

# SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

14 NOVEMBER 2011

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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

#### 1.0 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.

#### 2.0 Community First - £30 million Neighbourhood Match Fund

- 2.1 Sunderland Council has been requested, by government, to co-operate in maximising the potential of a new programme designed to help communities. Seven wards across the City have been selected to benefit from the neighbourhood grant programme, four of which fall within the boundaries of Sunderland East Area. The following wards in Sunderland East are eligible for a minimum level of neighbourhood grants over the next four years.

i)	Hendon	£50,865
ii)	Millfield	£67,820
iii)	Ryhope	£50,865
iv)	St Michaels	£84,775

- 2.2 The delivery partner is the Community Development Foundation (CDF) and the purpose of the funding is to help groups in these wards improve their area. The wards selected were based on communities that appeared to require additional support based on relatively high levels of economic deprivation and low levels of social capital.

- 2.3 This is a community led programme to be accessed through the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). The aim is to provide local communities with the means to address their own priorities and stimulate local interest and action. Funding was available from October 2011. Interested groups need to register on line with CDF. To access the money wards must do the following:
- Create a Community First Panel who will think strategically about their local area; bring people together to decide how funds should be used and promote the programme locally.
  - Have an active on line presence through a community website or blog.
  - Match funds for every £1 provided with their time, money or other resources on a 1:1 basis.
  - Create a neighbourhood plan by year 3 which seeks to improve the quality of life in neighbourhoods by involving everyone's voice in shaping their future. This should identify the resources and capacity already available to the neighbourhood.

- 2.4 CDF and Office for Civil Society are requesting the involvement of the Council and Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to support the development of the Community First Panels, for example, this development may include a member of the authority staff sitting on the Panels and the active involvement of elected councillors, however there is no requirement to do so, nor is there any new cost attached to the local authority.

### **3.0 Locality Working: Children Services**

3.1 Children Services have recently restructured in response to changes happening both locally and nationally. The restructure provides sharper focus on improving key outcomes, delivered against five key service areas. The key services areas are:

- Schools and Learning: Mike Foster
- Safeguarding: Meg Boustead
- Early Intervention and Locality Services: Sandra Mitchell
- Commissioning and Change Management: Beverley Scanlon
- Health: Lorraine Hughes

3.2 The aim of Early Intervention service is to deliver services in an integrated way, which will have a clear focus on early intervention and the whole family. The structure is based across, and delivered in, each of the five areas of the City. A Locality Operational Manager has been appointed in each area. The East Manager is Andrew Carton. Each Locality Operational Manager has a dual role of citywide professional lead for a specific service as well as the operational lead for the range of services which are delivered within the area. The following services will be based in Hendon Health Centre from November 2011, delivering services across the area.

1. Children's Centres and incorporated 0-5 service delivery including childcare
2. Risk and Resilience including substance misuse
3. Connexions
4. Educational Psychology Service
5. Youth Development Group

3.3 In addition to the above locality services there is a range of City wide services delivered, for example, XL Youth Villages and Childcare. A presentation will be given on Locality Working by the Head of Service for Early Intervention and Locality Services for Area Committee.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

Committee is requested to:

#### **Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund**

- i) Note the opportunity for funding to come into the area as a community led initiative and agree to receive future reports.

#### **Locality Working**

- iii) Invite the Locality Operational Manager to become a member of Area Committee.

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