

10th April 2014

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 2013/14 Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 The Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board has worked to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** (Work plan) outlines progress to date.

3. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 December 2013

3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to 31 March 2014.

Action Taken	Outcome
Area Priority: Investment in Washington's built and natural environment	
Washington Leisure Village Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have received regular progress reports for the new Washington Leisure Village. Annex 2 includes presentation slides to report further progress
Influence: Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2014/15	
Members received information to prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2014/2015, with 25% of the capital maintenance budget identified for influence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board received information on areas requiring capital maintenance works across the Washington area. The proposed areas were prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist Members. Members met March 11th to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to Area Committee for completion up to a value of £110,000 for the Washington area as described at Annex 3.
Influence: Responsive Local Services Streetscene	
To influence core delivery in Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current focus includes scheduling of Village Centre improvements, multi agency problem solving re industrial estates and completion of winter pruning programme implemented in all Wards. ARM is currently investigating options for partnership working with regards to woodland/plantation management scheme
Influence: Public Protection and Regulatory Service (PPRS)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Place Board was 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. The Service has agreed to ensure links are

	made with other initiatives and areas of work. This includes managing industrial estates (environmental standards), assisting the Concord traders initiative and dog control initiatives.
Area Priority: Deliver Responsive Services through a co-ordinated partnership approach	
Joint working and co-ordinated approach to deliver neighbourhood management and improvements to the area through partnership working.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of proposed activities, initiatives and partnership working to deliver neighbourhood improvements were presented to the Board. A programme of works has been identified and includes proposals and opportunities to encourage partners and the voluntary and community sector to engage.
Area Priority: Investment in the built environment	
Concord Shopping Centre Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail Support Specialist to be confirmed April 2014. This project will also aim to establish and support the Concord Traders Forum • The Concord Shop Local Campaign Project to be launched alongside the Retail Support Specialist Project • The Council's Network and Traffic Enforcement sections are investigating a number of issues raised at the last meeting with local traders. • Trial 4G camera in place in Concord • Next Concord Traders meeting anticipated April
Area Priority: A well connected Washington	
Community Health and Green Spaces Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital works are now well underway. Programme re engagement and involvement, marketing and branding, and focus on tackling health inequalities to be confirmed following mapping of loops and destinations March 2014.
Area Priority: A cultural identity for Washington	
To consider how the local offer can contribute to the City's Cultural Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member's workshop 11th March presented the Washington offer and how it informs and links to the proposed city wide strategy. Members fully supportive of aspects of heritage and culture remaining a priority for Area Committee 2014. This includes better planning for events, and culture and heritage being used to deliver other areas of work such as skills training and health initiatives. To be referred to Area Committee discussions to set priorities for 2014/15 at June Area Committee

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14 as detailed in **Annex 1**.

4.2 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the Washington for 2014/2015, attached at **Annex 3**.

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Annex 1: Work plan 2013/14

Annex 2: Washington Leisure Village presentation slides

Annex 3: Highways Capital Maintenance Programme – recommendations 2014/15 programme