

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2010 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Mordey in the Chair

Councillors Emerson, Fairs, E. Gibson, Maddison, Vardy and Wood.

Also Present:-

John Alison	- Group Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Kath Butchert	- Youth Development Group Manager, Sunderland City Council
Sgt Lee Butler	- NPT East Policing Team, Northumbria Police
Chris Campbell	- School Improvement Officer, Children's Services, Sunderland City Council
Hazel Clark	- East Area Network Representative
Nigel Cummings	- Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council
Clive Greenwood	- Senior Planner, Sunderland City Council
Sgt Mick Hall	- City Central Neighbourhood Team, Northumbria Police
Neil Harrison	- Watch Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Paula Hunt	- VCS Network Representative
Janet Johnson	- Deputy Chief Executive, Sunderland City Council
Carol Lewis	- Play Pathfinder Manager, Sunderland City Council
Vivienne Metcalfe	- Area Community Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Jon McKevitt	- Back on the Map, Director of Operations
Trina Murphy	- Business Development Manager, City Services, Sunderland City Council
Jane O'Neill	- Reporter, Sunderland Echo
Allison Patterson	- Area Co-ordination Manager, Sunderland City Council
James Procops	- Member of the Public
Julie Raine	- Director of Education, City of Sunderland College
Christine Tilley	- Community Democratic Services Team Leader, Sunderland City Council
Nicole Trueman	- Area Officer, Sunderland City Council
Jeremy Wicking	- Media Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Mordey, Vice-Chairman of the Area Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed them that he would be Chairing the meeting as Councillor Ball would not be attending that evening due to illness. She was however recovering well and should be back in the near future.

Councillor Mordey highlighted the need for everyone present to sign the attendance sheet in order for their presence to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Ball, P. Dixon, Errington, M. Forbes, Kay, McClennan, T. Martin and O'Connor, together with Chris Alexander, Head of Culture and Tourism and Dave Curtis, Area Network representative.

Declarations of Interest

Item 3 – Community Action: Reviewing Progress and Agreeing Next Steps – Annex 2b – Community Chest

Councillor Mordey declared a personal interest in the application from the Royal British Legion as a Member of the Club.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 21st July, 2010

It was noted that apologies from Paula Hunt and Hazel Clark, VCS Network representatives had not been included in the minutes of the last meeting.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st July, 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the apologies from Paula Hunt and Hazel Clark accordingly.

Community Action in Sunderland East: Identifying New Issues and Agreeing Actions (2010/11 Work Plan)

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided information on the progress made in relation to its Work Plan and the priorities identified by the Area Committee for 2010/11.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Nicole Trueman, Area Officer presented the report and advised that to ensure the Area Committee was kept up to date with current events and developments in its neighbourhoods, she would monitor the key decisions made by the Cabinet via the Forward Plan and would consider whether future decisions would affect the East Area Committee's work plan. When this was considered to be the case, information would be included in an issues log and reported to the Committee, together with proposed next steps for the Committee to consider. A similar arrangement would take place with regard to decisions made under Delegated Powers.

Ms. Trueman reported that a new issue had been identified in relation to planning for open space, sport and recreation in that Officers of the Council's Planning Policy Team would like the Committee to consider the opportunity for Councillors, Officers, Partners and Residents to work collectively to refresh the green space survey from 2002.

Mr. Clive Greenwood, Senior Planner, advised the Committee that the proposal to refresh the green space survey would involve hosting a workshop inviting representatives along to identify spaces in the East which match the planning policy guidelines for open spaces. After the workshop each recognised open space would then be assessed against the recommended criteria to assess the value of area/land to the community and an overall report presented to the Committee.

In response to an enquiry, Mr. Greenwood confirmed that maps would show where there were restrictions as to the usage of the land.

Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe, Area Community Co-ordinator advised the Committee that an issue had been raised at a recent Community Network meeting when the issues of green space had been discussed, concerning vacant land at Grangetown School. Access to the land in question was not available as the gates were kept locked and were only opened when the Parks Department needed to cut the grass. A request had been received to leave the gates open so that the space could be used by the community.

The Chairman advised that he would, together with the Ward Councillors, take the matter up with the Parks Department and let the Area Network know the outcome of the discussions in due course.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that approval be given to:-

- (i) the recommended next steps to refer the key decisions referenced in Annex 1 to the report that are being considered by Cabinet during September 2010 and in October 2010 to the Employment and Enterprise Task and Finish Group for consideration; and
- (ii) implement a two stage approach to refresh the Green Space Topic paper, which forms part of the Local Development Framework as follows:-

- Stage One; host a workshop with key stakeholders to identify new open spaces not shown on the survey/large detailed maps, as laid out in the planning and policy guidance; Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation 2002, see Section Three, across the East Sunderland Area during October 2010.
- Stage Two; complete a participatory appraisal for each open space to assess the open space against the recommended criteria to measure the value of area/land to the community by December 2010.

Community Action: Reviewing Progress and Agreeing Next Steps

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which:-

- (i) provided an update on outstanding issues previously identified through the 2009/10 Work Plan with regards to progress or completion; and
- (ii) sought approval to recommendations in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan funding (SIP) and Community Chest funding.

(For copy reports – see original minutes).

Ms. Nicole Trueman, Area Officer introduced the report and invited Mr. John Alison and Mr. Neil Harrison from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service to present an evaluation report on Operation Charlie.

The Officers advised that an Arson Task and Finish Group had been established and Operation Charlie had been undertaken in the Millfield area of East Sunderland in consultation with the Police over the months of December and January and was still going. Research was available to show that Sunderland had a disproportionately high number of secondary fires, 41% of which took place in the East Sunderland area and predominantly in the Hendon and Millfield Wards. The Officers answered questions raised by Members in relation to Operation Charlie.

Ms. Trueman highlighted the proposal to submit an application for funding for £50,000 from the SIB budget for an Arson Worker for the East Area with the aim of reducing arson attacks, for example secondary fires to wheelie bins, a recommendation which had resulted from the Task and Finish work undertaken.

Ms. Trueman referred the Committee to paragraph 3.3 of the report concerning the work undertaken in relation to the Committee's priority to increase employment and enterprise opportunities. She highlighted to the Committee that a Task and Finish Group had been established and nominations as detailed in the report had been received with the first meeting of the Group having taken place on 5th August, 2010. Ms. Trueman advised that an Action List had been agreed and proposals would come forward to the next meeting of the Committee on 25th October, 2010 for consideration.

Ms. Trueman briefed the Committee on the work undertaken in relation to the Committee's priority to reduce anti-social behaviour. She advised that East Area elected Members and Officers of Northumbria Police had discussed five outlined funding proposals aimed at making a significant impact to reduce anti-social behaviour and increase confidence and trust levels in East Sunderland at a meeting held on 23rd August, 2010. Full details of the five funding proposals in relation to (i) the Bridges Shopping Centre; (ii) Mowbray Park/Sunnyside Gardens; (iii) taxi marshalling; (iv) Ryhope, Grangetown and Hendon areas, and (v) Doxford area were included in the report at paragraph 3.4.

Ms. Kath Butchert, Youth Development Group Manager proceeded to brief the Committee on the progress made in relation to the Youth Work Strategy and highlighted the proposal to establish a Task and Finish Group to compile relevant information relating to contracted and non-contracted youth provision within East Sunderland for youths over 11 years old as detailed in Annex 1b to the report.

Members of the Committee considered the report and Councillors Emerson, Fairs, E. Gibson and Mordey together with Mr. Ritchy Duggan were nominated to serve on the Task and Finish Group. Ms. Trueman agreed to email all members of the Area Committee in order to afford the opportunity to serve on the Task and Finish Group to those Members who were not able to be present that evening and it was noted that Councillors Emerson and E. Gibson would stand down from the Task and Finish Group if there were any Councillors who wished to join the Group as they were already Members of the Employment and Enterprise Task and Finish Group.

Councillor Wood commented in relation to paragraph 3.2 of the report that he and Councillor Maddison had met with a youth worker from Blue Watch and a lack of venues for youth work in the St. Michael's Ward had been raised. Councillor Wood referred to the bullet point detailed under section 4.1 relating to encouraging cross area working, for example, youth providers in the West area working with providers in the East Area, where relevant and commented that this would help with regards to the lack of venues for youth work in certain Wards. Councillor Wood stated that he had been impressed with the mobile buses and welcomed this additional youth provision.

Ms. Carol Lewis, Play Pathfinder Manager, was invited to brief Members on the Play and Urban Games Strategy Review and in so doing referred the Committee to the report detailed at Annex 1c to the report. Ms. Lewis then referred the Committee to Appendix 2 of the report which provided details of the proposed new play area priorities for 2010-2012.

Members questioned Ms. Lewis on the investment available, the projected funding gap, what play facilities were proposed in the play areas and in relation to the preferred location for play development in the Hall Farm/Burdon Lane area.

Ms. Lewis advised that more detailed discussion and consultation would be carried out in relation to the proposals for the play areas identified as priority development opportunities, including consulting the Ward Members on the preferred location for play development in the Hall Farm/Burdon Lane area and as to what facilities to provide in the play areas.

Ms. Trueman highlighted the Financial Statement detailing all Community Chest, SIP and SIB approvals up to September 2010, as set out at Annex 2a to the report to the Committee.

Ms. Trueman referred Members to Annex 2b which provided details of 28 projects proposed for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest.

Ms. Trueman referred Members to Annex 2c detailing one application for SIP funding of £40,000 towards the restoration of a listed ship with the national historic ships register called M.V. Willadora. The second application the Committee was asked to consider was in respect of SIB funding of £35,250 to purchase five Vehicle Activated Signs to warn drivers of the existing speed limit if approaching speeds were high.

Members expressed their support for the two applications.

Consideration was given to the 28 proposals for support from the 2010/2011 Community Chest.

Councillor Vardy voiced his concerns in respect of the applications received in respect of Sunderland Schools Football Association and Church View Alternative Holistic Therapies. Councillor E. Gibson voiced her support for the two applications.

In view of the difference of opinion between the two Ward Members present for Doxford Ward the Chairman proposed that a decision on the applications be deferred pending a meeting between himself, the Ward Councillors and the Deputy Chief Executive.

