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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD**East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In June 2014 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 28 February 2015.

Action Taken	Outcome
Full Marks: Accreditation Scheme for Private Landlords	<p>In January 2015, East Area Committee held its first of a series of Full Marks events at Bede Tower. The event was launched by Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Adult Services and promoted Sunderland Council's Private Landlords Accreditation Scheme, engaging with private landlords and encouraging them to volunteer to become accredited. The Housing Renewal team were successful in 57 new properties becoming accredited thanks to the landlord signing up to the voluntary scheme.</p> <p>Similar events will now be rolled out across the East targeting non-accredited private landlords. It was agreed that the event for Millfield would be held in March, followed by St Michaels in April. There would be a joint event held for Ryhope and Doxford in May. With the addition of a specific event for Letting Agents across the area in June.</p>
Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2015 / 2016.	<p>At February's Place Area Board members were informed of the process for developing and approving the 2015 / 2016 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme for works on the adopted highway network.</p> <p>At the meeting Board members were informed that a citywide programme of priority schemes would be prepared by officers to a value of 75% of the available budget and that 25% of the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme would be devolved to the members to prioritise and allocate spend on maintenance schemes from a list of recommended options.</p> <p>Consequently the 25% total allocation for the five Areas is</p>

	<p>£500,000, which translates to £100,000 per area.</p> <p>The East Place Area Board are recommending that Area Committee approve the highways, as shown in Annex 2, to be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital programme 2015 / 2016.</p>
<p>Partnership in Practice</p>	<p>Area Arrangements co-ordinated an audit of the metro stations to create dementia friendly Metro Stations and platforms at Park Lane, the University and Millfield stations.</p> <p>In February representatives from Area Arrangements, Nexus, Clinic Commissioning Group (C.C.G.) and members of the Sunderland Alzheimer's Society carry out the audit of the metro stations, as shown in Annex 3. The audits were based on national standards and included items such as approach routes and signage, lighting and flooring. The results of the audit have been shared with Nexus and Network Rail, with improvements to the stations to be considered. There are some small changes that can have a major impact on improving accessibility for people with dementia. Some such as clear signs and lighting can be done a minimal cost, others will involve some investment.</p>
<p>Area Priority:</p> <p>Ensuring the physical environment is fit for purpose to deliver a range of initiatives to encourage use of green space.</p>	<p>Since December 2014, the following grants have been consulted and agreed upon, these are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of Doxford Park. Seeking £5,964 to install three interpretation panels promoting the park's history, flora and fauna and walking routes. 2. Headlight. Seeking £1,400 to refresh the outdoor space to the rear of the property. 3. United Community Action. Seeking £1,200 to work with 20 BME women by delivering series of meet and eat sessions. 4. St Marks CA. Seeking £360 to invite local schools along to use the new outdoor facilities at the centre. 5. Sunderland City Council. Seeking £4,500 to develop a third 3,2,1 route around Tunstall Hills. 5. Northumbria Police. Seeking £1,130 to install goal posts at the Store Fields in Ryhope. 6. Sunderland City Council. Seeking £1,130 to install goal posts near the grassed area at Lime Street. 7. Sunderland City Council. Seeking £1,932 to enhance play provision in Pocket Park. <p>Awarded: £40,000 Allocated: £40,000 Return: £0</p> <p>Green Adventure Programme is now closed.</p>

<p>Derelict Land in Sunnyside</p>	<p>Following Area Committee approval in December 2014, the council's XL Youth Team carried out consultation with young people who congregate in and around Sunnyside, Mowbray Park, Civic Centre and Park Lane area. The consultation proposed several options for the young people to consider, asking them to indicate their preferred option. The options were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Free movement park ii) Exercise Trail iii) Skate facilities / recreation area iv) Arena for a MUGA v) Adventure Park <p>The most popular proposal was option three. The outcome was feed into the Place Board, who recommend the following steps:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with a wider group of young people via local providers is held. • Collate feedback and present a further report. • Align £25,000 SIB to the project, with the intention to allocate the funds to develop a temporary provision on the site in the near future.
<p>Area Priority: Gateway II</p>	<p>As part of East Area Committee's commitment to improve the appearance of local shopping areas in 4 of the 5 wards throughout the East Area, SIB funding was approved to projects in Vilette Road - Hendon, Hylton Road – Millfield, Grangetown shops – St Michaels/Hendon/Ryhope and Ryhope Street South – Ryhope.</p> <p>The projects included the repainting of shop fronts, shutters, doorways and woodwork to shop premises; installation of new bins, repainting of street furniture, a deep cleanse of all footpaths and walkways, installation of floral hanging baskets, troughs or containers and a refresh of all road markings.</p> <p>In exchange, businesses were asked to take responsibility for the cleansing of the public footpath to the front of their premises at key times of the day to compliment the cleansing undertaken by Responsive Local Services. The agreement was called the Voluntary Code of Practice and was signed by all businesses who receiving works to the shop fronts.</p> <p>Vilette Road, Grangetown Shops and Ryhope Street South have all been completed and the Voluntary Code of Practice has been implemented and is working well.</p> <p>Hylton Road painting started in the last week in February, with cleansing, bin replacements and deep cleanse to continue following the completion of the painting.</p>

<p>Area Priority: Coast Path: Better Than Basic Signage Project</p>	<p>Feedback on the context of the draft interpretation Boards ended in December 2014. The feedback was collated and shared with the Durham Heritage Coast. Final designs have been produced, for sign off and approval.</p> <p>After which installation of the signs will be commissioned in Spring 2015 and guided celebratory walk will be hosted around the route.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Walk and Talk Programme</p>	<p>The Walk and Talk Programme started in May 2011. Since starting it has received three awards totalling £72,000.</p> <p>The programme evolved from Walk and Talk into a 'Love Where You Live' campaign. The main purpose of the project was to set local community groups and schools challenges. Asking them to come up with ideas and projects on how to celebrate what is good in their neighbourhood.</p> <p>Since December 2014, the following projects were proposed and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Contribution of £3,250 towards enhancing Mowbray Park. ii) Contribution of £2,709 towards painting works in Fawcett Street. iii) Contribution of £3,500 towards the highways maintenance programme to cover the overspend relating to Fylingdale Drive, Brunswick Close and Morpeth Drive. iv) Contribution of £3,391 towards a joint project with Gentoo to enhance the kerb and grass verge at Langhurst. v) Contribution of £3,500 towards the highways maintenance programme to cover the overspend relating to Gorse Road and Victoria Avenue West. <p>Awarded: £72,000 Allocated: £72,000 Return: £0</p> <p>Walk and Talk Programme is closed.</p>

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (b) Note the Green Adventure and Walk and Talk Programmes are now closed.
- (c) Note the progress of the Full Marks project and the metro audit and agree to receive future updates.

- (d) Approve the list of highways proposed by the Place Board for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital programme 2015 / 2016, as set out in **Annex 2**.
- (e) Support the progress made on the derelict land at Sunnyside and note the recommendation to align £25,000 SIB.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015

Background Papers

East Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List

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