

5<sup>th</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 2014/15 Place Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Local Area Plan’s priorities associated with Place were referred to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board is working to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** (Work plan) outlines progress to date.

**3. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to end of February 2015**

3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to end of February 2015.

<b>Influencing role : Highways Capital Maintenance 2015/16</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members received information to prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2015/2016. A citywide programme of priority schemes has been prepared by officers to a value of 75% of the available budget and 25% of the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme would be allocated to the Members for spend from a recommended list of maintenance schemes.</li> <li>Subject to Cabinet approval and Council ratification the capital allocation for Highway Maintenance in 2015-2016 will be £2.15m. A fee allowance of 3% to support design and supervision staff is required and subsequently deducted from the overall amount together with £100,000 for citywide road patching, leaving a total of £1,985,500 for scheme works. Consequently the 25% total allocation for the five Regeneration Areas is £496,000, which translates to about £100,000 per area.</li> <li>Members met February 10<sup>th</sup> to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to Area Committee for completion up to a value of £100,000 for the Washington area as described at <b>Annex 2</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Area Priority: Environment and Green Space</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Neighbourhood Improvement Project and Village Centre Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk and Talks commenced and identifying key initiatives in each Ward to progress. Second round of W &amp; T to be scheduled for the spring</li> <li>All proposals are being co-ordinated with the Village Centre Improvement Project, will identify match funding and a partnership approach</li> <li>Proposals for NIP being considered include the removal of brick planters and the replanting of trees in Lambton (Central), repairs and resurfacing works at Neme Court and the installation of new lamp columns at Roseberry Court in the North Ward, some planting, and landscaping and hardscaping works across Washington South (partners to be identified), improvements in Holley Park, improvements at Arts Centre Washington, trees planted at Marlborough Court.</li> <li>The VCIP project to be extended for 6 months – some works delayed because of weather</li> </ul>
The Washington Way Network (CHGS Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steering Group met 15th December. Links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development</li> </ul>

	<p>of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Oct AC agreed project launch Spring 2015 to ensure co-ordination with Washington Way to Well Being initiatives and further engagement opportunities with local communities. Work commenced with Corporate Comms re communications plan and drafting of Project launch leaflet - anticipate Project launch event week of 26th May - in line with opening of new play facilities in Princess Anne Park and Area Festival 2015 (Active Sunderland).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Route development:</b> By way of an update, detailed designs are complete and safety audited, and are currently with the contractor for costing preparatory to delivery through to the end of March 2015 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 north-south route from Springwell to Fatfield via</li> <li>• Donwell/Albany/Oxclose/Lambton/Biddick/Harraton, including Princess Anne Park links/new Washington Leisure Centre</li> <li>• In addition high value complementary works in Washington have been designed and substantially completed. This includes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3m wide shared use footway from Sulgrave along A1290, past Nissan North entrance, to and over ped/cycle bridge over A19 to Ferryboat Lane junction with Washington Rd.</li> <li>2. Spur from '1' to Boldon up Washington Rd on east side of A19</li> <li>3. Spur down Cherry Blossom Way to Nissan Way and on to Mandarin Way and existing route at Pattinson Rd.</li> <li>4. Spur also across Nissan Way to Turbine Way / Turbine Business Park. Additional link from/by Three Horse Shoes PH by Aircraft Museum up A1290 to and over A19 road bridge to routes to Boldon and North Sunderland.</li> <li>5. Westward extension along A1290/Glover Rd corridor to Albany Park in conjunction with highway creation agreements with Gentoo and others link at Ayton Rd to bridge over A195</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Maximising green and open spaces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three separate opportunities to develop a shared ownership approach for developing the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark, a local 'Hub' to develop and deliver health initiatives including walking and cycling initiatives, and an opportunity for small grants to the VCS and key partners to deliver health projects to help residents become more active. Co-ordinating these opportunities will add value to current WAC funded initiatives linking the Community Health and Green Spaces Project (The Washington Way) and Maximising green spaces for the 5 Ways to Well Being. The proposal for small grants will engage local people in activity re greenspace accessibility, availability and use as well as tackling health inequalities and getting residents more active. Small grants already</li> </ul>

	<p>approved include waymarking of 2 x 6k routes on the Network, a cycling/walking hub and guided walks at Springwell, and a Living Well Activity Programme from Washington MIND.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area committee to consider two full applications – one for the Physical Hub and one for the Charter Mark under <b>Item 7 Finance Report</b></li> </ul>
Retail Support Project/Concord Traders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ShopWatch scheme now established</li> </ul>
<b>Area priority: Member and Community Engagement</b>	
Encourage partnerships with the local community and VCS, link Ward Members to activities and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships</li> <li>• Members engage residents re AC role at key Washington events</li> <li>• Members involved in steering an events and culture programme</li> <li>• Delivery of the Washington 50 Community Programme</li> </ul>
<b>Area priority: Heritage and Culture</b>	
Events 2015 plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working group considered how to deliver the 2 key events on behalf of Area Committee. A new approach to format and content of each of these events agreed in order to address the current high infrastructure costs previously incurred. Many community groups have traditionally been involved in the planning etc. of the Heritage Festival. It is proposed these positive and proactive relationships are maintained to add value to any new event. Proposals for Project brief recommended to March Area Committee for agreement. VCS/Network to have a key role re developing and delivering the community aspects re entertainment and activities via an Area Network and Community Steering group. An indicative budget to fund these two key events - on the assumption that the delivery will be matched to the resource available - of £30,000 be considered as appropriate. £15,000 SIB was agreed from the 2014/15 budget.</li> <li>• Area Committee is requested to agree the Project brief and Call for Projects as attached as Annex 3 together with approval to award the grant based on assessment and consultation via the Events Steering Group and Place Board? Members to agree deadline for applications 27<sup>th</sup> March. Assessment and consultation with Members 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Award and appointment of successful applicant 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April.</li> </ul>
Washington's culture offer	<p>Working group to also consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Washington's cultural offer can contribute to a city wide approach</li> <li>• A Cultural Strategy is being developed for the city which will help to shape Museums and Heritage in a way that Sunderland residents want. This will help to develop a vision that will determine the delivery plan of priorities for the next 3-5 years. The Strategy and the Museum Vision are proposed to be discussed at future People Boards. Members will have the opportunity to contribute to how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following that, the Heritage Team will engage with local individuals and groups, such as the Area VCS Network to discuss the new proposals.</li> <li>• Exploring opportunities for relevant local 'offers' to be included in all communications, PR and marketing re Sunderland's culture and heritage offer. Consider how to identify and encourage local groups and organisations to take advantage of any 'offers'.</li> <li>• Consider how to use Washington offers to assist delivery of other priorities – future Board to identify which organisations can or are willing to be included in programme to encourage delivery of other priorities (to consider status, capacity, appropriate governance).</li> </ul>
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#### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 as detailed in **Annex 1**.
- 4.2 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes highlighted for Washington for 2015/2016, attached at **Annex 2**.
- 4.3 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Summer Event 2015 as detailed in **Annex 3** together with approval to award the grant based on assessment and consultation via the Events Steering Group and Place Board. Members to agree deadline for applications 27<sup>th</sup> March. Assessment and consultation with Members 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Award and appointment of successful applicant 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April.

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**Annex 1:** Work plan 2013/14

**Annex 2:** Highways Capital Maintenance Programme – recommendations 2014/15 programme

**Annex 3:** Project Brief and Call for Projects Summer Event 2015