

4th November 2010.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN WASHINTON: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2010/11 WORK PLAN).

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 To enable the future development of area based working, the Area Committee requires detailed information to be freely available from a number of different sources. An “intelligence hub” has been established that will act as a repository for information available. Officers will have access to relevant up-to-date information required to make effective decision making at an area level, and provide Area Committees with the detailed analysis required to identify key priorities and future waves of Responsive Local Services activity.
- 1.2 Information has been sourced from other Committee meetings, Community Leadership Programme, Responsive Local Services, which includes the Customer Service Network, the Area Co-ordination Team, Members Query Management System, Questions to Area Committee, Safer Communities Team and the Consultation Team, including resident surveys. Additional links have also been made with the Local Multi Agency Problem Solving groups (LMAPs), in particular the Data Analyst Team from Northumbria Police.

2. New Issues identified.

2.1 Forward Planning.

Key decisions included in the Forward Plan which are likely to affect Washington's work plan are as follows:

- Consideration of the outcomes of the public consultation for the Accessible Bus Network. This is currently scheduled to be presented to the November 3rd Cabinet.
- Agreement and approval of options for the ongoing provision of a Council led Employability Service. This is currently scheduled to be presented to the December 1st Cabinet.
- Approval of a response to the consultation on the Tyne and Wear Local Transport Plan 2011 – 21. This is currently scheduled to be presented to the December 1st Cabinet.

2.2 Bowes Railway Trust.

Bowes Railway Trust has identified a need for further support to allow the organisation to develop a sustainable business plan which will secure the future for the site. The organisation also requires assistance to identify opportunities to access capital funding to restore one of the oldest and largest buildings on the site, i.e. the Wagon Shed.

2.3 Albany Park.

Recently youth related antisocial behaviour has increased in Albany Park and has resulted in actual attacks on young people. The incidents appear to be related to drinking and to unlit areas.

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are requested to:

- Agree to receive updates to future meetings regarding the key decisions taken as outlined in 2.1 and to include those issues in the Area Committee's Work Plan as appropriate.
- Consider supporting the Bowes Railway Trust to develop a Business Plan which will identify a sustainable approach for future working.
- Refer antisocial behaviour problems in Albany Park to LMAPS, Police meetings and the Youth Development Group in order to identify a partnership approach to this problem.

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