

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

## 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:-
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
  - 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. 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Place Board up to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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> </ul>

- 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. Members agreed to transfer this project to People Board under activities for young people priority with the recommendation that a partnership approach is developed with Cultural Spring, Commissioned Youth Providers and Youth Projects to engage with young people.
- Members identified Marine Walk at Roker as a key priority and seek to enhance the redevelopment already taking place in relation to an offer of activities for older young people, access to exercise for families and usage of Roker Beach.
- Consultation has been carried out with young people on the future use of the former Roker Paddling Pool and options to provide activities/facilities at the site and proposals were agreed by December Area Committee with £30,000 funding allocated (£15,500 Green Space and £14,500 SIB) to support developments. Sunderland City Council Design Services are developing proposals for the redevelopment of the former Roker Paddling Pool to be considered by the Place and People Board.
- Members and local residents identified an area at Pier View which required improvements to alleviate parking issues and an SIB application to alleviate this was agreed by Area Committee and improvements completed.
- Members received an update on the cleaning of Roker Beach and the opportunities for partnership working with neighbouring authorities and volunteer projects.
- Members have received updates on proposals for a Bike Hire Scheme and Area Committee have allocated £30,000 SIB funding to deliver a scheme with a Call for Project to be developed by the Boards.
- 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.
- 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.
- Members have received updates on proposals for double yellow lines at Marine Walk.
- Members have received updates on 20mph zone schemes in the North and will receive further updates as these develop.
- Members have received an update on the City Deal and

	International Advanced Manufacturing Park Proposals
<b>Local priority: Heritage</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Wellness and Culture has provided the Board with an update on the Hylton Castle Project.</li> <li>• The Cultural Heritage Manager attends Board to provide regular updates on the Hylton Castle Project</li> <li>• Members invited proposals to deliver a Battle Re-enactment Event at Hylton Castle and in October Area Committee approved an SIB application from Sunderland North Community Business Centre to deliver this event.</li> <li>• The installation of the Wheatsheaf Gyratory Clock, linked to the commemoration of the commencement of WW1 was achieved on 28<sup>th</sup> October with an official launch held on 11<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>• Work continues with members and officers to develop a second phase to the Wheatsheaf Gyratory Clock to coincide with the centenary anniversary of the Zeppelin bombing in April 2016.</li> <li>• An extraordinary meeting of the Place Board was held to discuss the Wear Ferry Study and a report provided to all members.</li> <li>• Members have received a report on the Ambient Air Monitoring Project carried out within the North measuring air quality and impact of local industrial emissions.</li> <li>• Members have received an update on St Peter's Project including the phased redevelopment and proposals for events in June 2015.</li> <li>• Members have received an update on the HLF Bid for the redevelopment of Roker Pier.</li> <li>• Members have considered options for interpretation panels at Spottee's Cave and in relation to stones at Marine Walk, believed to be Roman, and recommendations are included with the Finance Report <b>(Item 6 Annex 2)</b>.</li> <li>• Members have discussed the possibility of further improvements to signage at Marine Walk, the River and Sculpture Trail. This is to be considered as part of a larger project of improvements to be delivered in tandem with the development of the Tall Ships Programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Local priority: Ward Member Community Engagement</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North VCS Network is developing a partnership approach to deliver five ward based events. This was considered and agreed by the November People Board subject to the further inclusion of and 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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>• Members have received updates on the Northumbria in Bloom Awards with Thompson Park winning Silver Gilt award in the Parks category and the Roker Hotel winning the award for the Best Public House</li> <li>• Members have received updates on litter pick schedules and winter snow clearance schedules</li> </ul>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board received an update on the planning process, the member's role in planning and future developments within the North.</li> <li>• Further training opportunities have been made available to all members on the Planning System and Viability which was delivered by the Planning Advisory Service.</li> </ul>
Highways Capital Maintenance 2015/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board received information on the areas requiring capital maintenance works across the North 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 £100,000 for the North area.</li> <li>• At the February Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the North as described at <b>Annex 2</b>.</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**
- 5.2 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North for 2015/2016 attached at **Annex 2**

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