

20<sup>th</sup> June 2013**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD****Place Board Progress Report****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The report seeks Area Committee approval of the Board's membership for 2013-14 and provides an update of progress against the current year's (2013/14) Place Board Work Plan.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 In April 2013 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the North Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board has started to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 3 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:-

- (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 Committee are to review and agree board representation on an annual basis, each ward will have one elected member representative, whose role will be 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.

**4 Key Areas of Influence/Achievements 2013 - 2014**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Place Board 2013 - 2014.

Action Taken	Outcome
<b>Responsive Local Services Streetscene</b>	
Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RLS delivery/activity reports presented to May 2013 and June 2013 board for members to influence and target resources</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Greenspace and Shopping Centre Improvements</b>	
Continue to develop and deliver programmes in partnership which will improve the physical and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnerships established with members, resident groups, probation service, local schools, businesses and volunteers to continue the Love Where You Live Campaign with the following volunteer days arranged:</li> </ul>

environmental appearance of the North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>13<sup>th</sup> June Sculpture Trail</b></li> <li>• <b>26<sup>th</sup> June Seafields/Morrisons</b></li> <li>• <b>7<sup>th</sup> July Seafront</b></li> <li>• <b>St Peters Sculpture Trail</b> – second phase of improvement works now complete and discussions underway to develop a third phase with proposals to be considered at a future board meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Hylton Dene Steps</b> – Improvement works now completed</li> <li>• Working group established to investigate feasibility of clock reinstatement at Wheatsheaf site.</li> <li>• Partnership developed through the North VCS Network to manage two Seafront Pods for educational/community use with expected delivery first week in July</li> <li>• The board have considered the CEED SIB application for physical and environmental improvements to Tyzack Nature Space and Roker Park to be presented to Area Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Accessibility of services, facilities, events and information</b>	
Receive information to consider and influence the accessibility of services, facilities, events and information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report presented to People Board to discuss access to activities for young people within local schools. Issue of accessibility to schools to be transferred to Place Board along with the proposals to request members, as part of role as school governor, encourage the return of Sport and Leisure Service's request to provide an audit of school facilities. Next steps to include proposals to July Board on further work with schools to encourage community use of facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Heritage</b>	
Influence and encourage heritage activity within the North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timeline provided to Board on progression of HLF project for Hylton Castle</li> </ul>

## 5. **Recommendations:**

- 5.1 Members are requested to agree member representation for 2013/14 for the Place Board, as outlined in section 3.2.
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the North Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.
- 5.3 Members are requested to consider and agree the proposal:
  - 5.3.1 Elected members on governing bodies of the following schools to encourage return of audit information request to Sport and Leisure – those schools include Seaburn Dene Primary School, Bexhill Academy, Bishop Harland CE, Dame Dorothy, Hylton Red House, Redby, Southwick, Town End Academy and Willow Fields.

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