

9th December 2014

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 2014/15 Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 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 is working to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** (Work plan) outlines progress to date.

3. Project Performance

3.1 SIB Project Performance Report is attached as **Annex 2** and provides an update on performance of SIB funded projects.

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 30th November 2014

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to end of November 2014.

Influencing role: Licensing Review	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation re applying to review a premises license. The process, why a license is needed and grounds for a review were discussed in detail. • Members to encourage community/residents to collect data and evidence to support concerns or if notified of a review of a premises license. • Successful case studies relevant to Washington presented to the board. In order for those reviews to be considered successful, robust evidence supporting the issues was required. • Members were also asked to note the successful Pub Watch Scheme operating in Washington 	
Influencing role : Highways Capital Maintenance 2015/16	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2014/15 programme was presented to the Board. There are still 5 outstanding proposals to complete – all to be implemented by March 2015. 1 scheme deferred to the 2015/16 programme. • Members have been asked to identify priorities to be included in the 2015/16 programme. All proposals will be assessed and inspected. • A prioritised list will be presented to the February Board for consideration. Recommendations will be taken to the March Area Committee for approval. • Budget levels should be confirmed by January. • All Washington Area Committee Members are encouraged to attend the February Board on February 10th 2015 to determine the recommendation to March Area Committee. 	
Influencing role: Members influencing the allocation of S106	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to February Board with regards to proposals for a framework to assist Members to influence agreements and proposals for local S106 	
Area Priority: Environment and Green Space	
Action	Outcome
Neighbourhood Improvement Project and Village Centre Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk and Talks commenced and identifying key initiatives in each Ward to progress. • All proposals are being co-ordinated with the Village Centre Improvement Project, will identify

	<p>match funding and a partnership approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work carried out or underway under the VCIP has allocated c£66,000 of the £80,000 budget. The Area Response Manager will be discussing with Members at a Ward level proposals to implement works for the remaining funds. • Proposals for NIP being considered include the removal of brick planters and the replanting of trees in Lambton (Central), repairs and resurfacing works at Neme Court and the installation of new lamp columns at Roseberry Court in the North Ward, some planting, and landscaping and hardscaping works across Washington South (partners to be identified)
The Washington Way Network (CHGS Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Group to meet 15th December to receive an update from the lead with regards to capital works, co-ordination with SCC led schemes and initiatives. Project launch Spring 2015 with further communication and engagement of local communities. Also co-ordinating launch and project literature with the proposed Washington Way to Well Being proposals (charter mark, physical hub, small grants) and the recently established Walking and Cycling Networks (SCC).
Maximising green and open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Place Board received a report from the People Board identifying proposals to utilise Public Health funding to maximise the use of green and open space to enhance and facilitate local people engaging in the '5 Ways to Well Being' as part of the Washington Way to Well Being Call for Projects – approved October Area Committee. Deadline for applications under the small grants scheme December 12th. Recommendations for approval of charter mark scheme and physical hub included under Item 5 Budget Report
Washington Parks	<p>A range of proposals are being proposed as part of other programmes of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to Princess Anne Park culverts and weirs completed • Usworth Park confirmed Green Flag status this year. • Seldom Seen - improvements and refurbishment • Request to commission a feasibility study for Albany Park (Neighbourhood Improvement Project) • Request to replace the monument in James Steel Park (Neighbourhood Improvement Project) • Holley Park – request from Members for improvements as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Project
Flood management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further updates were provided to the November Board re current work programme from both SCC and NWL • Emergency packs for Cllrs are being distributed.

Retail Support Project/Concord Traders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of local businesses have agreed to form a Traders Association. • Shop local campaign well underway • Mentoring and business advice and support being carried out. Retail support specialist now engaged with more than 40 local businesses • Plans are being considered to include a Shop Watch scheme • SCC has commissioned a 'health assessment' of local shopping centres – results/outcomes to be circulated when received
Area priority: Member and Community Engagement	
Encourage partnerships with the local community and VCS, link Ward Members to activities and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships • Members engage residents re AC role at key Washington events • Members involved in steering an events and culture programme • Delivery of the Washington 50 Community Programme • National Children's Take Over Day on the 21st November involved Oxclose Academy working with RLS to develop actions plans to address key issues. Young people were involved in inspections at a Ward level, identifying issues and problems, then action planning for solutions with the RLS Ward Teams. 10 young people took part.
Area priority: Heritage and Culture	
Events 2015 plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group established to determine a business planning approach to implementing Events 2015. To report initial thinking and proposals for a Call for Projects to February Board
Washington's culture offer	<p>Working group to also consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Washington's cultural offer can contribute to a city wide approach • The Museum Services Review which will shape Museums and Heritage in a way that Sunderland residents want. The service is looking to adopt a community engagement model. Developing a vision that will determine the delivery plan of priorities for the next 3-5 years is underway. A report in December will be approved by the portfolio holder before it goes to delegated decision in March. There is a proposal to attend People Boards in February to provide Members with an oversight of what the situation is now, the vision and the outline delivery plan. Members will have the opportunity to contribute to how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community. Following that, the SCC team will engage with local individuals and groups, such as the VCSN, to discuss the new proposals. • Exploring opportunities for relevant local 'offers' to be included in all communications, PR and marketing re Sunderland's culture and heritage offer. Consider how to identify and encourage

	<p>local groups and organisations to take advantage of any 'offers'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider how to use Washington offers to assist delivery of other priorities – future Board to identify which organisations can or are willing to be included in programme to encourage delivery of other priorities (to consider status, capacity, appropriate governance).
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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 as detailed in **Annex 1** and Paragraph 4 above.
- 4.2 Note the performance report for SIB projects as detailed in **Annex 2**.

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Annex 1: Work plan 2014/15
Annex 2: SIB Performance Report