

8th March 2017**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 (2016/17) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier last year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 3 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:-
- 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.
- 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. 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
Chair	Cllr Michael Essl
Barnes	Cllr Ian Galbraith
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Debra Waller
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St Anne's	Cllr Karen Waters
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 28 February 2017

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 28 February 2017.

Influence: Local Services, Place Management

Following the presentation of the Local Services Area Delivery Plan to the extraordinary Area Committee in May 2016, as agreed, Place Board continue to oversee the development and delivery of the 2016/2017 Delivery Plan.

Members have reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service at Place Boards in September 2016 and January 2017, and discussed

opportunities to engage further with communities.

The delivery plan for Local Services moving forward into 2017/2018 continues to be discussed extensively at the Place Board. Local area delivery plans are currently being developed for future Area Committee approval.

Place Board asked for a matrix of weed spraying activity for the 2017 season, to ensure Members can keep their communities advised of weed treatments in their wards. Place Board also asked for assurances that any further planned shrub maintenance works were shared with Members prior to works taking place.

Influence: Highways Maintenance Programme 2017/2018

The board received information on the highways requiring capital maintenance works across the West area. The proposed areas were prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist members.

Members were asked to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to Area Committee for completion up to a value of £101,000 for the West area.

At the February Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the West, as described at **Item 3 Annex 2**.

Area Priority: Shopping Centres

Business Support

Pallion Traders – Following the successful Christmas illuminations and activities the traders are now preparing for Easter as well as planning for Christmas 2017. The traders are also working hard to towards their 2017 In-bloom 'It's your Neighbourhood application'.

Barnes are working with various local Traders to make improvements to paving as well as replacement litter bins and painting bollards.

St Chad's are working with local traders and have made improvements to paving as well as replacement litter bins. Organised litter picks are now being planned and Councillors are working closely with schools to ensure litter is not dropped at local shopping centres during busy lunch periods.

Silksworth continue to encourage local traders to utilise the advertising litter bins they installed into the area and are currently working with Silksworth Cricket Club on the development of a large-scale event.

St Anne's continue to develop their It's your Neighbourhood in bloom route and plans are being developed to further enhance the route around the ward, looking at additional hanging baskets, flower beds and planters.

Sandhill have arranged additional cleansing, litter bin installations and are working with local community organisations to improve planted areas throughout the ward.

Capital Improvements

Area Committee agreed to financially support capital improvements across local shopping centres in the West.

Each ward identified local shopping centres which required capital improvements. The capital improvements are to improve the

	visual appearance of the shopping centre. As part of the improvement program, Ward members are engaging with local traders and community groups to adopt flower planters and maintain them as well as agree to support keeping local centres clean and tidy.
Area Priority: Environment and Street Scene	
Walk and Talk Programme	<p>The Walk and Talk programme continues to be successful and offers the opportunity to ward Councillors to be dynamic, flexible and implement small-scale people and place based projects, which have a positive impact on their local communities.</p> <p>Members continue to meet collectively by ward to make arrangements to undertake ward walks over the coming months to determine further projects.</p>
Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land	<p>Proposals were developed and agreed by Area Committee in October 2014. Funding was allocated to support developments. Work continues to be undertaken with officers, members and partners including the VCS to develop the agreed spaces across the West, to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in the West.</p> <p>3 projects were presented and approved at the Place Board in January & February 2017.</p> <p>Members were particularly satisfied with their proposal to open-up walking/cycling routes within the West to enable wheelchairs to pass through via the use of Radar Key access points. The project, once implemented has been cited as exemplar by local disability groups. Item 6 Annex 5.</p> <p>During the Area Committee meeting in December, following the Police and Fire reports in relation to ASB and fires at King George Playing Fields, the Committee agreed to refer to the Place Board, a potential project to support the installation of lighting to reduce ASB and enable communities to use the outdoor space during the darker nights. The Place board considered the issues during the January and February boards, site visits were undertaken and a proposal was presented to the February Place Board to fund the installation of lighting. Match-funded by LMAPs and St Anne's and Pallion Councillors walk and talk budgets. The proposal was approved for recommendation to Area Committee. Item 6 Annex 3</p>
Area Priority: Environment and activities for Young People	
West Event 2017 – Science, Engineering and the Environment	<p>The final content for the event were presented to People and Place Boards in February 2017, following approval to host the event at December Area Committee.</p> <p>The theme is Science, Engineering and the Environment.</p> <p>The purpose of the event is to celebrate the achievements to-date within Sunderland, through the centuries, in the field of Science. Engineering and the Environment, as well as West projects funded by Area Committee, working with partners to create some new fun activities for young people to enjoy.</p> <p>The event is being match-funded by Youth Almighty Project, who successfully secured the Big Lottery's 'Celebrate' fund to support the event.</p> <p>Date of event will be Thursday 29th June and Friday 30th June for schools only and Saturday 1st July for Family event.</p>

