

**At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Appleby, Atkinson, Blackett, D. Dixon, Galbraith, Haswell, Mullen, O'Brien, Porthouse, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, S. Watson, A. Wilson and Wood.

**Also Present:-**

Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service
Alan Duffy	Head of Operations	Gentoo
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative	Youth Almighty
Bill Leach	VCS Network Representative	Pennywell Com. Centre
Helen Peverley	West Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Sam Rennison	Chief Inspector	Northumbria Police
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead	Sunderland City Council
Michael Urwin	PC	Northumbria Police

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those attending their first meeting of the West Sunderland Area Committee and introductions were made.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Waters and Andrea Lanaghan.

**Declarations of Interest**

Item 5 – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Councillor Atkinson declared an interest as a board member of Youth Almighty and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor O'Brien declared an interest as a member of the A690 Youth Initiative and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

Councillor Tye declared an interest as the Chair of Youth Almighty and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor A. Wilson declared an interest as a member of the Board of the Lambton Street Youth Centre, Pallion Action Group and the Parker Trust and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor K. Wood declared an interest as a CLLD Project Manager, a member of the Board of the Lambton Street Youth Centre, Pallion Action Group and the Parker Trust and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the reference to Council Wilson in the declarations of interest being amended to read 'member' of the Lambton Street Youth Centre rather than 'Chair'.

### **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 2017/18 work plan, including SIB funded projects, sought approval for the work plan 2018/19 Place priorities; and provided an update on the Governance arrangements for the Place Board for 2018/19.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Haswell advised that Councillor George Smith had now been nominated to serve on the People Board rather than Place. There being no further 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 2017/18 be received and noted;
- iii) the West Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2018/19 be agreed; and
- iv) the Area Governance arrangements as outlined in the report be received and noted together with the following amended Place Board membership:-

Cllr. Galbraith (Chair)

Cllr. D. Dixon

Cllr. Mullen

Cllr. O' Brien

Cllr. Tye

Cllr. A. Wilson

Cllr. K. Wood

## **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 2017/18 work plan, including SIB funded projects, sought approval for the work plan 2018/19 People priorities; and provided an update on the Governance arrangements for the People Board for 2017/18.

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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 2017/18 be received and noted;
- iii) the West Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2018/19 be agreed; and
- iv) the Area Governance arrangements as outlined in the report be received and noted together with the following amended People Board membership:-

Cllr. Watson (Chair)  
Cllr. Atkinson  
Cllr. Porthouse  
Cllr. G. Smith  
Cllr. P. Smith  
Cllr. Waller  
Cllr. Waters

## **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 two Voluntary and Community Sector Network meetings held since the Area Committee last met in March 2018:-

- i) the attendance of members of the Network at the First Annual VCS Network Event on 21st March 2018 which successfully showcased Area Committees and the VCS working in partnership.
- ii) the VCS workshop held during March to discuss current and future priorities in the West for inclusion in the local area priorities for 18/19.

- iii) the receipt during April of a presentation on the West Area NEET project and the associated discussion on the delivery, targets and methods of referrals.
- iv) the receipt of a presentation from the Sunderland Carers Centre providing information on young carers and the opportunities and support available and how groups could refer and make young carers aware of these opportunities.
- v) the involvement of the West VCS network in the planning of the West Ship Ahoy! Event, taking place in Barnes Park on the 28th, 29th and 30th June 2018.
- vi) The regular receipt by the VCS network of GRANTfinder and NEPO opportunities.

The Chairman having thanked Mr Leach for his report, it was:-

- 4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

Chief Inspector Sam Rennison and PC Michael Urwin 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, 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

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 Chief Inspector Rennison briefed members on:-

- i) the Police priorities for 2017/18, namely:-

Anti-Social Behaviour.

Child Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Abuse and Serious Sexual Offending.

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism.

Signal Crime (Emerging Crime).

Organised Crime. (Human Trafficking / Foreign nationals / Modern day Slavery).

Cyber Crime.

