

11 March 2015

**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 (2014/15) People Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**.

**3. Area Governance Arrangements**

3.1 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 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. 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:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>People Board Membership</b>
Chair/Shiney Row	Cllr Anne Lawson
Copt Hill	Cllr Derrick Smith Cllr Colin Wakefield
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr John Cummings
Houghton	Cllr Gemma Taylor

**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 28 February 2015.

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Influence : Safer Communities</b>	
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A short update is provided to members by the Area Community Officer after each LMAPS meeting.</li> <li>• Members are requested to forward any new issues to the Area Community Officer, or Chair of Area Committee, prior to each LMAPS meeting.</li> <li>• Members were forwarded a short briefing outlining the type of issues which could be referred to LMAPS.</li> </ul>
<b>Influence: Early Intervention and Locality Based Services</b>	
Influence Youth Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The September People Board meeting was presented with an update on the performance of the current commissioned youth contracts. Further information was presented to the January 2015 People Board when feedback was given regarding responses from members. The current provider is seen to be</li> </ul>

	<p>meeting the needs of the young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All members want the 2 age groups to remain and the proposal for the BME contract to be part of the mainstream contract was positively received. It is anticipated that in order to keep provision, some hours may be reduced but members accepted this was a reasonable solution.</li> <li>Members are encouraged to attend the Youth Operational Group so they can feed in to decisions made locally regarding provision.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Healthy life choices</b>	
Facilitate access to greenspace to support physical and mental wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The people board will focus on the health aspect of the Health and Greenspaces project and develop initiatives to engage local people in using outdoor space to improve their health</li> <li>Following approval of the Health and Greenspaces project actions at the December 2014 Area Committee, further development has taken place regarding each action.</li> <li>Attached at <b>Annex 2</b> is further information about each element of the project which will all be delivered within the previously approved budget (£20,000 public health and £20,000 SIB).</li> <li>Although some of the elements of the plan will take a number of months or years to complete, it is proposed that the project will commence delivery and be launched in March 2015.</li> </ul>
Improving local rates for accessing chlamydia screening, contraception clinics, sexual health clinics and reducing teenage conceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The People Board received an update from Kath Bailey, Public Health Consultant, on the sexual health review and services under development</li> <li>Public Health colleagues will keep the Board updated with regard to any progress on the review</li> <li>The provision of services for young people was of particular interest to the Board and further information about local provision was circulated</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Support opportunities for young people at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)</b>	
Employer engagement and preparing young people for working life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board agreed to focus on two things which could offer support to those at risk of becoming NEET a) employer engagement, and b) preparation for working life.</li> <li>An opportunity has arisen to be involved in the development of a project which addresses both of the issues above. Working Rite is a programme to bridge the gap between schools and work (further information at <b>Annex 3</b>) and matches young people with local employers for a 6 month paid training placement</li> <li>The Working Rite charity has secured funding to pilot the programme in the North East and the Coalfield area will be one of the target localities.</li> <li>The Board agreed to support the delivery of the Working Rite programme in the area and to invite the project co-ordinator to a future meeting.</li> <li>The Board received information about what type of careers advice and guidance is provided by schools and agreed to explore this further as part of the refresh of area priorities</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Healthy Life Choices</b>	
Support local improvements that promote healthy weight for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SIB and CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) joint funded projects are continuing to deliver healthy lifestyle projects</li> <li>The balance of funding remaining was allocated to the 'CAN DO' fund available for young people to apply for directly.</li> <li>The February 2015 people board welcomed three groups of young people who gave presentations based on the applications they had submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fencehouses LDD group received £500 to work with Sunderland Empire on the development and delivery of their own version of Macbeth. They will perform at the Empire for a selected audience of family and friends.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Philadelphia Cricket and Community Club received £480 to support five young volunteers in the achievement of Level 1 UKCC and Level 2 UKCC Coaching Qualifications. This will enable 50 young people to benefit from coaching to develop their skills.</li> <li>○ Mad Catz received £382 to organise and participate in a go- carting activity at Warden Law for 8 and a pizza night at Easington Lane Flatts for 20. The young people will organise the activities themselves and invite their peers who have regularly attended sessions at the Flatts Youth Club and show the rewards of positive behaviour.</li> <li>● A balance of £9,907 remains in the CAN DO budget. The People Board recommend the project continues during 2015/16 utilising the remaining budget and further developing the skills of young people</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Reduce social isolation for vulnerable and older people</b>	
Improved opportunities for social participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Community Transport and Shopping Bus project funded via SIB is coming to the end of its first year. As requested by Area Committee, a 12 month monitoring review is underway. The review, to date, shows the project is overachieving on targets set, and continues to provide a valuable service to older and vulnerable adults. An end of year report will be provided by the project in April 2015.</li> <li>● Sunderland CCG has allocated £20,000 to enable delivery of projects to support joint priorities for the area, specific to area need. Laura Hope, Coalfield Area CCG representative, updated the People Board in January and the Board agreed that the focus of the work should be around increasing social participation. The Board discussed the merits of supporting the development of a larger number of small projects, rather than one large project and the opportunity to allocate some area budget to maximise funding available. The finance report at Item 5 outlines the People Board recommendations on the way forward</li> </ul>

## 5. Recommendations

### 5.1 Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 and agree proposals for future delivery
- Agree to continue the CAN DO fund utilising the remaining balance of £9,907

Annex 1 Work Plan

Annex 2 Health and Greenspace projects

Annex 3 Support for young people at risk of becoming NEET

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