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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD****East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In June 2015 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

**2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements**

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 30 November 2015.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<p>Area Priority: 2 Develop Stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities.</p> <p>Action: Better Cycle Ways.</p>	<p>In November, the Area Board received an update from the Council's Rights of Way Officer regarding the area's cycle ways.</p> <p>During the discussion it was highlighted that in order to secure external funding and investors contribution to the development of better cycle ways in the East Area, it would be advantageous to develop a strategy which would map a provisional future network, proof this with the input of the Area Committee and the Place Area Board, split it into independently useful sections, and develop broadly costed designs for the sections.</p> <p>The principal reasons for developing the networks are to provide equitable access to active and affordable travel options to a broad cross section of the city's population, with a strong emphasis on off-road routes as well as on road measures. Less regular or confident cyclists, family groups and 'fair weather' cyclists can all make a growing use of an improved network, to the benefit of accessing work and active living for health.</p> <p>Developing a strategic network plan will enable development or external grant sections to be developed opportunistically as funding opportunities arise. In particular this approach will, as it has for other areas, enable timely proposal grant bid and project delivery, all essential to the tight time scales commonly required for these process elements. The Department for Transport is increasingly funding developments with a bid-grant-build-invoice cycle fitted into a single financial year; having the network planned, supported, designed and costed will expedite resource allocation to East Sunderland.</p>

	<p>Nominally it is envisaged that delivery will be in three phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase One: easy route conversations</li> <li>• Phase Two: Mid-cost route improvements</li> <li>• Phase Three: New-build routes</li> </ul> <p>Having a strategic plan in place will also enable best use of internal and current budgets, to ensure that schemes are, where appropriate, 'cycle-proofed' as standard.</p> <p>Area Committee are requested to support and endorse the development of an East Sunderland Cycle Way Strategic Network Plan which is mapped out in three phases, scrutinised and costed to provide valuable leverage in securing external grants into the area i.e. Regional Growth Funds and developer contributions, as and where relevant.</p>
<p>Area Priority: 3 Influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services:</p> <p>Action: Environmental Campaign 'Make Waste Useful'.</p>	<p>In October Area Committee received an introduction into the 'make waste useful' campaign, during which it was agreed to provide Committee with a future report.</p> <p>The Waste Management Team are keen to establish a Network of likeminded organisations who are interested in promoting greater participation in household recycling and a collect, repair and re-use scheme. The overall aim is to improve levels of community involvement in helping to recycle more of the city's waste; change behaviours and attitudes towards waste and help to create a local enterprise in collecting, repairing, re-using and selling waste.</p> <p>Ideas and bids are sought and a grant up to the value of £500 is available per project. An example of a project could be a local football team might want funding to purchase a new kit or equipment. They could apply for up to £500 grant and in return identify a number of streets in a local neighbourhood where we know recycling could be improved and carry out a door knocking or leaflet campaign urging people to recycle over a set period of time. 50% of the grant will be payable when the project starts and the remaining 50% if recycling has improved.</p> <p>Sunderland Council can provide support with setting up, governance and infrastructure arrangements; training and guidance in waste management; advice on how to access vehicles and premises and legal advice on insurance, health and safety, etc.</p> <p>The 'make waste useful' campaign will run in the East Sunderland area up until March 2016, and then rolled out across the City.</p>

	<p>Area Committee are requested to encourage and promote the 'Make Waste Useful' campaign in their communities.</p>
<p>Area Priority: 3 Influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services:</p> <p>Action: Highways Maintenance Programme 2016 / 2017</p>	<p>Each Area Committee in the city influence £100,000 (subject to approval in 2016) of the Highways Maintenance capital programme. The capital allocation is used to increase the life of the highways infrastructure and has usually resulted in larger scale road surfacing or footway reconstructions being undertaken.</p> <p>All members were requested to submit streets they wished to be considered by the end of November 2015 and Highway Officers have started to collate a list of condition surveys, customer reports, complaints and insurance claims. The information will inform a list of streets which will be inspected to identify the appropriate treatment for the type of repair needed and determine accurate estimates. Once all the information is captured it will be brought forward to the February 2016 Area Place Board to aid discussion and agree a prioritised list of schemes to recommend to Area Committee in March for approval. After which, the city wide programme will be approved.</p> <p>Area Committee are requested to note the progress against the Highway Maintenance Programme 2016 / 2017 and agree to receive a recommended list from the Place Area Board in March 2016.</p>
<p>East Sunderland Area Committee Work Plan: SIB Place themed progress report.</p>	<p>In November 2015, Area Board received an update on place themed SIB funded projects which have delivered actions in the Area Work Plan. Approximately £155,535 SIB was awarded to a variety of different organisations to deliver the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 46 new landlords signed up to the council's voluntary private landlords accreditation scheme, resulting in 268 properties being registered.</li> <li>ii) CCTV was improved, a successful seagull dispersal scheme was piloted in the Summer and an unveiling of a WWI bench was held in Mowbray Park.</li> <li>iii) Under the Council's Community assets portfolio a bowling pavilion and an empty caretakers house have been leased to VCS organisations.</li> <li>iv) Play provision improvements will be made to pocket park in Millfield.</li> <li>v) Community spaces and gardens have been established in each ward.</li> <li>vi) 14 community clean-up were delivered over the Summer, involving an army of volunteers with over 200 black bags collected.</li> <li>vii) 20 healthy eating workshops were delivered over the</li> </ul>

	<p>Summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>viii) A green route has been established, involving 22 grow zones which has created an edible community landscape.</li> <li>ix) Up-cycling courses have been delivered to encourage sustainability and reduce the percentage of waste going to landfill.</li> <li>x) Sow, Reap and Grow programme has engaged over 100 people at a local community allotment.</li> <li>xi) Delivered a variety of commemorative activities to celebrate Captain George Maling, Victoria Cross winner.</li> <li>xii) Funded interpretation boards in a park, and contributed towards the establishment of three 5k 3,2,1 routes across the area. As well as hosting two exhibitions at the Winter Gardens.</li> </ul> <p>Area Committee are requested to note the progress made against the Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016. Further information is available in Annex 2.</p>
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### 3. Recommendations

#### 3.1 Members are invited to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (b) Support and endorse the development of an East Sunderland Cycle Way Strategic Network Plan.
- (c) Encourage and promote the 'Make Waste Useful' campaign in their communities.
- (d) Note the progress against the Highways Maintenance Programme 2016 / 2017 and agree to receive a recommended list from the Place Area Board in March 2016.
- (e) Note the progress made against the Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016.

Annex 1                                      East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015

Annex 2                                      East Sunderland Place Themed SIB Projects

Background Papers                      East Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List

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