

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, 23rd June, 2014 at 5.30pm

VENUE – Committee Room No. 1, Civic Centre

Membership

Cllrs E Ball (Chair), A Emerson (Vice Chair – People), L Scanlan (Vice Chair – Place), E Gibson, C Marshall, D Errington, M Mordey, T Martin, B McClennan, I Kay, B Price, A Farr, P Wood, M Forbes and M. Dixon.

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ELAINE WAUGH Head of Law and Governance 13th June, 2014

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 7th APRIL, 2014 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Ball in the Chair

Councillors Emerson, Farr, E. Gibson, Kay, Marshall, McClennan, T. Martin, Mordey, Price and Scanlan

Also Present:-

Chris Alexander - Chief Operative Operator, Sunderland Live Hazel Clark - East Area VCS Network Representative

Nonnie Crawford - Director of Public Health, Sunderland City Council Joe Cummings - Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue

Service

David Groark - Area Response Manager - City Centre, Sunderland

City Council

Mick Hall - Inspector, Northumbria Police

Simon Hilton - Acting Sergeant, Northumbria Police

Matthew Jackson - Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council Sarah Reed - Assistant Chief Executive & Area Lead Executive,

Sunderland City Council

Jessica Regnart - Creative Development Manager, Sunderland Live

Gillian Robinson - Area Coordinator, Sunderland City Council

Jamie Southwell - Inspector, Northumbria Police

Nicol Trueman - Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Errington, Forbes and Wood along with Paula Hunt, Chris Marshall, Jen McKevitt and Nicky Rowland.

Declarations of Interest

Sunderland Live Presentation

Councillor Scanlan declared that she was a member of Sunderland Live

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 20th January, 2014

Councillor Mordey stated that it had been brass taps which had been removed from the Cemetery rather than brass plaques as had been recorded.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th January 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the above amendment.

Sunderland Live Presentation

Chris Alexander and Jessica Regnart provided a Powerpoint Presentation on the background of the Sunderland Live Company and the services they catered for and could offer in the future.

(For copy of PowerPoint presentation – see original minutes)

Councillor Scanlan referred to the work that was being done around Festival Park and Galleys Gill; there had been significant cleaning up of the area and it was hoped that the area could be used to hold events. She asked whether events needed to be large scale or whether smaller events could be held.

Ms Regnart stated that events could be any size; she referred to the ComicCon event which was a niche event and was not expected to attract a huge crowd, it was however a high quality event which would show off Sunderland in a positive light.

Councillor Scanlan then asked whether there were any plans for events at Magistrates Square. Ms Regnart advised that they were looking to develop events and there was already a lot of interest from event organisers.

Councillor Mordey asked whether it would be feasible for giant screens to be installed within the city centre during the upcoming World Cup and other international football events. Ms Regnard stated that it was proposed that there would be a programme of events held around the World Cup. Mr Alexander advised that it was difficult to find an appropriate location for such a screen as within the city centre there was not a large square which would be suitable. He suggested that Festival Park could be a suitable location for this sort of event.

Councillor Price asked how quickly a giant screen could be procured in the event of England reaching the finals of the cup. Mr Alexander advised that availability of the equipment could be a problem at that time; it would not be

possible to commit to a booking in advance due to the high cost of hiring the equipment; it had been looked at but had not been considered to be feasible for this year.

Councillor Scanlan then queried whether any consideration had been given to the possibility of buying a giant screen rather than hiring one. Mr Alexander advised that they were very expensive pieces of equipment and the technology involved changed quickly. If any equipment was purchased it would need to be hired out to other organisations when not in use to cover the costs of ownership but due to the regular advances in technology the equipment would be outdated quickly and would be difficult to hire out. A deal had been negotiated with a provider of hired equipment which would see the council being able to access this equipment at a discounted rate for the next 3 years.

Councillor McClennan queried how many corporate partners there were and asked whether Sunderland Live worked with the Economic Team to liaise with new businesses. Mr Alexander advised that during year 1 the targets for partnerships had been achieved and there were currently 7 corporate partners who paid Sunderland Live a total of £35,000 last year. For this year there had been 6 partners confirmed and it was intended that there would be 10 partners with each paying £7,500. It was acknowledged that £7,500 was a significant sum of money for businesses and there needed to be a good business case put forward to encourage people to contribute. It was the responsibility of Sunderland Live to engage with the council.

Councillor McClennan then stated that there was a need to help the VCS use events to reach a larger audience and fundraise by allowing them to have stands at events at a subsidised rate. Mr Alexander advised that this was an important issue; there were currently 10 charity partners. The charges for space at events had been capped and had not increased since last year. Corporate social responsibility was important for Sunderland Live.

2. RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

The East Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with the Annual Report on the activities of the East Area VCS Network during 2013/14.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Hazel Clark introduced the report and advised the Committee of the work that had been done over the 9 meetings hosted by the VCS network over the last year.

Councillor T. Martin advised that a local resident had suggested that the disused railway tracks at the port could be used to create signage for the coastal path where it followed the route of the old railway lines. Ms Clark advised that this would be given consideration although it was currently not known what could be done as the procurement of the works had not been carried out yet.

3. RESOLVED that the Annual Report be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Inspector Mick Hall presented the crime figures for the Central Area and City Centre. He advised that a lot of work had been done however this year had been a difficult year. There had been a lot of acquisitive crime and there were a number of factors had caused this including the welfare reforms; offenders coming into Sunderland from other areas due to the large number of hostel spaces and also due to offenders not being sent to prison.

Burglaries had been an issue with 54 additional burglaries of dwellings and 57 additional burglaries of properties other than dwellings when compared with last year. Last year had been extremely quiet due to there being a lot of offenders imprisoned; they had now been released from prison.

Shoplifting was a problem and the whole force area had seen an increase in offences.

There had also been an increase in thefts of pedal cycles and thefts from motor vehicles; this was partially due to opportunist thefts where people had left bikes unsecured or had left sat-navs and other valuables on display in the car.

There had been some reductions in the area; antisocial behaviour had reduced by 16 percent with 590 fewer reports. Youth antisocial behaviour had reduced by 30 percent. Criminal damage had also reduced by 5 percent.

There had been a focus on violence in the city centre and a lot of work had been done around intervening and stopping fights before injuries occurred. This had resulted in a decrease in the amount of violence where injury was caused but had resulted in an increase in recorded violence where there was no injury.

There had been a 29 percent increase in drugs offences however this was due to increased partnerships with pubs and clubs to ensure that people were searched for drugs when entering the premises. There had also been an increased number of stop and searches while tackling burglaries and drugs had been found on a number of these people.

Total crime had increased by 13 percent however the year before there had been a reduction of 22 percent and the long term trend was for a reduction in crime.

The protest at the site of the mosque in Millfield had been a success from a policing viewpoint; there had only been 6 arrests made. Five of these had been preventative arrests before offences were committed and the sixth took place after the protest and was for criminal damage.

Inspector Jamie Southwell then presented the figures for the East Area. He advised that there had been an increase of 5 percent over last year however with the 24 percent reduction the year before the average over the 2 years was a 19 percent reduction.

Burglary of dwellings was an issue at the moment; over the last week there had been a spate of burglaries in the area. Arrests had been made and an offender had been imprisoned. There had been 2 more offences than last year which was an increase of 3 percent. Burglary of dwellings was always a priority for the police due to the impact of the offence on the victim.

Theft from motor vehicles was also a concern. There had been 31 offences more than last year and a number of these had been opportunist thefts when people had left vehicles unlocked. There had also been delivery drivers targeted in Hendon and Grangetown and work was being done to educate drivers on the risks of leaving valuables on show and leaving their vehicles unsecured.

There had been an increase in shoplifting with 19 more offences recorded; this was partially down to offenders travelling into the area from other areas and also due to people who were banned from the city centre targeting out of town shopping areas. Operation Soundwave was ongoing and was focussed on tackling shoplifting.

