

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 2 of the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 2016 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

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

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Wendy Cook	-	Youth and Community Lead, SNCBC
Mr. Steve Graham	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Mr. Paul Gowans	-	Wearmouth Learning Trust, VCS Network
Mr. Andy Old	-	North Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ruth Oxley	-	Youth and Community Lead, SNYP
Ms. Allison Patterson	-	Area Coordinator, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Alan Scott	-	North Locality Operations Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, inviting introductions from those in attendance and advising of the process for recording meetings.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Chequer, Elliott and N. Wright and on behalf of Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe and Inspector Don Wade.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 23rd May, 2016 and the last meeting held on 6th June, 2016

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee held on 23rd May, 2016 and the last meeting of the Committee held on 6th June, 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Place Board Progress Report

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster presented the report which provided a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Sunderland Place Board up to 21st September, 2016.

Councillor Stewart asked for an update on the former Southwick Social Club site and was advised by Ms. Patterson that the ownership of the lease had transferred and that the new owners were looking to submit plans for development of the site in the future. Councillor Bell commented that there had been fires set in club and that Northumbria Police had had some issues around anti social behaviour in the area and with their being asbestos identified within the building the issue needed to be progressed as soon as possible.

The Chairman advised that he would request Officers continue to progress the issue of the site and bring back developments to Councillors as and when they occurred as the issue had been going on for some time now.

Members having considered the progress report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the North Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan for 2015/16 be received and noted.

People Board Progress Report

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Davison presented the report which outlined a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Sunderland Area People Board up to 21st September, 2016.

Councillor Bell raised the current base for the Roker Bike Hub, as he understood there had been a recent planning application submitted for the site. Members were advised that Mr. Semley, of the Bike Hub, was currently investigating alternative options to run the service from and Members would be advised accordingly of any future developments. Councillor Foster advised that Mr. Dan Hattle, Planning Implementation Manager, Sunderland City Council, was looking to set up a meeting to look at suitable alternative provision in the nearby vicinity.

Councillor MacKnight referred to the youth provision work that had been undertaken over the summer holiday period which had been a great success once again and thanked Ms. Cook and Ms. Oxley for their hard work in achieving great results.

Members having no further comments or questions, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan for 2015/16 be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the Network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Paul Gowans, Area Network Representative, took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland Area VCS Network, advising that the Network had met twice since the last Area Committee in June 2016 and that they had received presentations and information which included:-

- Details of Activities and Events in the North
- Details of NEPO Funding Opportunities
- Presentation from Gentoo on the Over2YouProject
- An update on the Hylton Castle redevelopment project
- Sunderland City of Culture 2021 Update
- An update from the Salvation Army on the Angel Christmas Tree Project
- Presentation by Groundworks NE on the WEEE Project (Waste Electronic & Electrical Equipment Recycling Scheme)

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

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

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Inspector Don Wade having submitted his apologies, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be deferred.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

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

Members were advised of the current figures in relation to the North Sunderland Area, for the period 1st July, to 30th September, 2016, in relation to the same number of incidents for the same period the year previously. The Committee were advised that the main issue the service were dealing with on a regular basis were anti social behaviour type incidents and secondary fires.

Mr. Graham commented that Guy Fawkes Night was imminent and that works were being undertaken beforehand with the Council and Gentoo to reduce potential fire hazards. Fire Officers would be on duty on the evening and mobile to assess whether there were any dangerous or unattended bonfires in the area which they could then call vehicles to address if and when needed.

With regards to the old Fulwell Fire Station, Mr. Graham advised that a number of bids for the site had been received from various developers and the decision would be made by the Tyne and Wear Fire Authority on the most appropriate for the site.

In closing, Mr. Graham thanked the North Sunderland Area Committee for recent Community Chest funded they had been awarded which had helped to successfully fund an opening day of the new premises, and in turn raise funds which were split between Grace House and the Fire Service charity.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Graham for his report, it was:-

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

Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to a financial statement as an up to date position in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Patterson, Area Co-ordinator, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

Having fully discussed the application and those in attendance having answered Members questions; it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £1,015 of SIB budget for 2016/17 to Sunderland City Council to further support the Downhill Wheeled Sports Park Project;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £5,000 of SIB budget for 2016/17 to Sunderland City Council to support the Tall Ships Ambassadors/Trainees Bursary Project;
- (iv) approval be given to the alignment of £50,000 per ward of SIB Budget for 2016/17 per ward to the total of £250,000 for a Call for Projects for the Raising Aspirations and Making Positive Changes Project to be circulated to the North VCS Network;
- (v) approval be given to the extension to the Battle Re-enactment Project to December 2018 to enable deliver of the event in August, 2018; and
- (vi) the 18 Community Chest approvals supported from 2016/2017 Community Chest budget as set out in Annex 3 of the report be noted.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.