

9<sup>th</sup> June 2016**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD****People 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 People 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 People and refers the priorities to the Washington People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
  - 2.2 The People 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 an update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2016/17.
- 3. Update of 2015/16 People Board Work Plan**
- 3.1 The 2015/16 Work Plan and SIB Project Reports are attached as **Item 3 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 People Board up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Action Taken	Outcome
<b>Local priority: Health and Well Being</b>	
Develop a strategic approach to health and well-being through a partnership approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The People Board has considered a detailed report from the Washington Strategic Health Group (WSHG) outlining the outcomes from detailed research carried out and a partners event held in February re 'Understanding Self Harm'. Following agreement at the March Area Committee to implement a collaborative approach the Board is supportive of a partnership bid to deliver the Time to Care initiative on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. The detailed findings from delivery partners and the event are attached as <b>Annex 3</b> for Members information. This collaboration will deliver what is needed and will provide a range of support, information and guidance for young people who self harm and their families and carers.</li> <li>Following formal assessment and consultation of the collaborative bid, the officer recommendation to award the SIB grant aligned to this priority will be considered under <b>Item 5 Financial Decisions and Proposals</b></li> <li>The People Board received a summary of the work being delivered since the Area Committee invested in the Washington Way (Capital programme). To date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 organisations now hold the WW2WB Charter Mark – with another 6 working towards it.</li> <li>A range of 'Go Washington' activities underway – Walk and Jog classes, Active Hub at Springwell, two 3-2-1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>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. Round 4 of the Go Washington Small Grants Scheme has now been released. Deadline for applications was 27<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bike Hub is up and running with additional courses and rides for the over 50s as well as the promotion of the integrated network.</li> <li>• Local running and walking clubs are now utilising the Washington Way</li> <li>• Links to Go Smarter to Work initiative.</li> <li>• Active promotion of the Washington Way to Well Being via the Wellbeing.info network</li> <li>• Area Committee is requested to note the Place Board proposal to return aligned SIB underspend from Washington Way projects to be available for further work across Washington linking health and well-being and green spaces. This will be considered as a recommendation from the Place Board under <b>Item 5 Financial Decisions and Proposals</b></li> </ul>
<b>Local priority: Community Inclusion and support for VCS</b>	
VCS Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Network is keen to empower the smaller grass roots groups to contribute to delivering local priorities and the AC Network Reps have produced a leaflet to promote what they do, how the Network works, and how the Network partners the Area Committee.</li> <li>• The Community &amp; Volunteer Development Officer (Washington Trust) has worked with a number of organisations and partners and a detailed update report has been presented to the People Board and is included in the SIB Performance Report.</li> <li>• Area Committee agreed to fund the Young Peoples Can Do Fund. The Board has now awarded 6 x grants in total with £14,730 remaining unallocated. Projects approved are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Text Angels – Biddick Academy</li> <li>• International Youth Day – Washington Youth Council</li> <li>• Washington Music Project – Oxclose and District Youth Project</li> <li>• Pitstop Wasps – SNCBC</li> <li>• Choreography Alienation – Biddick Academy</li> <li>• Young People's Study Group – Oxclose and District Youth Project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Young People	
<b>Local priority: Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning</b>	
Employability & Enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Committee aligned SIB 2015/16 funding to deliver a Washington Skills Conference/Work Discovery Event in early 2016. At the last Area Committee in March it was agreed to implement a targeted approach to develop and support a programme, working with schools which would include</li> <li>• Across Schools Enterprise Competition/Enterprise Challenge</li> <li>• Assembly talks by employers</li> <li>• Co-ordinated Employer visits</li> <li>• Local labour market 'tours' – where the Jobs Are</li> <li>• Professional Career/Opportunity boards in each school</li> <li>• The People Board is keen that any programme targets children and young people of all abilities.</li> <li>• The People Board requests Area Committee to support the recommendation for a Call for Projects and Project Brief for a Washington Skills and Enterprise Project as detailed in <b>Item 3 Annex 4</b> attached.</li> </ul>
Financial Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the People Board's recommendation and Area</li> </ul>

Youth Opportunities	<p>Committee's approval to align SIB funding at the October meeting, research has been underway to gather evidence and data to target and develop a local approach to improve the resilience of families most in need, through the provision of co-ordinated services focusing upon increasing financial capability, improving health and well-being and enhancing community self-help support systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The People Board considered the information presented to the last meeting and recommends officers look to gather further evidence focusing on specific communities given the level of provision already available in the area. For example, it was felt that Gentoo customers were adequately supported through the Money Matters Team although the private rented sector struggle to obtain the relevant support, signposting, information and guidance.</li> <li>• Officers have been requested to gather further evidence to a future Board for consideration.</li> <li>• The People Board received a detailed report at the last meeting outlining key delivery over the last few months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has engaged with 81 young people, 37 of which are school aged.</li> <li>• 19 young people have moved into employment, 1 into full time apprenticeship, 13 into approved training and 7 have started college.</li> <li>• The project has adapted to work with schools maximising support for Years 10 and 11 – this includes group training and individual work placements.</li> <li>• The Employment Coach is now appointed and is based in the Albany Centre and the Business/Administration Apprenticeship is now being recruited</li> <li>• The team has already commenced work to implement a Forward Strategy post SIB funding, which will continue to deliver project outcomes in line with strategic targets re employability and skills. A range of alternative funding streams and support mechanisms are being explored with external/alternative funding opportunities being accessed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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#### 4. Proposed Work Plan for 2016/17

4.1 The proposed Work Plan for 2016/17 is attached as **Item 3 Annex 5** and outlines those priorities for action that the People Board considers key to deliver during 2016/17. The Boards have identified the following as key priorities:

##### 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

##### 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

4.2 Additionally the People Board will continue to influence the design, delivery and review of People 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 3 Annex 6**.
- 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 People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	People Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Len Lauchlan
Washington Central	Cllr Linda Williams
Washington East	Cllr David Snowdon
Washington North	Cllr Jill Fletcher
Washington South	Cllr Graeme Miller
Washington West	Cllr Dorothy Trueman

## 6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to:-
- a. Consider the Performance Update with regard to the Washington Area People Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 attached as **Item 3 Annex 1 and 2**.
  - b. Members are requested to support the People Board's recommendation to support proposals for the Time to Care Partnership as detailed in **Item 3 Annex 3**
  - c. Members are requested to support the People Board's recommendation for a Call for Projects for the Skills and Enterprise for Young People and approve the Project Brief as detailed in **Item 3 Annex 4**
  - d. Consider and agree the Washington Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 attached as **Item 3 Annex 5**.
  - e. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2015/16 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 3 Annex 6**.

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

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

**Annex 3:** Project Information:Time to Care Partnership

**Annex 4:** Call for Projects Project Brief: Skills & Enterprise for Young People

**Annex 5:** People Board work plan 2016/17

**Annex 6:** People Board Terms of Reference