

22 January 2014

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 is initiating 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)

3.3 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 December 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 last update (attached

	<p>as Annex 2) was given at the October meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the October 2013 meeting, 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 revised opening times for remaining libraries have now been confirmed and information about community library services was shared A Community Engagement Officer and Assistant dedicated to the Coalfield area are developing and delivering community based activities in partnership with the Area Community Officer and Coalfield VCS Network partners Book collections are being established in local community venues across the area by Community Librarians
Strategic Influencing: Health and Wellbeing	
Members requested to be involved in the Integrating Wellness project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A presentation was given by the Public Health lead for the Coalfield area to the November 2013 Board meeting Members fed in their views to the Chair of the People Board and to the Public Health lead Public consultation will take place from January 2014 A service specification will be developed by March 2014, members are invited to consider refinements to the specification throughout consultation
Members requested to be involved in the Sexual Health review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An initial presentation was given to the People Board in December 2013 Members gave input and raised queries around the involvement of young people (schools and youth parliament) in the review Members will be kept updated at regular intervals throughout the review
Strategic Influencing: Welfare Reform	
Members are involved in the influence of specific elements of Welfare Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on the citywide and local position was given to the People Board at the November 2013 meeting Members' views regarding crisis support and food parcels were gathered to inform local delivery
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"> A 'dementia module' for the health champions training, developed by public health colleagues and funded by Area Committee via SIB, is being delivered across the area in local venues. To date three workshops have taken place, each one was fully subscribed and feedback to date is very positive Workshops will be delivered each month. Information on dates, times and venues will be provided when available (see attached Annex 3) The September Area Committee approved SIB funding to provide equipment to enable delivery of 'singing for the brain', 'dementia café' and intergenerational choir at Bernard Gilpin school The newly built community facility at the School, the 'Living Room' was opened in December 2013 by the Mayor of Sunderland

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Area Community Officer will work with the school to promote and support the activities being delivered
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. The Last of the Summer Wine project (Houghton Racecourse Community Access Point) has been unable to generate the interest expected and has now ended. Therefore the People Board recommend that the balance of £4,040 allocated is returned to budget A further call for projects resulted in six applications being considered by the People Board.
Area Priority: Health and young people	
Joint funding by Area Committee and the Sunderland CCG was agreed to develop small scale local projects to improve sexual and mental wellbeing in young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of £30,000 was approved for this priority A call for projects to deliver relevant services resulted in 6 project applications.
Joint funding by Area Committee and the Sunderland CCG was agreed to develop small scale local projects to improve healthy weight in children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of £30,000 was approved for this priority A call for projects to deliver relevant services resulted in 10 project applications.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- a) Consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Coalfield People Board Work Plan for 2013/2014
- b) Consider recommendations regarding SIB allocations under Item 5, Finance Report

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Annex 1 Workplan

Annex 2 Early Intervention and Locality Services update

Annex 3 Dementia Awareness workshop information