

19th March 2020**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 (2019/20) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the priorities associated with Place were referred to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board has initiated action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress and performance 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 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. 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:

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr. F Miller
Central	Cllr Dianne Snowdon
East	Cllr. T Taylor
North	Cllr. J Kelly
South	Cllr. L Farthing
West	Cllr B. Scaplehorn

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to end of February 2020

- 4.1 Attached as **Annex 1**, Members are asked to note the performance update on all activity and Projects included in the People Board 2019/20 workplan
- 4.2 Members are also asked to note and support the following recommendations:
- 4.2.1 The Place Board received information on the highways requiring capital maintenance works across the Washington area. In determining the candidate streets for the proposed Highway Maintenance Programme 2020-2021 information has been analysed and considered from the following sources:

- Machine based and manual (walked) condition surveys.
- Councillors' input throughout the year, as well as the recent submissions following November's emailed invitation.
- Reports from residents and businesses
- Highway inspectors' reports and engineers' inspections.
- Officers also examine accident claim locations and consider whether scheme work would be appropriate to mitigate future claims.

Members were asked to consider and recommend to Area Committee the list of streets for their area, to a value of £100,000 that should be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2020-2021. The proposed areas were prioritised and following discussions at the January Board, some amendments were made and Members were asked to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to March Area Committee. The proposed list is attached under **Annex 2**. Members are therefore requested to agree recommendations for the completion of Highways Maintenance Capital Maintenance programmes 2020/21 in Washington, as detailed at **Item 5 Annex 2**

- 4.2.2 Support and note the Community Resilience Service (Neighbourhood Directorate) to lead on the previously approved £30,000 Neighbourhood Fund for Usworth Park – as agreed at June 2019 Committee meeting
- 4.2.3 Support the recommendation to extend the Washington Clean & Green Project (Phase 2) and note the recommendation to **Item 6 Finance Report** for additional funding
- 4.2.4 Note the recommendation to **Item 6 Finance Report** to determine the Washington Events 2020 Programme

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Place Board Work Plan for 2019/2020 as detailed in **Item 5 Annex 1**, and note the items referred to **Item 6** for consideration.
- 5.2 Members are requested to agree recommendations for the completion of Highways Maintenance Capital Maintenance programmes 2020/21 in Washington, as detailed at **Item 5 Annex 2**

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