

18 September 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year’s (2013/14) People Board Work Plan.

2 Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan’s priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board has started to initiate action on those priorities, the report set out below and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

3 Area Governance Arrangements

3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council’s Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- (a) Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- (b) Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council’s Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensure maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Each ward will have elected member representation, whose role will be to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

- Councillor Anne Lawson (Chair and Shiney Row ward)
- Councillor Derrick Smith (Copt Hill)
- Councillor Colin Wakefield (Copt Hill)
- Councillor James Blackburn (Hetton)
- Councillor Florence Anderson (Hetton)
- Councillor Gemma Taylor (Houghton)

Members are required to represent their ward and should liaise with ward colleagues on Place Board matters accordingly. Cllr Dennis Richardson attends People Board as Chair of Area Committee to assist co-ordination between Place and People Boards.

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to September 2013.

Action Taken	Outcome
Strategic Influencing : Early Intervention and Locality Based Services	
Influencing of early intervention and locality services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board now receive regular performance updates from the Locality Manager with regard to attendance, CAF, Children’s Centres, Connexions and Risk and Resilience. Specific areas to note are highlighted for discussion. The next update will be

	<p>provided to the October board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board received a presentation on the re-commissioning of Childrens Centres and members given the opportunity to provide suggestions for services/programmes that can improve provision in the Coalfield area.
Library Services have been reviewed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have helped to influence the development of a new modern library service for the city. The proposals for the service included library hubs in each of the five areas of the city, supported by community libraries and a programme of community outreach activities to take services into neighbourhoods. Area Boards were asked to bring their own unique understanding of their communities and identify potential venues for community outreach programmes, community book reservation and collection service, any issues they are aware of in terms of residents accessing local provision in addition to potential use of closed buildings. The decision on the future provision of the service was made by the Council's Cabinet on 4th September and the changes are due to be implemented as from October 2013
Area Priority: Transformation of Adult Social Care	
Raise awareness of services available for Older and vulnerable people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A directory is being developed using information and knowledge from HHAS, public health, elected members, VCS network partners and residents. Members are encouraged to provide further intelligence to assist in the collection of accurate information
People board have begun the development of a 'dementia friendly community'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work has begun with partners, including Age UK, HOPE and Bernard Gilpin School, to raise awareness and develop understanding of the challenges of those with dementia and their carers A 'dementia module' for the health champions training has been developed by public health colleagues and it is proposed that SIB funding of £5,750 be approved by Area Committee to deliver this training in the community and develop the 'community connectors' model. See finance report at item 7
Area Priority: Support for older people, vulnerable adults and carers	
People Board developed a mechanism to provide small SIB grants to local organisations to support older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five local groups were awarded funding to provide activities and social support to older people and vulnerable adults. An update will be provided at the January 2014 Area Committee
The People Board has begun to work in partnership with Bernard Gilpin School, the only 'dementia friendly' school in the North. A community facility has been built at the school during the summer holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The People Board has considered a request for SIB funding to provide equipment to enable delivery of 'singing for the brain', 'dementia café' and intergenerational choir at the school and recommend a contribution of £5,700 is made subject to consultation and appraisal. See finance report at item 7 The Area Community Officer will work with the school to promote and support the activities being delivered
Area Priority: Health and young people	
The People Board has considered current local services and projects to improve the mental and sexual wellbeing of young people, identifying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The People Board propose to replicate the SIB small grants process, used previously, to support local organisations to deliver projects in the local community. A review of sexual health services across the City is underway. The People Board recommend that Area Committee is involved in the review to ensure what is delivered locally complements and supports citywide services and to influence future delivery.

gaps and researching best practice	
The People Board has considered current local services and projects to address healthy weight in children, identifying gaps and researching best practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The People Board propose to replicate the SIB small grants process, used previously, to support local organisations to deliver projects in the local community. • The Locality Manager and Public Health Registrar will support the People Board and Area Committee in the development of local projects to improve health of young people • The People Board recommends a budget of £30,000 SIB (with an upper limit of £5,000 per grant) is allocated against this priority. See finance report at item 7.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Coalfield People Board Work Plan for 2013/2014
- 5.2 Members are requested to support the Area Community Officer in the development of 'One Directory' by providing local intelligence on a ward by ward basis
- 5.3 Members are requested to agree to be involved in the citywide Sexual Health review
- 5.4 Members are requested to agree recommendations for SIB funding as identified above, under finance report at Item 7

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Annex 1 – workplan