Members of the Committee supported this course of action.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the evaluation of the delivery of Operation Charlie be noted and that approval be given for an application for SIB funding for £50,000 for an Arson Worker in the East Area to be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Committee for consideration;
- (ii) the membership of the Employment and Enterprise Task and Finish Group as outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report be endorsed and the update given be noted;

- (iii) approval be given to a collective amount of £57,823 from the SIB 2010/11 budget (subject to a full detailed application and appraisal) to deliver enhanced policing services across the East Area, including; The Bridges Shopping Centre and surrounding area during the Christmas period, enhanced patrols in Mowbray Park and Sunnyside Gardens, a Taxi Marshalling Scheme on a Monday night, extra patrols in Ryhope and Grangetown areas, and a targeted approach in dealing with identified areas of anti-social behaviour in the Doxford area between September 2010 and March 2011, all of which will deliver actions against the Area Committee's key priority to reduce anti-social behaviour and increase confidence and trust levels in the community;
- (iv) the progress report on the Youth Work Strategy be noted and that approval be given to establish a Task and Finish Group with the aim to compile relevant information relating to contracted and non-contracted youth provision within East Sunderland for youth over 11 years old. Councillors Emerson, Fairs, E. Gibson and Mordey to be appointed to serve on the Task and Finish Group together with Ritchy Duggan of the East Area VCS Network; the membership of the Task and Finish Group to be ratified at the next meeting of the Area Committee;
- (v) the Play and Urban Games Strategy Review be noted and a further report be submitted to the Committee on the play areas identified as priority development opportunities addressing the questions raised by Members and the recommended actions detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (vi) the Financial Statement as set out in Annex 2a to the report be noted;
- (vii) approval be given to the allocation of SIP funding of £40,000 from the 2010/2011 budget as a contribution towards the M.V. Willadora Renovation Project, Sunderland Maritime Heritage subject to match funding being secured, or a guarantee that the project can be delivered on a smaller scale;
- (viii) approval be given to the allocation of SIB funding of £35,250 from the 2010/2011 budget for the purchase of 5 Vehicle Activated Signs; and
- (ix) approval be given to 26 proposals for support from the 2010/2011 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 2b to the report and to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Ward Members for Doxford Ward and the Vice-Chairman of the Area Committee to determine whether to approve 2 applications for support under Doxford Ward from Sunderland Schools Football Association and Church View Alternative Holistic Therapies pending further information and consideration in respect of the applications.

Influencing Practice, Policy and Strategy

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) requesting Members to consider the draft Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan, which was subject to consultation at that time and seeking their participation in the consultation process to ensure the Strategy would effectively address the volunteering needs of the East Area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe, Area Community Co-ordinator referred the Committee to the extract from the draft document included as Annex 1 to the report and invited Members to engage in the consultation. She advised that the full document could be accessed at www.sunderlandcompact.org.uk with a deadline for views to be submitted by 17th September, 2010.

Councillor E. Gibson commented that the dozens of volunteers in the City should all be applauded for the vitally important contribution they made.

The Chairman endorsed the comments made by Councillor E. Gibson as Chairman of the Area Network meeting thanking the volunteers for all the work they were doing.

4. RESOLVED that the consultation process on the draft Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan be noted.

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Area Committee was to be held on Monday, 25th October, 2010 at 5.30 p.m. in Committee Room number 2 at the Civic Centre, Sunderland.

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

(Signed) M. MORDEY,
Chairman.

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND EAST: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2010/11 WORK PLAN)

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 To enable the future development of area based working, the Area Committee requires detailed information to be freely available from a number of different sources. An “intelligence hub” has been established that will act as a repository for information available. Officers will have access to relevant up-to-date information required to make effective decision making at an area level, and provide Area Committees with the detailed analysis required to identify key priorities and future waves of Responsive Local Services activity.
- 1.2 Information has been sourced from other Committee meetings, Community Leadership Programme, Responsive Local Services, which includes the Customer Service Network, the Area Co-ordination Team, Members Query Management System, Questions to Area Committee, Safer Communities Team and the Consultation Team, including resident surveys. Additional links have also been made with the Local Multi Agency Problem Solving groups (LMAPs), in particular the Data Analyst Team from Northumbria Police.

2. New Issue

Ryhope Beach Access/Egress Background

- 2.1 In the 1970's the Council constructed a structure at the seaward end of Ryhope Beach Road that served the dual functions of protecting a Northumbrian Water (NW) sea outfall and providing access/egress to and from the beach via concrete steps and a ramp. At the time the Council acted as an agent for NW, with the works being jointly funded. This arrangement was terminated in 1997, and responsibility for public sewer issues subsequently reverted to NW. It should be noted that the structure was not a coastal defence structure.
- 2.2 The Council's adopted policy for this length of the coastline (The Shoreline Management Plan) is currently one of allowing retreat through natural coastal erosion. Given this erosion and a lack of maintenance over a number of years, the condition of the access structure deteriorated and became unsafe.
- 2.3 In March 2008 Cabinet agreed to remove the access structure at Ryhope Beach Road and provide a new point of public access/egress. Detailed proposals for the removal of the structure were dependent upon information regarding the NW outfall within the structure. Information was not readily available and whilst investigations were ongoing the structure continued to deteriorate. In December 2009 the condition of the structure reached a point where, it was considered to be in a dangerous condition and emergency demolition works were undertaken. This left a section of the NW outfall exposed and unsupported above the beach.

- 2.4 Access to and from the beach at this location has remained closed in the interests of safety pending the provision of revised access/egress arrangements.

Current Position

- 2.5 It is not practicable to undertake access works without taking due regard of NW proposals for their outfall and discussions between the Council and NW are ongoing.
- 2.6 In September 2010 NW submitted a planning application for works to replace and lower the outfall over the foreshore and beneath Ryhope Beach Road. Their proposals also provide a concrete surround to the outfall with a view to affording future protection given the ongoing erosion of the area.
- 2.7 Works to re-grade the cutting slope to the south of Ryhope Beach Road to allow safe access and working have commenced by NW. It is understood that they intend to lower the section of their outfall beneath the beach by the end of November 2010. Thereafter they will lower the outfall beneath Ryhope Beach Road for a distance of approximately 30m.
- 2.8 Further technical details have been sought from NW in order to allow options for pedestrian access/egress to be considered. Agreement in principle to the Council and NW working together to provide a new pedestrian access/egress has been made. Details are being formulated, but most likely this will provide steps/and or ramp. It is proposed that this will be undertaken as part of the outfall works, with the Council making an appropriate contribution.

3. Hendon Beach Progress Briefing

Railings Remedials

- 3.1 The remedial works to Hendon Beach railings consist of removal, refurbishment and re-erection by Marshalls of their Llanelli Post and Rail System, the works commenced on Wednesday 18th August 2010. At the start of October it was observed that some of the railings re-erected to date were showing signs of rusting. Marshalls are currently reviewing their method of sealing of the rails in order to prevent water ingress and will replace the railings affected. Refurbishment works are on hold until a satisfactory solution is found.
- 3.2 The provision of the railings on the Northern and centre ramp is still under review. The Council is working with Marshalls to arrive at a more robust solution. Some of the temporary railings installed on the centre ramp were damaged during the storm conditions experienced in mid-September and these have now been replaced. Additional railings in front of the car park area have now been installed. It is intended to install additional railings on the Southern ramp by the end of the November 2010.

Cleansing

- 3.3 Under the Responsive Local Services priority, litter bins have now been installed along the promenade and an agreed cleansing regime is now in place for removal of litter and for removal of algae from the ramps.

Signage

- 3.4 An audit of signage at this location has been completed and additional signs are currently on order.

4. Recommendations

Committee are requested to:

- Request NW and Officers provide regular progress reports to local Ward Councillors.
- Consider publicising the joint initiative at the appropriate time.

Contact Officer: Nicol Trueman, Sunderland East Area Officer
Tel: 0191 561 1162 e-mail: Nicol.trueman@sunderland.gov.uk

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN SERVICES COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND EAST – PROGRESS REVIEW Identification of Gaps in Youth and Play Provision

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update on progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2010/11) work plan, **Annex 1a**.

2. Progress report of the Sunderland East Youth Task and Finish Group:

- 2.1 In September 10, the Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish group. Nominations were received to form a Task and Finish Group. The membership consists of:-

East Area Committee:	Cllr Ball, Cllr Mordey, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Emerson, Cllr Fairs and Cllr Dixon
Northumbria Police:	Sgt Lee Butler
East Area VCS Network:	Richy Duggan and Susan Milesen,
Sunderland City Council:	Kath Butchert, Sarah Woodhouse, Billy Hall and N Trueman
Chair:	Cllr A Emerson, East Area Committee
Lead Agent:	Kath Butchert, Youth Development Group Manager

- 2.2 The first Task and Finish group was held on the 7 October 2010. The group recommended that a progress report is presented to Committee which identifies what current contracted and non contracted youth provision, for youths over 11 years old, will cease after March 2011 and what will continue. The information shown below provides information on such provision identifying the age group targeted, how many hours are delivered per year and the cost for the service across the East area. Information was provided by Youth Development Group, Blue Watch Youth Project, Box Project, Lambton Street Youth Centre, Hendon Young People's Project, Sans Street Youth and Community Centre, Young Asian Voices.

2.3 What exists currently across the **East** Area up until March 2011

- Weekly provision (52 weeks): Play and Positive Activities are delivered to 8-13 year olds and provision is provided to young people deemed at risk of becoming Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) targeting 11-13 year olds, which totals 780 hours, costing £17,300 per year. Mobile Youth Bus targets 13-19 year olds, which total 126 hours, costing £8,320.
- Term time only (39 weeks): Sessions are delivered in St Aidans and Venerable Bede Schools targeting young people at risk of becoming NEET, targeting 13-16 year olds, which totals 234 hours, costing £7,962 per year.
- School holidays (13 weeks): Youth sessions and clubs targeting 11-19 year olds, which totals 305.5 hours, costing £14,802 per year.
- Weekend provision (3 x 10 week blocks) XL Youth Village targets 13 – 19 year olds which totals 90 hours, costing £19,200.

Total hours: 1,535.5 Council Funding: £67,584 External Funding: Nil

What will remain after March 2011 across the **East** Area

- Weekend provision (3 x 10 week blocks): XL Youth Village targets 13 – 19 year olds which totals 90 hours, costing £19,200.
 - Week day provision (52 weeks): Mobile Youth Bus targets 13-19 year olds, which total 126 hours, costing £8,320.
- Total hours: 216 Council Funding: £27,520 External Funding: Nil

This results in a **reduction** at an East level of **1,319.5 hours** and **£40,064 Council funding**. **No external funding** will be provided.

2.4 What exists currently across the **Hendon** ward up until March 2011

- Weekly provision (52 weeks): Hendon Youth Initiative delivers diversionary activities in the evening targeting 11-19 year olds, which totals 2225 hours, costing £240,000 per year. Weekly Friday night youth club and Monday night detached work targeting 11-19, which totals 260 hours, costing £22,000 per year. Diversionary activities are delivered targeting 11-18 year olds, which totals 585 hours, costing £35,000 per year. Ward based Youth Development Contract targeting 13-19 year olds, minimum of 312 hours, costing £39,672 per year. Volunteering project targeting 16-25 year olds, which totals 1872 hours, costing £43,000 per year. Community Cohesion project, which totals 1,456 hours, costing £28,298.
 - Term time only (39 hours): Working with NEET, total 546, costing £10,000.
- Total Hours: 5,800 Council Funding: £85,672 External Funding: £403,596

What will remain after March 2011 across the **Hendon** ward

- Ward based Youth Development Contracts targeting 13-19 year olds, minimum of 312 hours, costing £39,672 up until March 2012.
- Total Hours: 312 Council Funding: £39,672 External Funding: Nil

This results in a **reduction** in **Hendon** activity levels of **5,488 hours**, **£46,000 Council funding** and **£403,596 of external funding**

2.5 What exists currently across the **Ryhope** ward up until March 2011

- Weekly provision (52 weeks): Saturday Film Club, Estate Project targeting 8-19 year olds, which totals 468 hours, costing £5,200 per year. Youth Drop in and Support project targeting 13-19 year olds, which totals 1,144 hours, costing £15,946 per year. Foundation learning project targeting 16-19 year olds, which totals 3,600 hours, costing £26,076 per year. Ward based Youth Development contract targeting 13-19 year olds, minimum of 312 hours, costing £38,834 per year.
- Total Hours: 5,524 Council Funding: £80,856 External Funding: £5,220

What will remain after March 2011 across the **Ryhope** ward

- Ward based Youth Development contract targeting 13-19 year olds, minimum of 312 hours, costing £38,834 up until March 2012.
- Total Hours: 312 Council Funding: £38,834 External Funding: Nil

This results in a **reduction** in **Ryhope** activity levels of **5,212 hours**, **£42,022 Council funding** and **£5,220 of external funding**

2.6 What exists currently across the **Doxford** ward up until March 2011

- Weekly provision (52 weeks): Post 16 NEET programme and Junior Youth Club (school years 6 and 7), which total 949 hours, costing £31,597. Ward based Youth Development contract targeting 13-19 year olds, minimum of 312 hours, costing £29,829.
- Term time only (39 weeks): Pre 16 At Risk of NEET programme, which total 216 hours, costing £6,973.

- School holidays (13 weeks): School holiday programme, which total 252 hours, costing £20,580

Total Hours: 1,729 Council Funding: £88,979 External Funding: Nil

What will remain after March 2011 across the **Doxford** ward

- Ward based Youth Development contract targeting 13-19 year olds, minimum of 312 hours, costing £29,829.

Total Hours: 312 Council Funding: £29,829 External Funding: Nil

This results in a **reduction** in **Doxford** activity levels of **1,417 hours, £59,150 Council funding. No external funding** will be provided.

2.7 What exists currently across the **Millfield** and will remain after March 2011

- Weekly provision (52 weeks): Detached work targeting 11-19 year olds, which total 260, costing £14,149 per year. Youth club at St Marks targeting 13-19 year olds, which totals 390 hours, costing £24,603 per year, will cease after March 2011, but as it forms part of the ward based Youth Development contract targeting 13-19 year olds, delivering a minimum of 312 hours, costing £41,139 per year this provision will continue, but possibly delivered differently.

Total Hours: 650 (312) Council Funding: £41,139 External Funding: Nil

What exists currently across **St Michaels** and will remain after March 2011

- Ward based Youth Development contract targeting 13-19 year olds, minimum of 312 hours, costing £24,024 up until March 2012.

Total Hours: 312 Council Funding: £24,024 External Funding: Nil

2.8 **City wide** provision up until March 2011

In addition to the above provision, City wide contracts provide additional services in the East which includes school holiday provision, weekend residentials, short breaks, youth sessions at Portland School, the Aiming High project targeting 8-18 year olds and a Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Integration Work Sports project targeting 13-19 year olds and BME NEET project targeting 11-19 year olds, which totals 3,433.5 hours, costing £93,641 per year.

What will remain is a BME city wide contract, delivering minimum of 312 hours, costing £32,323 up until March 2012.

This reflects in a Citywide **reduction** of **3,110.5 hours** and **£61,318** of funding.

3.0 **Conclusion**

3.1 The number of hours currently being delivered across the East area totals 19,377.5 with the Council investing £418,083 and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) securing a further £408,816 of external grant funding into the area. As Committee are aware with funding such as GO4IT, Positive Activities Grant, New Deals for the Community and other funding streams ceasing after March 2011, youth provision will see a large reduction, totalling 13,436.5 hours, this is due to a large amount of external funding ceasing, with a further £187,915 being cut from the grants the Council receive from the Government to administrate.

3.2 What will remain is an investment of £201,018, which will deliver a minimum of 1,560 hours per year, this will include a minimum of 312 hours per ward, in addition to the XL Youth Villages and Mobile Buses provide a further 216 hours bringing the total to 1,776. The XL youth villages have been popular in the East area with 398 individual young people attending, of these 107 attended regularly. An issue that we need to address to

increase attendance levels is to locate suitable venues in which to host the villages. As well as the villages the youth bus, currently based in Grangetown has attracted 38 young people in the first five weeks.

4.0 Key considerations for Committee

- 4.1 What is the impact of the reduction? For example, the Council recognise that a lot of time, effort, training and money have been invested in staff. In addition, the majority of staff delivering youth work are local people who will be at risk of redundancies. This will cut across the Economic Masterplan regarding employment in the City and also the Child Poverty Strategy, as more families may suffer from not having a regular income.
- 4.2 What other services may it affect? For example, Anti Social Behaviour Team, based in Health, Housing and Adult Services reported that before applying to court for an ASBO, the team have to justify to the courts that they have tried to intervene and support the young person. This can sometimes include referring a young person to a local youth centre. If the young person decided not to engage this can then be taken into account before issuing an ASBO. If however, the centre is not available to refer young people into it in the first place, this may weaken the case presented to court resulting in the ASBO being declined, which may increase youth related disorder.
- 4.3 Do the Council or partners have assets and services which can be adapted or used differently to encourage more young people to access them, with minimum or no cost?
- 4.4 Does the need to provide a specific service to a targeted age group remain?

Recommendation

Members are requested to:

- Endorse the membership of the East Youth Task and Finish group as outlined in 2.1.
- Agree for the Task and Finish group to consult, engage and involve Directorates via Executive Management Team meetings and Partners via the Local Strategic Partnership, on behalf of the Area Committee, to address the key considerations outlined above.
- A feedback report is presented to a future meeting.

Lead Agent: Kath Butchert, Children Services, Tel: 0191 561 7413
Email: kath.butchert@sunderland.gov.uk

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND EAST – PROGRESS REVIEW Increase Employment and Enterprise

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update on progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2010/11) work plan, **Annex 1a**.

2 Progress report of the Employment and Enterprise Task and Finish Group

- 2.1 Two Task and Finish Working Groups have been held. At the first meeting, held in August 10, the group agreed to gather further information on the current review on Assisting People into Work, Enterprise, City Wide Employers Survey and WNS Project level evaluation which provided evidence and highlight models of good practice previously funded. At the second meeting, held in September, reports were presented on: Employment and Skills Demand Study 2010, Enterprise Review, Assisting people into work review, Good practices found in the City, region and country, BoTM Succession arrangements, Position statement for apprenticeships from the Learning Partnership and report on forming Local Enterprise Partnerships. Taking into account all the information discussed, it was agreed to present Area Committee with a progress report that provides examples of good practice in the fields of employment and enterprise. The Group looked at two proposals for Employment initiatives:

1) Family themed initiative

2) Employment Support to those not in receipt of benefits

The Task and Finish Group however wanted to consider Enterprise initiatives alongside Employment and therefore a request for a joint proposal was made, which are outlined below.

- 2.2 With any proposal the Area Committee receives covering Employment and Enterprise there are a number of things to consider.

Added-value, complementarity, duplication, being stand-alone, joint provision spanning employment and enterprise.

As members may be aware the provision for Employment and Worklessness will be made through the work programme and for Enterprise. It was announced during the Conservative Party Conference that there will be a new "enterprise allowance," It will make mentoring and start-up packages worth £2,000 available to those who want to start new businesses. However the detail about both of these new initiatives is yet to be announced and they will not commence until the summer of 2011. The East Area will also suffer from withdrawal of Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) and New Deal for Communities (NDC) funding from April 2011, consolidating the evidence based need for some project based activity to tackle worklessness to be provided, and to continue the success that has been achieved through NDC/NRF and WNF funded activity.

- 2.3 However in considering the development of projects it is necessary to ensure added value with whatever may be provided through mainstream delivery as well as ensuring the projects themselves do not duplicate this provision and are capable of being stand-

alone. The potential for joining up Employment and Enterprise support also needs to be considered by members of the Task and Finish Group.

