

14 June 2017

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2017 / 2018

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the 2016/17 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
- b. Seeks Area Committee approval for Place priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2017/18
- c. Provides an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2017/18.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year Coalfield Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Place 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 the annual update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2017/18.

3. Annual Update of 2016/17 Place Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2016/17 Work Plan is attached as **Item 2 Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Place Work Plan for 2017/18

- 4.1 The Coalfield Area Place Board and Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all Coalfield Area Councillors to consider and agree. Area Committee are requested to consider and agree the following list of priorities which will inform the work plan for the Area Place Board during 2017 / 2018, these are:-

- **Supporting environmental improvements to local shopping centres**
- **Supporting and developing traders groups and initiatives to increase footfall in local shopping centres**
- **Deliver the environmental improvement and education project to encourage communities to get involved in, and take pride in, their local area**
- **Celebrate and support long standing and historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities**

- 4.2 The proposed detailed work plan for 2017 / 2018 is attached as **Item 2 Annex 2**. The work plan links directly into the Council's Corporate Plan (Regenerating our City and Future Council).

5. Area Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 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 ensuring maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.
- 5.2 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 at **Item 2 Annex 3**.
- 5.3 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 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
Copt Hill	Cllr Mary Turton Cllr Anthony Allen
Hetton	Cllr John Cummings (Chair)
Houghton	Cllr Juliana Heron Cllr Alex Scullion
Shiney Row	Cllr Mel Speding

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to:-

- a. Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2016/17 attached as **Item 2 Annex 1**.
- b. Consider and agree the Coalfield Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2017/18 attached as **Item 2 Annex 2**.
- c. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2017/18 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 2 Annex 3**.

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