

**At an extraordinary meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 3 of the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2019 at 5.30p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Chequer, Davison, Foster, Francis, Howe, Jackson, Jenkins, D. MacKnight, McKeith and Samuels

**Also in Attendance:-**

Mr. Neil Hogarth	-	Control Centre Facilities, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Allison Patterson	-	Area Co-ordinator (North), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Nicky Rowland	-	Environmental Services Manager, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

**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 Doyle, Leadbitter and Stewart and on behalf of Inspector Prested, Mr. Duggan and Mr. Groark

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources**

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience 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 a proposal for a further funding request.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Members were presented with the report advising that at a meeting of the North Sunderland Area Place Board in July, 2019 Members had received an update on progress in considering the development of proposals for a North Area Enforcement and CCTV project. The proposed option for delivery of the project for Members consideration was as follows:-

- Fund an Environmental Enforcement Officer, and associated costs, for a 2-year Period. The introduction of an additional Environmental Enforcement Officer as part of North Area Enforcement and CCTV Project will provide a dedicated North Environmental Enforcement resource for cases identified as part of this project, ensuring that environmental crimes identified receive an appropriate response. In addition, to providing a visible presence throughout the North Area. Tackling low level environmental crimes, providing education, advice and support on all environmental matters and supporting communities and specifically community groups in capturing and promoting a sense of environmental responsibility which would prevail beyond the length of the project. The officer will be in addition to the current city-wide offer and will carry out, at any one time, 1 piece of targeted work in each of the 5 wards in the North of the city.
- Equipment – to purchase a further 3 X 4G mini dome camera systems with 5-year coverage, 3 wildlife cameras, 1 Fixed talking camera to be sited at the Redhill Play Area and a budget to relocate the 4G cameras, purchase batteries and SD cards, and the cost of air time for IDefigo cameras etc.
- Signage – specific to CCTV cameras and environmental enforcement will be installed where required, costs of which will be covered by the Enforcement Services and Security Teams where relevant.
- Surveillance of the additional 4G cameras will be covered by existing resources within the Council's Security Team.
- Elected Members, via the North Area Place Board, will work with the Environmental Services Manager to identify hotspot areas, agree priorities for action and measures of success.
- Locations for deployment of cameras funded as part of this project and previously funded by North Area Committee, as outlined above, will be considered on behalf of the North Area Committee by the North Area Place Board.

The Committee were requested to note that this was a time limited project and that following the completion of it there would be no available Council resources to continue the project.

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

1. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statement as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £110,000 SIB funding from the budget for 2019/2020 to support the North Sunderland Area Enforcement and CCTV project as set out in the report and including the delegation of the development and delivery of the project to North Sunderland Area Place Board.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,  
Chairman.