

19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**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 (2016/17) Place Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 2 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 utilizing 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 Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr Michael Essl
Barnes	Cllr Ian Galbraith
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Debra Waller
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St Anne's	Cllr Karen Waters
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 7 October 2016**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 7 October 2016.

**Influence: Place Management Services**

Following the presentation of the Responsive Local Services Area Delivery Plan to the extraordinary Area Committee, as agreed, Place Board continue to oversee the development and delivery of the 2016/2017 Delivery Plan.

Members reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities.

<b>Influence: Local Bus Advisory Group</b>	
NEXUS, Stagecoach and Go-North East local transport providers attended Place Board in June. They explained their service and delivery plans for the future, which included routes, vehicle stock/replacement as well as their commitment to support communities to safely travel around the city. Members took the opportunity to share their residents' comments and concerns regarding route changes, which the transport providers committed to investigate.	
<b>Influence: Play and Urban Games Delivery Plan</b>	
Members were updated on the current position of the delivery plan to reflect the challenges the City Council now faces in the current economic climate. It is important that the Council are clear where and why resources are focused.	
<p>The approach for the plan aims to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide a standard quality of play provision in Sunderland</li> <li>- Provide a sustainable approach for play provision in Sunderland</li> <li>- Ensure play is strategically planned and resourced</li> <li>- Maintain and create, when able to, free and inclusive play spaces</li> <li>- Involve children and young people in the development of play refurbishments and developments</li> <li>- Work in partnership to develop, support and promote high standards for play</li> </ul> <p>Members made suggestions of local partners, organisations, children and young people and residents who should be included in consultation.</p> <p>Members will continue to be engaged throughout delivery of the plan.</p>	
<b>Influence: LED Street Lighting</b>	
Members were updated on the LED street lighting replacement programme. Over 23,800 lighting units will be replaced with LEDs. This equates to nearly half the lighting stock and is anticipated that savings in excess of £800,000 per annum will be made, as well as reducing maintenance costs. The programme for the new installations commenced in July 2016.	
<b>Area Priority: Improving shopping centres and supporting local traders</b>	
<b>Business Support</b>	<p>Pallion Traders – Members are currently working with the traders to develop long-term volunteer support from within the community to maintain planters as well as potentially a full-time apprentice via the West Apprentice Programme, who will support the traders with on-going maintenance issues.</p> <p>They are also planning for Christmas, with Pallion Illuminations being switched on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.</p>
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<p>To-date the following works have been completed:</p> <p>St Anne's - Broadway Shops resurfacing and bollard replacement as well as adoption of flower planters by local community organisation</p> <p>St Chad's - Farringdon Shops resurfacing and litter bin replacement.</p> <p>Pallion – planting and signage improvements, bench installation and event support</p> <p>Sandhill – painting of bollards, planters filled with flowers and bins replaced</p> <p>Barnes – painting of bollards, bin replacements</p> <p>Silksworth – improvement of event space within local park</p>