Burglaries of properties other than dwellings had reduced by 10 percent.

Youth antisocial behaviour had reduced by 134 incidents which was a reduction of 11 percent. The community support officers had been involved with tackling youth antisocial behaviour and there had been a lot of hard work done.

Thefts of pedal cycles had reduced by 11 crimes.

There was an ongoing campaign to tackle bogus callers and an event was to be held at the Winter Gardens to speak to people about the issue.

Councillor Mordey stated that it had been anticipated that people were going to meet at the Ivy Leaf pub prior to the demonstration at the mosque. He asked whether there had been any issues. Inspector Hall advised that they had not been at the Ivy Leaf that weekend although they had been there

previously and while there had been some minor issues there had been nothing serious.

Councillor Mordey then stated that fear of crime remained high and asked what could be done to address this. Inspector Southwell stated that there was a need to publicise the successes the police have. Inspector Hall added that there was a need to know what fears residents had.

Councillor Mordey then referred to the community police stations and was informed by Inspector Hall that Gill Bridge and Farringdon police stations would be closed and once they were closed the community policing teams would need to find a new community base; there was currently a scoping exercise being undertaken to identify buildings that could be used. There would be the same services as there currently are and there would be the benefits of the community police teams being based within the community.

Councillor E. Gibson referred to the welfare reforms and stated that it seemed that this had caused an increase in crime; there were people who were going for weeks without getting paid their benefits. Inspector Hall advised that there were an increasing number of first time offenders being arrested. The punishments for these people were not as severe as the punishments for repeat offenders.

Councillor Emerson expressed concerns that there was a lack of promotion of the PACT meetings; often the only way to find out about the meetings was to have attended the meeting before. Inspector Southwell agreed to ensure that the meetings were advertised on the website.

Councillor Price expressed his thanks to the police for their work in ensuring that there were no problems during the demonstrations at the site of the new mosque in Millfield.

Councillor T. Martin queried where the boundary between the neighbourhood policing areas was. It was agreed that a map would be provided to Councillor Martin showing this information.

4. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Joe Cummings presented the report and advised that 4 of the 5 most problematic wards for anti social behaviour fires in the service area were in Sunderland. Hendon was top of the list again with 11 more incidents than last year. The long streets area was a major hotspot with an increase in the number of wheelie bin fires. There was a need to ensure that people put their bins out at the right time and brought them back in as soon as possible after they were emptied.

Accidental dwelling fires in the area had reduced.

Councillor Mordey referred to the issues of bins being left out in the long streets area and the dumping of waste; he was concerned that some residents were placing their bins out on the wrong day following the changes to the collection days.

The Chairman commented that the announcement that had been placed in a previous issue of the Community News had reduced the amount of problems in the area.

Councillor T. Martin stated that he felt there was a need for notices to be provided regarding the new bin collection days. He also praised the work done by the Phoenix Project with young people.

Councillor E. Gibson commented that the Princes Trust had done a lot of good work with young people in Doxford ward; the project was based at Farringdon fire station.

Councillor Scanlan stated that everyone was concerned about the potential loss of the central fire station; the announcement that the fire station would not be closing immediately was very welcome.

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

Maximising the Use Made of Green and Other Space in Area to Improve Health and Happiness

The Director of Public Health submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with background information to assist Members with considering the future use of the £20,000 allocated to the area by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), formerly the Sunderland TPCT, to support improvement to physical and mental wellness through facilitating local people's access to local greenspace.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Crawford presented the report and stated that a lot of the greenspace in Sunderland was underused. It was recommended that the funding provided by the CCG be used to improve access to, and use of, greenspace in the area. She recommended that the allocation of the funding to projects be delegated to the area boards.

Councillor T. Martin commented that there had been a shelter in Backhouse Park which had provided a meeting point for people; the installation of shelters for teenagers would provide somewhere for them to go. He also referred to Mental Health problems especially the increasing number of

people who suffered from problems and the major concern that these people were often isolated.

Councillor Price queried how the funding could be used and whether it would be restricted only to community organisations. He also stated that it was often difficult to find the right people to help residents with mental health issues. Ms Crawford stated that it was up to the area committee to decide how the funding could be used. She also advised that the GP should be the first contact for people with mental health issues.

Ms Clark advised that the VCS network had discussed this at a series of workshops and had put forward their suggestions.

6. RESOLVED that consideration be given to how the committee could enhance and facilitate local people engaging in the five ways to wellbeing looking specifically at action around greenspace accessibility, availability and utilisation and using the £20,000 budget to achieve this.

Area Committee Annual Report 2013/14

The Chair of the East Area Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to approve the Area Committee's Annual Report for 2013/14 which would then be submitted to full Council.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair introduced the report and advised of the work that had been undertaken over the last year.

7. RESOLVED that approval be given to the inclusion of the annual report in the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2013/14.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the progress against the board's work plan for 2013/14.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair of the Place Board introduced the report and drew Members attention to Annex 2 which contained the list of proposals for Highways Maintenance which had been recommended by the board which Members were asked to approve.

- 8. RESOLVED that:-
 - The report and the work plan update included at annex 1 be noted

b. The board's recommendations for the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2014/15 as set out in annex 2 be approved.

People Board Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the progress made against the People Board's work plan for 2013/14.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair of the Place Board introduced the report and advised the Committee of the work that had been done since the last update. He advised that Ofsted had inspected the Children's Centres and had rated them as inadequate; there main concerns were that there was a lack of information collected by the centres and there was also a lack of people who were able to log the collected information.

Councillor Mordey stated that he attended the Cabinet Briefings and Councillor P. Smith, the portfolio holder for Children's Services, was looking at how to address the information recording problems at the children's centres. He also stated that people associated the Hudson Road centre with Hudson Road Primary School and assumed that the school was involved with the centre although they were actually separate entities.

9. RESOLVED that the report and work plan be noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Community Chest Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the financial statement which detailed the current position on progress in relation to allocations of SIB and Community Chest funding and which sought Members approval of proposals for funding.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Trueman advised that the SIB allocation for the 2014/15 financial year had been approved and the Committee had £307,282 of SIB funding available to it for the coming year.

There were two projects which Members were asked to consider which had been resubmitted following the January 2014 meeting which totalled £100,000 and which would be funded from the 2013/14 allocation should Members approve the projects. These projects were detailed in Annex 1 to the report.

There was also a proposal to approve £17,334 of SIB funding from the 2014/15 budget to develop vehicle passing points in Sunderland Cemetery;

this had been requested by the Place Board. Should the application be approved there would be £289,948 of SIB remaining for 2014/15.

Councillor Mordey commented that the passing points were needed to help reduce the amount of vehicles which were being driven across graves.

Ms Trueman then informed the Committee of the Community Chest allocation for the 2014/15 year which totalled £68,328.41 for the area. The 15 projects which had been approved between January and March 2014 were detailed in annex 2 of the report and Members were asked to note the approvals and also the returned funding from the 2013/14 budget.

10. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted
- b. The three requests for SIB funding totalling £117,334 as set out in section 2 and Annex 1 of the report be approved
- c. The 15 Community Chest approvals and the returned funding from 2013/14 as detailed in Annex 2 to the report be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1st March to 24th March 2014 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor McClennan requested that future reports include information relating to controversial pre applications.

11. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting.

(Signed) E. BALL, Chairman.

23 JUNE 2014

PART 6, CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 DOG CONTROL ORDERS – CONSULTATION RESULTS AND FINDINGS

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update and advise Ward Members within the East Sunderland Area Committee the results of the public consultation relating to Sunderland City Council's intention to implement legislation, subject to Part 6, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Dog Control Orders and to seek approval to implement the orders detailed within Annex 1.

