

18th September 2013

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 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 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:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Lisa Smiles
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 August 2013

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 31 August 2013.

Action Taken	Outcome
Responsive Local Services Streetscene	
Priority Areas	
Weeds / Grass Cutting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have utilised the data from the fire service to plan grass cutting on the Barnes extension to ensure timely cutting and reduction in opportunity for anti-social behaviour.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will also be given the opportunity to consider and influence the grass cutting programme and weed killing programme for the West at a future Place Board and Area Committee.
Dog Control Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were provided with details of the five dog control orders which can be applied. Members via the Place board proposed locations for the application of the dog control orders and the type of order to be applied.
Greenspace Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members reviewed and agreed the information to be obtained from the Play Pitch Plan engagement event for the West.
Core Strategy	
Local Development Framework / Core Strategy Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members received information on the Local Development Framework / Core Strategy and how this related to the West Area.
Area Priority: Environment and Street Scene Improvements	
Shopping Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final improvement plan for St Luke's Terrace and Thorndale Road shopping area recommended for progression as at Annex 2. Identified and recommended opportunity to support businesses within the shopping centres and improve partnership working as at Annex 3.
Limestone Landscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were updated on the activity around Limestone Landscapes in the West Area of the City and agreed to partners attending a future board.
Area Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members agreed to complete an area tour to discuss and identify People and Place issues to be included in the workplan as a priority. The tour is to take place on 24.9.13 with all members offered the opportunity to participate and the route recommended as at Annex 4.
Safety Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All year 6 students in the primary schools and year 8 students in the secondary schools in the West area have been offered the opportunity to attend Safety Works training at no financial cost to the individual schools. The Police are leading on engagement with schools and take up and arrangements have commenced Programme designed with partners, including Police, Fire Service, Children's Services, Gentoo and RLS influenced by Area Committee. The full plan of delivery will be brought to a future Place Board for information. The Place Board recommended a site visit for members to be offered on 31.10.2013.
Walk and Talk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIB funding of £6,000 per ward was awarded to enable minor environmental improvements to be undertaken, identified by members with local residents. Improvements undertaken to date include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Double kerb installation - Hanging Baskets - Bulb Planting - Tree planting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Purchase and installation of seating and bins- Renewal of fencing• The balance of walk and talk budgets currently stand at:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Barnes £5500- Pallion £5397- Sandhill £6000- Silksworth £288.28- St Anne's £1643- St Chad's £2609• Further ward walk and talks will be scheduled in October 2013.
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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's Work Plan for 2013/2014.
- 5.2 Agree the recommendations for additional works to Thorndale Road and St Lukes Terrace shopping centres.
- 5.3 Agree the recommendation to offer and progress business support to the retailers within St Lukes Terrace.
- 5.4 Agree the Area tour and route proposed.

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