<b>Area Priority: Improving environment and green space</b>	
<b>Walk and Talk Programme</b>	<p>The Walk and Talk programme continues to be successful and offers the opportunity to ward Councillors to be dynamic, flexible and implement small-scale people and place based projects, which have a positive impact on their local communities.</p> <p>During September and early October Members have met collectively by ward to make arrangements to undertake ward walks over the coming months to determine further projects.</p>
<b>Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land</b>	<p>Following the annual tour of the area, various actions were noted and continue to be addressed.</p> <p>1 project was presented and approved at the Place Board in July and 1 project was approved at the Place Board in September to support communities to enable them to undertake 'Love where you live' activities as well as small-scale gardening/green space improvement projects . <b>Item 5 Annex 2.</b></p>
<b>Area Priority: Enabling healthier homes</b>	
<b>Healthy Home Project</b>	<p>The Healthy Homes Project is now complete; the project was successfully delivered raising awareness of housing standards and the Accredited Landlord Scheme to the VCS and the community. The Community Helpers alongside 14 VCS organisations were trained to enable them to offer advice and guidance to our most vulnerable residents, in relation to their rights for good quality housing (a healthy and safe home). The housing services availability and support flyer was delivered to 141 targeted properties and 261 members of the public were briefed. An E-Learning training module has been created for future use to ensure information can continue to be shared with our residents.</p>
<b>Area Priority: Mobilising communities to take sustainable action to support environmental improvements</b>	
<b>Safety works</b>	<p>Safety Works presented an update to the September Place Board in relation to the success of the 2015/2016 school programme. 18 West schools attended, which equated to 1057 children – an increase again from 2014/2015. Schools are really seeing the value in the programme.</p> <p>The aim of the programme is to educate children about personal safety whilst raising their awareness regarding anti-social behaviour and crime. An important part of the programme is to raise awareness of the impact their behaviour and actions can have on their own future, and how it can also affect their families as well as the wider community.</p> <p>The Place Board agreed to recommend to Area Committee to fund the transport again for West Schools to attend Safety Works during 2016/2017. <b>Item 5 Annex 1.</b></p>
<b>Area Priority: Ensure West Communities benefit from the Tall Ships 2018</b>	
<b>Tall Ships 2018</b>	<p>Area Committee agreed in June that they would ensure communities benefit from the Tall Ships coming to Sunderland in 2018.</p> <p>At the Place Board in September, the Tall Ships were discussed.</p> <p>1. Senora Yacht Restoration Project</p> <p>Tall Ships project team are working in partnership with The Senora Trust and Pallion Engineering to support the restoration of a 107 year old vessel that was originally built on the Wear in 1908.</p>

	<p>The project will train and qualify to NVQ level, young people in key manufacturing skills and provide a good foundation for careers in the engineering and construction industries.</p> <p>Skilled mentors are required to work alongside the apprentices, sharing their skills.</p> <p>The Place Board have agreed to arrange a future site visit to the project, based at Pallion shipyard to meet the team and determine how the Committee and the West VCS could further support.</p> <p>2. Sunderland Sail Training Ambassador Programme</p> <p>A two year programme of sail training, educational, community and cultural activities for young people across the region – each Ambassador will undertake voyages and finally take part in the 2018 races. There are currently 34 Ambassadors – four of which are from the West. Of the four from the West, two are funded and two require funding. Sponsorship for each Ambassador is £3,500.</p> <p>3. Volunteering opportunities</p> <p>As the Tall Ships project builds momentum the team will require support from volunteers to cover a range of tasks including administration, promotional activity, ship liaison and support, city greeters, recruitment activities.</p> <p>The Tall Ships team will work with the West VCS network to develop a calendar of community events to promote volunteering opportunities</p>
<b>Area Priority: Activities for Young People</b>	
<b>Influence and encourage activity within the West as well as Improve Health and Wellbeing activities for Young People-</b>	<p>To support the delivery of its healthy lifestyles priority, the Area Committee agreed to fund a large-scale 'Road to Rio Event' in Barnes Park 30 June to 2 July. The key message to be shared during the event was one of peace, friendship and demonstrating the seven Olympic principles during our everyday lives.</p> <p>The first two days of the event were for West Schools to attend 16 schools attended the event which equated to 536 children. The children took part in 18 activities.</p> <p>Each of the schools were allocated a country to represent and they made school flags, Olympic torches and banners. When they arrived at the event they walked a lap of the event space as part of the 'opening ceremony'. The school feedback has been incredibly positive.</p> <p>The third day was a family fun day. It was very well attended with over 5000 people in attendance throughout the day. 26 activities were available for families to enjoy as well as music on the bandstand. The feedback received from visitors throughout the date was incredibly positive.</p> <p>The lasting legacy from the event includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- West Voluntary and Community sector working more together to share resources as well as enabling further opportunities for the sector to work with schools</li> <li>- Schools further embedding change for life clubs into their school programme, recognising the importance of physical activity</li> </ul> <p>The event was held safely with no issues reported.</p> <p>The full detailed event evaluation report can be found at <b>Item 2 Annex 2.</b></p>

## **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West Place Board Work Plan for 2016/2017 **Item 2 Annex 1.**
- 5.3 Note the proposal agreed through the small grants process for Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity, as described at **Item 5 Annex 2.**
- 5.4 Approve the allocation of SIB £4,250 to support delivery of the Safety Works educational programme across the West during 2016/2017. **Item 5 Annex 1.**

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