

North Sunderland Area Committee

7 September 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

Thematic Feedback Report

1. Why has it come to committee?

- 1.1 At its first meeting of the municipal year in June 2009, the Committee agreed the work plan for the 2009/10. As some priorities are not being discussed until 2010, it was deemed necessary to establish working groups outside of Area Committee and build in additional actions to ensure that all priorities are addressed throughout 2009-10.
- 1.2 Each Area Committee has a standing agenda item allowing for updates to be given on all five thematic priorities throughout the year. Even though some priorities will not be discussed until 2010, summary area templates are being established throughout August and September 2009 for all thematic priorities.
- 1.3 This approach facilitates and assists in identifying early wins at the beginning of the municipal year. Working groups then have the opportunity of presenting early wins to Area Committee before the proposed scheduled date to bring flexibility to the area arrangements. This allows for any emergencies that may develop and will ensure that when other work streams under the Community Leadership Programme are established e.g. Responding to Local Responsive Services and the Communications for Area Committees, that they can strengthen the whole agenda of area arrangements, using Area Committees as the established focal point.

2. Thematic Feedback

- 2.1 In July 2009, the Area Committee agreed a number of actions and proposals, relating to the **Attractive and Inclusive** priorities, to be formulated into an action plan for Area Committee to monitor. This is attached as Annex 1.
- 2.2 **Learning** priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in November 2009. In August 2009 a workshop was held to discuss each individual priority, what services are currently being delivered, any gaps, identified needs and proposals or recommendations to present to Area Committee. The next steps include preparing a report in September, with a pre meeting scheduled in October before coming forward to Area Committee in November 2009.
- 2.3 **Prosperous** priorities are scheduled to be discussed at the Area Committee in January 2010, with **Healthy** priorities in March 2010. In August 2009 a workshop was held discussing both thematic priorities, with the understanding that any early achievements should be delivered between now and November 2009, or as soon as practically possible, instead of waiting until 2010.
- 2.4 Information is currently being collected from the workshops to inform action plans, to enable Area Committee to monitor progress on this standing item at each Area Committee, this will allow for the priorities to be continuously updated.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Area Committee is asked to agree the attached Annex 1 and 2.

4.2 Area Committee is asked to consider and agree the following proposals in attached Annex 1

- Area Committee provide £12,000 SIB funding for opening of toilets at the Sea Front between September 2009 and May 2010
- Area Committee to receive SIP funding application for Sea Front improvements to total £80,000 – **Note:** this is within the context of a separate report within Item 7 of this agenda.

5. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- North Sunderland Local Area Plans
- Information provided by partners and officers at workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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Annex 1: North Sunderland Attractive and Inclusive Action Plan
Annex 1a: Seafront options
Annex 1b: Castletown Masterplan update
Annex 2: North Sunderland Work Plan 2009-10