

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on WEDNESDAY 8th JULY, 2020 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Atkinson, Blackett, Crosby, D. Dixon, Greener, Haswell, Mann, McDonough, Mullen, O'Brien, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Watson, A. Wilson and K. Wood.

Also Present:-

Fiona Brown	Executive Director of Neighbourhoods	Sunderland City Council
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Alison Patterson	Area Coordinator	Sunderland City Council
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead	Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Kevin Burns, Alan Duffy and Marie Pollock.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 17th June, 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Area Committee Annual Update; West Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and Neighbourhoods and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020-21

Councillor Watson, Chair of West Area Neighbourhoods and Community Board, presented the report (copy circulated) which:-

i) provided the annual update in respect of the 2019/20 Work Plan, including the Neighbourhood funded projects.

ii) presented the West Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and;

iii) provided an update on the Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020/2021

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The Chairman thanked Councillor Watson for her report and asked if members had any questions or comments.

Councillor Haswell referred to paragraph 5.7 of the report and in particular the elected member representation on the West Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS). He advised that the Northumbria Police locality areas were not coterminous with the Council's Area Committee boundaries. As a result, there was a significant overlap between the West and East and the West and Coalfield. To assist in sharing the workload of the West LMAP, Councillor Haswell asked if the Chair would consider supporting an increase in the Committee's representation on the LMAP from one to two Elected Members.

The Chair having confirmed that he would be willing to support an increase in the representation, Councillor Haswell nominated Councillor Crosby for the position. The Chair having asked if there were any other nominations, Councillor Mann confirmed that she also wished to be considered.

Upon being put to the vote with 10 members voting in favour of Councillor Crosby and 6 members voting in favour of Councillor Mann, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) Councillor Crosby be nominated as the Committee's second representative to sit alongside Councillor Tye on meetings of the West Sunderland LMAPS,
- ii) the remaining Area Governance arrangements as detailed in section 5 and Annex 3 of the report be noted,
- iii) the Annual Performance Update with regard to the West Area Committee's Work Plan for 2019/20 be noted,
- iv) approval be given to the West Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-23 and that members work together as a Committee alongside partners and the voluntary and community sector to deliver the priorities within the Plan over the next three years.

West Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

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Gilly Stanley Area Community Development Lead, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of 10 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2019/20 Community Chest budget and 6 projects from 2020/21, together with details of a proposal for the allocation of funds from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme.

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

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the granting of £10,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Fund in respect of the Christmas Decorations Scheme as detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of the report;
- (iii) the approval of the 10 Community Chest applications from the 2019/20 budget as detailed in Annex 1 of the report be noted;
- (iv) the approval of the 6 Community Chest applications from the 2020/21 budget as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be noted.

Partner Reports:

a) West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update

b) Northumbria Police

The Chair advised that in the absence of the presenting officers, the Partner reports were submitted for information only. If members had any questions on either report they should be emailed to Ms Stanley who would ensure that they received a reply in writing.

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

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.