

15th December 2016**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 this 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 2 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 5 December 2016

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 5 December 2016.

Influence: Highway Maintenance Capital Programme

The board received information on the process for members to influence and prioritise the areas of Highway capital maintenance works for 2017/2018, with 25% of the capital maintenance budget identified for influence.

Further information will be presented to the Place Board in February, identifying locations for consideration by members, for inclusion in the 2017/2018 Highway capital maintenance programme. These areas have been identified from a number of sources

<p>including members, residents and Highways staff.</p> <p>The board also received an update on the progress to-date to deliver the current 2016/2017 Highway Maintenance Programme. Item 2 Annex 2</p>	
Area Priority: Improving shopping centres and supporting local traders	
Business Support	<p>Pallion Traders worked with local Community organisations Pallion Action Group, Parker Trust and St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre to develop their Christmas Festival programme, which commenced with a Christmas Illuminations switch-on event on Friday 25th November. Kevin Ball the former SAFC player switched-on the lights supported by Elsa and Anna from Frozen. The crowds enjoyed a visit from Santa on his sleigh alongside a 'live' nativity scene and Carol singers.</p> <p>This is the second year that the traders have arranged and held large-scale events with the support of local Pallion Councillors.</p>
Capital Improvements	<p>To-date the following works have been completed:</p> <p>St Anne's - Broadway Shops resurfacing and bollard replacement as well as adoption of flower planters by local community organisation</p> <p>St Chad's - Farringdon Shops resurfacing and litter bin replacement.</p> <p>Pallion – planting and signage improvements, bench installation and event support</p> <p>Sandhill – painting of bollards, planters filled with flowers and bins replaced</p> <p>Barnes – painting of bollards, bin replacements</p> <p>Silksworth – improvement of event space within local park</p>
Area Priority: Improving environment and green space	
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> <p>During October Area Committee meeting the committee agreed to further extend the funding for the Walk and Talk programme. Item 1.</p>
Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land	<p>Following the annual tour of the area, various actions were noted and continue to be addressed. Item 5 Annex 4.</p> <p>The tabards, litter pickers and gloves procured as a result of the project are now distributed across the West VCS and the equipment is being used to support community clean-up activities and events.</p>
Area Priority: Mobilising communities to take sustainable action to support environmental improvements	
Influence and encourage activity within the West – West	<p>Following the presentation to the October Area Committee in relation to the magnificent success of the 2016 Road to Rio Event.</p> <p>The People and Place Boards in November discussed the potential</p>

Event 2017	<p>to support another event during 2017. A three day event would again be held within Barnes Park with the first two days being school children only and the third day on the Saturday to be a family event.</p> <p>It is considered that the theme for the event would be Environment, Engineering & Science.</p> <p>Environment – clean and green; looking after neighbourhoods and loving Sunderland alongside eco-friendly activities to explain about the importance of recycling and looking after our environment for the future.</p> <p>Engineering & Science– the legacy for engineering & science in Sunderland and the future of engineering & science and how young people should be encouraged to work towards a potential career in both subjects.</p> <p>People and Place Boards agreed to make a recommendation to Area Committee to fund a West Event for 2017. See Item 5.</p>
Area Priority: Supporting Communities to reduce energy costs and carbon footprint	
West Community Energy Programme	<p>West Area Committee has a Place Board Priority of supporting communities to reduce their energy bills and their carbon footprint and a People Board priority to work with the West VCS to strengthen their position and long term delivery. At the September West Area VCS Network meeting the Reps introduced an agenda item to enable discussion about how the VCS could be more sustainable. The most popular topic was how they could reduce their energy costs, which is the biggest expense next to any salary costs. The West VCS are keen to be involved in energy saving opportunities and have discussed how they can reduce their bills and make themselves more energy efficient.</p> <p>In order to understand what changes could be made to community facilities and how much impact this could have on outgoings, energy audits would be undertaken. Any investment made by the West Area Committee would then be subject to key outcomes such as a commitment from the organisation to make changes to their energy habits. Another key outcome would be to actively encourage residents to make the small changes to their homes to reduce their carbon emissions.</p> <p>Both Place and People board considered the report during their November meetings and are making a recommendation to Area Committee to fund this project, as detailed within Item 5 Annex 3.</p>
Area Priority: Ensure West Communities benefit from the Tall Ships 2018	
Tall Ships 2018	<p>A further update on the Tall Ships 2018 project was delivered to November Place Board. Members were advised that Michelle Daurat will be joining the team on secondment from the University (National Glass Centre) in the role of Tall Ships Director. Michelle brings valuable experience having previously led the successful Tall Ships event in Hartlepool in 2010. Ian Flannery is now a project officer focusing on the Sail Training Ambassador Programme. When Michelle has reviewed the project</p>

	opportunities she will be working across the areas to ensure everyone in the city has the opportunity to add value and become involved within the Tall Ships delivery programme.
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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 2016/2017 **Item 2 Annex 1.**
- 5.3 Note the progress to-date to deliver the current 2016/2017 Highway Maintenance Programme. **Item 2 Annex 2.**
- 5.4 Note the proposals agreed to-date through the small grants process for Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity, as described at **Item 5 Annex 4.**
- 5.5 Approve the allocation of £30,000 for a West Event for 2017. **Item 5.**
- 5.6 Approve the allocation of £100,000 for the West Community Energy Programme. **Item 5 Annex 3.**

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