

15th March 2018**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 (2017/18) 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 started to initiate action on those priorities and **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:-
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
 - 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
West	Cllr B. Scaplehorn
North	Cllr. J Kelly
South	Cllr P Middleton
East	Cllr. T Taylor

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 28th February 2018

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to **28th February 2018**

Action Taken	Outcome
Influencing Service Delivery: Local Services	
Following the presentation of the Local Services Area Delivery Plan Place Board continue to oversee the delivery of the 2017/2018 service schedule. Members reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service at Place Board in December 2017 and January 2018, and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities. Place Board reviewed the proposed Service Schedules for 2018/2019, and Members are requested to agree the recommended schedule for 2018/19 as detailed at Item 5 Annex 2 .	
Influencing Service Delivery: Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2018/2019	
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 2018-2019, 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 2018-2019. 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 as **Annex 3**

Members are requested to agreed recommendations for the completion of Highways Maintenance Capital Maintenance programmes in the Washington, as detailed at **Item 5 Annex 3**

Local Priorities

Environment and Green Space: Clean and Green

- Plantation clearance and community clean ups continue across the area. Phase 2 of the plantation work is well underway via the teams of volunteers. Recently volunteers have been working to clear the footpath behind B & Q, Oxclose back path and Holley Park (where fly tipping continues to be a major issue), Sulgrave underpass, Marble Arch, footpath near B & Q from A182, and the footpath from Armstrong to Blackfell. The team are currently working at the Barmston Plantation near to Barmston Primary School.
- There have been a number of community clean ups across the area – Rainbow Family Centre, Albany Park, Albany Village, James Steel Park, and a family litter pick in Fatfield. There are plans to work with the scouts in Fatfield and discussions are on-going with Barmston Primary School re implementing a school eco project on the back of the clearance work undertaken by the volunteers. Some new sites have been proposed including High Usworth Cemetery, Don Gardens, and the A195/A1231 Pattisdon Rd.
- So far 65 volunteers are working on this initiative and 45 different projects have taken place.
- Healthy Places Healthy People continues to deliver ward based projects with local community groups. Projects being delivered to date include ACW Courtyard Project, Teal Farm Nature Trail and Clean Ups with Teal Farm RA, work in Rickleton Park, the Oxclose Community Garden at the Discovery Learning Centre, work with Springwell RA in Seldom Seen Park, nature/clean up projects and the establishment of a Gardening Club with Springwell Primary School, Columbia CA, and Princess Anne Park.
- The team is now also going to look at holding some community events in Usworth Park to try and establish a Friends Group and some community ownership of the park. The aim is to try and develop community involvement to allow the park to obtain its Green Flag award next year.
- Area Committee is being requested to approve a change of project for the Clean & Green 'Support for Friends Groups' Project. Keep Washington Tidy continues to require some support and co-ordination following the closure of the CVDO Project in December. **Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals** for a decision.
- Work is underway via the Member Support and Community Partnerships Service to ensure co-ordination and collaboration

<p>Environment and Green Space: Washington Ward Improvement Project</p>	<p>of the 3 strands of the Washington Clean and Green approach. This work stream will ensure all communications, recruitment, awareness raising and education programmes will maintain a joined up approach re content, aims, objectives and will avoid duplication. Currently under development is a recycling scheme and competition with all primary schools. In addition proposals for a anti-litter and fly tipping campaign were proposed at the last Steering Group meeting along with a video to be promoted via social media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and feedback continues through Place Board which has already identified a need to continue to develop the Clean and Green Project as a key priority for 2018/19. The leads of the individual strands have been asked to provide an evaluation of what has worked, best practice, and what hasn't worked to help shape the remit of any new projects. Following approval of £10,000 per Ward to enhance the environment within the neighbourhoods, elected members (per ward) are identifying a range of projects which address local issues and concerns. Projects are coming forward in each of the Wards and the Community Partnerships Service is providing to support to aid implementation. Currently projects approved total £11,894 in Central, North, South and West Wards
<p>Heritage and Culture: Events Programme 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Events 2017 Programme is now complete with an evaluation of the project now underway. Details with regards to full project costs and in kind/match funding and resources will be included in the evaluation as well as any lessons learnt or best practice
<p>Heritage and Culture: Events Programme 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following Members agreeing the Project Brief and proposed budgets for the Washington Events Programme 2018/19, a Call for Projects was launched with 1 x application being received. The Executive Summary and results of the SIB assessment and consultation is presented under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals for a decision. The Place Board has also recommended a budget be aligned to facilitate the repair or replacement of the illuminations motifs and equipment which are now no longer fit for purpose. This request is presented under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals for a decision. The Place Board has also established a sub group to consider how future local events programmes are supported in line with the city's strategic approach. This group will report back to the Place Board.
<p>Heritage and Culture: Tall Ships Race – VCS Events and Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Call for Projects/Small Grants Scheme for the local VCS to deliver events and activities linked to the Tall Ships 2018 Event has been released with a deadline for applications 26th January. Due to a limited response this scheme was released again January 29th with a deadline for applications 2nd March and 6 applications are under consideration and out to consultation with Area Committee. If all applications are approved a balance of £5397 remains – a third and final round will be launched March 16th.
<p>Heritage and Culture: Heritage Action Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lead agent is currently investigating planning requirements for the proposed Blue Plaques and is working with Washington History Society to determine a package and trail.
<p>Heritage and Culture:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health have now removed the formal evaluation from the proposed brief. This project is currently on hold until Officers

Health and Heritage	determine the required project outcomes for the Public Health element of the project. If progress is made a revised project brief will be presented to April People and Place Boards for agreement.
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5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Place Board Work Plan for 2017/2018 as detailed in **Annex 1**
- 5.2 Members are requested to agree the recommended schedule for Place Services 2018/19 as detailed at **Item 5 Annex 2.**
- 5.3 Members are requested to agree recommendations for the completion of Highways Maintenance Capital Maintenance programmes in the Washington for 2018/19, as detailed at **Item 5 Annex 3**

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