3.0 Project proposal

- 3.1 Both of the proposals referred to above relate to Employment and could be adapted so that they cover Enterprise and they would also satisfy the considerations outlined.
- 3.2 The **Family themed initiative** would aim to develop closer working partnership, with the Sunderland Options Team and the employability partnership. Currently Gentoo have a member of staff who works with Gentoo residents to raise awareness of self employment as a route from benefits and worklessness. This would add value to the current initiatives currently funded through WNF/NDC, etc, operating in the East through Job Linkage, and the Talent Scouts and Business Advisors project delivered by SES.
- 3.3 The cost of this project is currently estimated at £50,000. This would be used to provide employment and enterprise advice to family units, with a focus on barrier removal, and to support working age family members into employment or enterprise. This level of funding would support 75 families for 9 months and works out at a unit cost of £666 which is very cost effective. The funding would be scaleable up or down.
- 3.4 The **Employment support to those not in receipt of benefits** project would aim to support those clients who are economically inactive and not in receipt of any out of work benefits but who wish to become employed or self-employed, but who would be otherwise not eligible for mainstream support. Currently the caseload of Job Linkage contains 15-20% of such clients in a 12 month period. However with the difficult economic climate this figure could well increase, and it is unlikely that the mainstream work programme will provide any support for this client group, leaving an evidenced need unmet.
- 3.5 The personal barriers which trap people in worklessness such as lack of confidence, low self esteem, childcare, access to finance, etc, apply to those who wish to work for others or wish to work for themselves. The requirements differentiate once clients identify which route (employment or self-employment) they wish to follow and that is where different support is necessary. Therefore the project would use a generic entry level support mechanism which has never been tried out in Sunderland before and it would be both innovative and also potentially more cost effective than using separate resources to work with clients on personal barriers, as it would cut out duplication at the entry level.
- 3.6 For £75,000 the project would cover the costs of advisors who would engage clients and work with them on breaking down personal barriers, as the first stage in the Employment or Enterprise journey, and then it would provide expert specialist workers/advisors in either Employment or Enterprise to allow the correct support for the client to be delivered. It would work with 100 people over a 12 month period at a unit cost of £750, and expect to move 40-50% of them into work and 20% of them into self-employment.
- 3.7 Currently the costs for both projects are estimated and if the Area Committee considers them as having potential, then the project details and costings could be worked up in detail with a further report being presented in January 2011, with the recommendation for the Area Committee to commission activity the preferred option to commence in April 2011.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 Both of these projects will address a need which is evident within the East area, and they are rooted in best-practice and innovation. External funding for 2011/12 will be severely

reduced for the East area. It is therefore crucial that there is some activity put in place to support employment and enterprise that can stand alone if no other activity is forthcoming through mainstream provision or which can add to the Work programme and any enterprise activity introduced next year. The East could also be at the forefront of driving forward innovation through piloting different approaches to employment and enterprise support.

Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Agree to a further report to be presented outlining the project details and costing for both the Family Themed Initiative and the Employment Support Project, with a view of selecting a preferred project to commission activity at the January 2011 Area Committee.

Contact Officer: Berni Whitaker, Office of the Chief Executive
Tel: 0191 561 1205 Email: berni.whitaker@sunderland.gov.uk

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND EAST – PROGRESS REVIEW Reduce Antisocial Behaviour and Increase Confidence Levels

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update on progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2010/11) work plan, **Annex 1a**.

2. Report of the Joint Enhanced Police and Elected Member Members Group

- 6.1 The Enhanced Joint Meeting between East area elected members and Northumbria Police Neighbourhood Inspectors, held on the 11 October 2010 discussed crime statistics down to an alpha level (police boundaries). The information discussed looked at crime reported from 1 April 2009 to 9 October 2010, looking at trends, with percentage figures provided to indicate if a crime was up or down. Detailed discussions were held on burglary dwellings, shop lifting, violence crime, robbery and sexual offences. On the whole crime is down in all areas, St Michaels and Millfield by 2%, Hendon and Ryhope by 0.9% and Doxford by 18.3%.
- 6.2 An update was provided on Operation Ironclad as the application was submitted and the scoring assessment was completed satisfactory. It was recognised that as the project started on the 25 September 2010 it was too early to report any results, with the majority of projects being delivered during December 2010 it is more appropriate for an interim report to be provided to the joint meeting in February 2011, with an evaluation of the projects conducted during April 2011.

Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Note the update and receive further updates regarding any issues arising from the Joint Meetings.

Contact Officer: Nicol Trueman, Office of the Chief Executive, Tel: 0191 561 1162
Email: Nicol.trueman@sunderland.gov.uk

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND EAST – PROGRESS REVIEW Responsive Local Services (RLS)

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update on progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2010/11) work plan, **Annex 1a**.

2. Responsive Local Services

- 2.1 RLS is a method of area working designed to:

- Increase levels of resident satisfaction through providing services that are responsive to community needs and effectively communicating improvements
- Tailor services in recognition of differing area/locality circumstances either through local problem solving or adapting service standards
- Recognise and enhance the community leadership role of elected members.

The current scope of RLS covers the service areas of Litter, Graffiti, Refuse, Grass Cutting and Dog Fouling. It also provides the opportunity for a wider range of issues to be considered within a context of local problem solving.

2.2 Service Requests

- 2.2.1 The tables below provide a view of the volume of service requests for the services in scope for August and September 2010.

Service Area – August 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Animal Fouling	14	14	13	5	8
Grass Cutting	1	0	6	2	4
Graffiti	3	5	6	12	9
Rubbish and Litter	93	81	94	98	68
Refuse and recycling	184	223	157	197	170

Service Area – Sept 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Animal Fouling	17	6	4	1	14
Grass Cutting	1	2	0	1	8
Graffiti	3	6	8	7	13
Rubbish and Litter	48	37	48	79	79
Refuse and recycling	116	189	129	102	98

2.3 What does the analysis tell us?

The most significant numbers of requests relate to both 'refuse and recycling' and 'rubbish and litter' which is reflected across all areas. This pattern is consistent with previous months and although the numbers regarding refuse are higher than others, when represented as a percentage of total bins collected (less than 0.1%), the service standard is being consistently applied.

- 2.4 The analysis regarding rubbish and litter relate to individual service requests. A further analysis has been undertaken to identify any specific areas to consider. In this respect

two areas have been identified – Graffiti in Hendon and animal fouling in Millfield both of which are being addressed by the Street Scene Service.

2.5 The volume of requests has reduced in the highlighted areas from August to September. In respect of refuse this relates to the introduction of the blue bin scheme and the expected increase in customer queries during the transitional period. The high levels of garden refuse have also impacted upon service requests although this is a seasonal issue with an expected decrease in requests.

2.6 It is also clear that from the requests received a high percentage of the requests are staff reported, demonstrating that our frontline staff are reporting and addressing these key issues before they become a problem for residents.

2.7 Extending the scope of the service

An analysis of all service requests and staff reported intelligence, not limited to the scope of RLS, has shown that service requests for enforcement (dumping of waste), noise and street lighting are also relatively high – refer to the tables below. In this respect it is recommended the scope of RLS be widened to include the three additional service areas.

Service Area – August 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Dumping of Waste	170	173	108	111	80
Noise	38	27	27	27	31
Street Lighting	18	34	10	20	28

Service Area – Sept 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Dumping of Waste	58	58	34	101	26
Noise	17	38	20	23	21
Street Lighting	27	25	13	19	32

2.8 The highlighted areas of the analysis are demonstrating a trend showing a reduction in service requests for the 'dumping of waste' from August – September. Although this is a positive trend the reasons for it occurring are not immediately apparent and further analysis is being undertaken in this respect. Some specific examples of enforcement activity in the East area to address the dumping of waste are detailed below:

Ryhope Dene: Fly-tipping Church Commissioners land.

Action: Discussions are ongoing with the land occupier.

Hendon Beach: Fly-tipping on bathroom and building waste

Action: Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) issued for failing to provide waste transfer notes and prosecution pending for failing to ensure waste was transferred to an authorised person. A court date is pending

Athol Road: Waste to rear

Action: 92(a) Clearance Notice served– failed to clear, FPN served 12th April and paid but waste still present, property cleared and court date pending.

Hastings Street: Waste to rear

Action: 92(a) Clearance Notices served 14/12/09, expiry 14/01/10. Property cleared, court date pending.

Ferguson Street: Fly-tipping

Action: Caught on CCTV. Builders waste. All leads exhausted awaiting Police assistance.

Laura Street - Several rubble bags abandoned at the rear of Laura Street.

Action: Resident identified and fined.

2.9 Intelligence group

A partnership group has been established to share information and intelligence relative to each Area Committee's geographical boundaries with a view to identify any service issues and interventions. The group consists of representatives from the Council, the Police and Gentoo who will meet prior to each area committee cycle. The first meeting of the group occurred in early October and some of the issues regarding the 'dumping of waste' are highlighted above. Any significant issues identified by the group will be brought forward to Area Committees in a report that will explain the issue/s and also provide options for a service response. Members can then debate options and provide recommendations.

Any other relevant issues from the November Intelligence Group will be presented to Committee in January for debate and consideration.

2.10 City Services: Area Response Managers

The new structure for Street scene includes six Area Response Managers. One will cover the East area, with an additional Manager being dedicated to the City Centre. It is anticipated that these will be appointed by December 2010. These Area Response Managers will lead locality based teams delivering Responsive Local Services that are aligned to local conditions and priorities. The Area Response Managers will work with the Area Committees, Area Officers, partners and residents to identify and tackle key issues.

2.11 Recognition for Action

There is now a dedicated section on the Council's intranet to enable staff to post good news stories which can be publicised to demonstrate that the council and partners are addressing local issues. In addition to a dedicated email address which is responsivelocalservices@sunderland.gov.uk, enabling staff to post stories for the media team to respond too and publicise as appropriate.

The Staff Reporting Line is also being used to report good news stories and the Communications Team are collating the stories to share with the media and include within the Community Newsletters.

2.12 Winter Maintenance

Following the severe weather experienced during the winter of 2009/2010 all Area Committees requested some additional information to be made available, for residents and members, regarding the approach to winter maintenance. In response additional information has been prepared and is now available on the Sunderland.gov website via a dedicated 'Winter Maintenance' page which highlights the gritting routes and the location of salt/grit bins. In addition an article on Winter Maintenance will be included within the November issue of Sunrise.

Also additional training has been delivered to employees working in the Contact Centre in relation to winter maintenance services enquiries and the Street Scene winter maintenance teams are now able to communicate more effectively via mobile phones to coordinate activity and report any service issues.

Recommendation:

Area Committee are requested to

- Note the report and receive further updates regarding any issues arising from the intelligence group.

Contact Officer: Helen Peverley, City Services, Tel: 0191 561 7413

Email: Helen.peverley@sunderland.gov.uk

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND EAST – PROGRESS REVIEW

Old Grangetown Primary School Site

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update on one of the outstanding issues from the 2009/10 work plan and shows progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2010/11) work plan, **Annex 1a**.

