

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

18 MARCH 2019

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD

East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report

1. Purpose of the Report


- 1.1 In June 2018 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 28 February 2019.

Area Priority	Progress Report
Cleaner Community: Eco Rangers Work Plan Reference 1a)	<p>During the Area Committee meeting in November 2018, members discussed the feasibility of establishing an East Rangers project during 2019 and delegated the task of investigating the scheme to the Place Board. Research was carried out and discussions held with colleagues across the Council and presented to the Place Board in December, which resulted in a SIB request of £26,314 being sought to upskill up to twenty Rangers to carry out physical environmental duties at agreed locations across the wards, as set out in Annex 2. A pool of equipment has been purchased. The funding request was approved with recruitment held in February and training delivered throughout March and April 2019.</p> <p>In February 2019 a funding bid was submitted to the Pocket Park Plus programme which secured an additional £25,000 external funding to match the Rangers programme, enabling the Rangers to carry out physical improvements to Doxford Park whilst carrying out their training for the qualification. Improvements include developing footpaths, new scrub and woodlands, fencing, wildlife hide, feeding stations and grasslands in a small section of the Park, to complement the Doxford Park master plan which was funded by Doxford Community Chest.</p> <p>Area Board are requesting £95,000 SIB to enable phase two of the scheme to be implement from May 2019 which includes the co-ordination and deployment of the Rangers across the East area to carry out 200 Task Days in agreed locations, 175 litter picks and 30 educational campaigns, as set out in the area budget report.</p>

<p>Maximising Community Assets</p> <p>Work Plan Reference 3d)</p>	<p>In November 2018 Area Committee instructed the Place Board to encourage project proposals to come forward for consideration with a view of increasing the use of community buildings over a weekend for young people to access to reduce the risk of youth disorder / anti-social behaviour (ASB). In December 2018, eight more organisations submitted proposals totalling £35,849 which were approved via the emergency protocol to enable the provision to start from January up until December 2019.</p> <p>Overall projected outputs for the whole programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 x new services created on a Friday and Saturday evening • 1,106 x young people expected to be engaged • 549 x sessions to be delivered, equating to community buildings being maximised for 1,392 hours <p>Weekend Activities cards have been designed and circulated across the East area. Together for Children, Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue are distributing the cards to young people who are potentially at risk of youth disorder or causing anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Regular update reports will be provided throughout the year to monitor progress against the outputs.</p>
<p>Responsive Local Services: Streetscene</p> <p>Work Plan Reference 4a)</p>	<p>In January 2019 Place Board members discussed delivery of the cleansing and grass cutting schedules for 2019 / 2020, which covers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cleansing: including compact sweeper, operations, emptying street bins, litter pickings and leaf removal, and b) Grass cutting: including strimming, mini tractor work, pedestrian mowers, case tractors and operations (excludes sport pitches). <p>Land types, locations and frequency timescales were discussed. Area Committee are requested to endorse the proposed schedule of works for the City Centre and East Sunderland for 2019 / 2020, as set out, in Annex 3a) and 3b).</p>
<p>Highway Maintenance Programme 2019 / 2020</p> <p>Work Plan Reference 4c)</p>	<p>Each Area Committee in the city influences £100,000 (subject to full council approval) of the Highways Maintenance capital programme. The capital allocation is used to improve the highways infrastructure and has usually resulted in larger scale road surfacing or footway reconstructions being undertaken.</p> <p>Members submitted highways they wished to be considered for inclusion in the programme and Highway Officers collated a list of condition surveys, customer reports, complaints and insurance claims. The information informed a list of roads which were inspected to identify the appropriate treatment for the type of repair needed and determined accurate estimates.</p> <p>In January 2019 Area Board discussed and have recommended a list of proposed highways, as set out in Annex 4. Area Committee are</p>

	requested to approve the recommended list from the Area Board as part of the Highway Maintenance Programme 2019 / 2020.
<p>Vehicle Activation Signs</p> <p>Work plan reference 4d)</p>	<p>In March 2017 Area Committee invested £42,000 SIB to purchase ten vehicle activation signs (two per ward).</p>  <p>To date 30 sites have been covered. Place Board Councillors proposed the following known hot spots for speeding traffic to deploy the signs across, these are:</p> <p>Doxford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tunstall Bank • Moorside Road • Mill Hill Road • Weymouth Road • Doxford Park Way • Hall Farm Road <p>Hendon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villette Road • Commercial Road (North and Southbound) • Burdon Road • Suffolk Street • Toward Road • Corporation Road <p>Millfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chester Road • Hylton Road • Riverdale Terrace • Ashwood Street • Durham Road • Pallion New Road • St Marks Road <p>Ryhope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Road • Burdon Lane • Ryhope Street South • Stockton Road <p>St Michaels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silksworth Lane • Queen Alexandra Road • Essen Way • Tunstall Vale

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cedars • Tunstall Road (Strawberry Bank) • Tunstall Road (TBC) <p>Data information collected by the signs include the number of vehicles that passby, average speed and number of accidents. The statistics gathered in 2018 will be compare with 2017 to see if the signage has managed to reduce speeding and dangerous driving with an update presented to a future meeting.</p>
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3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan, as set out in Annex 1, and the progress made against the SIB funded projects relating to the vehicle activation signs and maximising community assets.
- (b) Note the recommendation to endorse the proposed allocation of £95,000 SIB from the 2019 / 2020 budget (subject to full council approval), as set out in the area budget report and Annex 2.
- (c) Agree the service standards for Local Services relating to cleansing and grass cutting schedules 2019 / 2020, as set out in Annex 3a and 3b.
- (d) Agree the Highway Maintenance Programme 2019 / 2020, as set out in Annex 4.

Annex 1	East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2018 / 2019
Annex 2	Rangers: Schedule of Works 2019 / 2020
Annex 3a, 3b	Cleansing and Grass Cutting schedules and frequencies 2019 / 2020
Annex 4	Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2019 / 2020

Background Papers	East Sunderland Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List SIB performance reports
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