2 Background

- 2.1 In November 2013, Cabinet approval was sought to implement Part 6, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Dog Control Orders, following recommendations from Area Committee.
- 2.2 Area Committee sought approval to implement Dog Control Orders, in order to deal with some of the most challenging local concerns, and to bring the legislation in line and up to date with other similar environmental crimes, already implemented and used by Sunderland City Council.
- 2.3 Cabinet approval was granted and Area Committee's agreed the specific requirements of each Order specifically, to address the local needs.
- 2.4 In respect of each Area, the following was agreed across all sites and Wards:-

Cemeteries - Dogs on Leads at all times
Open Fixed play sites - Dogs on Leads at all times
Open sports pitches - Dogs on Leads at all times
Formal parks or gardens - Dogs on Leads at all times

Enclosed fixed play sites - Dogs Prohibited

Roker and Seaburn Foreshore - Dogs Prohibited (1 May to 30 Sept)

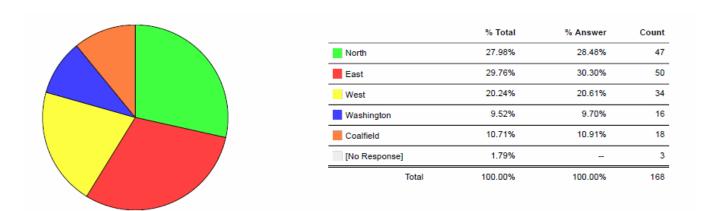
All public areas - Dog fouling

All public areas - Dogs on Leads under direction to do so

2.5 These proposals have been open to public consultation until 31 May 2014, by means of an online forum.

3 Consultation Results

- 3.1 An on-line survey provided an opportunity for comments and feedback on the proposals. The survey was completed by 168 residents from all Regeneration Areas.
- 3.2 The breakdown of responses of each area are illustrated as follows:-



- 3.3 68% of those completing the survey were dog owners and 66% were dog walkers.
- 3.4 Of the 4 Dog Control Order Proposals consulted upon, the results are as follows:
 - a. **90.48% agreed** with the proposal to introduce and order making it an offence for a person to fail to clear away after their animal has fouled in any open public area.
 - b. 83.93% agreed with the exclusion of dogs from enclosed children's play sites
 - c. **56.55% agreed** with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in open play areas
 - d. **72.02% agreed** with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a led at all times in cemeteries
 - e. **66.07% agreed** with the proposal to enable an authorised officer of the Council to request a dog be put on a lead in any location across the city with is open to the public, where the officer feels it is appropriate to do so.
- 3.5 The Dogs Trust were consulted individually and provided the following response:
 - a. Fouling of land Order:

Dogs Trust consider 'scooping the poop' to be an integral element of responsible dog ownership and would fully support a well-implemented order on fouling. We urge the Council to enforce any such order rigorously and to provide ample signage and disposal points for responsible owners to use.

b. Dog Exclusion Order:

Dogs Trust accepts that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be excluded, such as children's play areas and sports grounds, however we would recommend that exclusion areas are kept to a minimum and that, for enforcement reasons, they are restricted to enclosed areas. We would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries.

c. Dogs on Leads Order:

Dogs Trust accept that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be kept on a lead. Dogs Trust would urge the Council to consider the Animal Welfare Act 2006 section 9 requirements (the 'duty of care') that include the dog's need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns – this includes running off lead in appropriate areas. Dog Control Orders should not restrict the ability of dog keepers to comply with the requirements of this Act. The Council should ensure that there is an adequate number, and a variety of, well sign-posted areas locally for owners to exercise their dog off-lead.

- d. Dogs on Lead by Direction Order:
 - Dogs Trust enthusiastically support Dogs on Leads by Direction orders (for dogs to be put on and kept on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised official). We consider that this order is by far the most useful, other than the fouling order, because it allows enforcement officers to target the owners of dogs that are allowing them to cause a nuisance without restricting the responsible owner and their dog. As none of the other orders, less fouling, are likely to be effective without proper enforcement we would be content if the others were dropped in favour of this order.
- e. Taking more than a specified number of dogs onto a land Order:

 Dogs Trust does not agree that there should be a limit on the number of dogs walked as so much depends on the ability of the person to control the dogs. A good owner may be able to control large numbers of dogs while a less responsible person may be incapable of controlling one. While we accept the motivation for introducing this order, we consider that proper use of a "Dogs on Leads by Direction" order, by authorised officers, would be a better solution that is less restrictive on responsible owners.

3.6 In addition to the survey, several comments and suggestions have been received as part of the consultation process and require a response. All comments are provided anonymously and responses will be available to view on-line, following the end of the consultation.

4. Comments raised during the Consultation

- 4.1 Allowing dogs to exercise freely on sport pitches when not in use was the most common suggestion within the consultation with 13 participants raising this as a concern. Whilst consideration for allowing dogs' access to sports pitches has been given, it is dog fouling on these areas that is the issue. Many open sports playing fields are within vast open spaces where dog handlers may struggle to locate the fouling once occurred or find that their dog is too far away at the time of the offence to clearly observe the incident. By asking for dog owners to place their dog on a lead when visiting sports facilities we are reducing the incidents of fouling within these locations and creating sports grounds free from dog fouling. Whilst the pitch is not in season or marked out as a playing field, dog handlers are free to exercise their dogs in these areas. Additionally, informal sports facilities maybe removed from this Order, but would be included in the Dog Fouling and Dogs on Lead under Direction Orders.
- 4.2 Dog Zones or Dog Parks have been suggested by 4 participants. Dog Zones would provide grassed, fenced areas where dogs could exercise freely without any restriction or Control Orders. Sunderland has vast open spaces where dogs are free to exercise off lead without restriction and whilst consideration for Dogs Zones or Dog Parks has been given, it would not be recommended that Dog Zones be deemed a necessary requirement of the implementation of Dog Control Orders.
- 4.3 The availability of dog bins was raised by 3 participants who requested that more be provided however over 1000 dog foul specific bins and over 1000 litter bins are available to dog walkers throughout the City and additional bins can be considered upon request.
- 4.4 Policing, education and enforcement was raised on 5 occasions with various recommendations ranging from more visible enforcement officers; less visible enforcement officers: overnight patrols; and powers provided to members of the public to enforce.
- 4.5 Improved signage to all areas was raised as a concern following the implementation of Dog Control Orders, providing information to public space users on the Dog Control Orders specific to each site. Once implemented, signed to all areas affected by Dog Prohibited areas or Dogs on Lead areas will be replaced.

5. Summary

- 5.1 Consultation is complete with a majority in favour of the implementation of the Dog Control Orders as recommended.
- 5.2 Further to Area Committee recommending approval of the Dog Control Order's, implementation of the Orders is anticipated for 31 August 2014.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to:
 - a. Note the contents of this report
 - b. Authorise the recommendations for implementation of Dog Control Orders within the East Sunderland Area of the City

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNDERLAND

CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006
The Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006

NOTICE is hereby given that The Council of the City of Sunderland ("the Council") is proposing to make the following four Dog Control Orders pursuant to its powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005:-

1. The Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2014

If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his failing to so.

It is proposed that this Order will apply to all land to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) within the administrative area of the Council which is :-

- (a) parks, pleasure grounds and open spaces maintained by the Council;
- (b) sports grounds/pitches and playing fields maintained by the Council;
- (c) beaches/foreshore and any slopes or staircase leading thereto;
- (d) school grounds;
- (e) cemeteries, burial grounds and churchyards maintained by the Council;
- (f) car parks, owned and operated by the Council;
- (g) carriageways and adjoining footpaths and verges; and
- (h) footpaths, bridleways, alleys, precincts, promenades, thoroughfares and other ways (not being carriageways)

Exemption :- This order will not apply to a person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 or to a person who has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects and relies on a dog for assistance trained by a prescribed charity, namely, Dogs for the Disabled, Support Dogs or Canine Partners for Independence.

