

**At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in THE BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2018 at 5.30p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Beck, Bell, Chequer, Curran, Davison, Foster, Howe, Jackson, MacKnight and Stewart

**Also in Attendance:-**

Ms. Wendy Cook	-	SNCBC
Inspector Louise McClennan	-	Northumbria Police
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ruth Oxley	-	VCS Network, SNYP
Ms. Allison Patterson	-	Area Co-ordinator (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Acting Chief Inspector Don Wade	-	Northumbria Police

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, inviting introductions from those in attendance and advising of the right to record proceedings.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Elliott, Francis, Leadbitter and Samuels

**Declarations of Interest**

Item 5 – Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Councillors Bell and Stewart made open declarations in the application from Redhouse Community Association as members of the C.A.

Councillor Chequer made a DPI in the application from Southwick Community Centre as a member on the Management Board and left the meeting during consideration of the application. Councillor Bell also made an open declaration in the application as a member of the Community Centre.

### **Minutes of the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **Place Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster presented the report which provided an annual update of the 2017/18 work plan, sought the Committee's approval for priorities to be taken forward and provided an update on the governance arrangements for 2018/2019.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
  - The annual performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan for 2017/2018 be received and noted;
  - The North Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2018/2019 be agreed; and
  - The area governance arrangements for 2018/2019 be received and noted.

### **People Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Davison presented the report which provided an annual update of the 2017/18 work plan, sought the Committee's approval for priorities to be taken forward and provided an update on the governance arrangements for 2018/2019.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- The annual performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan for 2017/2018 be received and noted;
- The North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2018/2019 be agreed; and
- The area governance arrangements for 2018/2019 be received and noted.

**Partner Agency Reports – North Sunderland 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 Network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Ruth Oxley took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland Area VCS Network and advising that they had met once since the last meeting of the Area Committee.

Ms. Oxley advised the Committee of presentations and information which had been received by the voluntary and community sector network during 2017/18 and invited questions or comments.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the content of the report and the opportunities and issues raised by the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

**Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police**

Acting Chief Inspector Don Wade 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 each ward by Acting Chief Inspector Wade and advised of successful and forthcoming operations in relation to the North Sunderland Area of the city.

The Committee were informed that overall crime was down by 1.6%, which equated to 20 crimes, and that the national crime statistics way of recording had now levelled off so Officers could see the improvements and positive effects projects within the service were having.

Acting Chief Inspector Wade referred to ongoing issues in the Roker area of North Sunderland and commented that he understood the concerns of the local community so extra patrols had been deployed in the area and Officers were speaking with residents and community groups to continue to work through what was recognised as a difficult time for all. He commented that Officers were aware of the heightened tensions in the area but they were asking residents to work with the Police in a peaceful fashion to allow processes to be undertaken through the correct channels.

Councillor Jackson commented that she was pleased to hear that Officers were engaging with and reassuring residents in the Roker area as she had questions from her constituents as to what was happening in the area and she could now look to update them accordingly.

Councillor Jackson referred to the upcoming school summer break and commented how, historically, this would see some low level youth disorder in the area and was advised that the service were working with secondary schools directly and discussing the implications of anti-social behaviour to try and educate young people. Officers would also be patrolling key hot spot areas in the North Sunderland area and removing any alcohol from young people where present.

Councillor Howe referred to ongoing issues and complaints from residents in the Dykelands Road / Sea Road area in relation to speeding vehicles and was informed that the area had been previously investigated and surveyed and the results had not identified a significant problem. He was advised that if residents could advise Officers of particular times when there was a speeding problem they could look for the camera enforcement team to carry out their road survey then. Officers would need evidence to be gathered before any action could be taken forward.

Members raised concerns relating to motorbikes and quad bikes in the Town End Farm and Redhouse areas and were advised to inform residents to report every incident, even if they wished to do so anonymously, and then Officers could pick up on any trends and put actions in place to try and identify those involved and alleviate the problem.

Members thanked Acting Chief Inspector Wade and Inspector Louise McClennan for their informative report and thanking them for their attendance, 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**

There being no representative present from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services the item was deferred.

6. RESOLVED that the update from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be deferred.

## **Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources**

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to a financial statement as an up to date position in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget 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.

Having fully discussed the applications and Members having had any questions answered, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-
  - (i) the financial statements as set out in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;
  - (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £138,984.80 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards the CLLD Projects as set out in the report;
  - (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £17,150 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards the Redhouse Community Centre Association Refurbishment Project;
  - (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £25,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/1918 to support the Southwick Community Centre Refurbishment Project;
  - (v) approval be given to the allocation of £35,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 for the School Summer Holiday 2018 Project;
  - (vi) approval be given to the alignment of £20,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 for the Self Supporting Community Associations Project; to be developed and presented to the North Sunderland Area People Board;
  - (vii) the application for St Peter's Community Led Local Delivery Project be rejected;
  - (viii) approval be given to the change to project for the existing Thompson Park House Project with the continued delivery of a play ranger programme;

- (ix) the thirteen approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2017/18 budget as set out in Annex 4 to the report be noted; and
- (x) the six approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2018/19 budget as set out in Annex 5 to the report be noted

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,  
Chairman.