

**26 June 2019**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD**

**People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2019 / 2020**

**1 Purpose of Report**

**1.1 This report:**

- a. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2019/20
- b. Provides an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2019/20.

**2. Background**

2.1 At the beginning of each financial / municipal year Coalfield Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with People and refers the priorities to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.

2.2 The People Board has presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during 2018/19.

2.3 This report proposes priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2019/20.

**3. Proposed Work Plan for 2019/20**

3.1 The Coalfield Area People Board and Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector 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 is requested to consider and agree the following priorities which will inform the work plan for the Area People Board during 2019/2020:

- Reduce stress caused by financial concerns by providing information and access to advice services
- Reduce isolation and improve social participation and access to services for older people, vulnerable adults and carers
- Encourage and support local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity.
- Develop self-care and prevention projects to improve health outcomes for local people
- Increase digital inclusion in local communities
- Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working
- Support provision of activities for young people that increase their confidence and involvement in community and area events and projects
- Support local groups to deliver on Coalfield Area Priorities throughout the year

- 3.2 The proposed work plan for 2019 / 2020 is attached as **Item 4 Annex 1**. The work plan links directly into the Council's City Plan.

#### **4. Area Governance Arrangements**

- 4.1 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 City Plan 2019-2030 at a local level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 4.2 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 as **Item 3 Annex 2**.
- 4.3 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 People Board is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>People Board Membership</b>
Copt Hill	Cllr Kevin Johnston Cllr Melanie Thornton
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr Doris Turner
Houghton	<b>Cllr Neil MacKnight (Chair)</b>
Shiney Row	Cllr Geoff Walker

- 4.4 Local groups/boards Coalfield Area Committee elected member representation:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Elected Member Representative</b>
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)	Cllr Anne Lawson
Voluntary and Community Sector Network	Cllr Anne Lawson

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Members are requested to:
- a. Consider and agree the Coalfield Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2019/20 attached as **Item 3 Annex 1**.
  - b. Agree the Area Governance arrangements for 2019/20 outlined in **Section 4 and Item 3 Annex 2**.

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