	<p>Location agreed as Barnes Park.</p> <p>Event Plan developed and Multi Agency Event Group advised.</p> <p>Mayor invited and attending each day.</p> <p>All 19 west schools invited, currently the numbers are 560 children over the 2 days. Children who attend will arrive at 9.30am and enjoy the event until 2.30pm.</p> <p>Call for Projects issued to local VCS organisations to deliver 'science/engineering/environment' activities over the three days.</p> <p>Music programme being developed for the Bandstand on the Saturday – working closely with Cultural Spring who are now working within the West and keen to support the committee.</p> <p>Foods from around the world will be available during the Saturday with healthy eating options being the key ingredient.</p> <p>Mint Management commissioned to 'Welcome' at the event – stilt walkers/robot style. They will also animate the park throughout the event, walking around and signposting to activities.</p> <p>Nobles will hold a Funfair in the Park as part of the Event but they will be in place from Wednesday 28th June until Sunday 2nd July. The Funfair will be open until 7pm each evening. Nobles will provide free rides for the school children on the Thursday and the Friday.</p> <p>Volunteers to support the event are currently being recruited.</p> <p>Road Closure and parking restrictions ordered as well as the required traffic management and enforcement.</p> <p>Resident communication agreed with letters prepared to deliver to local residents. Update to be presented to a future Barnes Friends Group. Posters will also be placed within Park notice boards as well as circulated around local schools, shops, community venues and libraries.</p> <p>Logo for the event was recommended for approval at the February People and Place Boards and is available to view during the Area Committee meeting. Logo will now be used for the advertising banner for the Saturday family event and the banners will be located at all entrances to Barnes Park.</p>
Area Priority: Work with the West Voluntary and Community Sector to ensure they are focused and enabled to strengthen their position and long-term delivery strategy	
Supporting Communities to reduce energy costs	<p>Project proposal agreed at December 2016 Area Committee to support West VCS organisations to reduce their energy bills, to enable them to continue to become more sustainable for the future. Area Committee agreed that Place Board would monitor progress to ensure delivery.</p> <p>During January and February building audits were undertaken to determine what actions would reduce utility and energy costs for the organisations. Detailed proposals were presented to the February Place Board for review and recommendation of approval to Area Committee. This programme of support demonstrates the Area Committee's commitment to support the long term sustainability of the VCS sector. Item 6 Annex 4</p>
Area Priority: Sunderland Tall Ships coming 2018	
Ensure West Communities benefit from the Tall Ships Sunderland in 2018	<p>Presentation requested to Area Committee – see Item 2. Head of Events at Sunderland Council will be presenting the report to March Area Committee on Tall Ships 2018, highlighting where areas could support, to ensure all communities benefit from this fantastic event coming to Sunderland in 2018.</p>

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West Place Board Work Plan for 2017/2018 **Item 3 Annex 1.**
- 5.3 Consider and agree the recommendation of the Place Board regarding the West Highway Capital Maintenance programme for 2017/2018, attached at **Item 3 Annex 2.**
- 5.4 Consider and agree the recommendation to fund the installation of lighting at King George Playing Fields **Item 6 Annex 3.**
- 5.5 Note the proposals agreed through the small grants process for Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity, as described at **Item 6 Annex 5.**
- 5.6 Approve the West Energy Projects as detailed in **Item 6 Annex 4**

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