

**At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Doyle, Foster, Howe, Jenkins, Leadbitter, McKeith and Samuels

**Also in Attendance:-**

Ms. Joanne Coulson	-	Community Support Worker, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Peter Curtis	-	Area Network Representative
Ms. Tracy Hassan	-	VCS Alliance Manager, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Colin McCartney	-	Head of Operations, Gentoo Housing
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Inspector Stephen Prested	-	Northumbria Police
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chequer, Hartnack, Johnston, D. MacKnight, A. Smith and Stewart and also on behalf of Mr. Richy Duggan, Mr. Peter McIntyre and Ms. Ruth Walker.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 – 2023**

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster took Members through the report providing a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to September 2021, with greater detail set out in the annex to the report, which informed the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Councillor Foster invited Members to view the short video presentation which detailed the work undertaken to deliver the school holidays activities during summer 2021 as part of the North Sunderland Area Delivery Plan.

The information in the report and video presentation having been fully considered, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- The progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan for 2020/23 be received and noted and the proposals for future delivery as set out in annex 1 to the report be agreed; and
- The Area Committee video update which summarised the School Holiday activities delivered during Summer 2021 be received and noted.

## **North Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report**

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

Members having had any questions answered, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) the thirteen approvals for Community Chest supported from 2021/2022 be noted.

**Partner Agency Reports - Report of the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network**

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Curtis, Area Network Representative took Members through the report advising that the network had met in June, July and September via Microsoft Teams since the last meeting of the Area Committee and shared the agenda items that had been covered.

Members of the Committee were advised that the pandemic had brought providers together over the five wards to help provide support to the North Sunderland Area and that they continued to work together and plan ahead for future programmes and support work in the community.

Members praised the work of the VCS Network throughout the pandemic and commended those that had been involved in providing support to the community which was very much appreciated. Members commented that they did not know what they would have done without the level of support the network and VCS organisations had been able to offer.

The Chairman praised the magnificent work of the voluntary and community sector groups had provided throughout the CoVid pandemic, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

**Northumbria Police Update**

Inspector Prested of Northumbria Police gave an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti-social behaviour data and of any on-going issues in the North Sunderland area.

Members were provided with a verbal summary of crime figures within the area and were advised of successful and forthcoming operations in relation to the North Sunderland area of the city.

As part of his presentation Inspector Prested had advised that, following discussions with Together for Children, the holiday activity bus had been secured with the opportunity to deploy it for 150 sessions which would help better engage with young

people in the area. In response to a query from Councillor Samuels, Inspector Prested advised that the 150 session would be over a twelve month period, with some issues around facilities needing to be worked out. He explained that the activity bus would be the initial attraction, then allowing the community engagement team and staff to start working with the young people that attend.

With regards to comments from Councillor Howe around concerns over drug dealing in the area, Inspector Prested advised that if they received intel they could look at any specific areas and if necessary could work towards issuing warrants, introducing disruption tactics and undertaking proactive work.

In relation to additional controls and cover throughout the Roker Illuminations event Inspector Prested informed the Committee that there would be patrols carried out along the whole of the seafront. There were three teams in place to go wherever the demand was at a particular time, with cameras also deployed to help cover the area during the event.

Members having thanked the Officer for the update and had their queries answered, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

#### **Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services**

Ms. Metcalfe advised that in the absence of a presenting officer, should Members have any questions, they could be emailed to herself and she would ensure that a response was provided.

Members thanked the Officer for the update, and it was:-

6. RESOLVED that any questions be forwarded to the Area Community Development Lead to gather a response.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,  
Chairman.