

15th November 2018**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 (2018/19) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the priorities associated with Place were referred to the Washington 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:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr. F Miller
Central	Cllr Dianne Snowdon
West	Cllr B. Scaplehorn
North	Cllr. J Kelly
South	Cllr. L Farthing
East	Cllr. T Taylor

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31st October 2018

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to **31st October 2018**

Action Taken	Outcome
Influencing Service Delivery: Local Services	
Following the presentation of the Local Services Area Delivery Plan Place Board continue to oversee the delivery of the 2018/2019 service schedule. Members regularly reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities. September Place Board recommends the purchase of a Gator Utility vehicle for use by SCC local services team in Washington and has requested Andy Old to complete an SIB application form for consideration at the November Area Committee. This will be considered under Item 5 Finance Report	
Local Priorities	
Environment and Green Space: Clean and Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plantation clearance and community clean ups continue across the area. Phase 2 of the plantation work is well underway via the teams of volunteers. Recently volunteers have been working

	<p>at Hertburn Industrial estate, Swan Industrial Estate, Stephenson/Rutherford, Princess Anne Park, Usworth Hall, Bowes Railway Museum, B & Q site (revisit), F Pit (revisit).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been a number of community clean ups across the area – Rainbow Family Centre, Albany Park, Albany Village, James Steel Park, and a family litter pick in Fatfield. There are plans to work with the scouts in Fatfield and discussions are on-going with Barmston Primary School re implementing a school eco project on the back of the clearance work undertaken by the volunteers. Some new sites have been proposed including High Usworth Cemetery, Don Gardens, and the A195/A1231 Pattinson Rd, Glebe Park, and Rickleton Park. • So far 38 active volunteers are working on this initiative and 62 different projects have taken place. • Healthy Places Healthy People is now completed with all sessions delivered and the following Community Groups successfully engaged. Columbia CA, Friends of Princess Anne Park, Arts Centre Washington Courtyard Group, Teal Farm RA, Usworth Park Friends Group, Rickleton RA, Oxclose Academy Community Garden, Springwell RA and Springwell Primary School. • Work is underway via the Member Support and Community Partnerships Service to ensure co-ordination and collaboration of the 3 strands of the Washington Clean and Green approach. This work stream will ensure all communications, recruitment, awareness raising and education programmes will maintain a joined up approach re content, aims, objectives and will avoid duplication. Currently underway is a recycling scheme and competition with all primary schools. • The Support for Friends Groups Project includes Keep Washington Tidy, The Pastures Group, Springwell Residents Association and Friends of Princess Anne Park. Working with CSP this project is also in place to support the Friends of Usworth Park. <p>The Place Board has also considered performance data for Clean and Green and following an evaluation of what's worked well/best practice the Board recommends Clean and Green (Plantations and Community Clean Ups) continues post March 2019. Members are asked to consider a Project Brief and Call for Projects for Phase 2</p> <p>under Item 5 Finance Report</p>
<p>Environment and Green Space: Washington Ward Improvement Project</p>	<p>Following approval of an additional £10,000 per Ward to enhance the environment within the neighbourhoods, elected members (per ward) are identifying a range of projects which address local issues and concerns. Current balances:</p> <p>Washington Central: £15,634. Outstanding proposals include Parkway crossing – awaiting meeting to confirm.</p> <p>Washington East: £14,895. Outstanding proposal for parking @ Farrier and discussions re A Frames Kirkdale/Stockton</p> <p>Washington North: £12,899</p> <p>Washington South: £12,191. Outstanding proposals for bins at Woodlands Pub, Vigo Lane and Toby Inn and 2 x lamppost flip top bins.</p> <p>Washington West: £17,932</p>
<p>Environment and Green Space: Usworth Park Community Management Plan</p>	<p>Area Committee approved £20,000 SIB to Groundwork NE to complete the Usworth Park Community Management Plan (in line with SCCs Park Management Plan). Work is underway to consult with local community, SCC, and partners to determine a vision for the Park. The 'plan' will present options for further development of the site. It is anticipated to complete March 2019.</p>

