COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE **Item 2**

10 June 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

a. Provides an annual update of the 2014/15 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
b. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2015/16
c. Provides an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

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 those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.

2.3 This report provides the annual update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2015/16.

3. Annual Update of 2014/15 Place Board Work Plan

3.1 The 2014/15 Work Plan and SIB Project Reports are attached as **Annex 1 and 2** and provide an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2015/16

4.1 The proposed Work Plan is attached as **Annex 3** and outlines those priorities for action that the Place Board considers key to deliver during 2015/16, namely:

- Support for local shopping centres
- Environmental improvement and education
- Make better use of land and greenspace
- Celebrate local events and heritage

4.2 Additionally the Place Board will continue to influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services devolved to Area Committee.

5. Area Governance Arrangements

5.1 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.

5.2 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 as **Annex 4.**

5.3 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:-

Ward	**Place Board Membership**
Copt Hill	Cllr A Allen and Cllr M Turton
Hetton	**Cllr J Cummings (Chair)**
Houghton	Cllr S Ellis and Cllr J Heron
Shiney Row	Cllr M Speding

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to:-

a. Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 attached as **Annex 1 and 2**.
b. Consider and agree the Coalfield Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2015/16 attached as **Annex 3**.
c. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2015/16 outlined in **Section 5 and Annex 4.**

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Annex 1 2014/15 Work Plan
Annex 2 SIB Performance Report
Annex 3 Proposed 2015/16 Work Plan
Annex 4 Place Board Terms of Reference