EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

10 JUNE 2019

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD

Place Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2019 / 2020

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:
 - a. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Local Neighbourhood Plan for 2019 / 2020, and
 - b. Provides an update on Area Place Board governance arrangements for 2019 / 2020.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each municipal year, East Sunderland Area Committee agrees its Neighbourhood Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Area Place Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence and achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides proposed priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2019 / 2020.

3. Review of 2018 / 2019 Place Board Neighbourhood Plan

3.1 The 2018 / 2019 Neighbourhood Plan is attached as **Annex 1** and provides an end of year update on performance.

4. Proposed Neighbourhood Plan for 2019 / 2020

- 4.1 During April and May 2019, the East Sunderland Area Place Board and East Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network (V.C.S.) were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all East Sunderland Area Councillors to consider and agree.
- 4.2 Area Committee are requested to consider and agree the following list which will inform the neighbourhood plan for the Area Place Board during 2018 / 2019, these are:
 - i) Positive Place resident engagement and consultation
 - ii) Environment increase resident satisfaction levels via the Walk and Talk Programme

- iii) Influence and shape services delivered in the East Sunderland i.e. the Council's Neighbourhood Services.
- 4.3 The proposed detailed neighbourhood plan, which informs the focus of Area Committee throughout 2019 / 2020, is set out in **Annex 2.** The Neighbourhood Plan complements the Council's City Plan 2019 2030
- 4.4 In May 2019 the Area Board proposed Area Committee approves £75,000 SIB to reinvigorate the Walk and Talk model. It is proposed to split the allocation evenly across each ward, at £15,000, which will be used to resolve neighbourhood issues which fall outside the remit of core council services to boost resident satisfaction levels. Further information is provided in the financial report.

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 City Plan at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising 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 at **Annex 3**.
- 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 are as follows:-

| Ward | East Sunderland Area Place Board Membership |
|--------------|---|
| Chair | Cllr Lynda Scanlan |
| Doxford | Cllr Elizabeth Gibson |
| Hendon | Cllr Michael Mordey |
| Millfield | Cllr Niall Hodson |
| Ryhope | Cllr Michael Essl |
| St Michael's | Cllr Peter Wood |

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to:

- (a) Note the end of year update on the 2018 / 2019, as set out in Section 3 and Annex 1.
- (b) Approve the East Sunderland Area Place Board Neighbourhood Plan Priorities for 2019 / 2020, Section 4 and Annex 2.
- (c) Note the recommendation to approve £75,000 SIB from the Place Board to carry out the Walk and Talk Programme, which is referenced further in the financial report.
- (d) Note the Terms of Reference of the Area Boards, set out in Annex 3.
- (e) Approve the membership of the Place Area Board for 2019 / 2020 outlined in Section 5.3.
- Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Place Board Neighbourhood Plan 2018 / 2019
- Annex 2 East Sunderland Area Place Board Neighbourhood Plan 2019 / 2020 (PROPOSED)
- Annex 3 Area Place Board Terms of Reference
- Background Papers East Sunderland Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List SIB performance reports
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