

26th September 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. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 August 2013

- 3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to 31 August 2013.

Action Taken	Outcome
Local Development Framework (LDF), Core Strategy and associated documents	
Members were consulted on the process for the review of the Core Strategy, sharing views and feeding into the public consultation process	Members to bring local knowledge to inform the development of the future policy. All Members have been sent a copy of the Core Strategy for information. The consultation runs until 27th September 2013 and the document (and supporting documents) can be viewed at www.sunderland.gov.uk/development-plan . A response form is also available on the web site.
Responsive Local Services Streetscene	
Dog Control Orders	
Consultation with Members to identify locations where a Dog Control Order could be implemented.	Using local intelligence received by the Place Board areas were identified, where these controls could be appropriately applied. The Area Response Manager will develop a programme to implement and enforce these controls with updates to Place Board as appropriate.
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.	Details of proposed activities, initiatives and partnership working to deliver neighbourhood improvements was presented to the September Board. A programme of works will be identified in line with current resources and responsibilities and will also identify proposals and opportunities to encourage partners and the voluntary and community sector to engage. This is in line with a review of the existing service scope and reflection as to how members have influenced the service. A full discussion session is proposed for the October Place Board with a view to the Board recommending prioritised activity and work

	programmes for the remainder of the year, which will come forward to January Area Committee
Area Priority: Investment in Washington's built and natural environment	
Considered impact of flooding incidents in Washington and possible solutions	Assistant Head of Service attended June Board to update. Further update to October board. Incidents spread-sheet and report is uploaded onto SharePoint. Annex 2 provides a copy of the report presented to June Place Board for information.
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 bulletins and discussion at June Area Committee.	Members supported proposals for Albany Park, Glebe Park and Princess Anne Park. An additional set of goalposts were purchased using Community Chest funding and placed next to Pitstop.
To monitor and receive information relating to an improvement plan for Princess Anne Park	Funds have been secured and contractors will be in place by December 2013 to undertake the improvements and reinforcement works to the stream bank and bridges, which were damaged by flooding. A re-assessment of a masterplan for the park which was completed some years ago will be undertaken with a view to consider how best to take forward priority activity.
Area Priority: A well connected Washington	
Community Health and Green Spaces Project	Project proposal and the request to ring fence further funding for a broader more co-ordinated approach was agreed at 20 June Area Committee. An Executive Summary is included under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals and Annex 1 of the report to the September meeting.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.
- 4.2 Members are requested to note the additional installation of goalposts at a Ward level, and recommend sites as detailed in the achievements table above for consideration.
- 4.3 Members are requested to note the Flooding Update as detailed under Annex 2.
- 4.4 Note the Executive Summary in relation to 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

Annex 2: Flooding Update