- ii) the overall increase in crime during what had been a very challenging financial year for the Police and Public Services as a whole.
- iii) the success of the ongoing Operation Knight in targeting Anti-Social Behaviour and Operation Adjust in combatting motor cycle disorder.
- iv) the promotion of the 'My Street App'

Chief Inspector Rennison and PC Urwin then addressed comments and questions from Members in relation to:-

- i) the difficulties involved in breaking down the crime statistics on a ward by ward basis.
- ii) the condition of the former Farringdon Hall Police station.
- iii) the staffing levels of the Neighbourhood Teams
- iv) the recording of anti-social behaviour fires as crimes
- v) the reasons behind the reduction in shoplifting in the official figures compared to a perceived anecdotal increase.
- vi) the demise of the local PACT meetings.
- vii) the Police UK Website.

Members expressed particular concern about the condition of the former Farringdon Police Station including the lack of adequate security, vandalism, trespass, fly tipping together with the risk of arson and the potential for fatal consequences. Councillor Tye suggested that an emergency LMAPS meeting should be convened to pursue a resolution of the matter.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

A 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 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 with particular reference to the L133 Incidents (deliberate fires) broken down by property type.

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The Chairman having thanked Station Manager, Steve Burdis for his report, it was :-

6. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

### **Report of Gentoo**

Alan Duffy, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group presented a report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on Gentoo developments, projects and priorities undertaken during the period March, 2018 to May 2018, including implications arising from the roll out of Universal Credit, new build activity in High Ford and Doxford Park and the submission of a planning application to transform Gentoo's vacant land on the old Pennywell Estate site.

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Councillor O'Brien asked if the Committee could receive an indication of the number of people on the waiting list for social housing.

In response to a further enquiry from Councillor O'Brien regarding the number of homes that would be made available at affordable rents in the development at Pennywell, Mr Duffy believed that in within in the first phase it would be approximately 10%. This percentage was likely to increase as the scheme developed.

Councillor Tye referred to paragraph 4.2 of the report regarding the submission of the planning application for the final phase of the Doxford Park Master Plan and asked if this addressed concerns that had arisen over the proposed close proximity of housing to the church. Mr Duffy advised that he would investigate and report back.

Councillor Waller referred to the removal of the electric wall heaters from homes and asked the reason why? In addition she asked and if they could be retained in the homes of elderly people who didn't want to lose them? Mr Duffy replied that the fires no longer offered thermal value and it would reduce maintenance costs. He asked that people approach him if they felt they had a valid reason for wanting to retain their fire and it would be looked into. Mr Duffy subsequently confirmed that Gentoo were not aware of anyone wanting to keep their electric fire; however if they wished to do so they needed to contact their local team to discuss this.

The Chairman having thanked Mr Duffy for his report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

Councillors Atkinson, O'Brien, Tye, Wilson and Wood together with Ms Laverick, having declared interests in the matter, left the Committee Room during the consideration of the following item of business.

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

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnership submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

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Helen Peverley, Area Coordinator, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of 10 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2017/18 Community Chest budget and details of proposals for the allocation of SIB funding.

8. RESOLVED that:-

(i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted;

- (ii) the allocation of £28,020 match funding from Sunderland City Council to support the delivery of youth activity projects in the West Area be accepted;
- (iii) approval be given to the following applications in respect of the West Activities for Young People and Holiday Hunger Projects as detailed in annex 1, annex 2 and annex 3 of the report;
- Barnes Ward - application received from Youth Almighty Project. Total Value £19,486
  - Pallion Ward- application received from Lambton Street Youth Project. Total Value £19,500
  - Sandhill Ward - application received from Grindon Young People's Centre. Total Value £19,414
  - Silksworth- application received from Youth Almighty Project Total Value £19,471
  - St Anne's - application received from Pennywell Youth Project. Total Value £19,478
  - St Chad's - application received from Youth Almighty Project. Total Value £19,442
- (iv) approval be given to the alignment of £62,000 to further support the West CLLD Programme as detailed in annex 4 of the report;
- (v) approval be given to following CLLD projects as detailed in annex 5 to the report
- Pallion Action Group Care to Achieve £20,000
  - Farrington Youth and Community Centre – Youth Almighty Project Community Helper Plus £30,000
  - North East Business & Innovation Centre Prospecting for Enterprise £20,000
  - A690 Youth Initiative Community Helper Plus £27,930
  - Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) West REACT £40,000
- (vi) the approval of the 10 Community Chest applications from the 2017/18 budget as detailed in Annex 6 of the report be noted;

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

(Signed) P. GIBSON,  
Chairman.