

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

**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 (2015/16) People Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan’s priorities associated with People were referred to the Washington People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue 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 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. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. 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 Louise Farthing
Washington Central	Cllr Dianne Snowdon
Washington East	Cllr David Snowdon
Washington North	Cllr Jill Fletcher
Washington South	Cllr Graeme Miller
Washington West	Cllr Dorothy Trueman

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 29th February 2016**

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington People Board up to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Action Taken	Outcome
<b>Local priority: Health and Well Being</b>	
Develop a strategic approach to health and well-being through a partnership approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Washington Strategic Partners Health Group (WSHG) has delivered an ‘Expo’ type of event with relevant partners to consider service delivery issues for young people who self-harm. The event which brought together partners who provide relevant services, considered what the issues were, where services could be improved, and how to make better use of a partnership approach to deliver what is needed.</li> <li>• The group has also considered the applications received for the ‘Out of hospital/Befriending’ priority for older people. Following consultation, the Area Committee will consider the officer recommendation to award the grant under <b>Item 6</b></li> </ul>
<b>Finance Report</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Way to Well Being – Charter Mark Scheme now underway. 24 organisations have completed their applications. 6 more are currently being supported to complete. The Bike Hub is now open and courses and cycling activities underway. A range of exercise classes, walk to jog sessions and live well sessions are well attended.</li> <li>• The People Board received a summary of the work being delivered since the Area Committee invested in the Washington Way (Capital programme). To date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 organisations now hold the WW2WB Charter Mark – with another 6 working towards it.</li> <li>• A range of ‘Go Washington’ activities underway – Walk and Jog classes, Active Hub at Springwell, two 3-2-1 routes (Princess Anne Park and Holley Park), Forest schools, Wellness Walk. A further round/call for projects will go out with a focus on involving schools and children/young people in cycling activities and safe routes to school.</li> <li>• The Bike Hub is up and running with additional courses and rides for the over 50s through Age UK as well as the promotion of the integrated network.</li> <li>• Local running and walking clubs are now utilising the Washington Way</li> <li>• Links to Go Smarter to Work initiative.</li> <li>• Active promotion of the Washington Way to Well Being via the Wellbeing.info network</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Local priority: Community Inclusion and support for VCS</b></p>	
<p>VCS Network</p> <p>Young People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Network is keen to empower the smaller grass roots groups to contribute to delivering local priorities and the AC Network Reps have produced a leaflet to promote what they do, how the Network works, and how the Network partners the Area Committee</li> <li>• The Community &amp; Volunteer Development Officer (Washington Trust) has worked with a number of organisations and partners. The project is looking at opportunities to provide individual support to organisations. The Volunteer Steering Group is now established and is looking to implement an action plan to co-ordinate activity across the area. At the last Committee in December Members invited the Trust to submit an application to continue the community inclusion and VCS support. Following the usual SIB processes and protocols Area Committee will be requested to consider the Officer recommendation to award the grant under <b>Item 6 Finance Report</b></li> <li>• Area Committee agreed to fund the Young Peoples Can Do Fund at the October meeting. The first Call for Projects resulted in 1 x application being successful. The second call saw 2 x further applications awarded at the February board. Projects approved are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Text Angels – Biddick Academy</li> <li>• International Youth Day – Washington Youth Council</li> <li>• Washington Music Project – Oxclose and District Youth Project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Local priority: Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning</b></p>	
<p>Employability Support Services</p> <p>Financial Inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Committee aligned SIB 2015/16 funding to deliver a Washington Skills Conference/Work Discovery Event in early 2016. Work is underway to progress this initiative</li> <li>• Following the People Board’s recommendation and Area</li> </ul>

<p>Youth Opportunities</p>	<p>Committee's approval to align SIB funding at the October meeting, work has commenced to draft proposals to develop a local approach to improve the resilience of families most in need, through the provision of co-ordinated services focusing upon increasing financial capability, improving health and well-being and enhancing community self-help support systems. The project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be based on robust evidence and identified need, and will provide local financial inclusion and support services for Washington residents</li> <li>• Provide information, advice and guidance to support Washington residents to access financial inclusion services, debt advice, and relevant support services.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The People Board received a detailed report at the last meeting outlining key delivery over the last few months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has engaged with 78 young people, 35 of which are school aged.</li> <li>• 18 young people have moved into employment, 1 into full time apprenticeship, 13 into approved training and 7 have started college.</li> <li>• The project has adapted to work with schools maximising support for Years 10 and 11 – this includes group training and individual work placements.</li> <li>• The last Steering Group discussed Area Committee's commitment relating to skills training, employer engagement, employability and enterprise awareness. Schools are keen to develop and support this proposal and made some suggestions for activities. This included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Across Schools Enterprise Competition/Enterprise Challenge</li> <li>▪ Assembly talks by employers</li> <li>▪ Co-ordinated Employer visits</li> <li>▪ Local labour market 'tours' – where the Jobs Are</li> <li>▪ Professional Career/Opportunity boards as a focus in each school</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Schools currently hold and were keen to continue to hold their own Careers events/Jobs Fairs and all participate in School Discovery Week – but felt this tended to benefit the more able pupils. They were all keen to see this new idea reach more young people.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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#### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress with regard to the Washington People Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 as detailed in **Annex 1** and the report above.

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#### Annex 1 – People Work Plan 2015/16