

3 December 2014

**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 (2014/15) People Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**, and in the SIB performance report at **Annex 2**.

**3. Area Governance Arrangements**

3.1 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/Shiney Row	Cllr Anne Lawson
Copt Hill	Cllr Derrick Smith Cllr Colin Wakefield
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr John Cummings
Houghton	Cllr Gemma Taylor

**Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date**

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to 30 November 2014.

Action Taken	Outcome
<b>Influence : Safer Communities</b>	
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board received a presentation at the November meeting, giving an overview of the role of LMAPS and what type of issues the group can consider. Ways to improve communication with elected members and the referral of issues to LMAPS was discussed. It was agreed that in their role as community leaders, members need to be aware of actions taken by LMAPS.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following all People Boards, a report will be presented detailing comments, issues raised and any recommendations for future working.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Healthy life choices</b>	
Facilitate access to greenspace to support physical and mental wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The people board will focus on the health aspect of the Health and Greenspaces project and develop initiatives to engage local people in using outdoor space to improve their health</li> <li>Following approval of the Health and Greenspaces project design at the October Area Committee, a time limited working group, chaired by Area Committee Chair, was set up to develop an action plan which would be delivered by a number of partners. A meeting of the working group in November agreed further detail against the action plan (Annex 3) and will update Place and People Boards and at regular intervals.</li> <li>Although some of the elements of the plan will take a number of months or years to complete, it is proposed that the project will be launched in March 2015.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Support opportunities for young people at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board received a report and update on key stats, and information regarding what is currently available to support young people (16-19) into education, training or employment (See Annex 4)</li> <li>Hetton ward shows the greatest number of NEET young people in the Coalfield area, and is third highest in the City. Issues and barriers for young people in the area, and specifically Hetton, were discussed.</li> <li>The board agreed to focus on employer engagement, look at what the schools in the Coalfield area are doing already to prepare young people, and explore a whole family approach.</li> <li>The new Education and Skills Strategy will be considered to inform the opportunities for developing local projects and initiatives</li> <li>Options for influence/local delivery will be presented to the February board meeting for consideration</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Healthy Life Choices</b>	
Support local improvements that promote healthy weight for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SIB and CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) joint funded projects are continuing to deliver healthy lifestyle projects</li> <li>The balance of funding remaining was allocated to the 'CAN DO' fund available for young people to apply for directly.</li> <li>The November 2014 people board welcomed four groups of young people who gave presentations based on the applications they had submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air Cadets 36 Squadron were awarded of £418 to support football and swimming sessions in order to gain certificates and as a progression to qualifications such as Duke of Edinburgh Award.</li> <li>Hetton Independent Methodist Youth Club were awarded £400 towards a Christmas trip which they will research, plan and book as a group. They will learn new skills by taking ownership of the project themselves.</li> <li>Hetton School Duke of Edinburgh group were awarded £500 towards the cost of camping equipment to be used by a number of groups who need to experience an outdoor camping expedition as part of their Award.</li> <li>Hall Lane Boys were awarded £300 towards the cost of quad biking, transport and refreshments. This will give them a new experience and teach them about safety</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including proposals for future delivery

Annex 1 Work Plan  
Annex 2 SIB performance report  
Annex 3 Health and Greenspaces Actions  
Annex 4 Local Priority: NEETs

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