

**At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 2, CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016 at 5.30p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Beck, Chequer, Foster, Howe and MacKnight

**Also in Attendance:-**

Ms. Wendy Cook	-	Youth and Community Lead, SNCBC
Mr. Steve Graham	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. Ruth Oxley	-	Youth Manager, SNYP
Ms. Allison Patterson	-	Area Coordinator, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Susan Stanhope	-	Area Lead Executive, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Inspector Don Wade	-	Northumbria Police

**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 Bell, Curran, Davison, Elliott, Francis, Jackson, Leadbitter and Stewart and on behalf of Mr. Paul Gowans, Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe, Mr. Andy Old and Mr. Alan Scott.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**Minutes of the last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

At this juncture, the Chairman agreed to a change in the order of business to allow representatives from Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire Services to present their reports and leave to attend other commitments.

## **Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police**

Neighbourhood Inspector Don Wade introduce himself to the Committee advising that he had took over from Inspector Carty and was looking to meet with all Councillors and discuss any issues pertinent to their ward in the near future. He explained that this was his fifth posting in his career as a Neighbourhood Inspector and he saw the role very much as a key link to communities and partner agencies within the area to come together and tackle issues, ensuring community safety.

Members were provided with crime figures in relation to the North Sunderland Area and their comparison to a similar period in 2015, with particular reference to:-

- Overall Crime; a 17% increase, 113 more offences although this could be down to how crime was now recorded;
- Theft from Vehicle; there had been a spike in offences in particular areas which was being continually monitored;
- Burglary Dwelling; figures were the same as the previous year which had seen a 25% drop from 2014;
- Violent Offences; there had been a reduction in physical assaults and they continued to work with partner agencies such as Gentoo to resolve neighbour disputes or domestic issues;
- Anti Social Behaviour; reduced by 28%, early intervention projects were having a impact on youth related incidents and work would continue.

In response to a question from Councillor Howe regarding the congregation of young people at particular venues in the Fulwell ward, Inspector Wade advised that there was a roving anti social behaviour patrol which covered all of the highlighted areas to target under age drinking and anti social behaviour but if there were any issues of concern in particular he could pick them up outside of the meeting and focus on those areas.

Councillor Wilson referred to the deployment of cameras in the area and their effectiveness and referred to issues around fly tipping, Inspector Wade reported that there had been nothing recorded recently from those used in Hylton Castle and that the intention was to take the fly tipping issue to the next meeting of LMAPS to raise and review. He commented that he was happy to use LMAPS group to help steer and target pieces of work towards addressing issues in the area including concerns around Hylton Castle.

The Chairman thanked the Inspector for his report to the Committee and congratulated him on the work he had undertaken in the short time he had been in post, and it was:-

2. **RESOLVED** that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

## **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, with particular reference to:-

- i) the number of deaths from accidental / all dwelling fires – none;
- ii) the number of injuries from accidental / all dwelling fires – 1;
- iii) accidental fires in domestic properties – 8;
- iv) deliberate primary fires – 5;
- v) deliberate vehicle fires – 4; and
- vi) deliberate secondary fires – 43.

He advised the Committee that they had undertaken litter picks to attempt to address the issues around secondary fires, although the number had gone down from the last quarter the previous year, but there were concerns that the drastic cuts in Council staff could possibly have a knock on effect as there would be less people on the streets clearing litter and debris.

He advised that during March and April Officers had visited schools giving fire safety advice and continued to target hotspots in the area. They continued to work with the LMAPS groups and partner agencies to provide leaflet drops.

Mr. Graham informed the Committee that Sunderland Central had had an open day on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 where there had been a number of activities for young people and families to get involved in which had been well attended and successful.

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

3. RESOLVED that the update from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service 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)

Ms. Oxley, Area Network Representative, took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland Area VCS Network.

The Chairman referred to Youth Zones and advised that this would be discussed as an agenda item at a future meeting of the People Board.

Ms. Oxley commented that these were a fantastic opportunity for young people but felt that access to them was an issues that would need further discussions. Ms. Cook commented that in the past Northumbria Police had worked with VCS network to reduce young people gathering in the city centre and now it was planned to place a Youth Zone next to the new City Campus College site which would draw them back in.

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.

### **Place Board Progress Report**

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster presented the report which provided an annual update of the 2015/16 Work Plan, sought approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2016/17 and gave an update on the Governance Arrangements for the Place Board for the municipal year.

Members having considered the progress report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that:-
  - a) The Annual Performance update for the Place Board Work Plan 2015/16 be received and noted;
  - b) The Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 be agreed; and
  - c) The Area Governance arrangements for the Place Board for 2016/17 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)

Ms. Patterson presented the report which provided an annual update of the 2015/16 Work Plan, sought approval for priorities to be taken forward as part

of the Work Plan for 2016/17 and gave an update on the Governance Arrangements for the People Board for the municipal year.

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

6. RESOLVED that:-

- a) The Annual Performance Update for the Work Plan 2015/16 be received and noted;
- b) The People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 be agreed; and
- c) The Area Governance arrangements for the People Board for 2016/17 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 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 as set out in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £60,000 from the SIB budget for 2016/17 to support the SNCBC Fulwell Mill Refurbishment Project;
- (iii) the eight approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2015/16 budget as set out in Annex 2 to the report be noted; and
- (iv) the six approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2016/17 budget as set out in Annex 3 to the report be noted.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,  
Chairman.