

20<sup>TH</sup> October 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 (2014/15) Place Board Work Plan.

#### 2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the priorities associated with Place were referred to the North Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board has started to initiate action on those priorities 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 ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. 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:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr. S. Forster
Castle	Cllr D. MacKnight
Redhill	Cllr P. Stewart
Southwick	Cllr N. Wright
Fulwell	Cllr J. Wiper
St. Peter's	Cllr. J. Jackson

#### 4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Place Board up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Action Taken	Outcome
<b>Local priority: Environment &amp; Green Space</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Tours held on 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> July in order for members to identify priorities for 2014 – 2015</li> <li>• Members identified land at rear of Johnston Villas required an extensive clean up and redevelopment and agreed SIB funding which has enabled this work to be completed.</li> <li>• Members identified Wheeled Sports Park (WSP) at Downhill as requiring completion and further works and members have carried out further site visits and are considering proposals for future phased developments to the WSP. In addition members agreed SIB funding for environmental improvements at the site which has been supported by the Probation Service</li> <li>• Members identified Marine Walk at Roker as an area which requires further redevelopment and an offer of activities for</li> </ul>

	<p>older young people, access to exercise for families and usage of Roker Beach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation is planned with young people on future use of the former Roker Paddling Pool and options to provide activities/facilities at the site</li> <li>• Members received an update on the cleaning of Roker Beach and the opportunities for partnership working with neighbouring authorities and volunteer projects.</li> <li>• Members received an update on the opportunities via Coastal Community Funds (CCF) to support job creation with the aim of developing the seafront in order to expand on the offer of events/services/activities which will benefit existing business and encourage further business investment.</li> <li>• Further to the updates on Roker Beach and the CCF members raised the need for additional equipment, access to toilet facilities and traffic calming measures with progress on these to be reported back to future Place Board.</li> </ul>
<b>Local priority: Heritage</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Wellness and Culture has provided the Board with an update on the Hylton Castle Project.</li> <li>• Members have requested proposals to deliver a Battle Re-enactment Event at Hylton Castle in June 2015 and SIB applications to deliver this event will be presented to Area Committee.</li> <li>• The installation of the Wheatsheaf Gyrotory Clock, linked to the commemoration of the commencement of WW1, is planned for 28<sup>th</sup> October with an official launch on 11<sup>th</sup> November.</li> </ul>
<b>Local priority: Ward Member Community Engagement</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North VCS Network developing a partnership approach to deliver five ward based events to be considered by November People Board which will include engagement with ward members.</li> </ul>
<b>Influencing role</b>	
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members received information on the Sunderland Accredited Landlord scheme, including the benefits of this for both landlords and tenants and the current position regarding accreditation in the city.</li> </ul>
Responsive Local Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members received an update on the bulky waste collection service and the impact of charges applied.</li> <li>• The Area Response Manager ensures that regular communication with all elected members influences street scene service delivery to meet local need.</li> <li>• Members have had the opportunity to influence the future programme for weed killing in the North.</li> <li>• Members agreed SIB funding of £50k to carry out North environmental improvements and members have influenced the areas for improvement and receive updates on progress of improvements.</li> </ul>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members received an update on the planning process, members role in planning and future developments within the North.</li> </ul>

## 5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the North Place Board Work Plan for 2014/2015 as detailed in **Annex 1**

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