

25th June 2013

**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 (2013/14) Place Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the West 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 ensure maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

- 3.2 Each ward will have one elected member representative, whose role will be 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 Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr Lisa Smiles
Barnes	Cllr Lee Martin
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Debra Waller
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St Anne's	Cllr Thomas Wright
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 May 2013**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 31 May 2013.

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Responsive Local Services Streetscene</b>	
Reduce environmental anti social behaviour	
Established an officer and partner group to address this issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed an education programme regarding environmental anti social behaviour to include graffiti, dog fouling, litter and flytipping and risk taking behaviour.</li> <li>Education programme to be delivered in partnership at</li> </ul>

	<p>Safety Works with children and young people from the primary schools and secondary schools throughout the West.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended the alignment of SIB funding to support the transport delivery costs of the Safety Works education programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Voluntary Code of Practice – Shopping Centres</b>	
Influenced the application and prioritisation of the Voluntary Code of practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members recommended the application of the Voluntary Code of Practice as part of the overall improvement works to shopping centres.</li> <li>Identified and prioritised the centres to which the Voluntary Code of Practice would be applied first, including Thorndale Road, St Luke's Terrace and Chester Road.</li> </ul>
<b>S106 and Planning Process</b>	
Identified issues with the current planning and S106 process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Escalated via Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements and via Executive Director, members to have increased opportunity to consult and influence the planning process including S106 and the Community Levy.</li> </ul>
<b>Highways: Capital Maintenance Programme</b>	
Identified priority areas for Capital Highways Maintenance Programme for 2013/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified those areas which would be included within the 2013/2014 Highways Capital Maintenance Programme.</li> <li>Allocated additional match funding to core funding to complete the identified priorities within the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Environment and Street Scene Improvements</b>	
Identify and progress physical and environmental improvements in the West including shopping centres.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influenced the painting of all barriers and street furniture in shopping centres across the West from core budgets.</li> <li>Supported the completion of Love Where You Live activity in and around shopping centres on a regular basis.</li> <li>Supported the development of existing community gardens within the West through partnership working.</li> <li>Identified and delivered ward based environmental improvements with the Area Response Manager as part of the walk and talk programme.</li> <li>Reviewed and refocused the walk and talk programme to target problematic street scene issues and use the funding to address these issues.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Environment and Street Scene Improvements</b>	
Influence and Encourage heritage activity in the West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arranged to meet with Groundwork to discuss limestone landscape programmes across the West and establish how West Committee can add value to the programmes.</li> <li>Influence the priority list of heritage projects within the West that will be put forward to Heritage Lottery Fund as potential projects for funding opportunity.</li> </ul>

## **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/2014.
- 5.2 Agree the delivery of an Anti Social Behaviour Education Programme in partnership with Safety Works.

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