

11th March 2015**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 (2014/15) 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 continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 3 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:-
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
 - 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 utilizing 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 Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Philip Tye
Barnes	Cllr Michael Essl
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Debra Waller
Silksworth	Cllr Peter Gibson
St Anne's	Cllr Jacqui Gallagher
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 26 February 2015

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 26 February 2015.

Action Taken	Outcome
Influence: Responsive Local Services, Streetscene	
Northumbria in Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed opportunities to develop It's Your Neighbourhood' community entries into the regional Northumbria In Bloom competition Opportunities to develop local It's Your Neighbourhood Groups are being sought during delivery of the West

	<p>Maximising Greenspace Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsive Local Services are actively supporting the development of groups to enable the 'In Bloom' route within the West to have a local focus
Influence: Highways Capital Maintenance 2015/2016	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board received information on the areas requiring capital maintenance works across the West area. The proposed areas were prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist members. • Members were asked to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to Area Committee for completion up to a value of £100,000 for the West area. • At the February Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the West as described at Item 3 Annex 2.
Area Priority: Shopping Centres	
Business Support	<p>Pallion Traders continue to prioritise the following issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Crime and Disorder Cleanliness and public realm Marketing and Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The traders arranged and delivered a large programme of activities for Christmas 2014 and have aspirations for bigger and better for 2015 • Additional signage has now been installed to direct customers from European Way / Pallion Metro Station, up to Pallion Shopping Area • The traders, with support of the Area Committee Maximising Green Space funding, are installing planters along St Luke's Terrace which will be themed 'Incredible Edible' – each planter will be looked after by the traders and replenished as herbs and edible plants are used by local communities <p>Silksworth Traders continue to prioritise the following issues:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Crime and Disorder Cleanliness and public realm Marketing and Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The traders are currently working with local schools to develop a brand for the Shopping area • The traders are working with local Councillors to install advertising litter bins • Cleaning regimes have been reviewed to ensure council cleansing resources are used effectively
Area Priority: Environment and Street Scene	
Capital Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval was given in Area Committee for the delivery of capital improvement programmes in Barnes Extension, Bishopwearmouth Cemetery and the Baby Cemetery. • Work on the footpaths has improved the pathways in some of the highest footfall areas and has been of benefit to visitors to Bishopwearmouth Cemetery.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following consultation with the friends of the Baby Cemetery Group, additional funding was allocated by the Group to create an enhanced scheme. The work is now complete and has made it easier for visitors to access the site, as well as being more visually appealing. • Footpaths within Barnes Park extension from Hurstwood Road to Tay Road revealed surface damage along various parts of the paths, ranging from individual potholes to re-surfacing. The scheme repaired the most damaged parts of the path and was complete by the end of December 2015.
<p>Walk and Talk Programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report was presented to the Place and People Board in February 2015, summarising the opportunities for members to identify People and Place based issues and progress improvements on a ward and area basis. • The programme continues to be incredibly successful and offers the opportunity for ward Councillors to be dynamic, flexible and implement small-scale people and place based projects, which have a huge positive impact on their local communities. • Members at the People and Place board agreed a recommendation for Area Committee to align a further £60,000 (£10,000 per ward) SIB funding to support the delivery of improvements - that are additional to the core offer of the council, identified as part of a Walk and Talk programme, the detail of which is contained within the finance report – Item 6 Annex 1.
<p>Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals were developed and agreed by Area Committee in October 2014. Funding was allocated to support developments. • Work continues to be undertaken with officers, members and partners including the VCS to develop the agreed spaces across the West, to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in the West. • 4 projects were presented and approved at the Place Boards in January and February - Item 6 Annex 2
<p>West Event 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date agreed as Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd May 2015 • Location is Barnes Park • Event Steering group has been established including partners, Armed Forces, heritage organisations alongside Library Service, heritage service and VCS organisations • Health and Safety Co-ordinator appointed and event safety plan is being developed. The Multi Agency Event Group has been advised. • Programme developed for the Heritage Event working with local VCS organisations, Empire Theatre, WW1 Steering Group, Beamish Museum, Armed Forces, Sunderland Museum as well as the Sunderland Council Heritage team • All West Schools invited to bring children during the 21st and 22nd May 2015 • Communication Plan developed to promote the event to ensure maximum attendance from the West of Sunderland

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Police 'Tardis' is being commissioned through local company Learning Curve, the Police Box will be used as the portal to transport people's minds from 2015 to 1915.
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5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West Place Board Work Plan for 2014/2015 **Item 3 Annex 1**.
- 5.3 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the West for 2015/2016, attached at **Item 3 Annex 2**.
- 5.4 Consider and agree the recommendation of the Place Board to extend the Walk and Talk programme. **Item 6 Annex 1**.

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