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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 30 November 2016.

Area Priority	Progress Report
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>All members were requested to submit streets they wished to be considered for inclusion in the programme by the end of December 2016 and Highway Officers have started to collate a list of condition surveys, customer reports, complaints and insurance claims. The information will inform a list of streets which will be inspected to identify the appropriate treatment for the type of repair needed and determine accurate estimates. Once all the information is captured it will be brought forward to the February 2017 Area Board to aid discussion and agree a prioritised list of schemes to recommend to Area Committee in March 2017 for approval. After which, the city wide programme will be approved.</p> <p>Area Committee are requested to note the progress against the Highway Maintenance Programme 2017 / 2018 and agree to receive a recommended list from the Area Board in March 2017.</p>
Celebrating the East Area's heritage and historical assets.  (Ref 1.2b)	<p>Since June 2016, discussions have been held at each Area Board on the heritage priority. In November 2016, a funding options paper was presented highlighting eight project proposals. These included:</p> <p>i) Celebrating milestone anniversaries of key buildings</p>

	<p>that still serve their community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii) Celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the River Wear Commissioner by supporting a small ships parade along the river corridor.</li> <li>iii) Host a six month exhibition in the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens depicting the Port, River, ship building, coal mining and farming that shaped the East area.</li> <li>iv) Influence the brown tourist destination signage across East Sunderland.</li> </ul> <p>The Area Board are proposing that £59,400 Single Initiatives Budget (S.I.B.) is aligned and that further information be supplied against each proposal and brought back for a decision in March 2017.</p> <p>As part of the 2018 Tall Ships programme it is proposed to feed four of the project proposals into the city wide Cultural Partnership Events and Programming Group to complement the cultural offer before, during and after the 2018 event. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v) Subject to agreement, work alongside the Sunderland Heritage Forum and deliver the 2018 History Fair with a ship building / tall ships theme.</li> <li>vi) Dress the city with hand knitted decorations for the Tall Ships to welcome visitors to the East.</li> <li>vii) Deliver a Great Ship Trail, based on the North Snow Dog theme.</li> <li>viii) Co-ordinate a Tall Ships Crew and Community Parade.</li> </ul> <p>An update on Tall Ships will be presented to a future Board.</p>
<p>Cameras and Columns Research</p> <p>(Ref: 2:1)</p>	<p>In November 2016 the Area Board received further information on the feasibility of contributing S.I.B. towards an enforcement based project which would involve purchasing C.C.T.V. cameras and columns to support the review of the Environmental Enforcement Policy.</p> <p>A discussion was had, and Place Councillors are keen to consider supporting such a project, however, it is recognised that as this time the Policy is not approved. This is scheduled for a decision in February 2017.</p> <p>Members are requested to consider receiving a future report, after a decision has been made on the Policy and its associated implementation requirements.</p>
<p>S.I.B. Community Connectors environmental Programme</p> <p>(Ref 3.1)</p>	<p>Since March 2016 discussions have been held on the aligned £50,000 S.I.B. from 2015 / 2016 towards an environmental programme being delivered in the East Sunderland area, based on a similar model to the 'people' version.</p> <p>Recently a workshop with members from the voluntary and community sector Area Network was held to develop a partnership approach to deliver the model.</p> <p>Each Place Board Councillor was consulted upon the</p>

	outcome of the workshop and are supportive of the funding proposal outlined in the area budget report. The Area Board are recommending that the environmental programme funding request of £50,000 S.I.B. is approved by Area Committee to deliver the Cleaner Communities programme.
Re - Use Network (Ref 3:2)	<p>Since October 2016, a series of discussions and meetings have been held within the East Sunderland area to discuss how best to address the three key challenges regarding establishing a re-use hub in the East area. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Transport,</li> <li>ii) Capacity, and</li> <li>iii) Premises.</li> </ul> <p>The Area Board discussed several project proposals and identified two organisations who could establish two hubs, supported by Area Committee via a contribution from S.I.B..</p> <p>The hubs would contribute towards two corporate outcomes, the first, to reduce the amount of re-useable goods going to landfill, and secondly, supply quality household goods to the area's most vulnerable residents.</p> <p>Under the area budget report there is a funding proposal seeking approval of £48,070.</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**.

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

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

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