

3rd March 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 (2015/16) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year 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 continue 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:-
- 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 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. 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 People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Fiona Miller
Washington Central	Cllr Len Lachlan
Washington East	Cllr Tony Taylor
Washington North	Cllr John Kelly
Washington South	Cllr Paul Middleton
Washington West	Cllr Bernie Scaplehorn

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 29th February 2016

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to 29th February 2016.

Influencing role : Highways Maintenance Programme	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November Board received an update on the 2015 – 2016 highway maintenance programme and the process for Members to influence and prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2016 – 2017. • Locations for consideration identified by elected members, residents and highways maintenance staff were presented to the Board in February 2016. • At the February Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in Washington as described at Annex 2 	
Area Priority: Environment and Green Space	
Action	Outcome
Neighbourhood Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of ward based projects are under development as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Project. ARM continues to meet with Ward Members to discuss potential proposals, to identify partners and to aid development and delivery
The Washington Way Network (CHGS Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 km of Regional Growth Fund investment in off road shared use routes. • Works underway to link Shepherd Way C2C to Pattinson Rd route • Access works to Employment Zone expansion site include a very good additional network to connect residential employment and recreation sites in the area, and importantly contribute to the Washington Way network • Both LTP works and RGF works likely to complete Spring 2016. • The city is now in a strong position to steer development and attract further funding to each of the areas. Potential for £18m investment to support further development of the cycle network via NECA. • Some local surfacing and route enhancement still outstanding as well as structural improvements to the bridge over A195 (raising of parapets) • Joint regional cycle map now updated and in circulation
Maximising green and open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 organisations now hold the WW2WB Charter Mark – with another 6 working towards it. More local schools are coming on board. The Charter Mark scheme has encouraged local groups and organisations to be more involved in disseminating the Washington Way to Well Being health messages – with over 800 contacts. • A range of ‘Go Washington’ activities underway – Walk and Jog classes, Active Hub at Springwell, two 3-2-1 routes (Princess Anne Park and Holley Park), Forest schools, Wellness Walk. A further round/call for projects will go out with a focus on involving schools and children/young people in

	<p>cycling activities and safe routes to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bike Hub is up and running with additional courses and rides for the over 50s through Age UK as well as the promotion of the integrated network. • Local running and walking clubs are now utilising the Washington Way • Links to Go smarter to Work initiative. • Active promotion of the Washington Way to Well Being via the Wellbeing.info network
Business Watch/ Industrial Estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee has aligned a total of £35,000 to develop a Business Watch scheme targeting the local industrial estates and to investigate how the relevant 'enforcement' resources within the City Council can be best used to focus on specific estates as a pilot, utilising enforcement powers where appropriate. It is intended to focus as landlords/land owners as well as tenants.
Area priority: Member and Community Engagement	
Encourage partnerships with the local community and VCS, link Ward Members to activities and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships • Members engage residents re AC role at key Washington events • Members involved in steering an events and culture programme
Area priority: Heritage and Culture	
Events 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Call for Projects for submissions to the SIB budget to co-ordinate and manage the delivery of the Washington Events Programme 2016, two applications were received. • Following the formal assessment and consultation process the Officer recommendation to award the grant will be considered by Area Committee under Item 6 Finance Report
Washington's heritage and culture offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAC has for some time maintained 'Heritage and Culture' as a local priority, identifying and generating opportunities to use heritage and culture for a positive impact on the local community, to maximise the 'Washington Offer', and to generate and attract match funding to maximise potential. • £30,000 has been aligned to deliver the Heritage priority following current consultation exercises being completed with regards to Washington offer. • The last board meeting considered how best to progress this priority and is requesting Place Board Members to consider relevant proposals and appropriate methodology to determine how to utilise the funding aligned to have a positive impact on the local community and attract further funding to maximise the potential of the Washington heritage offer. • This issue will be discussed as an agenda item at the next Place Board April 2016

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Place Board Work Plan for 2015/2016 as detailed in **Annex 1**
- 4.2 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for Washington for 2016/2017 attached at **Annex 2**

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Annex 1: Work plan 2015/16

Annex 2: Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2016/17