

**12 JUNE 2017**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD**

**Place 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, and
- b. Provides an update on Area Place 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 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 2017 / 2018.

**3. Proposed Work Plan for 2017 / 2018**

- 3.1 In April 2017, 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, 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 Place Board during 2017 / 2018, these are:-
  - i) Deliver a range of environmental activity to improve the visual appearance of local areas and ensure recognition for action.
  - ii) Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee including performance management of local service standards and local intelligence to inform enforcement activity.

- iii) Improve neighbourhoods by raising standards in the private / social sector to improve health and housing.
- iv) Support inward investment and tourism in the local area.

3.2 The proposed detailed work plan for 2017 / 2018 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 and partners 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 Place Board for East Sunderland Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>East Sunderland Area Place Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr Elizabeth Gibson
Doxford	Cllr Colin English
Hendon	Cllr Michael Mordey
Millfield	Cllr Lynda Scanlan
Ryhope	Cllr Ellen Ball
St Michael's	Cllr Peter Wood

#### **5. Recommendations**

5.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Approve the East Sunderland Area Place 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 East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2017 / 2018  
Annex 2 Area Place Board Terms of Reference

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