

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 2006 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Wares in the Chair

Councillors Bainbridge, Dixon, M. Forbes, Paul Maddison, Peter Maddison, T. Martin, M. Smith and Wood

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors C. Anderson and Sidaway.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July, 2006

Subject to Councillor M. Forbes' apologies being included it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on Monday, 3rd July, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

Item 8 – Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) : Regeneration Issues Report

Councillor M. Smith declared a personal interest as a family member was employed by the Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust.

Councillors Bainbridge and Wares declared personal and prejudicial interests in the item as Chairman and President of Ryhope Blue Watch Management Committee and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Wood took the Chair during consideration of the item.

Item 9 – Strategic Initiatives Budget : 2006/07 Ward Based Community Chest

Councillor M. Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the Vice Chair of SCOPE and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Presentation from Northumbria Police on Crime Rates Relating to the East Sunderland Area

In the absence of a representative from Northumbria Police, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the item be withdrawn from the agenda.

Future Venues for Meetings of the East Sunderland Area Committee

The Chairman asked Members to consider possible venues for future meetings of the East Sunderland Area Committee.

Councillor Wood advised of an article in the Journal newspaper he had seen, which advertised Northumberland County Council's area committees and suggested a similar approach.

The Chairman advised that the Chairmen of the Area Committees had discussed this at a meeting they held and felt that awareness of the Committees and their agenda items needed to be raised in the public domain.

The Chairman asked that any possible venues be forwarded to the Democratic Services Team for further investigation to be undertaken.

Tackling Social Exclusion Through Transport (TSETT) Initiative Dropped Crossings and Raised Kerbs

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested the Committee to consider nominating locations for inclusion in the TSETT dropped crossing and raised kerbs initiative.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Bill Blackett, Area Regeneration Officer, presented the report and invited suggestions from Members.

Councillor Wood highlighted a number of areas where elderly residents had problems crossing busy roads.

Councillor Dixon advised he had locations which he would forward to Mr. Blackett at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Blackett advised that if Members had any further suggestions or comments they could forward them to him following the meeting and once the areas had been decided he would request a list for the Committee's attention.

3. RESOLVED that the nominations be referred to the TSETT Working Group for consideration.

Regeneration Issues Report : Feedback on Projects Previously Funded Through Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with information on the Living History North East project, which it had previously funded through its SIB allocation.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Bill Blackett, Area Regeneration Officer, introduced Janette Hilton, Project Director, who proceeded to provide Members with a commentary on her feedback report and answered questions thereon.

The Chairman having thanked Ms. Hilton for her presentation, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the feedback report be received and noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) : Regeneration Issue Report

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) on the proposed allocation of Strategic initiatives Budget (SIB) funding to support the following initiatives of benefit to the area:-

- (i) Ryhope Detached Youth Work Programme; and
- (ii) Ford, Pallion and Millfield Community Development Programme.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Bill Blackett, Area Regeneration Officer, presented the report and advised that the two applications for funding before the Committee were requesting £26,717 from the 2006/07 budget and £13,114 from the 2007/08 budget (subject to budget approval). Should the Committee grant these requests £197,422 would be committed from the 2006/07 budget, leaving a balance of £54,851 and £97,260 would be committed from the 2007/08 budget (subject to budget approval).

Mr. Blackett provided Members with a summary of each application and introduced representatives from the projects who were present to address any comments or questions from Members.

Consideration having been given to the applications, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that approval be given to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget Funding of:-

- £14,217 from the 2006/07 budget and £13,114 from the 2007/08 budget (subject to budget approval), as a contribution towards the 'Ryhope Detached Youth Work Programme'; and
- £12,500 as a gap-funding contribution to the Ford, Pallion and Millfield Community Development Programme.

Strategic Initiatives Budget 2006/07 Ward Based Community Chest

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) on 17 projects recommended for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest Scheme in respect of the Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St. Michael's wards.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

6. RESOLVED that approval be given to the 17 projects recommended for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest with a total value of £5,675 as detailed in Annex 1.

Crowtree Leisure Centre : Every Schoolday Counts Initiative

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an update on the 'Every Schoolday Counts Initiative' which had been set up in partnership by Children's Services and Crowtree Leisure Centre.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Crowtree Leisure Centre : Summer Holiday Programme 2006

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of the success of the Summer Holiday Programme which was introduced throughout the City's leisure complexes in 2006.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Wood asked if there was a reason behind the Puma Centre being the only facility to have fewer attendees in 2006 than 2005 and was advised that the Centre had ran less courses this year due to the staff available.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Play and Urban Games Developments : Update Report

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of progress being made in Hendon and the East End area, in respect of Play and Urban Games developments.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Wood welcomed the developments and would be keen to see the developments expand throughout the whole of the East area and City and was advised that work was ongoing at present and areas were being prioritised due to need.

Councillor Forbes asked if there was a definition for areas of 'greater need' and was informed that the areas of greater need were based on information regarding geography and population which was set to clear criteria.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

9. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Back On The Map : Progress Report

In the absence of a representative from Back on the Map, it was:-

9. RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Adult Social Services – Ward-Based Data Analysis – February 2006

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which aimed to provide the Committee with ward-based intelligence about key areas within the purview of Adult Social Services.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Paul Allen, Research & Performance Management Officer briefed Members on the report.

Councillor Wood requested a colour copy of Appendix 2 which showed the Index of Multiple Deprivation and it was agreed a copy would be forwarded to all Members of the Committee.

Councillors Dixon and Paul Maddison queried the accuracy of the figures in relation to estimated population and Mr. Allen agreed to verify the figures and write out to all Members informing them of the outcome.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Allen for his attendance, it was:-

10. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked Members and officers for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D.R. WARES,
Chairman.