

6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**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 (2016/17) Place Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Earlier this year the priorities associated with Place were referred to the North 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:-
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
  - 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 ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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. 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:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr. S. Foster
Castle	Cllr D. MacKnight
Redhill	Cllr R. Bell
Southwick	Cllr N. Wright
Fulwell	Cllr M. Beck
St. Peter's	Cllr. J. Jackson

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Place Board up to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Local priority: Environment &amp; Green Space</b>	
	<p>Members have identified key sites to tour including Seaburn, Fulwell Mill, New Bridge and Tall ships sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29.6.16 Presentation and Site Visit New Wear Crossing</li> <li>25.07.16 Seaburn Site Visit and update on expression of interest submitted to Coastal Community Fund Round 4</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tall Ships site visit to be carried out when plans in place and update for members available</li> <li>• Fulwell Mill to be confirmed when works to café/visitor centre complete.</li> </ul> <p>Thompson Park House Redevelopment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members continue to receive updates on the re-development of the former Caretakers House by Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project. The project successfully shortlisted for Tesco Bags of Help Funding</li> <li>• Project successfully awarded funding from Tesco's to develop the outside space of the house with decking and outdoor seating area.</li> <li>• Project anticipated to be open April 2017</li> </ul> <p>Friends of Thompson Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friends of Thompson Park are forming in order to establish a group that brings together all organisations based within, and delivering activities from the Park. Their ambition is to support the continued maintenance and security of the park.</li> <li>• Membership includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project which is developing the former caretaker's house as a community hub/café.</li> <li>• Sunderland Home Grown, a community interest company, which is developing the former compound into an educational nursery.</li> <li>• Sunderland Carers Centre</li> <li>• SNYP – a local youth project that delivers detached youth work in the park</li> <li>• Eden Project – a local youth project that delivers activities in the park</li> <li>• Thompson Park Bowls Club</li> <li>• Southwick Ward Councillors</li> <li>• Northumbria Police</li> <li>• TWFR</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Sea Road/Fulwell Traders Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Association is now formed with a management committee, constitution and bank account in place.</li> <li>• Traders have developed and funded a facebook site – Sea Road / Fulwell Traders Association which is regularly updated with promotion of those traders involved, special offers and competitions.</li> <li>• The Traders Association purchased their own small Christmas Trees and Lights to place outside businesses in the lead up to Christmas.</li> <li>• Sunderland City Council and the Traders submitted an Expression of Interest for SIB funding to February Place Board to install signage at Sea Road and for additional lighting to cover the illumination and Christmas period. February Place Board agreed to the development of a full application to be presented to March Area Committee, details of which are included within the finance report. <b>(Item 6 Annex 1)</b></li> </ul>
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	<p>Old North Pier/Marina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February Place Board discussed concerns regarding a section of the Old North Pier which has become the subject of ASB, fly tipping/littering, fires, damage to the path and railings and blocking of disabled access to the area. March Area Committee to discuss next steps to address these concerns.</li> </ul>
<b>Local priority: Heritage</b>	
	<p>Hylton Castle Battle Re-enactment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead Agent SNCBC is in discussions with the English Civic War Society to deliver the event however they cannot deliver this until the completion of Hylton Castle Refurbishment provisionally May 2018. Place Board supported a request to October Area Committee to extend the lifetime of the Project for delivery of the event on August Bank Holiday 2018.</li> <li>October Area Committee agreed the extension to the project.</li> </ul> <p>Southwick Illuminations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arranged with input from Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project, Southwick Community Primary School, Salvation Army, Bizzy Bs and Ward Councillors</li> <li>Switch On performed by the Right Worshipful, The Mayor of the City of Sunderland, Councillor Alan Emerson on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm – 4.30pm</li> <li>Links established with North Area VCS Network to discuss the potential of the wider involvement of VCS organisations in the 2017 Switch On Event.</li> </ul> <p>Hylton Castle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January Board received an update on the Hylton Castle Project.</li> </ul> <p>Fulwell Mill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January Board received an update on the refurbishment of Fulwell Mill. Additionally, the board considered a request from SNCBC and Sunderland Council to change the SIB Fulwell Mill Sail Project. A change to the design of the sails has resulted in a reduction in cost of the sails element and the request is to transfer the balance to funding the lighting of the Mill. The Board agreed the change to be presented to March Area Committee details of which are included within the finance report (<b>Item 6 Section 2.12</b>).</li> </ul>
<b>Local priority: Communications</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully funded projects are required to display the 'Supported by Sunderland City Council' logo.</li> </ul>
<b>Influencing role</b>	
Place Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the presentation of the Responsive Local Services Area Delivery Plan to the extraordinary Area Committee in May, as agreed, Place Board continue to oversee the development and delivery of the 2016/2017 Delivery Plan.</li> <li>Members reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February Place Board members discussed delivery of Place Management Service Schedule 2016 – 2017 and discussed key priorities for 2017 – 2018. Ward members were tasked with discussing key priorities and feedback to Andrew Old in order to develop the Schedule for 2017 – 2018.</li> </ul>
Highways Maintenance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November Board received an update on the 2016 – 2017 highway maintenance programme and the process for members to influence and prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2017 – 2018.</li> <li>Locations for consideration identified by elected members, residents and highways maintenance staff presented to the Board in February 2017.</li> <li>At the February Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the North as described at <b>Annex 2</b></li> </ul>

## 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the North Place Board Work Plan for 2016/2017 as detailed in **Annex 1**
- 5.2 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North for 2017/2018 attached at **Annex 2**

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