Note: This Order will replace the existing controls the Council has under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

2. The Dogs on Leads by Direction Order 2014

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies, he does not comply with a direction given him by an authorised officer of the Council to put and keep the dog on a lead, unless (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his failing to do so.

An authorised officer of the Council may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep the dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a dog causing or likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, animal or bird.

It is proposed that this Order will apply to all land to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) within the administrative area of the Council which is:-

- (a) open parks, pleasure grounds and other open spaces maintained by the Council;
- (b) open playing fields maintained by the Council not otherwise marked as a "dogs on leads area" (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect);
- (c) beaches/foreshore and any slope or staircase leading thereto not otherwise marked as a "dog exclusion area" (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect):
- (d) school grounds:
- (e) car parks, owned and operated by the Council;
- (f) carriageways and adjoining footpaths and verges; and
- (g) footpaths, bridleways, alleys, precincts, promenades, thoroughfares and other ways (not being carriageways).

3. The Dogs on Leads Order 2014

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence, if at any time on any land to which this Order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead unless (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his failing to do so.

It is proposed that this Order will apply to land maintained by the Council to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) signed at its entrance(s) or otherwise marked as a "dog on leads area" (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect) which is:-

- (a) open (unfenced) designated children's play areas;
- (b) cemeteries, burial grounds and churchyards;
- (c) enclosed parks, sensory and formal gardens; and
- (d) open and enclosed playing fields and sports facilities including football pitches, cricket pitches, skate parks and bowling greens.

Maps showing the proposed areas concerned under this Order may be examined free of charge during office hours at the Fawcett Street Customer Service Centre or online at www.sunderland.gov.uk/dog-control

4. The Exclusion of Dogs from Land Order 2014

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on any land to which this Order applies unless (a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his doing so.

This Order will apply to land maintained by the Council signed at its entrance(s) or otherwise marked as a "dog exclusion area" (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect) which is:-

- (a) enclosed designated children's play areas;
- (b) enclosed multisports areas (MUGA's), sporting and other recreational facilities; and
- (c) identified areas of the beaches/foreshore and any slope or staircase leading thereto between 1st May and 30th September inclusive in any year

Maps showing the proposed areas concerned under this Order may be examined free of charge during office hours at the Fawcett Street Customer Service Centre or online at www.sunderland.gov.uk/dog-control

Exemption: This order will not apply to a person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948, to a deaf person in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, or to a person who has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects and relies on a dog for assistance trained by a prescribed charity, namely, Dogs for the Disabled, Support Dogs or Canine Partners for Independence.

PENALTIES

A person guilty of an offence under any of the above Orders shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000).

CONSULTATION

Residents are requested to express their views on these proposals at : http://sunderland-consult.limehouse.co.uk/public/city services/street scene services/dcos

Further information on these proposals is available at www.sunderland.gov.uk/dog-control or by contacting the Council on 0191 520 555 or visiting the Fawcett Street Customer Service Centre during office hours.

Written representations may be made to Ms. N. Rowland, East Area Response Manager, Responsive Local Services, Jack Crawford House, Commercial Road, Sunderland, SR2 8QR or by e-mail to nicola.rowland@sunderland.gov.uk

Any representations should be received no later than 31st May 2014.

Janet Johnson Deputy Chief Executive, Sunderland City Council Dated the1st May 2014

Dog Control Orders



Dog Control Orders

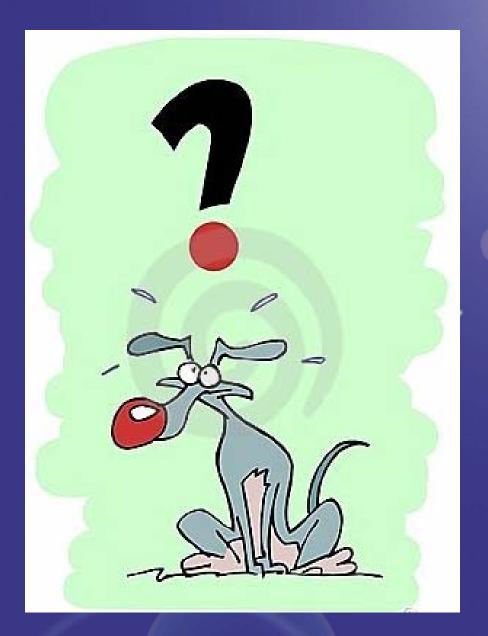




Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

- 5 new offences
 - Failing to remove faeces forthwith
 - Failing to keep a dog on a lead in designated area
 - Failing to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
 - Allowing dogs to enter a prohibited area
 - Taking more than the specified number of dogs into a designated area





Why Change.....?



- Repealed Dogs (fouling of land) Act 96
- Enforcement tools now outdated
- Cemeteries, beaches and Pleasure Grounds Byelaws
- Right tools
- Response to local concerns



Dog Control Orders

- Cemeteries -
- Open Fixed play sites
- Open sports pitches
- Formal parks or gardens
- Enclosed fixed play sites
- Roker and Seaburn Foreshore
- All public areas
- All public areas

Dogs on Leads at all times

Dogs Prohibited

Dogs Prohibited

(1 May to 30 Sept)

Dog fouling

Dogs on Leads under direction to do so





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Dog and animal fouling

Dog fouling is unpleasant and may cause disease and illness and, therefore, needs to be controlled.

Dogs fouling legislation

Sunderland City Council has actively been promoting responsible dog ownership in the city through a rolling programme of education and awareness.

Dog control - questions and answers

These are the frequently asked questions about dog control orders.

Dog control - maps

As part of the consultation on dog control orders, the maps on this page help to describe the proposals for each area.

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What is a dog control order?

A dog control order is a local order made for controlling potential dog related issues.

The power for Sunderland City Council to make dog control orders is provided under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Which dog control orders is Sunderland City Council thinking about introducing?

- 1. Dog fouling (failing to pick up after your dog)
- 2. Dogs to be put on leads upon request
- 3. Dogs to be on leads at all times in designated areas

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Welcome to Sunderland's website

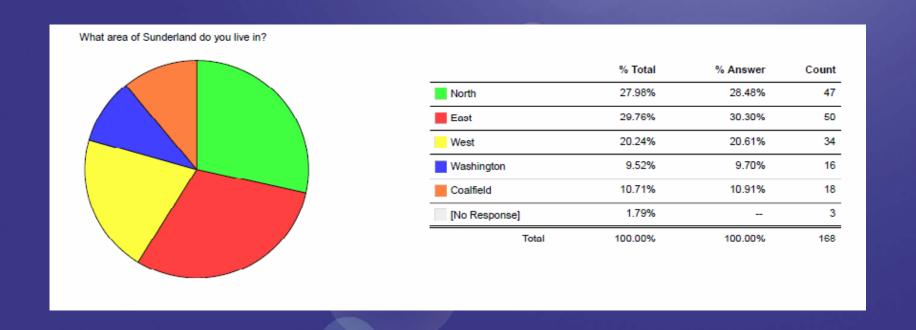
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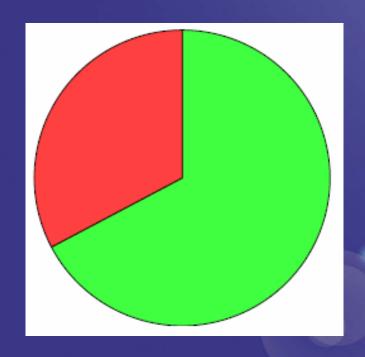
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What part of Sunderland do you live in?





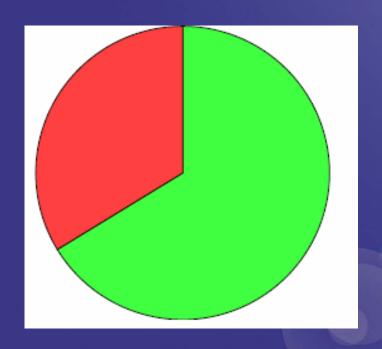
Are you a dog owner?



	% Total	% Answer	Count
Yes	67.26%	67.26%	113
No	32.74%	32.74%	55
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

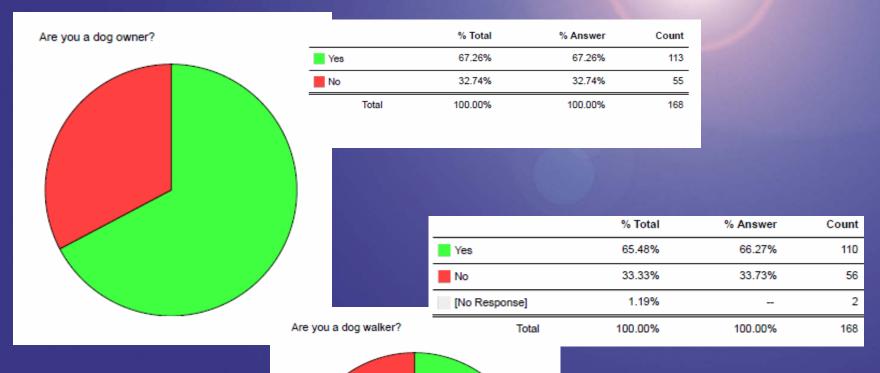


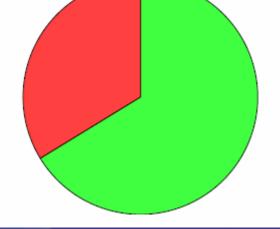
Are you a dog walker?



	% Total	% Answer	Count
Yes	65.48%	66.27%	110
No	33.33%	33.73%	56
[No Response]	1.19%		2
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

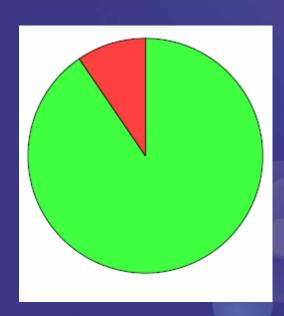








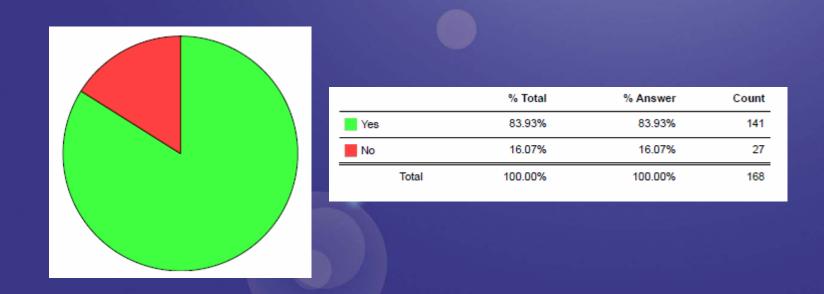
Do you agree with the proposal to introduce an order making it an offence for a person to fail to clear up after their dog has fouled in any area across the city which is open to the public?



	% Total	% Answer	Count
Yes	90.48%	90.48%	152
No	9.52%	9.52%	16
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

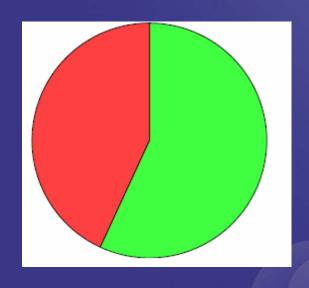


Do you support the exclusion of dogs from enclosed children's play areas?





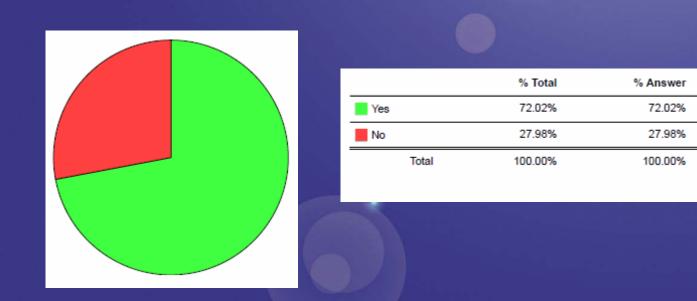
Do you agree with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in open play areas?



	% Total	% Answer	Count
Yes	56.55%	56.89%	95
No	42.86%	43.11%	72
[No Response]	0.60%		1
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168



Do you agree with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in cemeteries?





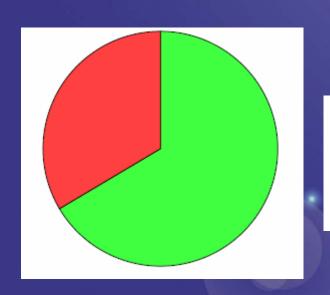
Count

121

47

168

Do you agree with the proposal to enable an authorised officer of the Council to request a dog be put on the lead in any location across the city which is open to the public, where that officer feels it is appropriate to do so?



	% Total	% Answer	Count
Yes	66.07%	66.47%	111
No	33.33%	33.53%	56
[No Response]	0.60%		1
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168



Suggestions

- Allow dogs to exercise on open play areas when not in use.
- Dog parks or Dog zones
- Extra dog bins
- Additional enforcement
- Improved signage



Next steps

- Area Committee Agree Order
- Public Notice
- Update website
- Erect signs in relevant locations
- Train Staff
- Publicise Orders



QUESTIONS?





23 JUNE 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Proposed Priorities and Government Arrangements for 2014 / 2015

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:
 - a. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2014 / 2015
 - b. Provides an update on Place Area Board Governance Arrangements for 2014 / 2015.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial / municipal year, East Sunderland Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the East Sunderland Place Area Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Place Area Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence / achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides proposed priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2014 / 2015.

3. **Proposed Work Plan for 2014 / 2015**

- 3.1 East Sunderland Place Area Board held a series of workshops with officers and partners to identified future priorities for 2014 / 2015. Area Committee are request to consider and agree the following list which will inform the work plan for the Place Area Board during 2014 / 2015, these are:-
 - Working with communities and partners to understand local place based issues and identify solutions to target resources more effectively. (Linked to proposed Partnership in Practice programme)
 - ii. Ensuring the physical environment is fit for purpose to deliver a range of initiatives to encourage use of green space. (Linked to People: Greenspace Grant £20,000 and proposed Green Adventure Programme)
 - iii. Improving local neighbourhoods i.e. Gateway III.
 - iv. Work with Nexus to improve travel for vulnerable groups.
- 3.2 Additionally, the Place Area Board will continue to influence the design, delivery and review of further Place Based Services devolved to Area Committee, these are:-

Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after. Highways Maintenance Programme.

Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of Section 106 at an area level.

The proposed work plan for 2014 / 2015 is attached as **Annex 1**.

4. Area Governance Arrangements

- 4.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
 - (a) Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level, and
 - (b) Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 4.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities. Terms of Reference attached as **Annex 2**.
- 4.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Area Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers and partners in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Area Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Area Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Area Board for East Sunderland Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	East Sunderland Place Area Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Lynda Scanlan
Doxford	Cllr Elizabeth Gibson
Hendon	Cllr Michael Mordey
Millfield	Cllr Bob Price
Ryhope	Clir Ellen Ball
St Michael's	Cllr Peter Wood

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to:-
 - (a) Approve the East Sunderland Place Area Board Work Plan Priorities for 2014 / 2015, as set out in **Section 3 and Annex 1.**
 - (b) Approve the Area Governance arrangements for 2014 / 2015 outlined in **Section 4** and **Annex 2**.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Place Area Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015

Annex 2 Place Area Board Terms of Reference

Background Papers

Place Area Board quarterly update reports

SIB quarterly monitoring returns

Consultation and feedback received from Place based workshops on area

priorities for 2014 / 2015

Contact Officer: Nicol Trueman, Area Community Officer Tel: 0191 561 1162

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East Sunderland Area Committee: DRAFT Work Plan 2014 / 2015 PLACE AREA BOARD

NO.	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Working with communities and partners to understand issues and identify solutions.	Encourage community ownership of local envirnomental issues via Love Where You Live and Walk and Talks.		
		Attract environmental external funding into the East.		
2	Facilitate local people's access to and use of local greenspace. (Linked to People, Greenspace Grant £20k and	Understand green space available in East Sunderland and identify alternative use.		
	Green Adventure Programme).	2. Deliver local outdoor activities / events on a range of themes. i.e. fishing project.		
		3. Encourage 'adopt a site' to develop / tidy unused areas of land i.e. community gardens.		
	Improving local neighbourhoods i.e. Gateway III	Consider Gateway III (TBC), once Gateway 1 and 2 have been completed.		
4	Work with Nexus to improve travel for vulnerable groups.	Work with NEXUS to develop a pilot scheme to establish dementia friendly transport at Metro stations.		
		Link with city wide Dementia Working Groups and relevant workstreams.		

