

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in THE BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 21st MARCH, 2018 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Beck, Chequer, Curran, Davison, Foster, Francis, Howe, Jackson, Leadbitter, D. MacKnight and Samuels

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Catherine Auld	-	Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Judith Britton	-	SCAG
Ms. Wendy Cook	-	SNCBC
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Allison Patterson	-	Area Co-ordinator (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Graham Wharton	-	VCS Network, Salvation Army

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, inviting introductions from those in attendance and advising of the right to record proceedings.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Elliott and Stewart and on behalf of Mr. Peter McIntyre, Sunderland City Council, Mr. Richy Duggan, Sunderland Community Action Group and Ms. Ruth Oxley, SNYP.

Declarations of Interest

Item 5 – Strategic Initiative Budget and Community Chest

Councillor Curran made a DPI in the application for the Dame Dorothy Hub as a Council appointed Governor at the school and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Curran made a DPI in the applications from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service for the Safetyworks! and Phoenix projects as the Chairman of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and left the meeting during consideration of the applications.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th November, 2018

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15th November, 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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 update of progress against the current year's Place Board Work Plan. He advised that earlier in the municipal year the priorities associated with Place were referred to the Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee and outlined progress to date on them.

In relation to the ongoing CCTV pilot project, the Committee were advised that Officers were to be invited to the next meeting of the People Board to provide still images that had been captured by the CCTV cameras. Ms. Patterson commented that there may be the potential to arrange a joint meeting of the Place and People Boards in April to discuss the future priorities for the Area Committee and neighbourhood plans and it may be beneficial for Officers to attend this meeting.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan for 2018/19 be received and noted;
 - ii) The recommendations of the Place Board with regards to the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North Sunderland Area for 2019/2020 be agreed;
 - iii) The North Sunderland Area Place Board's Local Services Area Delivery Plan for 2019/2020 be agreed and responsibility to oversee the development and delivery of the Plan be delegated to the Place Board; and;
 - iv) A joint meeting of the North Sunderland Area Place and People Boards be arranged to discuss the priorities for the year ahead and neighbourhood plans.

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)

Councillor Davison presented the report which provided an update of progress against the current year's People Board Work Plan. She advised that earlier in the municipal year the priorities associated with People were referred to the Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee and outlined progress to date on them.

Councillor Davison referred to the design of the play park facility in the Redhill Ward and asked if Officers could be invited to a future meeting of the People Board to update Members on this project.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan for 2018/19 be received and noted; and
- ii) Officers involved with the play park at Redhill Ward be invited to a future meeting of the Board to provide a progress report.

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)

Mr. Graham Wharton, Salvation Army, took the Committee through the report providing an update on the work being undertaken by the North Sunderland Area VCS Network and advising that they had met three times since the last meeting of the Area Committee.

The Committee discussed access to school playing fields for voluntary and community groups and the public and Members were asked to find out what facilities there were in their own ward and then to bring that information to a future meeting of the Board to discuss the matter further. Members could then understand what was available around the North Sunderland area and how many of the facilities had available access for voluntary and community groups and if there were any costs and restrictions involved.

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.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

There being no representative from Northumbria Police, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the item be withdrawn.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

There being no representative from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the item be withdrawn.

Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships 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. Metcalfe, Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

Having fully discussed the applications and Members having had any questions answered, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the financial statements as set out in the report be received and noted;
 - ii) approval be given to the allocation of £20,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards the Dame Dorothy Hub Project as set out in the report;
 - iii) approval be given to the allocation of £5,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards the SafetyWorks! Sunderland Project, subject to the conditions as set out in the report;
 - iv) approval be given to the allocation of £12,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards the Phoenix Project as set out in the report;

- v) approval be given to the allocation of £35,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards the School Summer Holiday Activities Project as set out in the report;
- vi) approval be given to alignment of £200,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2018/19 towards Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects as set out in the report;
- vii) the seventeen approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2018/19 budget as set out in Annex 2 to the report be noted;
- and
- viii) the two approvals for Community Chest in relation to the Redhill Ward, supported from the 2018/19 budget as set out in Annex 2 to the report be noted.

North Sunderland Area Committee Annual Report 2018-19

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval of the Annual Report of the Area Committee which would be included as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2018-19 which was to be presented to a future Council meeting.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Patterson, Area Co-ordinator, presented the report, advising that this would be the eighth year that Area Committee Annual Reports had been combined into one and reported to the Council.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that the North Sunderland Area Annual Report be approved for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.