

16th September 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against the current year's (2013/14) Place Board Work Plan.

2 Background

2.1 In April 2013 the Local Area Plan's 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 **Item 4 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 Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee was agreed at June Area Committee and is as follows:-

| Ward | Place Board Membership |
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| Chair | Cllr D. Wilson |
| Castle | Cllr S. Foster |
| Redhill | Cllr P. Stewart |
| Southwick | Cllr R. Copeland |
| Fulwell | Cllr J. Wiper |
| St. Peter's | Cllr S. Bonallie |

4 Key Areas of Influence/Achievements 2013 - 2014

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Place Board 2013 - 2014.

| Action Taken | Outcome |
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| Responsive Local Services Streetscene | |
| Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLS delivery/activity reports presented to July 2013 and August 2013 board for members to influence and target resources • Members are considering the options for dog control orders and enforcement in the North to be presented to September Board |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have received enforcement flowchart documents |
| Area Priority: Greenspace and Shopping Centre Improvements | |
| Continue to develop and deliver programmes in partnership which will improve the physical and environmental appearance of the North | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships established with members, resident groups, probation service, local schools, businesses and volunteers to continue the Love Where You Live Campaigns held St Peters Sculpture Trail – second phase of improvement works now complete and discussions underway to develop a third phase with proposals to be considered at a future board meeting. Hylton Dene Steps – Improvement works now completed Working group established to investigate feasibility of clock reinstatement at Wheatsheaf site. Partnership developed through the North VCS Network with CEED to manage two Seafront Pods for educational/community use. The board have considered the CEED SIB application for physical and environmental improvements to Tyzack Nature Space and Roker Park which was presented to and approved by June Area Committee |
| Area Priority: Accessibility of services, facilities, events and information | |
| Receive information to consider and influence the accessibility of services, facilities, events and information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report presented to People Board to discuss access to activities for young people within local schools. Issue of accessibility to schools to be transferred to Place Board along with the proposals to request members, as part of role as school governor, encourage the return of Sport and Leisure Service's request to provide an audit of school facilities. July Board agreed next steps to include further work with schools on letting policies to encourage community use of facilities. With further update to be presented to September Board. |
| Area Priority: Heritage | |
| Influence and encourage heritage activity within the North | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timeline provided to Board on progression of HLF project for Hylton Castle Special September Place Board to be held to provide North Heritage Projects Update |

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the North Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.

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