

# North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 11 February 2013

**ITEM 6(d)**  
Title: Response to the  
Overview and Scrutiny  
recommendation to  
review the North Tyneside  
Strategic Partnership

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Linda Arkley

Report from Directorate: Chief Executive's Office

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Wards affected: All

## **PART 1**

### **1.1 Purpose:**

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a response to the recommendation made by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on the 5 November 2012 to review the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership (NTSP).
- 1.1.2 In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Cabinet is required to consider the recommendation and provide a response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within two months of the date it was received by Cabinet. 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):**

It is recommended that Cabinet accept the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and agree to review the NTSP in line with the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

### **1.3 Forward plan:**

The report appears on the Forward Plan that was published on 16 January 2013. It has not been practicable to give 28 days notice of this report. However, it is required to be considered without such notice being given in order to comply with the requirement to respond to recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny within 2 months.

## **1.4 Council plan and policy framework**

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

## **1.5 Information:**

- 1.5.1 At its meeting on 5 November 2012 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report and presentation on the work of the NTSP. This included the end of year performance report for the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010/13 which reviewed performance for 2011/12 against the priorities outlined in the Strategy.
- 1.5.2 After discussion 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 recommended that Cabinet undertake a full review of the NTSP.
- 1.5.3 On 10 December 2012 Cabinet resolved that the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted and that a response be provided at a future Cabinet meeting.
- 1.5.4 The NTSP undertook its last review of its structure and operation in December 2011. As a result of this work Executive members agreed a new operating model. This included the following recommendations:
  - a. the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy remain fit for purpose;
  - b. the NTSP Executive adds clear value to the work of the Theme Partnerships by focusing on the four priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy;
  - c. the annual cycle of NTSP Executive meetings will be three workshops and one business meeting;
  - d. a member from the North Tyneside Voluntary and Community Sector Chief Officers Forum will replace the Community Network representative on the NTSP Executive;
  - e. a member of the North Tyneside Business Forum will formally join the NTSP Executive;
  - f. a showcase of best practice will be developed, which will highlight successful partnership working in North Tyneside;
  - g. that all future NTSP commissioned projects include an evaluation, which will support the local learning process and feed into the showcase of best practice;
  - h. the Council's Weekly Policy Brief will be circulated to the NTSP Executive and the latest funding opportunities are shared with Theme coordinators.
- 1.5.5 This model has been in operation since 2011 and in March 2013 the NTSP Executive will come to the end of its first cycle of meetings to consider each of the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

1.5.6 The current Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2013 will be refreshed in 2013, and it is therefore timely that the governance structures around the strategy, including the NTSP Executive are reviewed in conjunction with this process. This will ensure that the Partnership is fit for purpose and reflects the changing priorities for the borough. A timetable for the refresh process is currently being developed and will include engagement with all relevant stakeholders and the public. The aim is for a refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy to be in place by the end of December 2013.

## **1.6 Decision options:**

### **1.6.1 Option 1**

Cabinet may accept the recommendation made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and agree to review the NTSP as part of the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

### **Option 2**

Cabinet may reject the recommendation made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the NTSP.

## **1.7 Reasons for recommended option:**

It is recommended that Cabinet agree the recommendation made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership in line with the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy. This will ensure that the governance structures are up to date and appropriate for the new strategy.

## **1.8 Appendices**

None.

## **1.9 Contact officers:**

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## **1.10 Background information:**

Cabinet report 10 December 2012, Report from Overview and Scrutiny Committee – North Tyneside Strategic Partnership  
Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2013

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

There are no direct financial implications arising from the report, with the activities referred to in the report being accommodated within existing budgets and/or local area agreement reward grants. Any subsequent work arising from the NTSP activities that required financial input from the Council would be subject to further Cabinet or Council reports as appropriate.

## 2.2 Legal

There are no legal implications directly arising from this report. Legal advice will be available as required to support any review of the NTSP.

## 2.3 Consultation/community engagement

The North Tyneside Strategic Partnership engages with a range of partners including the voluntary sector through representation from the Voluntary Sector's Chief Officer Forum at the NTSP Executive. The Theme Partnerships each have their own engagement plans to complement their area of work. The refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy will incorporate an engagement strategy to ensure wide stakeholder involvement.

## 2.4 Human rights

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

## 2.5 Equalities and diversity

An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken as appropriate as part of the review process.

## 2.6 Risk management

The Council's Policy and Partnerships Team, on behalf of the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership, regularly review the risks relevant to the partnership. The risks identified are highlighted in the corporate risk register.

## 2.7 Crime and disorder

The Safer North Tyneside Theme Partnership are responsible for addressing issues relating to crime and disorder for the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership.

## 2.8 Environment and sustainability

The Green North Tyneside Theme Partnership are responsible for addressing issues relating to the environment and sustainability for the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership.

## PART 3 - SIGN OFF

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- Chief Executive
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Strategic Manager Policy & Performance