5 Influence the design, delivery and review		
of Place based services devolved to Area	to take more responsibility for and be	
Committee.	passionate about keeping local	
	communities clean, green and well looked	
	after. Develop approach(es) to deal with	
	neglected:-	
	i) Land,	
	ii) Housing,	
	iii) Shopping Parades.	
	2. Re-consider how members can influence	
	the allocation of Section 106 at an area	
	level.	
	3. To influence Highways Maintenance	
	Programme at an area level for inclusion in	
	the Capital Programme.	

East Sunderland Area Committee

23 June 2014

<u>Place Board – Terms of Reference</u>

The Place Board is a working Board of the Area Committeefor the design, delivery and review of services designated to deliver at an area level.

Membership and Role

Chair

- The Chair of the Place Board is agreed at the Annual Council meeting.
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each one will be set in consultation with the Place Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area priorities.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the Place Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the Place Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

Elected Members

- Core Membership of the Place Board will be nominated and agreed at the first Area Committee meeting of the municipal year and will consist of representation of one Member per ward area.
- Attendance of the Board is open to all Ward Members; however, Core Membership
 may be changed throughout the municipal year in consultation with the Chair of the
 Area Committee and the subsequent approval of the Area Committee.
- As the Member representative for their Ward; Core Members will consult ward colleagues on issues and items discussed at the Place Board then feedback appropriately.
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that Place Board activity is based upon evidence of need and opportunity.

Support Officers

- Relevant Council Officers will attend the Board as the link between their service and the business of the Board as and when required.
- Designated Area Co-ordinator— is the Lead Council Officer for cross-directorate support provided to the Board, and also supports the Chair and Board in determining and delivering Area Priorities in line with the Corporate Outcome Framework and Community Strategy.
- Designated Area Community Officer—supports the Area Co-ordinator and Chair of the Place Board in delivering place board priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network where relevant.
- **Governance Officers** will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times / and venues and action points,loading reports on to Sharepoint.

Frequency

Place Board meetings will be held every 4-5 weeks excluding months when Area Committees are held.

Reporting Arrangements

The Place Board will report quarterly to the Area Committee through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the Place Board, assisted by the designated Area Coordinator and Area Community Officer.

Remit of the Place Board

The remit of the Place Board is to:

- Respond to all Place priorities in the Local Area Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Improve the identification of services that could benefit the area by being more responsive to local issues and priorities.
- Ensure that the delivery of devolved Council services and the use of its resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and supports the delivery of the Corporate Outcome Framework at a local level.
- Make recommendations on any plans and proposals for potential service delivery to the Area Committee.
- Ensure that devolved Council services, partner agencies and the local community work together to implement the Council's policies and to respond to local issues more effectively.
- Work with partner agencies to promote the aims, principles and actions relating to a specific priority.
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest and Strategic Initiatives Budget.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Strategic Initiative Budget to the Area Committee for approval.

The Board has no formal decision making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Committee. Where necessary, a majority vote of Core Membership will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

23 JUNE 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2014 / 2015

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:
 - a. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2014 / 2015.
 - b. Provides an update on People Area Board Governance Arrangements for 2014/15.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial / municipal year, East Sunderland Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with People and refers the priorities to the East Sunderland People Area Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The People Area Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence / achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides proposed priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2014 / 2015.

3. Proposed Work Plan for 2014 / 2015

- 3.1 East Sunderland People Area Board held a series of workshops with officers and partners to identified future priorities for 2014 / 2015. Area Committee are request to consider and agree the following list which will inform the work plan for the People Area Board during 2014 / 2015, these are:
 - i. Identifying solutions to improve resident's emotional wellbeing.
- ii. Encouraging resident's to be active: getting out and about more to improve their health. (Linked to Place; Greenspace Grant £20,000 and proposed Green Adventure Programme)
- iii. Increase access to skills and learning to provide opportunities for residents to keep learning: trying something new.
- iv. Work with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Public Health and Social Care to identify and deliver a range of projects that connect with the local community to support more focussed locality working and more efficient services for users.
- 3.2 Additionally, the People Area Board will continue to influence the design, delivery and review of further People Based Services devolved to Area Committee, these are:-

Develop new relationship with Schools, and Review of Museum Services.

The 2014 / 2015 work plan is attached as **Annex 1**.

4. Area Governance Arrangements

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Chair	Cllr Alan Emerson
Doxford	Cllr Christine Marshall
Hendon	Vacancy (TBC)
Millfield	Cllr lain Kay
Ryhope	Cllr Ellen Ball
St Michael's	Cllr Michael Dixon

4.4 Other local groups / boards where East Sunderland Area Committee has elected member representation are outlined below:-

Group	Vacancies	Elected Member
		Representatives
Local Multi Agency	1 seat for Central (Millfield and	Central: Cllr Margaret
Problem Solving	St Michael's wards)	Forbes
(LMAPS)	1 seat for East (Hendon,	
	Ryhope and Doxford wards)	East: (TBC) between Cllr
		Thomas Martin and Cllr
		Barbara McClennan
Children Centre's Local	2 seats	Cllr Alan Emerson, Chair
Area Board (CLAB)		of People.
		Cllr Ellen Ball, Area Chair

5 Recommendations

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East Sunderland Area Committee: DRAFT Work Plan 2014 / 2015 PEOPLE AREA BOARD

NO.	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	1 Improve resident's emotional wellbeing.	Understand mental health issues in the area and identify solutions other than medication to support conditions.		
		2. Supporting the dementia working group to ensure initiatives have a positive impact at a multi agency level. i.e. Dementia Friends Campaign.		
2	Encourage resident's to be active: getting out and about more to improve their health. (Linked to Place, Greenspace Grant £20k budget and Green Adventure Programme)	 Encourage residents to get outdoors. Develop a Young Health Champion Scheme in Schools. 		
3	something new. learning opportunthe deverservices. 2. Co-ord voluntee	1. Co-ordinate and support life long learning courses. Maximise opportunities for residents, including the development of community library services.		
		Co-ordinate and support volunteering opportunities across councils and partners.		
		3. Improve access to IT equipment and the sharing of information.		

4	Work with partners to deliver a range of project that connect the Committee to the community via Partnership in Practice Programme.	Identify opportunities for joint working to develop relationships and more efficient intregrated locality working.	
		Further develop the area directory and community connectors model.	
5	Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee.	Develop new relationships with schools.	
		2. Review of museum services.	