2. Report on the public access to Old Grangetown Primary School

- 2.1 At its last meeting Committee agreed to investigate the feasibility of opening up the site of the old Grangetown Primary School to members of the public to access as a local greenspace. A meeting was held on the 18 October 2010 with representation from the Area Committee, East Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Area Network and Officers from Sunderland City Council. A verbal update will be provided at Committee.

Contact Officer: Nicol Trueman, Office of the Chief Executive, Tel: 0191 561 1162
Email: Nicol.trueman@sunderland.gov.uk

ITEM 3: ANNEX 1A: COMMUNITY ACTION – PROGRESS REVIEW

Priority	Issue	Date raised	Evidence and/or Data Source	Next steps/Options	Funding request	Lead Agent(s)	RAG
Work plan 2009/10							
Reduce ASB, including secondary fires.	Reduce arson attacks, i.e. secondary fire: wheelie bins.	21.07.09 07.09.09 13.09.10	1. Local Area Plan (LAP): Safe 2. TWF&R 3. Members Queries 4. Area Committee minutes.	An Arson Task and Finish Group established. Report presented in September 10. TWF&R to submit a bid for an Arson Worker.	SIB £25,000 per year, over two years. Awaiting bid to be submitted.	Neil Harrison Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue (TWF&R)	
Challenge negative perceptions of young people, celebrate positive achievements	Involve young people in the Area Committee.	21.07.09 13.09.10	1. Area Committee minutes 2. Safe Area Action Plan 3. Children Service Delivery Plans 4. Area Committee minutes.	Options report presented to AC in Nov 09. AC agreed option 3. • Link in to the Youth Councillor proposal and consider recommendations from the feasibility study. • Develop joint East Youth Councillors and Elected Members 'Road Shows' in the East area using the mobile buses to hold joint surgeries, completion date 2011. Youth Development Group agreed to implement by 2011. Area Officer to monitor. To refer into the East Youth Provision Task and Finish group for information.	Nil	Kath Butchert, Children Services.	
Increase activity and footfall along the river corridor.	Delivery of activities.	09.11.09	1. LAP 2. Area Action Plan 3. Area Committee minutes.	Action superseded by the Economic Masterplan. It was agreed at Cabinet on the 21 July, and full Council 29 September. Officially launched week commencing 18 October.	Nil	Vince Taylor, Office of the Chief Executive (OCE)	
	Condition of Hendon Beach	09.11.09 04.01.10 21.07.10	1. Area Committee minutes 2. Question to Area Committee	Update given to July 10 Area Committee. Update on progress provided to October Committee.	Nil	Steve Pickering, City Services	
Encourage	Empty	09.11.09	1. LAP	The Empty Homes Strategy has been	Nil	Alan Caddick,	

accredited private landlords and bringing empty properties back into use.	Properties in the private sector	04.01.10	2. Area Action Plan 3. Area Committee minutes 4. Question to Area Committee	re-designated as a 'Housing Project' and work will be ongoing to develop a revised approach to how the Council tackle Empty Properties.		Health, Housing and Adult Services	
Tailoring services, dealing with local issues.	Effectively utilising the Community Payback Scheme	04.01.10	1. Area Action Plan 2. Committee report and minutes	Committee members to identify hotspot areas within the East which may benefit from the Community Payback Scheme and refer to Youth Offending Services.	Nil	Committee members	
Work Plan 2010-11							
Identifying gaps in youth and play provision.	Linkages made between youth providers at a ward level across two areas West and East	24.05.10 13.09.10	1. Area Committee work plan. 2. Youth Strategy Report. 3. Area Committee minutes.	Identify ways to bring youth providers together across wards and areas. To be referred into the Task and Finish Group. First meeting held 7 October 10. Update to be provided at Committee.	Nil	Kath Butchert, Task and Finish Group	
	The level of existing resources provided at a neighbourhood level.	24.05.10 13.09.10	1. Area Committee work plan. 2. Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) 3. Children and Young Plan Review.	Committee informed and consulted on proposals regarding play provision in September 10. Further information requested. Update to be provided at Committee.	Potential to allocate SIB funding towards improvements to Backhouse Park.	Carol Lewis, City Services	
	Support young people who are being bullied.	25.10.10	1. SIB application 2. Consultation and scoring assessment.	To deliver a service offering one to one support for children and young people who have/are experiencing bullying issues. Recommendation to approve at reduced costs, in report entitled 'Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources -Annex 1c'.	Original request, SIB £13,200, recommended to approve SIB £7,150.	Nicol Trueman OCE	
Reducing ASB and increasing confidence and	Support victims of crime.	21.07.10	1. SIB application. 2. Consultation and scoring	To employ a victim support worker for two years, dedicated to the East End/Hendon area.	Original request, SIB £50,126, £25,063 per year,	Nicol Trueman, OCE	

trust levels in the community.			assessment.	Recommendation to approve at reduced costs in report entitled 'Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources -Annex 1c'.	recommended to approve SIB £10,442.		
	Improve security of a community centre.	25.10.10	1. SIP application and panel meeting.	To renew two front security doors. Recommendation to approve in report entitled 'Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources -Annex 1c'.	SIP £1,128, Hendon ward.	Nicol Trueman OCE	
Increase employment and enterprise opportunities	A wide variety of service provision available to support people into employment and enterprise but low uptake.	21.07.10 13.09.10	1. Area Committee and Cabinet work plan. 2. Scrutiny policy review of Working Neighbourhood Strategy. 3. Hanlon system. 4. Index of Multiple Deprivation.	Task and Finish group held on the 30.09.10. Updates were provided on Cabinet work plan, Employment and Skills Demand Study 2010, Enterprise Review, Assisting people into work review, Good practices found in the City, region and country, BoTM Succession arrangements, Position statement for apprenticeships from the Learning Partnership, Report on forming Local Enterprise Partnerships. An action lists has been produced and circulated, with all background information being posted on the ward bulletin. Update to be provided at Committee.	Consideration to be given to commissioning activity on increasing employment and enterprise in the East.	Janet Snaith OCE	
	Employers Skills Gap	21.07.10	1. City wide survey with employers.	Covered above, under Skills Demand Study 2010.	Nil	Andrew Perkin, OCE	
To make the streets more attractive, landscaping rundown areas,	Planning for open space, sport and recreation.	13.09.10	1. Local Development Framework. 2. Area Committee	The first workshop was held on the 20 October 2010, with Councillors, residents, Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS), partners and Officers in	Nil	Nicol Trueman, with support from Clive	

removing litter and graffiti.			minutes.	attendance. The second workshop will be held in December 2010 or January 2011. This will involve participatory appraisals of the green spaces identified in the previous workshop.		Greenwood, OCE.	
	Old site of Grangetown Primary School.	13.09.10	1. Area Committee minutes.	Committee agreed to investigate the feasibility of opening up the land for the general public to access as a local greenspace for their community.	Nil	Nicol Trueman, OCE	
	Cross country mountain bike track.	24.09.10	1. PUGS review. 2. Members queries.	Officers are investigating the feasibility of using the greenspace land behind the old golf club house, Hollycarrside, Ryhope stretching to Tunstall Hill and making it into a cross country mountain bike track.	Nil	Carol Lewis City Services	
Transportation (reserve)	Improve transportation across the area.	24.05.10	1. Area Committee minutes.	A decision regarding the Bus Network Design Project has been deferred pending the outcome of the National Spending Review.	Nil	Bob Donaldson, City Services.	

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE
25th OCTOBER 2010
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2010/11 budget:

1. Annex 1b: Approve 27 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, all projects total £10,682.
2. Annex 1c: Approve two SIP proposals from the 2010-11 budget: £21,178 to improve officials changing rooms at Ryhope Colliery Welfare Football Club and £1,128 to renew two front doors to improve security at East Community Association.
3. Annex 1c: Approve two SIB proposals from the 2010-11 budget at a reduced cost to pump prime the following projects: £10,442 for Victim Support to employ a worker to support victims of crime, and £13,200 to Family Impact Services to employ a worker to support children and young people who are victims of bullying.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee in order to can be used to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Sunderland East LAP, Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a budget of £277,456 for 2010-11, with a further £140,187 carried over from 2009-10. During 2010-11, £972 has been returned to budget providing a new balance of £418,615 for SIB 2010-11.

The Community Chest forms part of the SIB and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michael's wards.

SIP was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was as a one-off allocation of £1.426m delegated to Area Committees. The amount allocated to the East Area Committee was £227,293 (which must be allocated by March 2011). SIP can only be used to deliver capital projects which are aligned to the key priorities identified in the Sunderland East Local Area Plan (LAP). Its main purpose to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community and Safer Scrutiny Committee 2. Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee
--	--

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, SIP and Community Chest.

2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT EAST AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING STREAMS 2010-2011. AS AT 25 OCTOBER 2010

Community Chest

	Community Chest Budget	Approvals total	Balance
Available funding 2010/11			
Hendon	£11,141	£4,682	£6,459
Millfield	£11,231	£6,122	£5,109
Ryhope	£10,089	£1,932	£8,157
St Michael's	£11,339	£3,962	£7,377
Doxford	£10,057	£9,082	£975
Total	£53,857	£25,780	£28,077

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

	Committee Date	Budget	Approval totals	Balance
<i>List of approved projects from 2010-11</i>				
Friends of Mary Magdalene's Sunderland	21.07.10	£417,643	£33,175	£384,468
Heritage Forum Sunderland	21.07.10	£384,468	£13,600	£370,868
MIND	21.07.10	£370,868	£20,645	£350,223
St Aidan's RC School	21.07.10	£350,223	£27,000	£323,223
Chance	21.07.10	£323,223	£15,000	£308,223
Sunderland City Council: Mill Hill Rd	21.07.10	£308,223	£20,000	£288,223
Education	21.07.10	£288,223	£11,543	£276,680

Business Connections Sunderland City Council. VAS	13.09.10	£276,680	£35,250	£241,430
Operation Ironclad	13.09.10	£241,430	£57,823	£183,607
Funding returned Sep 10				£972
Angling Competition	07.10.10	£184,579	£1,000	£183,579
Grace House NE	07.10.10	£183,579	£1,675	£181,904
Remaining balance		£418,615	£236,711	£181,904

Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

Wards eligible for SIP funding Hendon, Millfield, St Michael's and Ryhope wards only

	SIP Budget	Approval totals	Balance
Available funding 2009-11	£227,293	-	-
Hendon	£56,823	£44,989	£11,834
Millfield	£56,823	£56,823	£0
Ryhope	£56,823	£35,645	£21,178
St Michael's	£56,823	£55,000	£1,823
Balance	£227,292	£192,457	£34,835

2.2 Community Chest

2.2.1 From September 2010, two deferred Community Chest applications were approved through delegated powers, as follows: £500 costs towards pitch fees for Sunderland Schools Football Association and £500 costs towards holistic therapies for Church View Holistic Therapies.

