

15 November 2017

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2017/18) People Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**.

3. Area Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 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 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. 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 for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	People Board Membership
Chair/Houghton	Cllr Billy Turton
Copt Hill	Cllr Kevin Johnston
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr Doris Turner
Shiney Row	Cllr Geoffrey Walker

4 Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to October 2017.

Area Priority: Access to training and learning to enhance life and employability skills	
Increase digital inclusion in communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the allocation of £100,000 SIB at the June 2017 meeting, two calls for projects were made via the Coalfield VCS Network. Project proposals to increase public access to computers and IT services, along with one to one and group support were submitted. Projects will be co-ordinated to ensure collaborative working, and reduce duplication. The applications recommended for approval are contained within Item 5 Area Budget Report.
Develop skills and sustainable progression routes into employment or business start up for local residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SIB Craft Academy project continues to deliver training and support to reduce barriers to employment. 15 adults have taken part in a 6 week training programme to improve skills and prepare them for the labour market. 10 young people (aged 16-25) with challenging behaviours have been supported on a weekly basis to develop employability skills and make best use of their existing skills. The current group of 10 adults are working on practical application of learning and have made a number of items such as frames and ornamental items which they are hoping to sell in the near future. The group have demonstrated their time management and communication skills which will support them in moving into employment or

	further training.
Area Priority: Working in partnership to address key issues that affect residents emotional and mental wellbeing	
Reduce isolation and improve social participation in older and vulnerable adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ELCAP Community Transport and Shopping Bus service continues to thrive and develop new partnership opportunities in order to provide a service to those who need additional support to access services and social activities. The second bus, recently acquired, has disability access and provision for wheelchair users. <p>The project continues to work closely with providers of other SIB funded activities such as Hetton New Dawn, Gentoo, Groundwork, Space 4, St Johns at Fencehouses, B Active N B Fit and Age UK. This allows the project to reach those most in need of the services, predominately those that are socially isolated. The project has benefited 212 individuals in the quarter June – September 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of SIB funded Social isolation projects continue to be delivered throughout the Coalfield with many groups running on the good will of volunteers. A further £30,000 SIB funding was allocated to this priority in June 2017 and a Call for Projects will be developed at the December meeting of the People Board.
Area Priority: Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working	
Continue to work with volunteers as part of the SIB 'Step up' project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the quarter July – September 2017 the SIB funded Step Up project, delivered by SNCBC, registered 25 new potential volunteers and 8 volunteers have completed training (Committee Skills and Safeguarding). Ongoing support is provided to individuals and to community groups to develop and sustain their volunteering programme. <p><u>Case Studies</u></p> <p>Penshaw Community Association The Step Up project has provided Penshaw Community Association with committee skills training, and also supported them to develop an up to date suite of policy documents. In response to the needs of the committee fire warden and first aid training will be delivered in October and November.</p> <p>People's Pedal Power People's Pedal Power a cycling project based in Hetton Lyons Country Park. They have a range of disabled adapted bikes which they operate in the park. They have registered with the Step Up project who are looking to secure a volunteer for them to help maintain their fleet. Links have been developed with Sustrans and discussions are taking place with them about supplying volunteers to support the project with regular maintenance from skilled bike mechanics.</p> <p>The Friends of Herrington Country Park The Friends of Herrington Country Park are receiving support to develop policies and strengthen links with relevant council officers to progress their work in the park, they have also received support to access the capacity fund as part of this project.</p>
Deliver a 'Volunteer Celebration' event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Volunteer Celebration event was held on Saturday 21 October in the Hetton Centre, attended by local Coalfield Area Councillors and The Mayor of City of Sunderland. Volunteers from 17 local organisations attended and were recognised and thanked for their dedication and commitment in providing valuable events, services and support within the community. Certificates of thanks will be presented to volunteers, throughout November, by the Chair of Area Committee.
Encourage collaborative working amongst local organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIB funding awarded to ELCAP in June 2016 has enabled the centre to develop through a period of uncertainty and strengthen its position within the local community. The appointment of a Centre Co-ordinator has enabled ELCAP to work in partnership with a range of local organisations

	to grow and sustain their work. Annex 2 provides further information about the project.
Area Priority: Support provision of activities for young people that increase their involvement in community and area events and projects	
Holiday activity for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a project brief developed by People Board, SNCBC delivered summer holiday activities in all four wards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 44 sessions delivered from July – September 2017 ○ 687 individual contacts made from July – September 2017 ○ Partnership delivery including SNCBC, Fencehouses YMCA, Friends Of Herrington Country Park, Friends of Hetton Lyons Park, Gentoo and Sunderland City Council. ○ Party In The Park took place at Herrington Country Park on Friday 29th July 2017 and was attended by 303 individual children, young people and adults ○ Sessions took place across Coalfields locality area and utilised green spaces and existing youth centres. ○ A wide variety of activities on offer including art, sports, crafts, cooking, play etc. ○ All sessions were delivered to include a 'food' element be it cooking or a picnic for the children and young people to enjoy to, combat holiday hunger.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2016/17 and agree proposals for future delivery

Annex 1 2017/18 Work plan
Annex 2 Point of Contact Project

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