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## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD

### Place Board Proposed Priorities and Government Arrangements for 2015 / 2016

#### 1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2015 / 2016
- b. Provides an update on Area Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2015 / 2016.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial / municipal year, East Sunderland Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Area Place Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence / achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides proposed priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2015 / 2016.

#### 3. Proposed Work Plan for 2015 / 2016

- 3.1 The East Sunderland Area Place Board and East Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network and residents were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all East Area Councillors to consider and agree. Area Committee are request to consider and agree the following list which will inform the work plan for the Area Place Board during 2015 / 2016, these are:-
  - i) Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local communities.
  - ii) Develop stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities.
  - iii) Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee.
  - iv) Attract external funding into the East.
- 3.2 The proposed detailed work plan for 2015 / 2016 is attached as **Annex 1**.

## 4. Area Governance Arrangements

- 4.1 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.
- 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. Terms of Reference attached as **Annex 2**.
- 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 Area Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers and partners in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Area Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Area Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Area Place Board for East Sunderland Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	East Sunderland Area Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Elizabeth Gibson
Doxford	Cllr Colin English
Hendon	Cllr Michael Mordey
Millfield	Cllr Bob Price
Ryhope	Cllr Ellen Ball
St Michael's	Cllr Peter Wood

## 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to:-
- (a) Approve the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2015 / 2016, as set out in **Section 3 and Annex 1**.
  - (b) Approve the Area Governance arrangements for 2015 / 2016 outlined in **Section 4 and Annex 2**.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2015 / 2016

Annex 2 Area Place Board Terms of Reference

### Background Papers

Area Place Board quarterly update reports

SIB quarterly monitoring returns

Consultation and feedback received from workshops and surveys on area priorities for 2015 / 2016

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