2.2.2 The table below details the balances remaining to be allocated following the last meeting, and taking into account the above applications for the Doxford ward, the total of the project proposals received are set out in **Annex 1b**, together with the balances remaining should those proposals be approved.

Table 1: Community Chest Balance

Ward	Budget remaining	Project proposals	Balance
Doxford	£975	£890	£85
Hendon	£6,459	£1,040	£5,419
Millfield	£5,109	£800	£4,309
Ryhope	£8,157	£5,901	£2,256
St Michael's	£7,377	£2,051	£5,326
Total	£28,077	£10,682	£17,395

2.3 Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

2.3.1 Following the September 2010 Committee meeting, £34,835 remained to be allocated during 2010/11. There are two projects detailed below which are recommended for approval, as follows:

SIP Ryhope Ward

1. Ryhope Colliery Welfare Football Club	£21,178	Approve
--	---------	---------

SIP Hendon Ward

2. East Community Association	£1,128	Approve
-------------------------------	--------	---------

2.3.2 The projects recommended for approval from the 2010/11 budget total £22,306. Should Committee approve the above proposals the remaining balance for SIP for 2010/11 allocation would be £12,529.

2.4 Strategic Initiatives Budget

2.4.1 Following the September 2010 Committee meeting £183,607 remained to be allocated during 2010/11. Funding has been returned from two projects which are now closed, Community Development in Ryhope totalling £921 and the East Area Forum totalling £51. These funds have been added bringing a new balance of £184,579.

2.4.2 From September 2010, two emergency multi area SIB application bids were approved through delegated powers. These were £1,000 to support a City wide angling competition in December 2010 delivered by the Angling Trust and £1,675 to contribute towards planning fees for Grace House North East Children's Hospice from the 2010-11 SIB budget. This leaves a final balance of £181,904 to be allocated during 2010-11, with two meetings remaining.

2.4.3 The following two projects detailed in **Annex 1c** are recommended for approval, as follows:

Ear For You, Family Impact Services	£13,200	Approve
-------------------------------------	---------	---------

Victim Support	£10,442	Approve
----------------	---------	---------

2.4.4 Projects recommended for approval from the 2010/11 budget total £23,642. Should Committee approve this proposal the remaining balance for the 2010/11 allocation would be £158,262.

Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in section 2.1.
- Approve the 27 proposals for support 2010/11 Community Chest set out in Annex 1b.
- Agree the recommendations set out in Annex 1c (SIB/SIP applications).

Annex 1b

COMMUNITY CHEST 2010/2011 EAST AREA - PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2010/2011	PROJECT PROPOSALS	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
Doxford	Doxford Park Community Centre – Contribution towards pie and pea supper and entertainment.	250				
	Doxford Park Stay Healthy Group – Contribution towards wellness club, room hire, equipment etc.,	300				
	Sunderland East Voluntary & Community Sector Network – Contribution towards celebration event, room hire, refreshments, prizes, transport etc.,	100				
	Centenary Recognition in Girlguiding – Contribution towards centenary events, awards etc.,	90				
	East Area Forum – Contribution towards monthly meetings, room hire, printing, refreshments etc.,	150				
	Totals		10,057	890	9,082	85
Hendon	3 'L's Residents Association – Contribution towards trips, Christmas party etc.,	450				
	Centenary Recognition in Girlguiding – Contribution towards centenary events, awards etc.,	90				
	Sunderland East Voluntary & Community Sector Network – Contribution towards celebration event, room hire, refreshments, prizes, transport etc.,	200				
	East Area Forum – Contribution towards monthly meetings, room hire, printing, refreshments etc.,	300				
	Totals		11,141	1,040	4,683	5,418
Millfield	Sunderland East Voluntary & Community Sector Network – Contribution towards celebration event, room hire, refreshments, prizes, transport etc.,	200				
	East Area Forum – Contribution towards monthly meetings, room hire, printing, refreshments etc.,	300				
	Sunderland Headlight – Contribution towards Christmas celebrations, buffet, prizes etc.,	300				
	Totals		11,231	800	6,122	4,309

Ryhope	Sunderland East Voluntary & Community Sector Network – Contribution towards celebration event, room hire, refreshments, prizes, transport etc.,	200				
	Centenary Recognition in Girlguiding – Contribution towards centenary events, awards etc.,	90				
	St. Aidan's Guide Unit – Purchase of new resource information, starter packs and equipment.	1000				
	Ryhope Sea View Angling Club – Contribution towards fishing trip to Silioth.	510				
	Ryhope C.A. – Contribution towards hip hop dance classed, tutor fees, room hire etc.,	720				
	Ryhope C.A. Ladies Club – Contribution towards Christmas lunch, transport, entertainment etc.,	600				
	East Area Forum – Contribution towards monthly meetings, room hire, printing, refreshments etc.,	200				
	Ryhope Over 60's Friendship Club – Contribution towards Christmas lunch and seasonal trips.	750				
	Ryhope CWFC – Contribution towards pitch fees.	1031				
	Ryhope CWFC Juniors – Purchase of strips and training fees.	800				
	Totals		10,089	5,901	1,932	2,256
St. Michael's	Sunderland Symphony Orchestra – Contribution towards concert expenses, hire of piano, insurance etc.,	711				
	Sunderland Ladies Probus Club – Contribution towards trips, transport, Christmas meat etc.,	750				
	East Area Forum – Contribution towards monthly meetings, room hire, printing, refreshments etc.,	300				
	Sunderland East Voluntary & Community Sector Network – Contribution towards celebration event, room hire, refreshments, prizes, transport etc.,	200				
	Centenary Recognition in Girlguiding – Contribution towards centenary events, awards etc.,	90				
	Totals		11,339	2,051	3,962	5,326
Totals			53,857			

Annex 1c SIB/SIP Funding Applications

Application No.1

Name of Project	Dressing room upgrade
Lead Organisation	Ryhope Colliery Welfare Football Club

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£24,000	£2,822	£21,178
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 week	February 2011	February 2011

The Project

The Club are seeking a one off capital award to purchase a port a cabin which will have electricity and plumbing connected, enabling match officials to change in safety and provide clean and safe toilets for spectators, players and guests.

Need for Project

The facilities are 60 years old and are in need of repair. The Wearside League Management and Durham Football Association have requested urgent action is taken to bring them up to an acceptable standard for use, if not, the club will be removed from the Wearside League.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Target 2010/11
A1 number of new community facility	1

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs
Purchase a Portakabin	£24,000

Recommendation Approve

- The project strategically fits under Healthy, to improve access to sport and leisure, in addition to complementing the Council's Football Investment Strategy were it is identified as a performance site.
- The SIP element of the funding has the support of the local ward Councillors.

Application No.2

Name of Project	Improving security
Lead Organisation	East Community Association

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£1,128	£0	£1,128
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date

1 week	November 2010	November 2010
--------	---------------	---------------

The Project

The group are seeking a one off capital award to enable them to replace the two front security doors into the centre to improve the security and appearance of the building.

Need for Project

The current doors are rusty, the locks need improving. The centre is regularly used by approximately 75 older residents. Although crime has dropped in the area, burglaries and theft of boilers is on the increase. The new doors would assist in reducing the risk of a break in.

Outputs for Projects

Output	Target 2010/11
S1: number of community facilities with improved security	1

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs
2 New Doors and labour	£1,128

Recommendation Approve

- The project strategically fits under the work plan for 2010-11, to reduce Anti Social Behaviour and increase confidence and trust levels in the community, in addition to complementing the Council's current investment in the property via City Services, Service Level Agreement.
- The application has the support of the local ward Councillors.

Application No.3

Name of Project	Ear for You
Lead Organisation	Impact Family Services

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£16,200	£3,000	£13,200
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
10 months	October 2010	July 2011

The Project

The group are seeking revenue costs to employ a worker to deliver a service offering one to one support for children and young people who have/are experiencing bullying issues, or other social issues (eg domestic violence, family breakdown or family substance use), which is then effecting their emotional wellbeing and/or attendance at school. Referrals can come from children and young people, parents, schools and other agencies. Each referral would be tailored to the unique needs of the young person and family. The aim would be to improve their circumstances, including health and emotional wellbeing, standards of attainment and self confident.

Need for Project

In 2007 the group undertook a city wide survey with children and young people in the East area, it would identified that not only children and young people, but also schools and teaching staff required additional support around bullying and how to resolve bullying incidents. The Children's Trust conducted a recent survey which highlighted children and young people across the City felt that bullying was one of their main concerns.

Over the past four years the group have worked with 1 Special Need School, 8 Primary and 3 Secondary schools in the East area. Over this time requests for one to one support have increased. CAMHS service is available, but only for children and young people who display high levels of need, for example, self harm. A gap exists for people who do not fall into this category.

Outputs for Projects

Output	Target 2010/11
L2: No. of people accessing improved advice and support	60

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs
Project Worker	£12,169
Travelling expenses	£400
Office, stationary and resources	£3,631
Total	£16,200

Recommendation Approve

- Head of Safeguarding, Children Services have confirmed that the project is in addition to core services and complements the Anti Bullying Strategy.
- The project does not quality for core funding as the service is not a statutory duty of care.

Subject to:

- The worker links directly in with the local Domestic Violence Refuge.
- Committee agree that this is a one off award, and that sustainability of the project should be sourced from alternative funding streams in the future.

Application No. 4

Name of Project	Victim Support Outreach Worker
Lead Organisation	Victim Support

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£50,126	Nil	£50,126
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	November 2010	October 2012

The Project

The group are seeking revenue costs over a two year period to continue to employ an outreach Victim Support Worker for four days per week based in Hendon, Sunderland. The worker will provide direct support to residents and work to recruit a team of local volunteers who will be trained to the required Victim Support standard. The Victim Support offers an opportunity for volunteers to develop personal skills that can enhance employment prospects and also provide potential employment for volunteers within the organisation.