<p>Heritage and Culture: Events Programme 2018</p>	<p>Springwell Village 1940's weekend June 29th to July 1st, Durham Miners Gala 14th July and Washington Family Carnival – Saturday 15th September 2018 all successfully completed.</p> <p>Forthcoming events Remembrance Sunday March and Service 11th November 2018. Road Closures and legal orders agreed, Christmas Lights Switch On - Concord – Monday 19^h November 2018. Road Closures and legal orders arranged event application submitted.</p> <p>Washington Village Christmas Festival – Saturday 8th December 2018. Road Closures and legal orders arranged event application submitted. Lead meeting with Ward members to determine format of event.</p>
<p>Heritage and Culture: Events Programme 2019</p>	<p>June Area Committee agreed a reduced SIB budget of £40,000 for the 2019 Programme. Place Board and the Events Sub Group have considered lots of information re costs and format of previous programmes and recommended a further meeting to determine preferred option for the 2019 Programme. That meeting took place on October 9th 2018.</p> <p>Place Board recommends £40,000 SIB (previously aligned) be approved for the proposed Events 2019 Programme which is detailed in the draft Project Brief and Call for Projects under Item 5 Finance Report.</p>
<p>Heritage and Culture: Heritage Action Plan</p>	<p>Work is ongoing with regards to Blue Plaques and Blue Plaque trails. Plaques are installed at RAF Usworth and Three Horse Shoes – unveiling event to be confirmed. As previously reported and agreed the focus of the project now is to identify and install a number of blue plaques which either recognise people and events. Further discussions are on-going with the Church on the hill, Usworth Colliery.</p>
<p>Heritage and Culture: Health and Heritage</p>	<p>The project has 3 elements: The Creative Age Project develops dementia friendly activities for older adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessions have commenced for two Creative Age groups. Artists have been booked in to work with the groups until December 2018 – they are Mona McCarthy, Nicky Rushton, Poppy Crawshaw and Olivia Hunt, who specialise in movement, dance, performance, writing, theatre and storytelling. Last week (23rd August), both our groups and our artists went on a trip to the Shipley Art Gallery in Gateshead. They were inspired by the varied collections there, and are considering using ideas about 'a cabinet of curiosities' to inform their upcoming projects with the artists. • Dementia and Imagination Training is booked in at the Arts Centre for staff, volunteers and artists in September, which is provided by Equal Arts. Links have been made with Newcastle University, who are running a British Academy-funded research project which explores how arts engagement benefits the health and wellbeing of Creative Age participants. They will come in to join sessions and provide an evaluation of the group based on their observations and small informal focus groups. One group is working towards a live performance of a dance they are choreographing to be performed at Christmastime at the Arts Centre. <p>The Uncover Project uses Arts and Culture to explore communication and confidence building activities for children and young people identified as being on the Autistic spectrum. The project met with Columbia Grange school to discuss the plans for</p>

	<p>the upcoming year and how the project will work within the school context and have identified leaders within the school and met with them to make plans moving forward. The project has researched and contacted national theatre company Oily Cart in relation to their annual touring programme to look at the feasibility of bringing to the school and is currently in the planning stages of CPD and training development for teaching staff and Sunderland Culture. The project has also made connections with Sunderland Carers to link in with the SEND parents forum in Washington and has had conversation with the Dales School which is a leading co-educational special school for children with severe and complex learning needs in North Yorkshire. The school shared recent research regarding barriers for pupils and their families and further consultation about good practice in cultural</p> <p>One Day You'll Be Old Too is a project addressing Social Isolation. Artist Andrew Tift has visited the three care homes in Washington in August and started taking photographs and video recordings of residents to inform his drawings. The care homes are Washington Manor (Concord), Washington Lodge and Nursing Home (Washington Village) and St George's Residential Home (Harraton). A meeting has also been arranged with Sunderland College staff regarding recruiting social care students as volunteers for the project through their intergenerational advocate scheme. Age UK have been contacted regarding their befrienders scheme and we are awaiting their response. Equal Arts have given the Museum advice about appropriate tools to use for measuring health outcomes and we are exploring best practice in survey methodology at the moment before making a final decision. (Update – some portraits completed and on exhibition at Arts Centre Washington).</p>
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5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Place Board Work Plan for 2018/2019 as detailed in **Annex 1**
- 5.2 Members are requested to support the Place Board recommendation to approve the purchase of additional equipment for use in Washington as detailed in **Item 5 Finance Report Annex 1 Summary of SIB applications**
- 5.3 Members are requested to support the Place Board recommendation to approve Project Brief and Call for Projects for Clean and Green Phase 2, as presented under **Item 5 Finance Report Annex 3.**
- 5.4 Members are requested to support the Place Board recommendation to approve the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Events 2019 as presented under **Item 5 Finance Report Annex 4**

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