

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 10 December 2012

ITEM 5(i)

Title: Report from
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee – North
Tyneside Strategic
Partnership

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Linda Arkley

Report from: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to present a recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the operation of the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership.

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, this report gives written notice of the recommendation. Cabinet is required to consider the recommendation and provide a response to the Overview and Scrutiny within 2 months of the date of this meeting (i.e. 10 February 2013). In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts the recommendation and the reasons for the decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that Cabinet undertake a review of the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership Executive (NTSP/the Partnership) to ensure its current objectives and operating structure are fit for purpose and that the membership contains the correct individuals to successfully deliver the set targets.

1.3 Forward plan:

The report was included in the forward plan for the period 1 September to 31 December 2012 under the matters arising from Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub committees heading.

1.4 Council plan and policy framework

The Sustainable Community Strategy covers the full range of themes in the Council Strategic Plan and it also forms part of the Council's Policy Framework.

1.5 Information:

Background information

- 1.5.1 At its meeting on 5 November 2012 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report and presentation updating on the work of the NTSP. This included the end of year performance report for the Sustainable Community Strategy which reviewed performance for 2011/12 against the priorities outlined in the strategy.
- 1.5.2 Members received information specifically on membership of the NTSP, its structure and working model and the work of the theme partnerships.
- 1.5.3 The Committee was informed that the NTSP Executive had a responsibility for setting the Partnership's strategic vision and priorities, including ensuring that
1. a Sustainable Community Strategy is produced, which sets out the priorities for the borough.
 2. there is an understanding of and commitment to, the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy by the Theme Partnerships and partner organisations
 3. there is democratic representation within the Executive and Theme Partnerships, so that it can speak on behalf of local communities and provide a link into the Council's decision making process
- 1.5.4 It was explained that the Theme Partnerships of the NTSP and their constituent organisations are responsible for the delivery of the four priorities outlined in the Sustainable Community Strategy
1. Regeneration
 2. Quality of Life
 3. Best Start in Life
 4. Sense of Place

Issues raised by Overview and Scrutiny

- 1.5.5 Whilst considering the end of year performance report, Members noted that 'NI 154 - Net additional homes provided' had not been delivered on target for 2011/12. The Committee identified that there was a lack of representation from the housing sector on the NTSP to help deliver this target. It was also suggested that other organisations, such as Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust should be represented on the NTSP, as they would have significant contributions to the delivery of targets.
- 1.5.6 The Committee also commented that there was no involvement of Overview and Scrutiny in the NTSP and that more consultation with Members and residents/service users was required to ensure the Partnership had a community focus and a clear purpose.
- 1.5.7 Members noted the importance of Overview and Scrutiny monitoring the performance of the NTSP and has included in its work programme quarterly exception reports to inform the Committee of areas that are not on target. Members also requested (and have received) detailed reports on each of the theme partnerships.
- 1.5.8 The Committee concluded that it would be useful for a review of the NTSP to be undertaken in order to identify whether its current objectives and operating structure are fit for purpose and whether the membership contains the correct individuals to

successfully deliver the set targets. Overview and Scrutiny therefore recommends that Cabinet undertake a full review of the NTSP.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

Option 1

Accept the recommendation of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Option 2

Accept the recommendation for a review of the NTSP and refer the issue back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee requesting them to undertake a review

Option 3

Reject the recommendation of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends Option 1.

The Committee feel that a review of the NTSP would highlight areas where changes could be made to improve the way in which it operates.

1.8 Appendices:

None

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no financial implications at this stage.

2.2 Legal

There are no legal implications at this stage.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

No consultation has been undertaken.

2.4 Human rights

There are no direct issues relating to human rights arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no direct issues relating to equalities and diversity arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

There are no direct issues relating to risk arising from this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no direct issues relating to crime and disorder arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no direct issues relating to environment and sustainability arising from this report.

PART 3

The following officers and Members have been sent a copy of the report for their information:

- Chief Executive
- Mayor/Cabinet Member
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer