

9<sup>th</sup> June 2016**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD****Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report****1.1 This report:-**

- a. Provides an update of the 2015/16 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
- b. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2016/17
- c. Provides an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2016/17.

**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 achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides the update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2016/17.

**3. Update of 2015/16 Place Board Work Plan**

- 3.1 The 2015/16 Work Plan and SIB Project Reports are attached as **Item 4 Annex 1 and 2** and provide an update on performance.
- 3.2 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

<b>Area Priority: Environment and Green Space</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Neighbourhood Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Equipment Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area Committee aligned £25,000 for the development of an equipment bank for use by volunteers and partners to deliver identified neighbourhood improvements. The equipment bank will also add value to current projects such as the Neighbourhood Improvement Project and the Community Volunteering Project. Key to the success of this project is the partnership working arrangements and the SIB application has been deferred until the new Place Management Operating Model has been determined and communicated.</li> </ul>
The Washington Way Network (CHGS Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 km of Regional Growth Fund investment in off road shared use routes.</li> <li>Works underway to link Shepherd Way C2C to Pattinson Rd route</li> <li>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</li> </ul>

	<p>Way network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both LTP works and RGF works likely to complete Spring 2016.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Some local surfacing and route enhancement still outstanding as well as structural improvements to the bridge over A195 (raising of parapets)</li> <li>• Joint regional cycle map now updated and in circulation</li> </ul> <p>Washington Way capital works are now nearing completion, with an underspend of £30,563 identified. The Place Board recommends that this funding remains aligned for the development and delivery of health and green spaces projects which will be identified as the Area Committee's begin to format how to deliver the new 2016/17 work plan – with health and well-being and the use of green/open space remaining a key priority. There was an element of the original funding aligned promote the Washington Way, however much of the publicity has come from free resources / internal resources. The Washington Way has People Board and CCG funding for health projects to utilise the space; and these and the Washington Way will continue to require promotion etc, therefore Place Board recommends £2,000 of the £30,563 to be aligned to GO Washington for planned PR activities and events and re-launch of the Washington Way map and leaflet.</p> <p>Area Committee will be requested to support the Place Board's recommendation to align SIB for future health and green spaces projects including a programme of PR and the re-launch of the Washington Way map and leaflet, under <b>Item 5 Finance Decisions and Proposals.</b></p>
Maximising green and open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 organisations now hold the WW2WB Charter Mark – with another 6 working towards it. 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.</li> <li>• 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 cycling activities and safe routes to school.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Local running and walking clubs are now utilising the Washington Way</li> <li>• Active promotion of the Washington Way to Well Being via the Wellbeing.info network</li> </ul> <p>With an underspend of £2130 identified from the 'Be Active in Green Spaces' initiative a 4<sup>th</sup> 'Go Washington' round has now been released, with circa</p>

	£11,500 available via this small grants scheme.
Business Watch/ Industrial Estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• April Place Board considered issues with regards to how difficult it has been to progress this work and recommends to Area Committee the aligned funds are returned to the budget. Further work will continue with officers to identify how to address this issue.</li> <li>• Area Committee will be requested to support the Place Board's recommendation under <b>Item 5 Finance Decisions and Proposals</b></li> </ul>
<b>Area priority: Member and Community Engagement</b>	
Encourage partnerships with the local community and VCS, link Ward Members to activities and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships</li> <li>• Members engage residents re AC role at key Washington events</li> <li>• Members involved in steering an events and culture programme</li> </ul>
<b>Area priority: Heritage and Culture</b>	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Events 2016 was awarded to SNCBC at the March Area Committee. The organisation is currently determining detail regarding programme management for each event, setting up the required community groups and forums per event and establishing a robust timetable for each event delivery plan. An Event Co-ordinator will be confirmed for each event.</li> <li>• Place Board has also recommended that future event planning remains a key priority in the new work plan.</li> </ul>
Washington's heritage and culture offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Following alignment of £30,000 the Place Board requests Area Committee supports the recommendation for a Call for Projects and Project Brief for a Washington Heritage and Culture Project as detailed under <b>Annex 3</b>. The following outcomes are proposed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Generate opportunities to use local heritage and culture to attract match/external funding to maximise potential</li> <li>○ Generate opportunities to use local heritage and culture for a positive impact on the community</li> <li>○ Identification of how the Washington offer can influence the city wide approach to heritage and culture and how those services can be tailored to meet the needs of the local community</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All applications and proposals will be subject to</li> </ul>

	SIB processes and procedures and Area Committee is requested to agree the Place Board awards the grant subject to the results of formal consultation and assessment processes.
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#### 4. **Proposed Work Plan for 2016/17**

- 4.1 The proposed Work Plan for 2016/17 is attached as **Item 4 Annex 4** and outlines those priorities for action that the Place Board considers key to deliver during 2016/17. The Boards have identified the following as key priorities:

##### Place Priorities:

- Environment and Green space: continue to develop and deliver neighbourhood improvements - linking to volunteering work and the local community, using green space to improve health and well-being, and identifying opportunities to support the management of parks.
- Community leadership and engagement: continue to utilise and promote the Members' community leadership and community engagement role through a range of physical and environmental initiatives
- Heritage and Culture: Generate opportunities to use local heritage and culture to attract match/external funding to maximise potential and for a positive impact on the community. Also to ensure the Washington offer can influence the city wide approach to heritage and culture and how those services can be tailored to meet the needs of the local community

##### People Priorities:

- Health & Wellbeing: Continue with work focusing on self harm, healthy living initiatives re green space, and consideration of developing local projects re drugs, alcohol and substance misuse (in line with development of strategic approach).
- Social Care: Consideration of outcomes following implementation of Home from Hospital initiative.
- Community Inclusion: Area Network support, maximising volunteering, influencing and supporting delivery of youth activity, support for developing and co-ordinating a Washington Community Plan

- 4.2 Additionally the Place Board will continue to influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services devolved to Area Committee.

#### 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 4 Annex 5**.
- 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	Place Board Membership
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:-**

- a. Consider the Performance Update with regard to the Washington Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 attached as **Item 4 Annex 1 and 2.**
- b. Members are requested to support the Place Board's recommendation to align SIB funds from the Washington Way Project to deliver future health and wellbeing and green spaces projects and promote the Washington Way as detailed in paragraph 3.2.
- c. Members are requested to support the Place Board's recommendation to return SIB funds aligned for Industrial Estates to the budget, as detailed in paragraph 3.2
- d. Members are requested to support the Place Board's recommendation for a Call for Projects for Washington Heritage and Culture Project and approve the Project Brief as detailed in **Annex 3** and paragraph 3.2, including approving Place Board to agree the award of grant on behalf of Area Committee.
- e. Consider and agree the Washington Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 attached as **Item 4 Annex 4.**
- f. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2015/16 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 4 Annex 5.**

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**Annex 1:** Place Board work plan 2015/16

**Annex 2:** SIB Performance Report 2015/16

**Annex 3:** Call for Projects Project Brief: Washington Heritage and Culture Project

**Annex 4:** Place Board work plan 2016/17

**Annex 5:** Place Board Terms of Reference