Need for Project

The applicant claims that Sunderland East has a high crime rate and unemployment rate. Stating that this area needs enhanced services to work pro actively with local residents and local community organisations to ensure that all residents are able to access appropriate support.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Target 2010/11	Target 2011/12
P2	Number of jobs safeguarded	1 (4 days per week)	1 (4 days per week)
P3	Number of people employed in voluntary work	3	3
H1	Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects (brief intervention given around alcohol issues)	400	400
L1	Number of people receiving job training	3	3
S4	Number of victims of crime supported	480	450

Financial Costs

Item and Description	Total Costs
Salary costs including NI and pension	£36,044
Other employee related costs – for e.g., mobile phone, travel	£2,400
Volunteer travel	£350
Training costs, including volunteer training	£1,500
Commissioning of services	£5,000
Central Management contribution	£5,582
Total	£50,126

Recommendation **Approve the application at a reduced costs of £10,500**

- As agreed by Committee in July 2010, a meeting was held with Health, Housing and Adult Services, Safer Sunderland Partnership and Victim Support. The group recommended that Committee consider pump priming the project, at a reduced cost, up until the end March 2011, to allow the project to start, in addition to alternative long term funding to be sought and secured, to ensure sustainability of the project.
- Area Committee budget agreed annually, available up until March 2011.
- The future of Local Area Agreements is under review with decision pending, until outcome is known, recommendation not to commit resources beyond March 2011.

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) Interim Report Covering the Period April to September 2010

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area.
- 1.2 In May the Area Committee agreed the Sunderland East Work Plan Strategic Priorities for 2010/11:-
- Increase employment and enterprise opportunities.
 - Identify gaps in youth and play provision.
 - Responsive local services.
 - Reduce ASB and increase confidence and trust levels in the community.
 - Transportation (reserved priority).
- 1.3 In order that the Area Committee can be kept informed of progress on projects the following interim report have been produced to detail how the Area Committee has allocated its resources to date (April 2010 – September 2010) and consider how those initiatives are performing against agreed objectives.
- 1.5 The report outlines the performance on all projects which delivered activity during quarter one and quarter two of the financial year, and are aligned to the key strategic priorities outlined above.

Priority: Increase employment and enterprise

Running costs CHANCE	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of jobs safeguarded	8	8		£3,75	£3,95	
No. of people employed in voluntary work	8	8		0	7	
<p>Revenue funding was awarded for running costs of the centre, with match funding being secured to deliver activity. The project has extended their opening hours for the centre and retaining eight members of staff in employment. A further eight people have taken up volunteering at the project.</p> <p>The spending profile is slightly above the target, but the organisation has explained that this is due to some invoices for running costs being half yearly and not quarterly and therefore will balance itself out.</p> <p>No concerns about the project to report.</p>						

People Power Ryhope Community Association	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
--	------------------	------------------	-----------------------	-----------------	-----------------	-----------------------

No. of people using new or improved community facilities	12	41		£12,000	£10,954	
No. of VCS groups supported	10	14				
No. of project feasibility studies funded	0	0				
No. of community or educational events held	2	2				
No. of older people receiving support	26	73				
No. of people accessing improved advice and support	38	58				
No. of people employed in voluntary work	8	9				

Revenue funding was awarded to employ a Community Development Worker to support the delivery of the Sunderland East Local Area Plan by engaging with community groups and residents, finding out their concerns and priorities and feeding this information back into service delivery partners. Over the last two quarters, two police forums have been held with 60 residents attending, 9 grassroots community groups were encouraged to sign up to the East VCS Area Network, 149 residents were consulted on the priorities for the Local Area Plan, 7 local community groups have signed up with the Sunderland Volunteering Centre, funding was secured to deliver a healthy lifestyles project, over 60 informal volunteers have been identified and fed into Community Development Team, City Services, a further 50 residents were consulted on pharmacy services for the Teaching Primary Care Trust, and attendance has been promoted at the East VCS Area Network and East Area Forum.

There is an under spend on the spending profile; however as the organisation are exceeding their targets there are no concerns to report about this project.

Priority: Identify gaps in youth and play provision.

Youth Support Worker Blue Watch Youth Project	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	60	62		£6,040	£6,138	
No. of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary project	30	33				
No. of additional young people engaged in youth activities	20	22				

Revenue funding was awarded to employ a dedicated worker to deliver a project aimed at reducing the misuse of alcohol and illegal substances amongst young people in the Ryhope and Grangetown area. In a short period the worker has made links with Youth Drug and Alcohol Project (YDAP), Children Services, Sungate, Barnardo's and Northumbria Police and continuously keep in regular contact with them via the Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings and Common Assessment Framework (CAF) meetings. Different methods of engagements are used, for example, surgeries for delivering lunch time drop-ins are now operating in Venerable Bede, St Aidan's and Southmoor School, centre based and detached sessions, evening, weekend and out of school activities, etc. Recently the worker has developed intervention strategies on a 1-1 basis with the young person, but these sessions evolved into the need to support families to address underlying issues.

Although the spending profile is slightly more than originally projected there are no concerns to report about the project.

Sunderland Phoenix Project	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
-----------------------------------	----------------------	----------------------	---------------------------	---------------------	---------------------	---------------------------

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue						
No. of additional youth sessions per week	9	9		£3,607	£3,607	
No. of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary project	78	78				
<p>Revenue funding was awarded for running costs to deliver Phoenix Respect (L2) and Advance Course (L3), with Youth Offending funding Phoenix (L1). The Phoenix Project awards good behaviour, for example, if young person does not commit a crime they can progress through the levels, if they do commit a crime they are not allowed to continue. Evidence supplied stated that if a young person ceases offending for a period of 12 months they are unlikely to return to offending behaviour and 'adopt a preference' to not offend.</p> <p>The project has received regional accolades and an award and has been put forward for a national award. Other Fire and Rescue authorities are interested in adopting the model to roll out in their areas.</p> <p>The spending profile is split across four quarters for the financial year and is on target. No concerns about the project to report.</p>						

Community Learning Centre St Aidan's RC Secondary School	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	0		£0	£0	
No. of people accessing improved advice and support	35	0				
No. of additional youth sessions been delivered per week	3	0				
No. of new additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	25	0				
<p>Capital funding was awarded to deliver a one-off capital project to support a building extension positioned at the main entrance, allowing members of the public access during the day, night and weekend, enabling local providers to delivery community learning and youth activities in the heart of St Michaels Ward. Match funding was secured from the Schools Capital Fund £43,000 and was approved in September 09, and is held by trustees on behalf of the Governors.</p> <p>The school requested access to the match funding but have been advised by the trustees that the £43,000 cannot be accessed for this project. Without the match funding being secured the project is at risk of failure which may result in funding being returned to budget. The options are a) alternative funding is secured b) the award is returned to budget. The Area Officer is currently discussing the options with the school.</p>						

Regeneration Project The Olympian Boxing Club	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of additional youth sessions been delivered per week	5	5		£25,645	£24,698	
No. of additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision and engaged in sports	124	250				
<p>Capital funding was awarded to improve a derelict building in Ryhope. The awarded provided roller shutters to improve security, a new heating and water systems, and new gym</p>						

equipment, providing a fully functional community asset. The Club have received a high profile in the local press. Attendance rates exceed the target projected. The Club provide sessions on fitness development around: well balanced diet; nutritional advice; rest; hydration; boxing techniques both contact and non contact to all ages groups, male and female participants.

Spending profile is on target, there is one outstanding invoice to pay which will clear the account, after which the project will be evaluated and closed.

Roof repairs Hendon Young People's Project	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of people using new or improved community facilities	1	0		£4,289	0	
Capital funding was awarded to repair a section of the roof. Unfortunately there was some confusion on how to access the award which resulted in a delay of the works being completed. After speaking to the Lead Agent he has confirmed that he has placed an order and the works should be completed during quarter 3, after which the project will be evaluated and closed.						

Priority: Responsive local services.

Mill Hill Road Sunderland City Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	0		£20,000	£0	
Capital funding was awarded to provide pedestrian refuge island positioned at various points along Mill Hill Road adjacent to the play park / recreational area and the new housing developments. Its aim is to provide a safer crossing point for all pedestrians and road users alike when accessing the local facilities.						
Although the project was due to finish in August 2010, it was not and was delayed. However the Lead Agent has indicated that the detailed design(s) have been completed, approved and issued to the contractor, with work to be completed during quarter 3 (October – December 2010).						
Therefore the spending profile will be adjusted to take the delay into account with spend being rolled over into quarter 3 to cover the costs of the project.						

Accessibility Project Grangetown Community Association	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No of new or improved community facilities and equipment	2	2		£32,545	£32,545	
Capital funding was awarded to improve accessibility into the community centre; this has been achieved by installing a ramp, accessible toilet which includes baby changing facilities and improving lighting. The group under spent on the building work and submitted a request to use the remaining funds on improving the appearance of the centre. The Chair and Area Officer conducted a site visit to discuss the proposals in detail. It was agreed the remaining funds could be used for new water heater and plumbing, security shutters, blinds, carpet and decorating.						
The group report that more people and groups are accessing the centre and room bookings are increasing.						

Doxford Park Lake Renovations Sunderland City Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	0		£32,200	£16,000	
<p>Capital and revenue funding were awarded to improve the water supply to the lake to ensure proper movement of the water through the system, which is made the lake almost stagnant and septic. Works to include dredging the lake, investigate original water circulation design and establish an understanding of the problem. Following a spell of dry weather L&G Plant have completed work on site. The concrete Lake bed is in good condition. The Lake surround is made up of large boulders a number of which are loose and have fallen into the Lake. The reinstatement of the rocks is complete. Concern has been expressed regarding trees around the Lake and leaf mould which seems to make up the biggest part of the sediment removed. Currently the possibility of removing a number of the trees is being considered, along with regulations regarding birds, nests and bats. The Bid to Community Spaces has been made, the Community Liaison requirement having been fulfilled. The Sita Trust Bid is being prepared although has been delayed because of problems with the Community Spaces Bid. The rocks around the edge of the Lake have been reinstated and immediately unseated by youths in the Park requiring the work to be redone. It is intended to have security on site until the concrete goes off this time in the hope that the youths will not use additional force to damage the Lake. At the same time the sleuth sluice has been dismantled and remade to include the fabrication of a new key in the attempt to identify the cause of water loss from the Lake. During heavy rain the Lake has part filled on a number of occasions and shortly after completely drained itself. This would seem to indicate either a leak in the bed at the low point of the Lake or else a problem with the sluice gate. The works, now completed on the sluice should either improve or dismiss that remedy. Additional material has been removed from the Lake bed over this period.</p>						

Upgrade to main hall Deptford and Millfield Community Association	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of people engaged in sports activities	0	0		£19,549	£0	
No. of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	0				
No. of community/voluntary groups supported	10	0				
No. of older people receiving support	0	0				
Capital funding was awarded to replace the flooring, renew all the wall boards, panels and skirting boards, strip the current wallpaper and replace, gloss and varnish the entire room and renew lighting and fittings. The group were delayed in starting the project due to procuring the contractors, work commenced week commencing the 27 September 2010 and is due to be finish by mid October 2010.						
The spending profile is showing an underspend due to the delay in appointing a contractor. The underspend will be carried over into quarter 3. It is expected that all funds will be claimed in quarter 3. There are no concerns on the project to report.						

