

15th June 2017

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2017 / 2018

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:-
 - a. Provides an annual update of the 2016/17 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
 - b. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2017/18
 - c. Provides an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2017/18.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year Washington Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Place Board have 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 2017/18.

3. Annual Update of 2016/17 Place Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2016/17 Work Plan is attached as **Item 5 Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2017/18

- 4.1 The Washington Area Place Board and Washington Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all Area Councillors to consider and agree. Area Committee are requested to consider and agree the following list of priorities which will inform the work plan for the Area Place Board during 2017 / 2018, these are:-
 - a) Influence core service delivery for Council Place Services
 - b) Environment and Green Space: Embed good practice delivering the recently awarded Washington Clean and Green Programmes
 - c) Environment and Green Space: Develop a Ward based approach to co-ordinating multi agency response to neighbourhood issues via a new 'Walk and Talk' initiative.
 - d) Heritage and Culture: continue to support and deliver events programmes for Washington via a partnership approach with local communities
 - e) Heritage and Culture: contribute to developing a co-ordinated approach to develop the Washington offer and develop Washington as a potential tourist destination and to developing a longer term aspiration to developing Washington into a visitor destination.
 - f) Heritage and Culture: Determine local support for contributing to Tall Ships 2018 Programme
 - g) Heritage and Culture: Ensure Washington offer co-ordinated with and supports City of Sunderland Heritage Strategy and City of Culture 2021 proposals
- 4.2 The proposed detailed work plan for 2017 / 2018 is attached as **Item 5 Annex 2**. The work plan links directly into the Council's Corporate Plan (Safeguarding Our Residents and Future Council).

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 are attached as **Item 5 Annex 3**.
- 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 | People Board Membership |
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| Chair | Cllr Fiona Miller |
| Washington Central | Cllr Dianne Snowdon |
| Washington East | Cllr Tony Taylor |
| Washington North | Cllr John Kelly |
| Washington South | Cllr Paul Middleton |
| Washington West | Cllr Bernie Scaplehorn |

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to:-
- Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Washington's Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2016/17 attached as **Item 5 Annex 1**.
 - Consider and agree the Washington Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2017/18 attached as **Item 5 Annex 2**.
 - Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2017/18 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 5 Annex 3**.

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