

12 JUNE 2017

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2017 / 2018

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2017 / 2018.
- b. Provides an update on Area People Board governance arrangements for 2017 / 2018.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each municipal year, East Sunderland Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with People and refers the priorities to the East Sunderland Area People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Area 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 and achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides proposed priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2017 / 2018.

3. Proposed Work Plan for 2017 / 2018

- 3.1 In April 2017, the East Sunderland Area People Board and East V.C.S. Area Network 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, with a further discussion held in May 2017 before presenting the area priorities to Area Committee.
- 3.2 Area Committee are request to consider and agree the following list which will inform the work plan for the Area People Board during 2017 / 2018, these are:
 - i) Deliver a partnership approach to improve health and wellbeing by reducing demand on accident and emergency services and improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people.
 - ii) Enhancing employment opportunities and skills provision.
 - iii) Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee.
 - iv) Improving community capacity through partnership working with the V.C.S. including connecting vulnerable people to services in their local communities and supporting volunteers.

v) Attract external funding to benefit organisations and residents in East Sunderland.

3.2 The proposed detailed work plan for 2017 / 2018 as set out in **Annex 1**.

4. Area Governance Arrangements

4.1 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 Plan at a local level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

4.2 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 set out in **Annex 2**.

4.3 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 Area Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Area Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Area Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected Member representation on the Area People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	East Sunderland Area People Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Christine Marshall
Doxford	Cllr Colin English
Hendon	Cllr Victoria O'Neill
Millfield	Cllr Iain Kay
Ryhope	Cllr Alan Emerson
St Michael's	Cllr Michael Dixon

4.4 Other local groups / boards where East Sunderland Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below:-

Group	Elected Member Representatives
East Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S)	Central: Cllr Michael Dixon
	East: Cllr Christine Marshall
Children Centre's Local Area Board (C.L.A.B.)	Cllr Christine Marshall, Chair of People Board.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Approve the East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2017 / 2018, as set out in **Section 3 and Annex 1**.
- (b) Approve the Area governance arrangements for 2017 / 2018 outlined in **Section 4 and Annex 2**.

Annex 1 Area People Board Work Plan 2017 / 2018

Annex 2 Area People Board Terms of Reference

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