Community Centre redevelopment Friends of St Mary Magdalene's	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of new or improved community	0	0		£18,3	£8,75	

facilities				59	8	
No. of people using new and improved community facility	0	20				
No of community/voluntary groups supported	0	1				
No of community or educational events held	0	1				
<p>Capital funding was awarded to refurbish the main hall, kitchen, office, hallway and staircase, IT suite and learning room and to purchase equipment and furniture. Although there were no output targets for the group to deliver good progress has been made with the project. The main hall, kitchen and toilet block are completed. These are situated on the ground floor which has enabled the group to open the facilities up. A heritage weekend was hosted recently and the regular coffee morning has begun again. The works to complete the office, IT suite and learning room, hallway and staircase are on target.</p> <p>The spending profile is under spent due to the contractors not submitting invoices in quarter 2. The under spend will be carried over into quarter 3 to cover the expense of the outstanding invoices. There are no concerns on the project to report.</p>						

Re tarmac car park Sunderland City Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	0		£10,000	£0	
<p>Works were due to commence on at Ryhope Community Association in September 2010, received a request from the Chair of the centre to put hold on works until further notice.</p> <p>City Services to monitor and feedback during quarter 3, risk that funding may be returned to budget if project not delivered.</p>						

Priority: Reduce ASB and increase confidence and trust levels.

Holly Court Removal Northumbria Police	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of victims of crime supported	20	20		£1,800	£1,800	
No. of events/programme of work to improve appearance of street	1	1				
<p>Capital funding was awarded to remove a wall at the gable end of a small block of housing owned by Cheviot Housing. For approximately five years this areas was a focal point for local youths to congregate and consume alcohol.</p>						

Contact Officer: Nicol Trueman, Area Officer (East) 0191 561 1162
Nicol.trueman@sunderland.gov.uk

Recommendations

- Committee is requested to consider and the discuss the performance information provided above

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES Influencing Practice, Policy, Strategy - Play and Urban Games

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 In September, Area Committee received a report on the Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) 2007-2012 review. The report provided Committee with information on the performance management and achievements made since the introduction of the Strategy, for example, the percentage of children and young people with access to high quality play within 1km from their home increased from 21% to 76%. It also requested Committee to comment on the consultation framework and identify locations for future play development sites. Members requested further information prior to agreeing the priority actions to be included in the Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) Addendum on the following recommendations from the report:

- (i) 'To identify the preferred location for play development in the Burdon Lane area'.
- (ii) 'Refurbish and add value to play facilities in Backhouse Park'.

2.2 Burdon Lane Play developments

- 2.2.1 The Unitary Development Plan (SA27) identified the need to develop amenity open space associated with the proposed housing development at Cherry Knowle and on the edge of the Rushford area. This was captured within the PUGS 2007-2012 and is proposed as a continuing action within the addendum. Developer contributions of £60,000 are available.
- 2.2.2 Early consideration of the Green Spaces audit maps has identified two areas of land (J35) at Burdon Lane near to the Ryhope Engine Museum and (J19) at Blyton Avenue/Wraith Terrace. No assessment of this land has been undertaken and further work would be required to assess feasibility and suitability of the land. In addition, through the Green Space workshops in October 2010 further sites may be identified.
- 2.2.3 Should Members wish to agree the recommendation, detailed work would be undertaken to identify a range of options. This work would cover, land availability, site surveys and consideration of our play standard of 1km access for children and young people to high quality play. Consultation would be undertaken using the Consultation Framework described in the PUGS review report.

2.3 Backhouse Park

- 2.3.1 The current play provision in Backhouse Park is over 10 years old. It comprises of a mix of equipment which generally serves the 6-12 age

range. The annual independent inspection in 2010 identified early stages of 'wear and tear' on surfacing and on some equipment. There is an opportunity to undertake early intervention and develop the play opportunities in the park in line with current design guidance regarding more adventurous, challenging and natural play. Currently £9,195 of developer contributions are available directly linked to the park. There is a further £21,120 of developer contributions which is allocated to be used at Backhouse Park, Mowbray Park or Hudson Road Play area.

- 2.3.2 Hudson Road Play area was a new provision developed in 2008 as part of the Big Lottery Children's Play Initiative the value of the developer was £183,000.
- 2.3.3 Mowbray Park play area was significantly refurbished and a new informal kick about area introduced as a year one Play Pathfinder project in 2009. The value of the work being £167,000.
- 2.3.4 Hudson Road and Mowbray Park provide high quality play opportunities which are in keeping with current design guidance.
- 2.3.5 The type of works which could be achieved dependant upon the project budget outlined below. Any additional play features and equipment would be subject to the outcomes from the consultation framework.

Budget	Funding	Example of typical scale of works
£9,195	Section 106	Undertake minor works to remedy early stage wear and tear and install one new item of play equipment.
£31,315	Section 106 (£9,195+£21,120)	Undertake minor works as above and install 2/3 items of play equipment/features.
£80,000	Section 106 Seek additional funding	Undertake minor works as above. This budget provides the potential to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend play opportunities to other areas of the Park. • Create a natural play/activity trail. • Include a significant large high play value item of equipment.

Recommendations

Area Committee are requested to;

- Note the content of the report and to agree to the priorities for future investment in the East area.

Contact Officer: Carol Lewis, City Services, Tel: 0191 561 4695
Email: carol.lewis@sunderland.gov.uk

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF CITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

INFLUENCING PRACTICE, POLICY AND STRATEGY – DRAFT COMMUNITY ASSETS POLICY

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1. This report offers Members the opportunity for consultation on plans and strategies relevant to the East. It also provides information and updates which will encourage Members to feed into proposals for service or policy change.

2. Purpose and objective of the consultation

- 2.1 Sunderland City Council is currently consulting with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) on the Draft Community Assets Policy in order to receive their comments on a Council policy which has a direct impact on them.
- 2.2 The Draft Policy takes into account National and Local Policy providing clear guidelines for VCS organisations and details on the framework for the decision making processes necessary for a transfer of a council owned asset e.g. community building.
- 2.3 The draft policy sets out a three stage approach to a transfer of a council owned asset to the VCS. Evidence of need is the first stage of the policy and consideration needs to be made of:
 - a) Existing provision in the area (either VCS, Council or other public or private sector) that meet the proposal
 - b) Taking into account whether there is identified need for this proposal
 - c) Whether the proposal meets strategic and council priorities
 - d) Whether the proposal allows for co-location of services
 - e) Whether the proposal requires a specific facility or can it be supported in an existing facility
 - f) Whether there is evidence of partnership working.
 - g) Identification of financial support including external funding and volunteer time

To summarise, there needs to be a clear evidence of need in the local area and following that there needs to be a robust and sustainable business plan in place.

The second stage of the policy involves reviewing governance arrangements. A "Community Asset Readiness Assessment Tool" (CARAT) has been developed by the Council using guidelines from the Charity Commission to assess building and governance capacity of VCS organisations. This considers a range of indicators including assessment of staff and volunteer policies, management committee skills, legal, financial and legislation compliance.

Alongside the CARAT a full evaluation of the asset management information will be provided such as a condition survey, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance, market value, potential rental value and compliance with statute.

The final stage of any assessment of transfer is the requirement for the VCS organisation to provide information on how they will sustain the management of the building which includes:

- Financial – funding in place for revenue to support the building and ongoing maintenance plan
- Programme – Evidence of local support and need for the proposed programme
- Governance – Skills of management committee and volunteers including premises management experience
- Partnerships – Letters of support and identified partners, being a signatory to the Sunderland Compact
- Community Need – Evidence of local community consultation
- Sunderland Strategic Priorities – Programme delivery meeting partnership and Council strategic objectives

2.4 Members of Area Committee have an active involvement with VCS organisations within their area and through the Area VCS Networks. The Policy has an impact on the assets currently occupied by the VCS and VCS organisations within all Area Committee areas. This impact is explained in the first stage of the transfer where co-location and partnership working with existing organisations will be explored. This will enable promotion of co-location, sharing of resources, volunteer support and usage of under utilised buildings.

2.5 In addition any new requests received by members from VCS organisations for access to council owned buildings can be directed through the stages of the Policy. The Policy states the support which the Council will provide and the necessary steps a VCS organisation must take to ensure they are delivering to key priorities and are able to sustain a building.

2.6 Area Committee member knowledge and experience can be fed into responses to consultation questions which are detailed throughout the Draft Community Assets Policy and can be downloaded from www.sunderland.gov.uk/communitydevelopment Alternatively copies are available by contacting the Community Development Team on 561 5002 or emailing communitydevelopment@sunderland.gov.uk

2.7 The Council has 85 assets occupied by the VCS and 21 of them are in the East Area, which are shown on the attached map.

3. Timescale of exercise and feedback

3.1 The consultation period ends at 4.45p.m. Friday 26th November 2010, following which all comments will be addressed and the Policy will be submitted to DLT 15th December 2010, EMT on 18th January 2011, Portfolio Holder Briefing 31st January 2011 and presented to Cabinet for approval on 2nd February 2011. .

4. Recommendation(s)

Members are requested to consider the draft Community Assets Policy which is currently subject to consultation and to participate in the consultation process to ensure that the strategy will effectively address the requirements of the Voluntary and Community Sector in the East area of the City.

Annex 1: East Area Map

Contact Officer: Vivienne Metcalfe, Area Community Coordinator (East)
0191 5614577 vivienne.metcalfe@sunderland.gov.uk

