

2 December 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD**People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2015/16) People Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**.

3. Area Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
 - 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	People Board Membership
Chair/Houghton	Cllr Billy Turton
Copt Hill	Cllr Derrick Smith
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr Doris Turner
Shiney Row	Cllr Geoffrey Walker

4 Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to November 2015.

Influence: Safer Communities	
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A short update is provided to members by the Area Community Officer after each LMAPS meeting. Members are requested to forward any new issues to the Area Community Officer, or Chair of Area Committee, prior to each LMAPS meeting.
Area Priority: Emotional and Mental Wellbeing	
Reduce stress caused by financial concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A scheme to combat holiday hunger was piloted during the 6 week summer break. Help was offered to families who have children in receipt of free school meals. In the Coalfield area a total of 64 families and 130 children were helped during the duration of the pilot scheme. The total cost to Coalfield Area Committee (via SIB budget) is £1786.76. Further analysis of the pilot was carried out and a report presented to the November meeting.
Reduce social isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint SIB and CCG funding was allocated to a number of

and improve social participation amongst older and vulnerable adults	<p>projects at the June 2015 Area Committee meeting. All projects are delivering positive outcomes for people in the local community. An update report is provided at Annex 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the period June to September 2015, the ELCAP Community Transport Shopping Bus service carried out 23 shopping trips. The Shopping bus also introduces customers to Lunch clubs and Social trips as they befriend others on the bus, which in turn gives them more confidence to attend these functions that previously they would not have done. A total of 21 services to lunch clubs and 9 social outings have also taken place during this period. A total of 159 individuals have benefited from the service.
Area Priority: Training and Learning Opportunities	
Increase opportunities for those who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy Campbell from WorkingRite presented the Board with information about the programme, which bridges the gap between school and work. It gives young people essential work experience, provides good role models, builds their confidence and offers them a quality vocational alternative to academic learning. <p>Local Project Co-ordinators individually match a young person to a small business in their local community, where they learn valuable skills on-the-job, where it counts. 'Trainees' work with their placement employer for up to six months during which they are guided by a mentor in the workplace and are supported by a Project Co-ordinator. They also earn a weekly training allowance travel expenses.</p> <p>The programme will be delivered in the Coalfield area commencing April 2016.</p>
CAN DO Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for the November round of funding were received and presented to the Board for consideration. Young people from each of the groups presented their ideas to the Board and answered any questions raised. Two groups were supported with a grant: <u>Connect Young Mums Team</u> were provided with a £500 grant to contribute to costs for a residential team building and educational event to improve their skills and health <u>The Underground Project</u> was awarded £500 to support the young people to access alternative music youth workshops until January 2016. The next funding round will open in February/March 2016 and be presented to the April 2016 Board. The project provides the opportunity for young people to develop team working, problem solving, project development and presentation skills.
Improve Life Skills and Employability Skills for Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Call for Projects to deliver a Youth Social Action project was made in October 2015. This new initiative will support young people to develop skills and confidence whilst making a difference in their community. The project will also promote and celebrate the positive actions of young people. Three applications have been appraised, scored, consulted upon and considered by the Board. Recommendations are contained in Item 5 Area Budget Report. The Work Discovery programme is designed to improve relationships between the region's companies and pupils from local secondary schools. The programme is supported by a number of large organisations and businesses including Nissan, City Hospitals, Northumbrian Water and SAFC. Work Discovery Sunderland is a year-long programme which includes speaker days, sector days centred around specific industry and Work Discovery Week. Work Discovery Week – which will take place June 27th – July 1st 2016 for the fourth time – is an intensive five days of activities which includes a careers fair, Dragons' Den style business challenges and visits to companies.

Area Priority: Support and Enable Local Delivery of Services	
Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services and increase support and co-ordination of volunteers	The People Board discussed the increasing reliance on voluntary and community sector projects and services and the importance of supporting locally based organisations to build capacity and develop community engagement. In order to deliver on Area priorities the Board researched, discussed and considered information from a wide range of sources and, following approval by October Area Committee, developed an SIB project brief for volunteer and community support to the value of £100,000. A Call for Projects was made in October 2015 and four applications received. The applications were appraised, scored, consulted upon and considered by the Board at the November 2015 meeting. Recommendations are contained in Item 5 Area Budget Report.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 and agree proposals for future delivery

Annex 1 2015/16 Work plan

Annex 2 SIB/CCG Social Isolation Project Update

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