

**At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in THE BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018 at 5.30p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Beck, Chequer, Curran, Davison, Foster, Francis, Jackson, Leadbitter, MacKnight, Samuels and Stewart

**Also in Attendance:-**

Mr. Steve Burdis	-	Head of Service Delivery, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. Wendy Cook	-	SNCBC
Mr. Richy Duggan	-	Sunderland Community Action Group
Mr. Adam Gorzelanczyk	-	SNYP
Mr. Peter McIntyre	-	Executive Director of Economy and Place, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Shaun Makin	-	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. Kirsty Marsh	-	Members Support Assistant, Sunderland City Council
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
Inspector Don Wade	-	Northumbria Police
Mr. Scott Watson	-	Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

**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 and Howe

## **Declarations of Interest**

Item 2 – The Path to Excellence – Phase Two – Presentation by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Partnership

Councillor Chequer made an open declaration in the above item as a member of the board of Governors of South Tyneside Foundation Trust.

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

Councillor Beck made a DPI in the application from Fulwell Community Library and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Wilson made a DPI in the application to change SIB funding from the Hylton Castle Project as he was to be proposed as a member of the Trust Board at the next meeting of the Council and left the meeting during consideration of the application.

## **Minutes of the last meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **The Path to Excellence – Phase Two**

Mr. Scott Watson, Director of Contracting and Informatics, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group submitted a briefing paper and gave a presentation (copies attached) which set out for Members consideration information on how local NHS partners were working together, across organisational boundaries, to address the pressures facing the NHS and how Path to Excellence Phase Two was just one small part of how they looked to transform all care locally.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

He took Members through the presentation, advising of the key challenges which the NHS were facing and how they planned to address those. The Committee were informed that further key stakeholder events and staff engagement to set evaluation criteria for any future possible solutions would continue throughout November, 2018 and that a public listening panel would be held during December, 2018 which would be an opportunity for wider stakeholders to apply to present their evidence and any views on the draft case for change and issues for the NHS to consider.

In early 2019 key stakeholder events and staff engagement would be carried out to apply the evaluation criteria to a wide range of future possible solutions which would allow the sharing of ideas and the opportunity to gain feedback to influence the final options that the CCG would consider for formal public consultation. It was expected that the formal public consultation would be undertaken during the Summer in 2019.

In response to a question from Councillor Francis regarding recent reports that the NHS were currently paying too much for medications and services, Mr. Watson advised that he could not comment on what was being undertaken across the nation but he could inform Members of a few key initiatives that had been carried out in Sunderland in the last few months alone. Members were informed of how Sunderland had worked to get value for money on drugs and medications that they were being provided with and how they had taken a particular case to the high court to enable them to be able to be provided with a drug that was over £700 cheaper than that which they were currently being provided with but were unable to access as it had not been licensed. They had been victorious through the high court case and should all new patients choose the alternative medication it would create savings in excess of £5,000,000.

Mr. Watson went on to advise that there was a whole raft of initiatives being carried out to improve better prescribing of medication and improving the technology services that were being used across services.

Councillor Francis asked what Sunderland were able to offer newly qualified health professional to encourage them to work in the city rather than anywhere else and Mr. Watson advised that unfortunately the overall offer was a question for a much broader group of partners who could share collectively what was on offer in the city socially, professionally, etc. From a health perspective he explained that they were developing a range of tertiary services covering a broad range, they were the third largest hospital in the region and also a sub-regional centre. He advised that they were currently looking at the potential of a merger with South Tyneside which would see the trust increase in size further and that there were other initiatives in progress to offer specialisms for professionals. Beyond the career path of individuals though there was a broader question to be asked as to why staff could not be attracted and retained with other partner agencies.

Mr. Steve Burdis, TWFRS, commented that he would be interested in coming to some sort of arrangement with the NHS Trust whereby they could share information. He advised that they currently carried out home safety checks to help protect people in their homes and they could help identifying vulnerable people or where elderly people may have come out of hospital and need some assistance. Mr. Watson commented that he would always welcome better connections and that this was something they were looking to build upon with other key stakeholders and organisations wider than just in the health services.

In response to a question from Councillor Francis around any bullying or whistleblowing issues in the service which may prevent staff joining the trust, Mr. Watson commented that he could not comment on the policy or any issues in Sunderland but that he would take his comments back to other Officers in the service and seek to get a response to him. Councillor Davison commented that she had been involved in several pieces of work with the trust and was not aware that Sunderland had a culture of bullying any longer or if ever, and all staff she had been involved with had been very kind, helpful and with a positive attitude.

