

**26 June 2019**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD**

**Place Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2019 / 2020**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report

- a. Seeks Area Committee approval for Place priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2019/20
- b. Provides an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2019/20.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year Coalfield Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Place Board has presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on 2018/19 priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report proposes priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2019/20.

**3. Proposed Place Work Plan for 2019/20**

- 3.1 The Coalfield Area Place Board and Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all Coalfield Area Councillors to consider and agree. Area Committee is requested to consider and agree the following list of priorities which will inform the work plan for the Area Place Board during 2019 / 2020, these are:
  - Support Traders' groups across the Coalfield area to develop initiatives to increase footfall
  - Deliver environmental improvement and education projects to encourage communities to get involved in, and take pride in, their local area.
  - Celebrate and support long standing and historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities
  - Improve road safety
  - Tackle specific hotspot areas which are an eyesore or cause a blight on the neighbourhood
- 3.2 The proposed work plan for 2019 / 2020 is attached as **Item 3 Annex 1**. The work plan links directly into the Council's City Plan.

#### **4. Area Governance Arrangements**

- 4.1 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 City Plan 2019-2030 at a local level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 4.2 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. Terms of Reference attached at **Item 3 Annex 2**.
- 4.3 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>
Copt Hill	Cllr Jack Cunningham
Hetton	Cllr Claire Rowntree
Houghton	<b>Cllr Juliana Heron (Chair)</b> Cllr Alex Scullion
Shiney Row	Cllr Mel Speding

#### **5. Recommendations**

##### **5.1 Members are requested to:**

- a. Consider and agree the Coalfield Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2019/20 attached as **Item 2 Annex 1**.
- b. Agree the Area Governance arrangements for 2019/20 outlined in **Section 4 and Item 3 Annex 2**.

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