

9<sup>th</sup> April 2014**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD****Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

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

**2. Background**

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 6 Annex 3** 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 ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Each ward will have one elected member representative, 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 Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr Peter Gibson
Barnes	Cllr Michael Essl
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Debra Waller
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St Anne's	Cllr Thomas Wright
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 March 2014**

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 31 March 2014.

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Influence: Responsive Local Services Streetscene</b>	
<b>Hadleigh Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The works identified and funded by West Area Committee have now been completed on Hadleigh Road. The land experiencing multiple problems has now been transferred and incorporated into the gardens of residents in Hadleigh</li> </ul>

	Road, resolving the maintenance and ASB issues being experienced.
<b>Influence: Highways Capital Maintenance 2014/2015</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board received information on the areas requiring capital maintenance works across the West area. The proposed areas were prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist members.</li> <li>• Members were asked to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to Area Committee for completion up to a value of £110,000 for the West area.</li> <li>• At the March Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the West as described at <b>Annex 4</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Influence: Public Protection and Regulatory Service (PPRS)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the request of Area Committee a presentation was delivered to the West VCS in January 2014 to identify ways in which the VCS and PPRS can work in partnership for the benefit of the area.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Shopping Centres</b>	
<b>Business Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The traders held a further meeting in February and March led by the Traders on St Lukes Terrace.</li> <li>• The traders identified a number of actions/issues they would like to progress and resolve as a group with support from SCC/West Area Committee.</li> <li>• The traders identified crime and disorder issues and with support from ward Councillors and the local police are looking to implement a local shopwatch scheme. The police will also attend the shopping area at key times to address issues raised by the traders.</li> <li>• The advertising bins have now been installed and the traders will utilise the bins to advertise services and businesses in the area.</li> <li>• The traders also focused on street scene and cleanliness issues which had been improved and agreed to co-ordinate reports to the Area Response Team to ensure targeted resources and maximum value.</li> <li>• Work is ongoing with traders to consider how street scene can be supported locally by the traders including waste from shops and maintenance of planting displays on the terrace.</li> </ul>
<b>Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board was updated on improvements and works continue on Durham Road as well as the roundabout at the Board Inn being refurbished and improved.</li> <li>• Tree crowns in locations across the West have been lifted to provide visual and maintenance improvements.</li> <li>• The board discussed the plan for the weed killing programme for 2014/2015 to ensure issues raised last year do not reoccur and members were able to feedback plans to local residents. This board will continue to</li> </ul>

	<p>receive updates on the programme to ensure delivery within requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work has been undertaken to join priorities with Gentoo to build capacity within communities to take care of themselves and their environment. Initial work has commenced in Pallion with Gentoo, PAG, and St Lukes Trust.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Environment and Street Scene</b>	
<b>Capital Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval was given in January Area Committee to the delivery of capital improvement programmes in Barnes Extension, Bishopwearmouth Cemetery and the Baby Cemetery.</li> <li>• Street scene works including raising the canopies on the trees to improve the physical appearance and assist in maintenance have been carried out in Barnes extension and the capital improvement works to footpaths will commence shortly.</li> <li>• The proposals for the improvements to the baby cemetery approved at last Committee have been well received by the Friends group who are now considering an extension to the improvement programme match funded by the Friends group. The board received revised plans for improvements attached at <b>Annex 5</b> and recommended approval for the revised plans and match funding subject to agreement of the Friends Group.</li> </ul>
<b>Walk and Talk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the increase in the budgets allocated for walk and talk in January Committee, ward members continue to identify local People and Place improvements which utilise the local walk and talk budget.</li> </ul>
<b>Lakeside Parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work has been completed on the creation of additional parking bays at Lakeside Multi Storey flats.</li> </ul>
<b>Local Priorities – linking people with place</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the People Board in January 2014 Health was discussed as a People priority. A recommendation of these discussions was to ensure that Place actions and priorities made clear links with that of the People, particularly in relation to the impact the environment can have on the health of residents.</li> <li>• The Place Board received information on potential environmental improvements and actions across the West and how they meet the Place priority of Street Scene improvements and improving the Health and Wellbeing of residents in the West, for consideration and inclusion in the emerging priorities for West Area in 2014/2015.</li> <li>• The People Board received information on Family and Adult Community Learning (FACL) in the West and considered opportunities for influence and improvement. The board recommended the alignment of FACL delivery where possible to support the delivery of West Area Committee priorities. With this in mind learning delivery is being considered and developed to meet West People and</li> </ul>

	<p>Place priorities including environmental improvement across the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Integrated Wellness Review was discussed at the People Board in March 2014, describing the developing model which identifies that feedback from communities indicated they do not need services. They would prefer opportunities to embed healthier choices into the way they live their lives.</li> </ul> <p>This element of the new model will look at how outdoor space is used to support healthier choices including active travel, improvements in outdoor spaces to support improvements in mental and physical well-being.</p> <p>The board recognised the opportunity to align the work of the Integrated Wellness Review, the People Board Health plan on a page and the Place priority of improvements to environment and street scene to ensure maximum value for money and successful outcomes for the residents in the West.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The People and Place priorities identified by West Committee and the joining up of this work clearly supports maximising the use of greenspaces to improve health and wellbeing as described in the earlier report to Committee at Item 4.</li> </ul>
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## 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West Place Board Work Plan for 2013/2014, attached at Annex 3.
- 5.2 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the West for 2014/2015, attached at Annex 4.
- 5.3 Consider and agree the revised plan for the Bishopwearmouth Baby Cemetery attached at Annex 5, subject to agreement from the Friends group.
- 5.4 Consider and agree the recommendation to align and utilise Family and Adult Community Learning to support the delivery of local area priorities and environmental improvements in the West.
- 5.5 Consider and agree the alignment of the Integrated Wellness Review and the local area priority of Environmental Improvements in the West, to support Health and Wellbeing outcomes in the West.

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