

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in THE BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 2018 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Foster in the Chair

Councillors Beck, Chequer, Curran, Davison, Foster, Francis, Howe, MacKnight and Stewart.

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Wendy Cook	-	SNCBC
Mr. Steve Graham	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Mr. David Groark	-	Place Manager – City Centre / Resorts
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Allison Patterson	-	Area Co-ordinator (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Inspector Don Wade	-	Northumbria Police

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, inviting introductions from those in attendance.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bell, D. Wilson and N. Wright

Declarations of Interest

Item 6 – Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Councillor MacKnight made open declarations in the applications from St Bede's Community Centre and St Cuthbert's Community Garden and left the meeting during consideration of the applications.

Councillor Beck made an open declaration in the application for the cultural programme linked to the Tall Ships Race for 2018 as a member of the management committee for Fulwell Community Library and left the meeting during consideration of the application.

Councillor Elliott made an open declaration in the applications for the activities for young people as a member of the Management Committee of SNYP and took no part in consideration of the application.

Councillors Stewart and Chequer made open declarations in the consideration of alignment of SIB funds to Redhouse Community Centre and Southwick Youth and Community Centre, respectively, and left the meeting during consideration of the applications.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th November, 2017

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 13th November, 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

North Sunderland Area Committee Annual Report 2017-18

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Allison Patterson, North Area Co-ordinator presented the report which sought Members approval of the North Sunderland Area Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2017-18 which would be presented to a future meeting of the Council.

Ms. Patterson took Members through the report advising that 2017-18 had been incredibly busy and challenging and that the Annual Report showcased some of the key achievements delivered through the dedicated work of the Area Committees and their supporting People and Place Boards. The report also highlighted how the principles of a community leadership Council translated in practice and the central role played by local Councillors in helping to strengthen communities.

The report having been fully considered, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the Annual Report be received and approved for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2017-18.

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 the progress made against the current year's North Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update on progress made against the North Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2017/18 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 the progress made against the current year's North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan.

Councillor Davison advised that a number of young people who had accessed activities undertaken as part of the Raising Aspirations project had attended the last meeting of the North Sunderland Area People Board and provided very positive feedback to the Members.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the update of the progress made against the North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan for 2017/18 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)

In the absence of an Area Network Representative, Ms. Metcalfe took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland Area VCS Network and advising that the last two meetings of the Group had been cancelled due to the inclement weather. The presentations and information on the Hylton Castle Project Update and Young Carers Awareness Raising would be rescheduled to future dates.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

5. 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

Neighbourhood 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 Inspector Wade and advised of successful and forthcoming operations in relation to the North Sunderland Area of the city.

Members thanked Inspector Wade for his informative report advising that it gave a real insight to the diversity of the work that Northumbria Police continued to carry out in the North Sunderland Area, and it was:-

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

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

Mr. Steven Graham, Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services provided a verbal update to the Committee, on performance in relation to the local indicators for the North Sunderland Area Committee area and of the proactive work Officers continued to undertake in the area.

Mr. Graham advised that the service continued to provide home safety checks to advise on the installation of smoke detectors and discuss fire prevention strategies for the home. The system highlights the most vulnerable areas of the city and areas which may have been affected by domestic fires recently. Members were reminded that should they know of anyone who they felt may benefit from a home safety check that they could refer these directly to the station and a member of the crew would then schedule a visit.

Members thanked Mr. Graham for all of the work and support undertaken in the area and asked that this be conveyed to his team, and it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the update from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be received and noted.

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 noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £25,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2017/18 towards the St Bede's Community Hall Group Centre for the Venue Refurbishment project;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £7,850 SIB funding from the budget for 2017/18 towards St Cuthbert's Community Hall Group for the Garden project;
- (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £12,457.82 SIB funding from the budget for 2017/2018 to support the applications submitted to deliver the Cultural Programme linked to the Tall Ships 2018;
- (v) the application from the National Glass Centre in relation to the Cultural Programme linked to Tall Ships 2018 be rejected;
- (vi) approval be given to the allocation of £4,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2017/18 for each ward, totalling £20,000, towards the delivery of youth activities;
- (vii) approval be given to the alignment of £17,150 SIB funding from the budget for 2017/18 towards the Redhouse Community Centre Community Hub Project; to be developed and presented to the North Sunderland Area People Board;
- (viii) approval be given to the alignment of £25,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2017/18 towards the Southwick Youth and Community Centre Community Hub Project; to be

- developed and presented to the North Sunderland Area People Board;
- (ix) approval be given to the alignment of £57,280 SIB funding from the budget for 2017/18; in addition to the funding aligned previously; towards CLLD projects; and
 - (x) the nine approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2017/18 budget as set out in Annex 2 to the report be noted.

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

(Signed) S. FOSTER,
Chairman.