Annex 4: Safe priorities for further development and action