Councillor Wilson commented on the sports equipment and facilities which were available around the city but were too highly priced for some residents to be able to use and asked if the NHS trust had considered speaking with those who may have funded some of the provisions such as Sport England to look to make them more available. Mr. Watson advised he could not comment on specific examples but that he agreed with Councillor Wilson in the terms of making facilities more readily accessible to allow more people to become more physical and mobile.

Mr. Watson advised that Public Health England had recently published a draft strategy in relation to getting communities more active and how some areas of a particular social / economic demographic could increase physical activity. He could look to include comments in their feedback on the proposed draft strategy.

Having thanked Mr. Watson for his attendance and presentation, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that Members comments be received and noted by the CCG as part of the consultation into The Path for Excellence – Phase Two.

## **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. He advised that earlier in the municipal year the priorities associated with Place were referred to the Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee and outlined progress to date on them.

Councillor Jackson advised Members of the Committee that following the presentation by Mr. Steve Knight, Chief Operating Officer, University of Sunderland, to the Place Board she had had a follow up meeting to discuss the future of provisions in the St Peter's Ward and the Riverside in and around the University Campus. She commented that the meeting had been very positive and she was hopeful that through the University they would see progress being made soon in what activities were offered at the site, having seen the success of those in place during the Tall Ships event.

Mr. McIntyre concurred with Councillor Jackson and commented that it had been well recognised the positive outcome of the animation in the area during the Tall Ships event and they were keen to work with the University to fast track some ideas. He advised that he would be happy to attend the next meeting of the Place Board that Mr. Knight was invited to attend to ensure they could discuss a joint approach to any future developments.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan for 2018/19 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. She advised that earlier in the municipal year the priorities associated with People were referred to the Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee and outlined progress to date on them.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan for 2018/19 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)

Mr. Richy Duggan, Sunderland Community Action Group, 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 that at the July meeting the network had carried out a nomination and selection process for a new representative to attend the Area Committee on behalf of the network, whereby he had been successful in gaining that nomination.

Mr. Duggan advised the Committee of presentations and information which had been received by the voluntary and community sector network during 2018/19 and invited questions or comments.

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**

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. He advised that overall crime figures were similar to that of the previous year but that there were some areas where there had been significant progress made and this was down to a whole partnership approach with a number of agencies working together to tackle issues as they arose.

Councillor Wilson advised the Committee that Inspector Wade had been invited to attend the next meeting of the North Sunderland Area Place Board so that Members could discuss any specific issues in more detail.

In relation to a question from Councillor Davison around suicide prevention work, Inspector Wade advised that meetings were planned to look at how they could enhance messages to the community to make them think twice and seek help if contemplating suicide in key areas of the city.

Councillor Francis referred to the new act protecting members of the emergency services from attacks made against them and Inspector Wade commented that the service were glad to see that Parliament recognises the need for members of the emergency services to have protection and that he would wait to see what legislation develops from the act and could advise Members accordingly at that time.

Councillor Samuels thanked Inspector Wade and his Officers for their help in the run up to bonfire night and commented that residents needed reassurances that incidents in particular areas of the Southwick area would not be repeated. Inspector Wade advised that there was an investigation still ongoing into incidents that had occurred on that night and that a plan had been in place which in the large extent had been successful across the city. Services would continue to work together to prepare for future bonfire nights in a similar manner.

Members thanked Inspector Wade for his informative report and thanked him for his attendance, 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. Steve Burdis, Head of Service Delivery of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue 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.

Councillor Curran spoke as Chairman of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and commented that he would look to support any initiatives that were proposed to help emergency services officers protect themselves, such as body worn cameras, etc as he felt that the situation Officers had found themselves in was appalling when they were only trying to undertake their duties.

Councillor Wilson commented that discussions were currently ongoing around CCTV for the area to address issues and that they could consider this further at the meeting of the Place Board.

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 received and noted;
- ii. approval be given to the allocation of £11,800 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards the Fulwell Community Library Gas Heating Project as set out in the report;
- iii. approval be given to the allocation of £5,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards the iDefigo CCTV Project as set out in the report;
- iv. approval be given to the change to the interpretation element of the project for the existing Hylton Castle Project as set out in the report;
- v. approval be given to the allocation of £5,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 for the inclusion of area updates within four editions of the Sunderland Community Vibe publication;
- vi. the nineteen approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2018/19 budget as set out in Annex 3 to the report be noted;
- vii. that the Fulwell Community Chest applications for consideration as set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report be withdrawn having now been agreed by Ward Councillors.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,  
Chairman.