

## CABINET MEETING – 18 JUNE 2014

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

**Title of Report:**

Scrutiny Committee – Policy Review Final Reports 2013/14

**Author(s):**

Report of the Scrutiny Committee, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of People Services.

**Purpose of Report:**

To set out the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee following its scrutiny policy reviews into Supporting Carers in Sunderland, Flood Risk Management, Volunteering; Unlocking Capacity and the Diversification of the Local Economy.

**Description of Decision:**

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee and the proposed Action Plans for their implementation.

**Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?** **\*Yes**

**If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The scrutiny policy review recommendations are intended to inform the future development of policy and practice by Cabinet.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

The Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels have gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to improve services. There are no alternatives to be considered.

**Impacts analysed;**

Equality  Privacy  Sustainability  Crime and Disorder

**Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?** **Yes**

**Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions?** **Yes**

**Scrutiny Committee**



## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – POLICY REVIEW FINAL REPORTS

### Report of the Scrutiny Committee, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of People Services

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To set out the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee following its scrutiny policy reviews into Supporting Carers in Sunderland, Flood Risk Management, Volunteering; Unlocking Capacity and the Diversification of the Local Economy.

#### 2. Description of Decision (Recommendations)

- 2.1 The Cabinet is requested to consider the Scrutiny Committee's policy review final reports and endorse the recommendations contained within the reports.
- 2.2 To assist the Cabinet in its consideration of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee, a proposed Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holders.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 On 13 June 2013, the Scrutiny Committee identified a number of policy review topics based on issues highlighted at the council's Annual Scrutiny Debate. Each of the Committee's six Scrutiny Panels were commissioned to undertake policy reviews during the municipal year
- 3.2 Two of the six policy reviews were agreed by the Cabinet on 16 April 2014. The remaining four policy reviews are submitted to this meeting.

#### 4 Current Position

- 4.1 The four policy review reports, together with an Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations, are attached as an appendix as follows:-
  - (a) Health Housing and Adult Service Scrutiny Panel Policy Review – **(Appendix 1a and 1b)**; and
  - (b) City Services Scrutiny Panel Policy Review – **(Appendix 2a and 2b)**
  - (c) Skills Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel Policy Review – **(Appendix 3a and 3b)**
  - (d) Responsive Services and Customer Care Scrutiny Panel Policy Review – **(Appendix 4a and 4b)**

#### 5. Reasons for the Decision

- 5.1 The recommendations are intended to support the future development of policy and practice by the Cabinet.

## **6. Alternative Options**

- 6.1 The Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels have gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to develop policy within the Council. There are no alternatives to be considered.

## **7 Impact Analysis**

### Equalities

- 7.1 Equality issues were addressed during the evidence gathering process and this is reflected in the recommendations. Service directorates have undertaken an equality analysis in respect of the delivery of the recommendations.

### Privacy Impact Assessment

- 7.2 The proposals have no immediate additional implications for the protection of privacy of the public. Any privacy issues which arise will be addressed through the delivery of the action planning process.

### Sustainability

- 7.3 The proposals have no immediate implications for sustainability.

### Reduction of Crime & Disorder – Community Cohesion / Social Inclusion

- 7.4 Any crime and disorder issues will be addressed as part of the delivery of the action plan by Members and officers.

## **8. Relevant Considerations / Consultations**

- 8.1 The findings in the report are the result of consultation and evidence gathering by the Scrutiny Committee.

## **9. Background Papers**

Final reports of the City Services Scrutiny Panel, Skills Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel, Health Housing and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel and Responsive Services and Customer Care Scrutiny Panel.

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