

26th September 2019**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD****Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2019/20) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 2 Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

3 Area Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were established 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 Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Karen Wood
Barnes	Cllr Antony Mullen
Pallion	Cllr Martin Haswell
Sandhill	Cllr Stephen O'Brien
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St Anne's	Cllr Susan Watson
St Chad's	Cllr Dominic McDonough

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 20 September 2019

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 20 September 2019.

Influence: Core service delivery for Council Place Services
Performance management of Local Service standards 2019/2020
The performance of Local Service's standards is monitored quarterly at Place Board. A presentation was received at July Place Board. Place Board members were keen to understand when bins would be replaced, which were in a poor state of repair, as well as being kept informed about any shrub maintenance plans in their wards, to ensure they are able to keep residents up to date. Members continue to utilise their walk and

talk budgets to support improvements within their ward which include deep cleans, bin replacement and installation of new bins as well as support with planter installations and flower beds to improve the look and feel of neighbourhoods.

At the September Place Board, the members were advised that bins had been ordered by Local Services and were due to be delivered mid-October. Following the installation of these new/replacement bins, the board would then review any additional requirements and place an order on behalf of their wards every six months, as required via their walk and talk budget.

Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2020/2021

An update on the current Highway Maintenance programme will be presented to the November 2019 Place Board, as well as agreeing the process to establish the recommendations for the West Highways programme for 2020/2021 at the January 2020 Place Board, to enable full Area Committee approval in March 2020. Update on current programme continues to be shared regularly with elected members as well as on the Sunderland website and local press.

Area Priority: Supporting Local Shopping Centres

Pallion Traders plan to continue to work with the local VCS to deliver a Christmas switch-on at St Luke's Terrace. This will be the fifth year that the traders have worked together with local VCS organisations and Councillors to host the event, which is free for local residents to come along and enjoy whilst supporting their local high street. Councillors across the West also continue to work alongside traders in each ward to support with issues such as cleanliness, planters and Anti-social behaviour.

Area priority: Develop a volunteer-led West Clean and Green Programme

Project now up and running, each ward has been visited and key areas either addressed or works planned. The clean and green programme has adopted the logo which was used for the Barnes event early in the year – the Liz Million characters. The characters can be seen on leaflets, social media campaigns as well as being included on the banner which is put in place on site, during works, to ensure local residents can see that work being undertaken is being undertaken by volunteers and supported through the West Area Committee.

The volunteer co-ordinator for the project continues to keep ward councillors up to date, regularly attends residents' meetings and local events and has recruited volunteers who are now fully equipped with PPE and undertaking works as well as receiving training.

Area Priority: West Walk and Talk Programme

The Walk and Talk programme continues to be successful and offers the opportunity for ward Councillors to be dynamic, flexible and implement small-scale neighbourhood improvement projects, which have a positive impact on their local communities.

Area Committee agreed in July 2019 to extend the funding to the Walk and Talk programme to enable further neighbourhood improvements to be undertaken, in consultation with residents and partners.

Members discussed bins across the West and agreed to review the bin requests in December and then every 6 months after if required.

Members continue to meet collectively by ward to make arrangements to undertake ward walks over the coming months to determine further projects in line with local resident engagement and feedback.

Area Priority: Housing – working with partners to achieve safer, tidier and healthier neighbourhoods

<p>Housing and issues relating to private landlords continue to be discussed at ward catch-ups. Hot spots within wards are shared with partners (Police, Gentoo, Fire, Local Services, ASB Service, Planning and Enforcement) as well as linked directly with LMAPs where appropriate.</p> <p>The Place board in September discussed the Housing priority in more detail and recognised the need for further local intelligence in relation to housing hotspots, particularly where residents are suffering as a result of lack of landlord support, transient tenants, anti-social behaviour and poor standards of cleanliness. The Place board discussed Selective Licensing and asked for this to be discussed in more detail at the next board meeting, as well as other enforcement powers available to support residents and improve neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Members were also keen to support residents to understand how to create healthier and warmer homes as well as continuing to support the VCS to enable them to provide their users with information in relation to their rights as a housing tenant, should their landlord not be ensuring a healthy and safe housing condition.</p> <p>The Place Board will continue to review and take action for the benefit of West residents.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Improving play areas and green spaces</p>
<p>The Place Board in September discussed the play areas across the West and their various states of disrepair. It was clear from the board that the play areas across the West require investment to ensure they continue to be viable as well as encourage residents to use the facilities to enjoy being outside with family and friends. Members also felt some open spaces would benefit from Wi-Fi as well as out-door gym equipment and some un-used spaces could be adapted and re-purposed – such as former bowling green sites.</p> <p>As a result of discussions, the Place Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to align funding to deliver a West Play Area and Green Space Improvement Programme. See Item 6.</p>
<p>Delivery of the Clean and Green themed Event in Barnes Park – 27th to 29th June 2019</p>
<p>The Clean and Green themed West Event was a huge success. Over the 3 days 20 hours of activities were delivered. 18 schools and 779 children attended the event over the Thursday and Friday, enjoying a range of activities. It is estimated in between 15,000 and 20,000 visitors thoroughly enjoyed the large-scale family fun day on the Saturday. Thanks to all VCS organisations and partners who supported the event – which was delivered safely and efficiently.</p> <p>The Place Board are recommending to Area Committee that an event is delivered in Barnes Park in 2020 and recommending a budget of £40,000.</p>
<p>Safety Works!</p>
<p>The Area Committee continue to support all West Primary and Secondary schools to be able to access Safetyworks! The Area Committee funded the transport to allow all year 6, year 8 pupils and youth providers to visit the centre in the Academic Year 2018-2019.</p>

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

- 5.2 Approve the allocation of £120,000 towards the priority Play area and Green spaces
Item 6
- 5.3 Approve the allocation of £40,000 towards the priority of a themed Event in Barnes Park in 2020 **Item 6**
- 5.4 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard the West Place Board Work Plan for 2019/2020 **Item 2 Annex 1.**

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