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## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

## Place Board Progress Report

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against the Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.

## 1. Background

- 2.1 In April 2013 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. The Place Board has started to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

## 3. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements

- 3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

Action Taken	Outcome
<b>Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2014 / 2015</b>	
To consider and recommend to Area Committee the list of streets for their area, to a value of £110,000 that should be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2014-2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At November's Place Board members were informed of the process for developing and approving the 2014-2015 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme for works on the adopted highway network.</li> <li>At the meeting Board members were informed that a citywide programme of priority schemes would be prepared by officers to a value of 75% (see List A) of the available budget and that 25% (see List B) of the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme would be devolved to the members to prioritise and allocate spend on maintenance schemes from a list of recommended options.</li> <li>Consequently the 25% total allocation for the five Areas is £550,000, which translates to £110,000 per area.</li> <li>The East Place Area Board are recommending that Area Committee approve the streets, as shown in <b>Annex 2</b>, to be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital programme 2014 / 2015.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsive Local Services</b>	
Dog Control Orders	Public consultation will commence in April and completed in May. After which there is a one month consideration period, before rolling out the Dog Control Orders in June

Operational Updates	<p>2014. A full Communication Plan has been designed to engage a variety of stakeholders, e.g. residents, animal care services, etc. and a full Councillor brief will be circulated updating members on progress.</p> <p>Area Response Managers for the City Centre and East Sunderland will provide a verbal update on operations and delivery of services at Committee.</p>
<b>Area Priority: Gateway Programme One</b>	
To improve the visual appearance of the main roads leading into the City Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hylton Road / Holly Court: Landscape works are complete, and the art work has been commissioned to a local artist to carry out works.</li> <li>Ryhope roundabouts: The tendering process is due to end mid April 2014, after which a contractor will be commissioned to carry out landscaping works.</li> <li>Project completion due June 2014.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Gateway Programme Two</b>	
To improve the visual appearance and reputation of secondary shopping centres across the East area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service managers have agreed a schedule of works to improve the visual appearance of the centres, which is:- <p>April / May: Paint road markings and highway barriers.</p> <p>May / July: The shop fronts will be painted and tidied up for those traders who are willing to sign up to the Voluntary Code of Practice.</p> <p>May / July: Paint all the street furniture.</p> <p>June / July: Remove chewing gum and relay uneven pavements, where necessary.</p> <p>July: Develop branding for 'shopping centres' i.e. planters.</p> <p>January / March (2015): Ryhope Route Action Plan</p> </li> <li>Once works are complete, the council will work with local traders to continue to keep the centres up to a high standard, in terms of, appearance and cleanness with the aim to increase local footfall and boost the local economy.</li> </ul>
<b>Coastal Path</b>	
To deliver a better than basic signage project to support the installation of the coastal path along Hendon and Ryhope.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The procurement process has commenced, seeking contractors who will design, manufacture and install the better than basic signage along the coast path.</li> <li>The deadline for tenders is mid May 2014.</li> <li>Appointment of contractor will soon follow, aiming for the project to be complete by July 2014.</li> </ul>

<b>Love Where You Live</b>	
To deliver a programme of positive activities across the East, led by the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since the last meeting five schemes have been delivered.</li> <li>• Pupils from St Pauls in Ryhope visited the Museum to research the history of fashion and family life, ready to start a heritage project in Ryhope.</li> <li>• Thornholme Residents Association and RLS delivered a second event at Burn Park to improve the edging around the paths and place chipping on and around shrub beds.</li> <li>• A further event has been arranged to carry out paint works on the iron characters next to the Six Streets.</li> <li>• Nexus have hosted a workshop at Benedict Biscop in Doxford, which has involved the pupils designing posters which will be displayed in the bus shelters in the neighbourhood encouraging both safe play next to roads and increased use of public transport.</li> <li>• ICOS delivered a photography competition. The submitted photography were then displayed in an exhibition with awards going to the winner.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priorities 2014 / 2015</b>	
To host a Place Board themed workshop with Councillors and Partners to discuss and identified proposed priorities for 2014 / 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The East Place Area Board will host a workshop, inviting key stakeholders along to discuss and identified projects which can bring an added value to the East Sunderland area. The workshop will focus on two themes, which are:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Love Where You Live / encouraging community involvement in their local environment</li> <li>ii) Developing greenspace to maximise use in East Sunderland</li> <li>iii) Increasing partner involvement in environmental improvements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### 4. **Recommendation**

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the report, and the Place Board's work plan update (Annex 1).
- (b) Approve the East Place Area Board recommendations (Annex 2) to be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital programme 2014 / 2015.

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Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan  
Annex 2 East Area: Highway Maintenance Capital programme 2014 / 2015