

20th 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 Washington 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 The Place Board membership for 2013/14 is confirmed as detailed in the table below. 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:-

| Ward | Place Board Membership |
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| Chair | Cllr Dianne Snowdon |
| Central | Cllr Len Lachlan |
| East | Cllr Neville Padgett |
| North | Cllr Jill Fletcher |
| South | Cllr George Thompson |
| West | Cllr Bernard Scaplehorn |

3.3 The next Place Board to be held Wednesday 26th June will reconfirm roles and responsibilities and the protocols in place for governing the Board and the delivery of the work plan.

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 Washington Place Board up to 31 May 2013.

| Action Taken | Outcome |
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| Responsive Local Services Streetscene | |
| Dumping of Shopping Trolleys | |
| Encouraged external partners to find a positive solution and reduce need for RLS and the City Council to implement enforcement powers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint meetings with Galleries Management, supermarkets, Trolleywise and the City Council still being held with regular updates reported to Members. |
| Deliver Responsive Services through a co-ordinated partnership approach | |
| Joint working and co-ordinated approach to deliver neighbourhood management and improvements to the area through partnership working | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of proposed activities, initiatives and partnership working to deliver neighbourhood improvements will be presented to the June Board. The Project Matrix will look at improvements to village centres, parks, green spaces, and the involvement and engagement of volunteers and partners. The Board will be requested to prioritise activity and work programmes for the remainder of the year. |
| Area Priority: Investment in Washington's built and natural environment | |
| Considered impact of flooding incidents in Washington and possible solutions | § Assistant Head of Service to attend June 26 th Board meeting to provide a progress report and feedback. |
| Consultation with Members to locate additional sport and leisure resources across the area - an opportunity to influence the location of three sets of Goalposts was offered to all elected members via the ward bulletin | <p>§ Members have been requested to share their views with regards to proposals to provide 3 sets of goalposts to create informal play and sporting opportunities, to offer a safe venue for play, to offer an alternative where seasonal facilities may not be available, and to provide diversionary activity during the summer months.</p> <p>§ Members supported proposals for Albany Park, Glebe Park and Princess Anne Park and also suggested Rickleton Park, Dame Margeret Playing Fields and open spaces near to bus links which are currently being used by young people to play informal football, also be considered.</p> |
| Area Priority: A well connected Washington | |
| Community Health and Green Spaces Project | § The Steering Group met 5 th June. Project proposal and the request to ring fence further funding for a broader more co-ordinated approach is included under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals and Annex 1 of that report. |

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members approve the membership of the Place Board for 2013/14 as set out in paragraph 3.2 above
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.
- 5.3 Members are requested to note the outcomes of consultation with regard to the options for installation of goalposts at a Ward level, and recommend sites as detailed in the achievements table above for consideration.
- 5.4 Note the application for SIB for the Community Health and Green Spaces Report as detailed under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals

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Annex 1: Work plan 2013/14