East Sunderland Area Committee

23 June 2014

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EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 23 JUNE 2014 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Area Budgets Report

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded Community Chest grant.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to note and approve the following:-

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in 2.1 and 3.1.
- (b) Approve £40,000 from SIB 2014 / 2015 budget, as detailed below (Annex 1):-
 - i) Green Adventure: £20,000 match funding with £20,000 (Public Health budget) to facilitate local people's access to and use of local greenspace.
 - ii) Partnership in Practice: £20,000 match funding with £20,000 (East Clinical Commissioning Group (C.C.G.) East), subject to CCG approval, to facilitate working with the CCG, Public Health and Social Care to identify and deliver a range of projects that connect with the local community to support more focussed locality working and more efficient services for residents.
- (c) Approve £86,903 from SIB 2013 / 2014 budget, as detailed below (subject to presentation to be delivered at Committee):
 - iii) Young Mums: £2,650 to deliver a pilot which will involve working with 10 young mums (16-19 years old) living in the East area for six months to support them to explore and overcome barriers to participation.
 - iv) Work Ready: £67,753 to deliver a pilot Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) programme for East's NEETs who are aged 18 or 19 year olds. The project will provide 28 jobs ranging from 16 to 20 hours per week over 13 to 26 week periods.
 - v) Top Up Grants: £16,500 to deliver a top up grant scheme to complement the existing Work Programme Apprenticeship scheme, by encouraging new employers in the East to take on young apprentices who live in the East.

(d) Note the 19 approved Community Chest applications and returned funding from 2014 / 2015. (Annex 2) Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes **Suggested reason(s) for Decision:** The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and to attract other funding into the area. Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered. Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Relevant Scrutiny Committees: Constitution? No Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

23 JUNE 2014

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Area Budgets Report

1 Purpose of Report

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2014 / 2015:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approvals	Balance
Total SIB for 2014 / 2015 is	s £307,282			
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Project Name	Financial Bı	reakdown		
Passing Points- Sunderland Cemetery	7.04.14		£17,334	£289,948
SIB 2014 / 2015 Balance				£289,948
Aligned Funding for 2014	/ 2015 shown	below		
Reducing NEETs in the East 2013 / 2014 SIB	07.04.14	£90,000		£90,000
Greenspace Public Health	07.04.14	£20,000		£20,000

2.2 Following on from April's Area Board workshops it was agreed to seek approval from Area Committee to approve £40,000 SIB 2014 / 2015 to develop Place and People based area priorities, as set out in Annex 1, these are: -

i) Green Adventure £20,000ii) Partnership in Practice £20,000

2.3 Reducing NEETs in the East

In April 2014 Area Committee agreed to align £90,000 SIB from the 2013 / 2014 budget to reduce the number of NEETs in the East, with a further proposal being present to Committee for consideration. Following the April meeting an advert was circulated around the East VCS Area Network inviting local groups along to a workshop to discuss the feasibility of developing a partnership that would work collectively to reduce the number of NEETs in the East.

- 2.4 In May 2014 six workshops were hosted with ten organisations from the East VCS Area Network in attendance to discuss three work streams, these where:-
 - (1) Delivering Work Experience for 14 16 year olds.
 - (2) Delivering a Work Pairing Scheme for 16 19 year olds, and
 - (3) Delivering a Grant Top Up Scheme for 16 19 year olds.
- 2.5 Following the workshops each organisation which was interested in working in a 'partnership' approach where then requested to submit project proposals, along with costings.
- 2.6 Area Committee are requested to note that a project proposal relating to work stream 1 (delivering work experience for 14 16 year olds) will be brought forward to a future meeting for consideration, and approve £86,903 SIB 2013 / 2014 from the aligned £90,000. Further details will be presented at Committee which relate to:-

iii) Young Mums	£2,650
iv) Work Ready Programme	£67,753
v) Top Up Grants	£16,500

2.7 If approved it would leave a balance of:-

Project Name	Budget
SIB 2014 / 2015 budget	£249,948
SIB 2013 / 2014 aligned to NEETs	£3,097
Green Adventure (joint funding)	£40,000
Partnership in Partnership (joint funding)	£40,000
Total	£333,045

3. Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2014 / 2015. Annex 2 shows the approvals between April 2014 to June 2014.

Ward	Start Balance	Approvals	Returned	Balance
		since April	Grants	
		2014		
Doxford	£19,631.20	£4,260.00		£15,371.20
Hendon	£10,471.61	£4,804.00		£5,667.61
Millfield	£15,572.87	£1,800.00		£13,772.87
Ryhope	£12,335.63	£5,352.00		£6,983.63
St Michaels	£10,317.10	£2,340.00		£7,977.10
Total	£68,328.41	£18,556.00		£49,772.41

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1.
- 4.2 Approve five SIB funding requests totalling £126,903, as set out in section 2 Annex 1 and presentation delivered.
- 4.3 Note the 19 Community Chest approvals from 2014 / 2015 Community Chest as set out in Annex 2.

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SIB Executive Summaries 2014 / 2015

PROJECT TITLE ONE: Green Adventure		
Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB request to approve
£40,000	£20,000 (secured via public health budget)	£20,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12	July 2014	June 2015

The Project

Is seeking £20,000 SIB to match with the existing ring fenced £20,000 of public health budget to facilitate East Area Councillors, as Community Leaders to consider how they might enhance and make it easier for local people to engage in the five ways to wellbeing and to commission local action looking specifically at action around greenspace accessibility, availability and amenity utilisation.

The project will complement the council's public health 'five ways to wellbeing' (connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give) and both the Place and People Area Board's priorities, which are:-

Place: "Ensuring the physical environment is fit for purpose to support people board initiatives to encourage use of green space"

People: "Encouraging resident's to be active: getting out and about more to improve their health."

By enabling both Area Boards to work in partnership with key officers and partners across the East to deliver a variety of different projects by understanding the green space available in East Sunderland and identifying alternative use, which could include:-

- a) Promoting local walking routes that have been established by the Place Board, i.e. coastal route, and potentially developing new local heritage walk with local community groups and schools.
- b) Encourage a group of volunteer walking leaders, building on the existing network of Walk Leaders in the City.
- c) Make green space more user friendly through appropriate signage / signposting by groups.
- d) Promote outdoor fitness / family learning sessions to encourage families to walk and explore local parks, green spaces and woodlands, e.g. Tai Chi, Geocaching.
- e) Design accessible and educational walks starting and finishing at key public transport landmarks e.g. Park Lane Interchange, Metro stations
- f) Support a range of local outdoor activities / events i.e. Fishing project, Catch it, Kill it, Cook it.

- g) Encourage communities to 'Adopt a site' to develop / tidy unused areas of land in their own neighbourhood e.g. community gardens / edible landscapes.
- h) Promote cycling routes to assist in green travel.

If approved the Area Boards will discuss and agree which specific projects will be developed and rolled out. After which the standard approach in accessing SIB will apply, for example, completing an application form, Councillors and members of the Committee consulted on the project before any project commences, offer letter and terms and conditions signed off by lead agent, as well as, performance management arrangements e.g. submission of quarterly monitoring returns, invoices, etc.

Recommendations Approve

- The project proposal complements Area Committee's work plan relating to both Place and People area based themes.
- The project complements the Council's Corporate Outcome Framework, "A
 City where everyone is as healthy as they can be and enjoys a good standard
 of well-being." And "An attractive modern city where people choose to invest,
 live, work and spend leisure time."
- It will facilitate East Area Councillors, as Community Leaders to consider how
 they might enhance and make it easier for local people to engage in five ways
 to wellbeing and to commission local action looking specifically at action
 around greenspace accessibility, availability and amenity utilisation.

PROJECT TITLE TWO	: Partnership in Practice	
Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB request to approve
£40,000	£20,000 (subject to CCG approval)	£20,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12	July 2014	June 2015

The Project

Is seeking £20,000 SIB to match with the £20,000 from East Sunderland CCG (subject to approval) to facilitate East Area Councillors, as Community Leaders to work in partnership with key officers and partners across the East to deliver a variety of different projects by identifying opportunities for joint working at a locality level, by developing relationships and more efficient services for residents. A Partnership in Practice approach will complement the:-

- > Sunderland City Council's 'five ways to wellbeing' (connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give),
- East C.C.G.'s plan on a page,
- Gentoo's Art of Living Programme,
- ➤ East Sunderland VCS Area Network to work together to build relationships within communities and between communities and local services, and
- ➤ Both the Place and People Area Board's priorities, and which are:-

Place: "Working with communities and partners to understand local place based issues and identify solutions to target resources more effectively"

People: "Working with the CCG, Public Health and Social Care to identify and deliver a range of projects that connect with the local community to support more focussed locality working and more efficient services for residents."

