

7<sup>th</sup> April 2014**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 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 6 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 Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee was agreed at June Area Committee and is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr D. Wilson
Castle	Cllr S. Foster
Redhill	Cllr P. Stewart
Southwick	Cllr R. Copeland
Fulwell	Cllr J. Wiper
St. Peter's	Cllr S. Bonallie

**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.

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Influence: Responsive Local Services Streetscene</b>	
Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RLS delivery/activity reports presented to February 2014 and March 2014 board for members to influence and target resources</li> <li>• Members have considered options for dog control orders and enforcement in the North</li> <li>• Members have received enforcement flowchart documents</li> </ul>

Action Taken	Outcome
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members agreed SIB funding of £50k to carry out North environmental improvements and members have influenced the areas for improvement and receive updates on progress of improvements.</li> </ul>
<b>Influence: Highways Capital Maintenance 2014/2015</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board received information on the areas requiring capital maintenance works across the North area. The proposed areas were prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist members</li> <li>Members were asked to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to Area Committee for completion up to a value of £110,000 for the North area</li> <li>At the March Board members agreed recommendations of highways officers to propose to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the North as described at Annex 2</li> </ul>
<b>Influence: Public Protection and Regulatory Service (PPRS)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Place Board is provided with information on the statutory services and functions within PPRS and how the board may influence each of the functions at a local level.</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 environmental appearance of the North	<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 Campaigns held</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><b>Wheatsheaf Gyratory Clock</b> - Working group established to investigate feasibility of clock reinstatement at Wheatsheaf site. January 2014 Area Committee agreed £20k SIB funding for installation of Wheatsheaf Gyratory currently in procurement and planning stages.</li> <li>Partnership developed through the North VCS Network with CEED to manage two Seafront Pods for educational/community use.</li> <li>The board have considered the CEED SIB application for physical and environmental improvements to Tyzack Nature Space and Roker Park which was presented to and approved by June 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.</li> <li>July Board agreed next steps to include further work with schools on letting policies to encourage community use of facilities. With updates to be presented to future Boards.</li> <li>Cultural Spring Project linked to the North VCS network to ensure local community engagement</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Heritage</b>	

Action Taken	Outcome
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> <li>• Special September Place Board held to provide North Heritage Projects Update</li> <li>• Hylton Castle Project Coordinator now appointed and in post</li> <li>• Procurement process for Design Team commenced with Members recommending Chair of Place Board be appointed to evaluation panel.</li> <li>• Design Team appointed</li> <li>• Hylton Castle Project manager linking with DWT and English Heritage to investigate the feasibility of installing cabin at Hylton Castle site</li> </ul>

**5. Recommendations:**

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the North Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.
- 5.2 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North for 2014/2015 attached at Annex 2.

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