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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD

East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 In June 2016 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 28 February 2017.

Area Priority	Progress Report
Community Assets Register (Ref 1.1)	<p>To contribute towards developing stronger sustainable and well used community assets the Area Board are recommending approval of £2,250 SIB to fund the cost of two feasibility studies.</p> <p>The studies will cover several sections, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management plan: identifying projected costs of maintaining the assets, including maps and financial viability.• Stock condition survey: identifying amount and quality of paths, trees, planted areas, grass areas, playing fields, streams, litter bins, benches, notices, signage, lighting, and other associated items.• Community consultation: stakeholders mapping exercise, survey, etc.,• Options analysis: leasing parts of the park only or full asset transfer, and identifying main usage, for example, events venue, outdoor classroom, etc. <p>The asset locations are Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks, and a grass area in Ryhope known locally as the Store Fields, (behind Tecaz).</p> <p>The Friends Group of the Parks are interested in the viability of leasing the parks off Sunderland Council. Whilst the Ryhope Terraces and Avenue Group are investigating the possibility of transforming the grassed area into a community garden.</p>

	<p>At this stage the Council has not declared the assets as surplus to requirements. The feasibility studies would be used to contribute towards whether or not a formal approach could be made to transfer the assets, or not. <i>(Detailed information is outlined in the Area Budget report)</i></p>
<p>Celebrating the East Area's heritage and historical assets.</p> <p>(Ref 1.2b)</p>	<p>In December 2016 Area Committee aligned SIB against several projects which could deliver action on behalf of the area priority 'celebrating the East Area's heritage and historical assets'.</p> <p>Groups from the East VCS Area Network produced project proposals which were presented and discussed at the February 2017 Area Board, these were:</p> <p><i>Project One:</i> Celebrating historical buildings and places</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Donnison School: it is proposed to host several activities, covering interactive activities for three local schools; guided walks on heroes and villains; host a Georgian Fayre; workshop on clippy mats and delivering an exhibition. Joint celebration for Mowbray Park and the Battle of Camperdown (Jack Crawford): it is proposed to host a day of activities, covering battle re-enactment; guided tours; school drama production; arts and crafts; orienteering; dressing the park and Proms in the Park. Places of worship tour: visit several places of worship and receive guided tours from volunteers, learning about the history of the building throughout its year and how the building is used today. Vaisakhi Event: promoting the history of the Sikh building. The event would have traditional dancing, singing, music, crafts and food. Its aim to dispel myths, breakdown barriers and encourage community cohesion welcoming the whole community. Phoenix Lodge, oldest masonic temple in Europe: it is proposed to host a day of activities, covering an exhibition on the history of the building, family fun activities, traditional games and food. <p><i>Project Two:</i> Brown Tourist Signage To install eleven brown tourist signs and three interpretation boards to contribute towards the delivery of a phased approach, with East Sunderland benefiting first.</p> <p>Area Board are recommending the approval of both projects outlined seeking costs of £28,466 SIB. <i>(Detailed information is outlined in the Area Budget report)</i></p>
Influence the design, delivery	The Council's Infrastructure and Transportation Services, based in the Economy and Place Directorate are responsible

<p>and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee</p> <p>(Ref 2)</p>	<p>for the Vehicle Activation Signs (V.A.S.). V.A.S. is a generic term for a type of road traffic sign which displays a message upon the presence, or speed, of a road vehicle. The devices are deployed on roadsides like regular traffic signs in various locations.</p> <p>Out of the five signs Area Committee purchased in 2010, three are broken and no longer in use, but two remain in use but are close to the end of their natural life.</p> <p>The Team have the capacity and resource to continue the scheme, but not the finance to fund further V.A.S. or relocation costs.</p> <p>The project proposal includes purchasing ten V.A.S. in order to deliver the project. The V.A.S. can be erected to show drivers a warning of the existing speed limit, if approaching speeds are high. V.A.S. can be used to reduce vehicle speeds in certain circumstances; however they have a limited affect as drivers become accustomed to the message at any one location. Therefore, it is best to relocate V.A.S. at regular intervals.</p> <p>The Asset and Network Team will work alongside the Place Board Councillor for the ward on a quarterly basis to ensure local intelligence gathered from the community, via the Councillor, is collated and cross referenced with reports of dangerous and / or speeding vehicles. It is through these joint discussions that a preferred location to site the V.A.S. will be agreed.</p> <p>The V.A.S. will be restricted for use to the East Sunderland area only. This covers Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michaels wards. No other wards will benefit for this equipment.</p> <p>Area Board are recommending the approval of both projects outlined seeking costs of £42,000. <i>(Detailed information is outlined in the Area Budget report)</i></p>
<p>Responsive Local Services: Streetscene</p> <p>(Ref: 2:1)</p>	<p>Following a presentation of the Local Services Area Delivery Plan to the extraordinary Area Committee in May 2016, as agreed, the Area Board continue to oversee the development and delivery of the 2016/2017 Service Plan.</p> <p>Members have reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service at Place Boards in September 2016 and January 2017, and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities.</p>

	At the 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 the service in order to develop the Schedule for 2017 / 2018.
Environmental Enforcement Project	<p>Following on from discussions at Area Board and Area Committee it was agreed to present information on an enforcement project to a future Area Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Further information is outlined in the area budget report, however, it is worth noting that the Area Board are recommending approval of £30,000 SIB to fund the cost of ten environmental camera kits to support the dedicated Enforcement Team and complement the reviewed Environmental Enforcement Policy.</p> <p>The camera kits usage will be used across the East area only for specifically environmental crime. <i>(Detailed information is outlined in the Area Budget report)</i></p>
Highway Maintenance 2017 / 2018 (Ref: 2:2)	<p>Each Area Committee in the city influences £100,000 (subject to approval) of the Highways Maintenance capital programme. The capital allocation is used to improve the highways infrastructure and has usually resulted in larger scale road surfacing or footway reconstructions being undertaken.</p> <p>Members submitted highways they wished to be considered for inclusion in the programme and Highway Officers collated a list of condition surveys, customer reports, complaints and insurance claims. The information informed a list of roads which were inspected to identify the appropriate treatment for the type of repair needed and determined accurate estimates.</p> <p>In February 2017 Area Board discussed and agreed a prioritised list of schemes to recommend to Area Committee, as set out in Annex 2.</p> <p>Area Committee are requested to approve the recommended list from the Area Board as part of the Highway Maintenance Programme 2017 / 2018.</p>

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan and the progress made, as set out in Annex 1.
- (b) Note the Place Area Board's recommendation to approve £102,716 SIB to support projects delivered against the Place Work Plan, covering feasibilities studies to support decisions around asset transfers; celebrating historical buildings and places; installing brown tourist signs; purchasing V.A.S. and environmental camera kits.
- (c) Note the Place Area Board's recommendation to approve the recommended list of roads to include as part of the Highway Maintenance Programme 2017 / 2018, as set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2016 / 2017

Annex 2 Highways Maintenance Programme 2017 / 2018

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

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