Partnership in Practice could deliver:-

- a) Building on the adult social care on-line directory: launch and roll out the Community Connectors model to establish networking opportunities to support community groups and also reduce dependency on more costly, specialised services.
- b) Support the national campaign to increase the number of 'Dementia Friends' in the East Sunderland area.
- c) Support the city wide Dementia Working Group to ensure initiatives have a positive impact at a multi-agency area level, for example, dementia friendly transport at Metro stations in the East area.
- d) Use existing community cafes and / or developing new cafes to host events for adults with early signs of dementia and carers, i.e. memory sessions on music, films, historical events through the decades.

- e) Develop a Young Health Champion scheme to support young people with knowledge, self-esteem and healthier lifestyles.
- f) Increase social inclusion and promote better health for older members of the community by facilitating appropriate exercise sessions in the local community.
- g) Delivering behaviour change in terms of the environment e.g. carbon footprint, turning down thermostat 1 degree, switching off appliances, etc.
- h) Increase awareness and incentives of joining the Private Landlords Forum.

If approved the Area Boards will discuss and agree which specific projects will be developed and rolled out. After which the standard approach in accessing SIB will apply, for example, completing an application form, Councillors and members of the Committee consulted on the project before any project commences, offer letter and terms and conditions signed off by lead agent, as well as, performance management arrangements e.g. submission of quarterly monitoring returns, invoices, etc.

Recommendations Approve

- The project proposal complements Area Committee's work plan relating to both Place and People area based themes.
- The project complements the Council's Corporate Outcome Framework, "A
 City where everyone is as healthy as they can be and enjoys a good standard
 of well-being."
- It will facilitate East Area Councillors, as Community Leaders to work in partnership with key officers and partners across the East to deliver a variety of different projects by identifying opportunities for joint working at a locality level by development relationships and more efficient services for residents.

Item 6, Annex 2

Community Chest: Financial Statement April-June 2014

Doxford Ward Budget	£19,631.20		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Silksworth Banner Group	10.04.14		£1,000
Mill Hill Nursery School	19.05.14		£1,200
Benedict Biscop Academy	09.06.14		£1,535
Doxford Park Parent & Tiddler Group	09.06.14		£525
Remaining balance			£15,371.20

Hendon Ward Budget	£10,471.61		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Mowbray Bowls Club	10.04.14		£450
North East Civic Trust	12.05.14		£1,000
SCC Sport & Leisure	12.05.14		£849
Hendon Young People's Project	09.06.14		£1,700
Hendon Youth Initiative	09.06.14		£805
Remaining balance			£5,667.61

Millfield Ward Budget	£15,572.87		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Indian Welfare Association	10.04.14		£1,300
Lansdowne Pool Team	09.06.14		£500
Remaining balance			£13,772.87

Ryhope Ward Budget	£12,335.63		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Ryhope Carnival	10.04.14		£3,110
Ryhope Ladies Club	10.04.14		£552
St Aidans Guide Unit	10.04.14		£690
Ryhope Colliery Banner Fund	19.05.14		£400
Ryhope All-stars Marching Band	09.06.14		£600
Remaining balance			£6,983.63

St Michaels Ward Budget	£10,317.10		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Sunderland Pianoforte Society	19.05.14		£1,110
Ashmore Residents Association	19.05.14		£230
Sunderland Bowling Club	09.06.14		£1,000
Remaining balance			£7,977.10

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Current Planning	Applications(East)

Current	Current Planning	Between	Between 01/05/2014 and 31/05/2014	31/C	05/2014
Applica	Applications(East)				
Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid T	Target Date for Decision	cision
14/01109/FUL	41 Bishops Way Sunderland SR3 2SH	Conversion of garage into habitable room.	13/05/2014	08/07/2014	
14/01167/DEM	5-11 Carrock Court, 7, 8, And 9 Seatoller Court, 5-10 Shap Court And 17-20 Vanguard Court Doxford Park Sunderland SR3 2HD	Demolish buildings to ground level. Site then to be tracked level, top soiled and seeded.	19/05/2014	16/06/2014	
14/01196/FUL	24 Cottonwood Sunderland SR3 2NU	Erection of extension to existing detached garage and conversion of garage to office/study and gym (amended description 03/06/2014).	21/05/2014	16/07/2014.	
14/00766/FUL	142 High Street West Sunderland SR1 1UN	Change of use of vacant ground floor premises to yoga practice.	02/05/2014	27/06/2014	
14/00894/LBC	The Quayside Exchange Exchange Building 197 High Street East Sunderland SR1 2AX	Installation of blue plaque to front of building.	07/05/2014	02/07/2014	
14/00640/FUL	McCarthys Pharmacy Limited 1 Saville Place Sunderland SR11PA	Alterations to shop front and installation of roller shutters (AMENDED DESCRIPTION 05.06.2014)	21/05/2014	16/07/2014	

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/01262/FUL	71 Hunter Terrace Sunderland SR2 8SA	Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear and a two storey extension to side.	28/05/2014	23/07/2014
14/01059/FUL	14 Waterloo Place Sunderland SR1 3HS	Change of use of the first and second floors from B1 to D1	08/05/2014	03/07/2014
14/00477/FUL	57 Ashwood Terrace Sunderland SR2 7NB	Erection of a single storey extension to rear.	16/05/2014	11/07/2014
14/01027/FUL	Sunderland Royal Hospital Chester Road Sunderland SR4 7TP	Erection of new entrance extension to endoscopy unit.	20/05/2014	15/07/2014
14/00825/FUL	ASDA Stores Limited Unit 1 Ryhope Street South Sunderland SR2 0AB	Replacement of 9no roller shutters.	09/05/2014	04/07/2014
14/00899/REM	Land To The Rear Of Bevan Avenue Sunderland	Reserved Matters application (outline 10/03941/OUT) for erection of 150 dwellings, with details relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. (Rushford Phase 2.)	13/05/2014	12/08/2014
14/01158/FUL	11 Napoleon Close Sunderland SR2 0TH	Erection of two storey extension to side	16/05/2014	11/07/2014

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14/01006/FUL	06/FUL	2 Wadsley Square Sunderland SR2 7UT	Erection of a single storey rear extension	09/05/2014	04/07/2014
14/00946/FUL	46/FUL	110 Aylesford Mews Sunderland SR2 9HZ	Erection of single storey rear extension.	12/05/2014	07/07/2014
14/01159/FUL		8 Bainbridge Holme Close Sunderland SR3 1YX t	Erection of a first floor extension to front and dormers to rear.	16/05/2014	11/07/2014
14/01168/FUL		15 Ringmore Court Sunderland SR2 9BJ e	Erection of single storey extension to front, side and rear of property.	19/05/2014	14/07/2014
14/01123/FUL		Land At Park Lane Holmeside Sunderland a E	Demolition of existing structures and the erection of a new Further Education Campus (Use Class D1) including retail (Use Class A1)	20/05/2014	19/08/2014
14/01186/FUL		Ashbrooke Cottage Ashbrooke E Road Sunderland SR2 7HH e e	Ending the contract of the con	21/05/2014	16/07/2014

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id Target Date for Decision	16/07/2014
Date Valid	21/05/2014
Proposal	Erection of five no. external extensions to classrooms, provision of a safety surfaced fenced-in play area, partially covered with a canopy and various associated external works.
Address	Barbara Priestman School And Technology College Meadowside Sunderland SR2 7QN
Reference	14/01181/FUL