

7th December 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 (2015/16) 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 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. Foster
Castle	Cllr D. MacKnight
Redhill	Cllr R. Bell
Southwick	Cllr N. Wright
Fulwell	Cllr M. Beck
St. Peter's	Cllr. J. Jackson

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 26th November 2015

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Place Board up to 26th November 2015

Action Taken	Outcome
Local priority: Environment & Green Space	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Tour held July in order for members to identify priorities for 2015 – 2016 • Members continue to identify 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

	<p>usage of Roker Beach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 have developed proposals for the redevelopment which have been considered by the Place and People Board with recommendation to be presented to October Area Committee. October Area Committee agreed design proposals and further SIB funding of £9,120 to deliver the redevelopment of Former Roker Paddling Pool Project. • Redevelopment of the Former Roker Paddling Pool is scheduled to commence 23rd November 2015 • Surf Rake delivered in July 2015. Initial rock pick took place in advance of daily beach cleaning being implemented on part of Roker Beach and Seaburn Beach (summer season only). • Harbour Beach rock pick and beach realignment actioned 8th September 2015, followed by daily cleaning using surf rake until end of summer season • The Place Board proposed that action be taken at Ferryboat Lane to alleviate problem parking in that area. A request to fund and implement a Resident's Permit Parking Scheme at Ferryboat Lane was agreed at October Area Committee. • Wild Meadow Pilot. Representative of B Lines Project attended September Place Board members proposed two areas for planting – Almond Drive and Johnston Villas as pilot within the B Lines funding with further proposals to come to future Place Board for consideration. For both areas planting will commence Spring 2016.
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Local priority: Heritage

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cultural Heritage Manager attends Board to provide regular updates on the Hylton Castle Project, with the HLF bid for the redevelopment of the Castle submitted August 2015. Decision expected January 2016. To support the redevelopment North Area Place Board supported a SIB application to October Area Committee. October Area Committee agreed funding of £40,000 SIB to support the project subject to successful HLF application. • Members invited proposals to deliver a Battle Re-enactment Event at Hylton Castle and in October 2014 Area Committee approved an SIB application from Sunderland North Community Business Centre to deliver this event. Subsequent discussions with the re-enactment organisation, Sealed Knot, has identified two day event in 2016 is the preferred option. Proposal for change to SIB application agreed at October Area
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	<p>Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions ongoing with Sealed Knot regarding potential dates for re-enactment, potential within the funding available to have a major event on the Bank Holiday weekend in August 2016 due to Sealed Knot receiving a cancellation. This would bring additional regiments and a larger event over a two day period. There is a requirement for a larger event for a suitable campsite for the army therefore discussions are ongoing to identify a suitable location within the North. 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. A joint project is being developed with Family Adult & Community Learning, Cultural Spring and St. Benet's School who have indicated a willingness to deliver the project, anticipated commencement of delivery January 2016. Members have discussed and agreed further options to develop the site housing the clock at the Wheatsheaf. SIB funding has been agreed for hard standing and steps at the site around the clock with final costs and the inclusion of a bench to be presented to December Area Committee for a decision, details of which are included in the finance report. (Item 5 Annex 1) Limestone Landscapes submitted a SIB expression of interest to the November Board to support a HLF application which will lead to the delivery of a Village Atlas Project covering the wards of Southwick/Fulwell and an element of St. Peter's (Tufa at Marine Activities Centre, North Dock). November Board agreed to recommend an SIB contribution of £4,000 subject to successful HLF application details of which are included in the finance report. (Item 5 Annex 1)
Influencing role	
Responsive Local Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Area Response Manager ensures that regular communication with all elected members influences street scene service delivery to meet local need. November Place Board received a presentation on Northumbria in Bloom, the winter maintenance programme and joint working arrangements across the North and the Seafront from the Area Response Managers.
Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPRS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on PPRS presented to Place Board in September 2015 to raise awareness of the Service and members continued opportunity to influence and obtain information from the service as required.
Highways Maintenance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November Board received an update on the 2015 – 2016 highway maintenance programme and the process for members to influence and prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2016 – 2017.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locations for consideration identified by elected members, residents and highways maintenance staff will be presented to the Board in February 2016.
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5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the North Place Board Work Plan for 2015/2016 as detailed in **Annex 1**

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