

23 JUNE 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Proposed Priorities and Government Arrangements for 2014 / 2015

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 2014 / 2015
- b. Provides an update on Place Area Board Governance Arrangements for 2014 / 2015.

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 Place Area Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Place Area 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 2014 / 2015.

3. Proposed Work Plan for 2014 / 2015

3.1 East Sunderland Place Area Board held a series of workshops with officers and partners to identified future priorities for 2014 / 2015. Area Committee are request to consider and agree the following list which will inform the work plan for the Place Area Board during 2014 / 2015, these are:-

- i. Working with communities and partners to understand local place based issues and identify solutions to target resources more effectively. (Linked to proposed Partnership in Practice programme)
- ii. Ensuring the physical environment is fit for purpose to deliver a range of initiatives to encourage use of green space. (Linked to People: Greenspace Grant £20,000 and proposed Green Adventure Programme)
- iii. Improving local neighbourhoods i.e. Gateway III.
- iv. Work with Nexus to improve travel for vulnerable groups.

3.2 Additionally, the Place Area Board will continue to influence the design, delivery and review of further Place Based Services devolved to Area Committee, these are:-

Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after.

Highways Maintenance Programme.

Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of Section 106 at an area level.

The proposed work plan for 2014 / 2015 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 Place Area Board for East Sunderland Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	East Sunderland Place Area Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Lynda Scanlan
Doxford	Cllr Elizabeth Gibson
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 Place Area Board Work Plan Priorities for 2014 / 2015, as set out in **Section 3 and Annex 1**.
 - (b) Approve the Area Governance arrangements for 2014 / 2015 outlined in **Section 4 and Annex 2**.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Place Area Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015
Annex 2 Place Area Board Terms of Reference

Background Papers

Place Area Board quarterly update reports
SIB quarterly monitoring returns
Consultation and feedback received from Place based workshops on area priorities for 2014 / 2015

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