

8th December 2014

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 priorities associated with People were referred to the North People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board has started to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

3. Project Performance

- 3.1 SIB Project Performance Report is attached as **Annex 2** and provides an update on performance of SIB funded projects.

4. Area Governance Arrangements

- 4.1 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 utilizing its own resources.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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 People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	People Board Membership
Chair	Cllr R. Copeland
Castle	Cllr. S. Foster
Redhill	Cllr R. Davison
Southwick	Cllr C. Shattock
Fulwell	Cllr B. Francis
St. Peter's	Cllr B. Curran

5. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 30th November 2014

- 5.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North People Board up to 30th November 2014

Action Taken	Outcome
Local priority: Health and Well Being	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives of the CCG attended the People Board to deliver a presentation on the role of CCG and to further

	<p>facilitate joint working with the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are continuing to engage with CCG to identify potential joint priorities and opportunities to work together. • Members provided with details on the dementia training module and encouraged to attend. To date 63 people who live, work and volunteer in the North have attended the Course • Age UK Sunderland as an element of the SIB funded social isolation project have produced a newsletter specifically for the North detailing services and support available • CEED/Hops launched the SIB funded Social Isolation Project on the 9th of September 2014 with all members invited. • Salvation Army has commenced delivery of the SIB funded lunch clubs • North Community Newsletter has been delivered to all residents within the North and included promotion of the North SIB funded projects and subsequently residents have contacted the Area Community Officer to receive further information and signpost socially isolated relatives into Area Committee funded provision. • June Area Committee approved the balance of SIB funding for Social Isolation Projects to be used to fund trips/events with applications being endorsed by the People Board • An application from Southwick and Monkwearmouth Community Transport Project was submitted and endorsed by the November People Board with a further call for projects agreed for the remaining funds. • The People and Place Board have jointly considered proposals to enhance developments at Marine Walk, Roker, which will help to deliver Health & Wellbeing and Access to Green Space priorities. Recommendations are included within the Finance Report (Item 5 Annex 2) • Members have received updates on an E Bike Scheme and recommendations are included within the Finance Report (Item 5 Annex 2)
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Local priority: Activities for Young People

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were provided with the summer programme of activity by youth providers • People Board members were provided with a performance update against the current Youth Contracts in the North. • The performance data was broken down into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact - Participation - Recorded Outcomes - Locality Outcomes - Value for Money • Based upon the performance information and the need to secure further financial efficiencies from April 2015 members were asked to complete a proforma to feed in their views to support the review of current and future delivery. • Members discussed proposals for the Children's Take over day on 21st November and approved a small budget to support a consultation event linked to Health and Well Being priorities and
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	<p>the use of green space funding. The consultation event formed part of a programme of activities developed for the day. This included young people from Castleview Academy, some of whom are involved in the SIB funded Foundation of Light Back on Track project, and elected members coming together to carry out a clean up of the beach and then attending a North Board meeting to discuss the redevelopment of the former Roker Paddling Pool site.</p>
<p>Local priority: Job Prospects and Skills</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members received a presentation from the Foundation of Light on the delivery to date of the SIB funded Back on Track Project • All four schools within the North are engaged with the project – Castleview, Redhouse, Monkwearmouth and Castlegreen • Young people have commenced participation with activities which include team building, work experience, substance misuse, multi sports and careers advice and guidance • Schools are providing positive feedback on the behaviour of the young people who are attending the course. • Future plans include volunteering opportunities • The project is working alongside existing provision and services aimed at young people in the 14-16 age group to ensure no duplication. • Further to the update members requested updates continue to be provided to the People Board and the project ensures wider engagement of female participants.
<p>Influencing Role</p>	
LMAPs Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was made to the November People Board which provided an overview of LMAPs including its purpose and examples of what are and are not LMAPs issues. Members were also advised of the changes to be introduced as the result of a recent light touch review which include the introduction of a forward plan for each of the 5 areas in the city, development sessions, a revised agenda, refresh of partner roles and responsibilities and improved links to other area based groups. All 5 area People Boards were to receive the update and the feedback from each will be pulled together to consider future improvements to the links between the area members and LMAPs.
Develop New Relationship with Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its meeting of 5th November Cabinet approved the Policy Statement on the role of the Council in relation to schools and the wider education system. The Statement determines the role of the Council in improving educational outcomes and defines the key elements of the local authority's role. • Additionally, next steps were agreed in order to develop the necessary relationships, systems and processes to reflect the changing education landscape, the educational priorities within the city's key strategies, the Council's Community Leadership role and its statutory duties. • One of those key actions is to develop arrangements whereby Elected Members are enabled to play a role in strengthening the local accountability of schools and in sharing local intelligence. • Currently arrangements are underway to discuss this approach with members early in the New Year.
Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Museum Services Review will help to shape Museums and

Services Review	Heritage in a way that Sunderland residents want and the service is looking to adopt a community engagement model. Developing a vision that will determine the delivery plan of priorities for the next 3-5 years is underway. A report in December will be approved by the portfolio holder before it goes to delegated decision in March. There is a proposal to attend People Boards in February to provide members with an oversight of what the situation is now, the vision and the outline delivery plan. Members will have the opportunity to contribute to how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community. Following that, the Heritage Team will engage with local individuals and groups, such as the Area VCS Network to discuss the new proposals.
Referral from Area Committee	
North Area VCS Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VCS Network reported to Area Committee on 20th October 2014 and expressed concerns raised by members of the North VCS Network in relation to organisations from outside of the North Area accessing funding to deliver activities in the area. When there are existing VCS organisations in the North that are delivering services and activities. • North Area Committee referred the issue to the People Board to investigate and report back • The People board have agreed the Area Community Officer will work with the VCS Network to identify specific examples of where local VCS organisations have been unable to access funding to deliver services or activities in the North and where instead larger VCS organisations have been successful. • The People Board have agreed the Area Community Officer will engage with the Council's Procurement Team to identify progress and engagement with the VCS following presentations and the offer of training to the VCS Network in December 2013. • The outcome of which will be provided to the Board.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the North People Board Work Plan for 2014/2015 as detailed in **Annex 1**
- 6.2 Members are requested to note the performance report for SIB projects as detailed in **Annex 2**

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