

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in MARLEY PARK COMMUNITY FIRE STATION, OLD MILL ROAD, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 2019 at 5:30pm

Present:-

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Davison, Doyle, Foster, Jackson, Jenkins, D. MacKnight, McKeith and Samuels

Also in Attendance:-

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| Ms. Judith Britton | - | Sunderland Community Action Group |
| Mr. Richy Duggan | - | Sunderland Community Action Group |
| Mr. Shaun Makin | - | Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services |
| Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe | - | Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council |
| Ms. Ruth Oxley | - | VCS Network, SNYP |
| Ms. Allison Patterson | - | Area Co-ordinator (North), Sunderland City Council |
| Sgt. Louise McLennan | - | Northumbria Police |
| Ms. Joanne Stewart | - | Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council |

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 Chequer, Francis and Leadbitter and from Mr. Peter McIntyre and Mr. David Groark

Declarations of Interest

Item 5 – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Councillor Wilson made a DPI in the application for funding from the SNCBC – Hylton Castle and left the meeting during consideration of the call for projects applications.

Councillor MacKnight made a DPI in the application for funding from St Bede's Community Venue and left the meeting during consideration of the call for projects applications.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th September, 2019

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 25th September, 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Resident Engagement and Neighbourhood Investment Plans

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided elected members with an update on the 'Let's Talk Sunderland' programme and how the engagement was informing the development of the emerging Neighbourhood Investment Plans and detailed how the priorities within the Neighbourhood Investment Plans would be presented for approval by the Area Committee in March 2020.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Patterson, Area Co-ordinator (North) presented the report highlighting the activities delivered as part of the residents' engagement, the timeline for the progression of the Neighbourhood Development Plans and mechanisms to ensure the Area Committee priorities were directly aligned to the Neighbourhood Investment Plans. Ms. Patterson advised that there had been just under 4,000 forms returned and asked Members of the Committee to continue to promote the project to residents and community groups that they came in to contact with so that they had as wide a range of responders as possible.

Members commented that the event held on 5th December had been well received and had raised some valuable conversations with individuals who had not been involved in the community previously.

The Chairman having thanked Ms. Patterson for her report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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 update of progress against the current year's Place Board work plan. The report set out the key areas of influence and achievement of the Place Board up until 6 December, 2019 for Members consideration.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the Place Board work plan for 2019/2020 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 update of progress against the current year's People Board work plan. The report set out the key areas of influence and achievement of the People Board up until 6 December, 2019 for Members consideration.

Members discussed the Downhill Skate Park and asked that an update be provided on what would be happening to the site following the opening of the neighbouring football hub. Southwick Ward Members also commented that the provision of a skate park in Thompson Park was high on the wish list of local young people who had commented that they currently had to travel to Downhill to access the facilities there.

Councillor Wilson suggested that the topic be referred to a future meeting of the Place Board for a more thorough discussion and Ms. Metcalfe agreed to look to provide information at that time on the costings associated with the installation of a skate park.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the People Board work plan be received and noted.

Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience 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 Neighbourhood Fund 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:-

5. 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 £50,000 Neighbourhood Fund from the budget towards the Castle Raising Aspiration Project Phase 2 as set out in the report;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £28,977 Neighbourhood Fund from the budget towards the Southwick Village Green project as set out on the report;
- (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £10,000 from the Public Health and Neighbourhood Fund Project for the North Air Quality Monitoring application as set out in the report;
- (v) approval be given to the allocation of £40,000 from the Public Health and Neighbourhood Fund Project for the Defibrillator Project as set out in the report;
- (vi) approval be given to the allocation of £40,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund from the budget for Southwick Neighbourhood Fund Project – Partnership to deliver the Activities for Young People Projects;
- (viii) the following applications considered for the delivery of the Activities for Young People Project be rejected:-
 - Everyone Active Aquatic Centre - £16,050;
 - Salvation Army - £5,000;
 - Sunderland Young People's Bike Project - £4,991.25
- (ix) approval be given to the following applications for the delivery of the North Healthy Action in the Community Project:-
 - All About You - £4,950;
 - Grace House NE - £4,115;
 - Sunderland Community Action Group - £5,000;
 - SNCBC – Fulwell Mill - £4,680;
 - Sunderland Home Grown CIC - £4,996.80;
 - SNCBC – Hylton Castle - £4,962.50;
 - St. Bede's Community Venue - £4,467; and
 - Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project - £1,360.
- (x) the following applications considered for the delivery of the North Healthy Action in the Community Project be rejected:-
 - Impact NE - £4,990;
 - B Active N B Fit - £4,900;
 - Everyone Active - £4,657;
 - Groundwork NE - £4,424; and
 - Salvation Army - £5,000.
- (xi) approval be given to placing on hold the Skilled Up – Hylton Castle Project as set out in the report;

- (xii) approval be given to delegate the responsibility for the delivery of the Communication Project on behalf of the Committee to the North Sunderland People Board to oversee the development of ideas and all Call for Projects as set out in the report;
- (xiii) approval be given to the alignment of £35,000 Neighbourhood Fund for the development of a School Holiday Activity Programme 2020 as set out in the report; and
- (xiv) the fourteen approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2019/20 budget as set out in Annex 5 to the report be 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)

Mr. Richy Duggan, SCAG, 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 three times since the last meeting of the Area Committee.

Mr. Duggan advised the Committee of presentations and information which had been received by the voluntary and community sector network.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

- 6. RESOLVED that the content of the report be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Sergeant Louise McLennan 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 by and advised of successful and forthcoming operations in relation to the North Sunderland area of the city.

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

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

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

Station Manager Shaun Makin of TWFRS gave an update to the Committee on the current position Services gave an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to fire related incidents and of any on-going issues in the North Sunderland area.

Mr. Makin referred to the recent bonfire night and thanked partners in environmental services and Northumbria Police for their support in dealing with any incidents or issues on the evening and in the days/weeks build up to it. He was happy to report that there had been no reports of Officers having been attacked this year and he commented that this had been down to the close relationships that had been formed in the community and the education work that had been undertaken by the service.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.