

**At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at SILKSWORTH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, TUNSTALL VILLAGE ROAD, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Allan, Atkinson, D. Dixon, Essl, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Porthouse, Smith, Tye, Waller, Waters, S. Watson, A. Wilson and T. Wright.

**Also Present:-**

Bill Blackett	West Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Tony Carty	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
Simone Common	Acting Head of Community and Family Wellbeing	Sunderland City Council
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative	Youth Almighty
Ang Lawson	Community Partnership Coordinator	Gentoo
Bill Leach	Partnership Co-ordinator	Pennywell Com. Centre
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Jackie Pitt	Community Partnership Coordinator	Gentoo
Jackie Spencer	Senior Commissioning Manager	Sunderland CCG
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead	Sunderland City Council

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those attending their first meeting of the West Sunderland Area Committee and invited those present to introduce themselves.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Gofton and P. Watson.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Place Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2015/16 work plan, including SIB funded projects, sought approval for the work plan 2016/17 Place priorities; and provided an update on the Governance arrangements for the Place Board for 2016/17.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Tye referred to the recently agreed RLS Area Delivery Plan and expressed concern that park sweeps would only be undertaken on a 3 weekly basis. He felt that this was unacceptable in the case of drugs paraphernalia which should be removed immediately. The Chairman advised that he would ask officers to investigate and agenda the issue for the next meeting of the Place Board for further consideration.

There being no questions or comments on the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
  - i) the report be received and noted;
  - ii) the annual performance update with regard to the West Sunderland Area's Place Board Work Plan for 2015/16 be received and noted;
  - iii) the West Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 be agreed; and
  - iv) the Area Governance arrangements as outlined in the report be received and noted.

## **People Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2015/16 work plan, including SIB funded projects, sought approval for the work plan 2016/17 People priorities; and provided an update on the Governance arrangements for the People Board for 2016/17.

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There being no questions or comments on the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-
  - i) the report be received and noted;

- ii) the annual performance update with regard to the West Sunderland Area's People Board Work Plan for 2015/16 be received and noted;
- iii) the West Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 be agreed; and
- iv) the Area Governance arrangements as outlined in the report be received and noted.

### **Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN)**

The AVCS Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed members on issues pertinent to the Committee and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

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Consideration was given to the report presented by Bill Leach which highlighted the following feedback and input arising from the Voluntary and Community Sector Network since the Area Committee last met in March:-

- i) the receipt of a presentation from Karen Alexander on the 2016/2017 Family Adult and Community Learning (FACL) opportunities and how the VCS could apply.
- ii) Discussion of the proposed West Area Committee priorities for 2016/2017 (People and Place) with the VCS comments being incorporated into the final priorities presented to Area Committee.
- iii) Work undertaken with Gilly Stanley the West Area Community Development Lead, looking into external funding opportunities using GRANTfinder, as well as the continuing work on the development of effective partnership working. Bill advised that the previous afternoon confirmation had been received of a successful application for £2000 from Pennywell Community Centre through grant finder and thanked Gilly for her assistance.
- iv) The involvement of the VCS at a volunteer event hosted by the Royal Horticultural Society and held at Parker Trust, organised through the RHS Greening Grey Britain programme as part of a funded project being delivered by Pallion Traders.
- v) The involvement of the VCS in activities being delivered at the Road to Rio West Area Event.
- vi) The announcement that the longest standing VCS Network Representative was standing down and the network would be asked to elect a new representative in the coming weeks. The Committee joined Bill in commending Edna Rochester for all of the help and support she had offered throughout her time as West Area Network Representative.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Tye, Ms Stanley advised that the term of office for a VCS Rep was 4 years, however Edna had decided not to stand for another term. Councillor Tye added that Edna would be a massive loss to the organisation. There being no further comments or questions on the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Report of the Northumbria Police – Sunderland West**

Inspector Carty of Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Force's most recent performance indicators for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Particular reference was paid to crime levels in relation to violent crime, vehicle crime, burglary from dwelling, burglary other than dwelling, criminal damage, shoplifting, youth ASB, Non Youth ASB and drug crime.

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In addition Inspector Carty briefed members on:-

- i) Presentations given to local schools on social media and using the internet safely.
- ii) An update on the transfer of the resource at Farrington Police Station to shared accommodation next door with the Fire and Rescue Service which took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015
- iii) the work being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Police Team to identify vulnerable and repeat victims as early as possible in order that further offences could be prevented especially in respect of domestic violence.
- iv) the introduction of Operation Impact to tackle burglary dwelling especially in the lower Ford area. Frustratingly a vast majority of the offences could have been avoided if people had taken basic crime prevention measures such as ensuring front doors were locked.
- v) Preparations for the visit of BBC's Crime Watch Road Show for a 'live' broadcast on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June in respect of the theft of bikes and go karts belonging to the Autism Society from Silksworth Ski Slope.

Inspector Carty having addressed comments and questions from members in relation to:-

- i) The provision of ward based crime figures and drugs statistics in the committee report (the loss of back room analysts now made this difficult)
- ii) The procurement of body worn cameras
- iii) Legislation in respect of legal highs

the Chairman thanked him for his report and, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

## **Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**

The report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) was submitted which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016 to 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2016 with particular reference to:-

- i) the number of deaths from all fires (none and no injuries),
- ii) deliberate property fires (1),
- iii) deliberate vehicle fires (9), and
- iv) secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles (49).

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Station Manager Steve Burdis having briefed Members on the report and there being no questions or comments, the Chairman thanked him for his attendance and it was:-

6. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

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

The Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Peverley, Area Coordinator, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of 14 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2015/16 Community Chest budget and 10 from the 2016/17 budget, and details of proposals for the allocation of SIB funding.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £60,000 SIB funding in respect of the West Walk and Talk Programme as detailed in Annex 1 of the report;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £30,000 SIB funding for Holiday Hunger as detailed in Annex 2 of the report;

- (iv) Approval be given to the alignment of the remaining £48,579 West Health Programme SIB funding to deliver projects which support young people's mental health and wellbeing;
- (v) the approval of the 14 Community Chest applications from the 2015/16 budget as detailed in Annex 5 of the report be noted; and
- (vi) the approval of the 10 Community Chest applications from the 2016/17 budget as detailed in Annex 6 of the report be noted

### **Current Planning Applications (West Area)**

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1<sup>st</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 was submitted for members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and especially to all at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre for their kindness and assistance in hosting the meeting and the associated community event.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,  
Chairman.