

11th December 2019**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD****People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2019/20) People Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the West People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue 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 Place and People Boards were established to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action taken 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	Cllr Susan Watson
Barnes	Cllr Helen Greener
Pallion	Cllr George Smith
Sandhill	Cllr Margaret Crosby
Silksworth	Cllr Pat Smith
St. Anne's	Cllr Pam Mann
St Chad's	Cllr William Blackett

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 1 December 2019

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West People Board up to 1 December 2019.

Influence: Core service delivery for council People services
Monitor performance and delivery of Children's Centres within the West of Sunderland
The Area Committee Chair and People Board Chair were invited to attend the West Children Centre Advisory Board meetings and will feedback to People Board as and when updates are available.

<p>Community Library provision to ensure those Libraries no longer delivered by the Council but via the local VCS are supported where practicable</p> <p>Kayll Road Library continues to deliver from strength to strength with many activities held and/or planned. The library continues to support the Pallion Traders with their Christmas celebrations as well as working alongside communities to improve their reading and ICT skills and to reduce social isolation.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Maintain partnership with Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG)</p> <p>Working with Locality Commissioning Manager and clinical lead for the West locality to share information relating to West Social Isolation projects and youth activities to maximise usage from our most vulnerable communities.</p> <p>The People Board reviewed the initial feedback of the Youth consultation, as well as, the data on Children's Health and considered sexual health and understanding healthy relationships and influence campaigns.</p> <p>The People Board considered the data and information provided on health in Sunderland West. The Area Committee approved the Healthy Weight project which will focus on support for improving cycle/walking routes, improving how walks, including heritage, are displayed/promoted (digitally), adding seats where required, green gyms and how to use the equipment, supporting residents to utilise the facilities within Everyone Active centres and utilising assets within the West.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Activities for Young People including Holiday Hunger</p> <p>Funding and projects approved for Holiday Hunger. Projects delivered sessions across the summer and half term break and are distributing hampers at Christmas to those in need. Further activities are planned for all school holidays up to and including Summer 2020, across the six wards within the West of Sunderland.</p> <p>Area Committee approved funding to commission a youth consultation exercise over the summer to assess need across the six wards. The People Board received the full application for youth activities from Sunderland All Together consortium and are making a recommendation to approve the £90,000, details in Item 6 annex 1.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Supporting the VCS to support their sustainability</p> <p>The West VCS meet regularly and share best practice, the VCS recently attended training on social media, ICT protocols and first aid whilst continuing to support the delivery of the Area Committee's priorities.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Working with Vulnerable Communities – particularly those who are socially isolated and lonely or who have long-term care responsibilities</p> <p>Projects continue to be approved at a ward-level to support socially isolated people to take part in community activities to improve their overall health and wellbeing. The successful projects were invited to a VCS network meeting to share best practice, it was a successful meeting and Members have received the summary of discussion.</p>
<p>Area Priority: West NEET Project</p> <p>Delivery partners continue to work to support the young people across the West into employment, volunteering, training or education. The projects continue to link into the Apprenticeship programme for the West.</p> <p>The projects involved are also working with Together for Children to access up to date lists of young people who are NEET. To share lessons learnt from the project experience, as well as, being a resource for partners who are working with vulnerable young people who would benefit from the West NEET project support.</p>

Area Priority: Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme

The five projects which were approved at the June 2018 Area Committee continue to deliver and support local residents.

Projects continue to be monitored with joint visits between the Area Arrangements and the CLLD team.

The five projects which are now being delivered include:
Care to Achieve, Community Helper Plus, West REACT, Community Champions and Prospecting for Enterprise

The successful allocation of CLLD Grant funding for all five West projects has meant that the West Neighbourhood Fund allocation has been doubled in value for the residents within the West of Sunderland.

The next round of CLLD has been released and the West Area Committee still has £12,957 aligned to support this priority.

Area Priority: Tackling worklessness and raising aspirations - West Apprenticeships Programme and West Training Support – Find a better job Programme

The West Apprenticeship Programme continues to be delivered for those living in the West of Sunderland, linking in with local businesses / organisations.

The get a better job training is being delivered and links are being made with the CLLD projects and local centres to ensure it supports those residents most in need of this additional training to move into more secure employment. The People board welcomed the presentation from welfare rights at the September meeting.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.
- 5.2 Approve the application of £90,000 to Sunderland All Together Consortium **Item 6 Annex 1.**
- 5.4 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West People Board Work Plan for 2019/2020 **Item 3 Annex 1.**

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