

## **Sunderland West Area Committee**

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **Community Action in the West – Progress Review**

##### **1. Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1. West Area Committee has agreed to focus its efforts where it can make a real difference and has identified six key priorities for 2010/11:
- Environmental and Street Scene improvements, including shopping centres
  - Health and Well Being; focussing on areas of concern and risk taking lifestyle behaviour
  - Traffic and Parking
  - Child Poverty
  - Responsive Local Services
  - Identify gaps in Youth and Play provision.

It has also recognised there will be the need to consider other cross cutting areas of work, for example, equality and inclusion and anti social behaviour, whilst delivering against the priorities.

- 1.2 Three 'Local Task and Finish Groups' have been established: Environment and Street Scene; Health and Well Being and Traffic and Parking. With regards to Child Poverty the strategy is currently being consulted on and the Youth and Play priority will be subject to a scoping exercise. Responsive Local Services will continue to present service performance data for neighbourhood services to Area Committee.
- 1.3 Area Committee has requested the Task and Finish Groups and partners delivering against the key priorities, identify activity that addresses the issues raised, propose innovative programmes of work, and identify potential resource requirements, where appropriate.
- 1.4 Annex 1 provides detail of issues previously identified through the 2009/10 Work Plan and Action Plans, and provides an update with regard to progress or completion and identifies any unresolved issues and actions.
- 1.5 Annex 2a includes Community Chest and SIB/SIP financial statement. Annex 2b provides a summary of spend, proposals received and balances for SIB, SIP and Community Chest. It also includes details of all applications received.

##### **2. Performance Management**

- 2.1 A number of sources have been utilised to evidence and identify the key issues and queries. Some of issues included in Annex 1 have been raised during the delivery of the 2009/10 Action Plans and Works Plan. Data sources include:

1. Safe Theme	Issues Log, Members queries, Local Multi Agency Problem Solving groups, Police Statistics, Safer
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	Sunderland Partnership, Local Confidence Survey
2. Learning Theme	Issues Log, Members queries, Hanlon Data, Tyne and Wear Research and Intelligence Unit, Connexions
4. Attractive and Inclusive	Issues Log, Members queries, Traffic surveys
5. Prosperous	Ward Visits, Area Committee Issues Log, Hanlon, TWRIU, Working Neighbourhoods Fund Data, Industrial Area Survey

### 3. Progress Report

#### 3.1 Safe theme

Anti social behaviour (ASB), misuse of alcohol and disorder and the development of a safe environment are identified as key issues to be addressed. Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee Policy Review on Alcohol and ASB will report to June Cabinet. The Area Committee will receive updates and information with regard to recommendations.

#### 3.2 Learning theme

The provision of youth and play services and facilities has previously been identified as an issue. Area Committee will receive updates and information, where relevant, on progress in relation to the reviews underway on youth and play provision. A strategic review of apprenticeship opportunities is also underway. A Scrutiny report on Employment will be received to future Area Committee.

#### 3.3 Attractive and Inclusive theme

A number of issues have been identified over the last 12 months relating to green spaces and the environment. Many of these will be progressed through the newly established 'Environment and street scene' and 'Traffic and parking' Task and Finish Groups.

#### 3.4 Prosperous theme

The development of business support, supporting local people into jobs and raising the skills and aspirations of adults are three key priorities for Sunderland West.

### 4. Financial Statement

- 4.1 A financial statement detailing all Community Chest, Strategic Initiatives' Budget, and Strategic Investment Plan approvals up to April 2010 is attached as Annex 2a. There are three proposals for support from SIB and 22 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest. Members are requested to approve funding for proposals as detailed in Annex 2b and to note balances remaining for the remainder of this financial year.

### 5. Recommendations/Options

#### 5.1 Members are requested to:

1. Note the contents of the report and agree next steps and actions detailed in Annex 1.
2. Agree recommendations for SIB and Community Chest funding applications as detailed in 4.1 above and in Annex 2b.
3. Receive information and updates from Scrutiny Policy Reviews as detailed in Annex 1.

## **6. Background papers**

- 6.1 Annex 1: Community Action: Review Progress
- 6.2 Annex 2: Financial Statements and Funding Requests
- 6.3 Community Chest Application forms
- 6.4 Reports to previous committees
- 6.5 Sunderland West Local Area Plan

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