

15 November 2017

**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 (2017/18) Place Board Work Plan, and provide an update on performance.

**2. Background**

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

**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 utilising its own resources.
- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair/Hetton	Cllr John Cummings
Copt Hill	Cllr Anthony Allen Cllr Mary Turton
Houghton	Cllr Juliana Heron Cllr Alex Scullion
Shiney Row	Cllr Mel Speding

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to October 2017**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield Place Board to date.

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Influence: Highways Capital Maintenance</b>	
Influence the highways capital maintenance budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Place boards will receive information on the highways requiring capital maintenance works across the Coalfield area at their December 2017 and January 2018 meetings. The proposed areas will be prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist members. Members will be asked</li> </ul>

	to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to March 2018 Area Committee.
<b>Influence: Place Management</b>	
Develop service schedule for 2017/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the presentation of the Local Services Area Delivery Plan to the extraordinary Area Committee in May 2017, as agreed, Place Board continue to oversee the delivery of the 2017/2018 Delivery Plan. Members reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service at Place Board in July 2017, and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities. Performance data will continue to be presented at Place Board and members will influence the final Service Schedules for 2018/2019 with full approval required at March 2018 Area Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Support for Local Shopping Centres</b>	
Retail and Business Support for Independent Traders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SIB Retail Support programme, delivered by the Business &amp; Innovation Centre (BIC), has supported a total of 53 businesses to date. Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row trader groups have attracted new members and all met to formalise the groups with a constitution and membership.</li> <li>A mural created to promote Market Street, Hetton was officially launched on 14 September, with the Mayor of Sunderland and Coalfield Area Chair making speeches.</li> <li>More diverse use of shopping centres including temporary events and markets will be developed. A regular market at Shiney Row is being trialled each month.</li> <li>Environmental awareness/education will be carried out with traders and shoppers as part of the My Place, Our Space project.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Environmental Improvement and Education</b>	
Encourage local residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and continue to deliver 'Love Where You Live' activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>My Place, Our Space, Groundwork North East</b> is a two year SIB funded project which will support a number of smaller projects and develop a Coalfield Environmental Steering Group to encourage joint working and reduce duplication. My Place, Our Space will work with all 15 primary, and two secondary schools, traders and shoppers, residents, Friends of Groups, community organisations and key partners such as Gentoo and Sunderland City Council. The project will deliver outcomes set in the project brief: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased awareness of environmental issues</li> <li>Less negative and harmful activity on the environment</li> <li>Improved outdoor spaces</li> <li>Increased personal responsibility</li> <li>Increased pride in neighbourhood</li> <li>Increased community involvement and volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Andrea Baxter will oversee the project which will be delivered by Kevin Clark (Groundwork North East). Andrea and Kevin attended the September meeting of the Place Board to update members on progress and request that any areas of concern are fed into the Steering Group to address.</p>

- The **Coalfield Clean Up** project delivered by **Fencehouses YMCA** has built up good links with the local primary school. In a joint project between YMCA, Dubmire School and Gentoo the project recently collected over 30 bags of rubbish from neighbouring streets. The project is currently working with the school on a project timetable and has also delivered a number of After School Projects, to over 30 children aged 4-10, discussing litter picking, keeping your area tidy etc.
- The **Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park** purchased items for their tool bank and gazebos for park events. The gazebos were used for the first time at the HLCP Dragon Boat Race & Hetton Summer Carnival held on 30/7/17, attended by in excess of 5,000 members of the public. The gazebos enabled the group to promote HLCP, showcase their achievements and attract new members. The gazebos were utilised at six Activity & Adventure Days during the school summer holidays, held jointly with SNCBC, Active Sunderland and the Durham Wildlife Trust. Friends activities were free and allowed families to play together, enjoy a picnic, meet new people and explore the country park. The Friends were joined by colleague from Hetton Local & Natural History Society and 30 Hetton Lyons Primary School children on their bulb planting day on 4<sup>th</sup> October. A further 26 Hetton Primary School children attended on 10<sup>th</sup> October. As always, the school children were very enthusiastic, enjoyed the activities and discovered some of the country parks wildlife. The schools are keen to engage in future activities with the Friends to compliment the curriculum.
- The **'New Look'** project delivered by **Groundwork North East** is designed to clean up the Lambton Lane entrance to Elba Park, and the surrounding area. To date 1 corporate volunteering session and 2 community litter-picks focusing on the area around Lambton Lane have taken place. In June 11 sessions with volunteers from Sunderland College to tidy up that south-west part of the park took place and in September and October 4 sessions of weekly volunteering with post-16 students from Portland Academy who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards were delivered. Artwork is being created using designs put forward by pupils from Dubmire and Newbottle primary schools. The finished metal artwork will be installed on railings (by end of November). In total, to date, over 140 people have taken part in this project (105 school children and students, and 38 adults).
- The **'From Me To Sea'** project delivered by **Hetton Local and Natural History Society** involved Yr 4 students from 5 local primary schools, a total of 11 adults and 165 pupils. Display boards were taken into each school, and students given information and shown photographs pertaining to litter and stream/river/sea/ocean pollution. Outreach visits to DOVE MARINE LABORATORY + BLUE REEF AQUARIUM'S ECO TOUR were arranged and marine biologists at these Centres gave in-depth information on Sea/Ocean pollution, the types of local and global species,

	<p>with emphasis on those which are becoming endangered/facing extinction through pollution,( in particular plastic and litter) and also emphasised the dangers to the WHOLE food chain. Dove Marine Lab also re-enforced the non-use of plastic carrier bags and allowed students to design/make their own 'bag for life'. Coastal visits provided a huge impact on students. They looked at the types of shoreline creatures immediately at risk from pollution on the shore and in the water. Students also completed a litter pick and survey, the same day and carried out an analysis on the types of litter and how much was plastic. Students from each school made a display to show their work, and presented them to the Chair of Area Committee.</p>
<b>Area Priority: Celebrate Local Events and Heritage</b>	
Support long standing historical events and celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SIB funded '<b>Stephenson Project</b>' has delivered art and history workshops across the whole of the Coalfield area. Around 350 participants from 25 schools and community groups made glass tiles and learned about the important contribution George Stephenson's Hetton Railway made to the local area. The tiles were fused together and incorporated into the metal frame of a coal tub which has been created by a local blacksmith. The coal tub was unveiled at Houghton Feast opening event and displayed in the newly occupied Old Rectory in Houghton le Spring on Saturday 7 October where over 2500 people visited. A decision regarding the final location for the tub is required.</li> <li>• £10,000 SIB awarded to develop the community element of Houghton Feast and its opening ceremony on Friday 6 October, was used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Deliver 12 drumming workshops in local schools</li> <li>➢ Deliver 6 lantern making workshops</li> <li>➢ Engage local groups and bands including Houghton Pipe Band, Houghton Area Youth Band, Hetton Lyons School Choir and Zazz Dance in the opening ceremony</li> <li>➢ Provide entertainment including face painting, balloon modelling and stilt walkers during the pre-feast entertainment programme</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Following discussions at Place Board and People Board and approval of £12,000 SIB by the March 2017 Area Committee, the community element of Coalfield area involvement in the <b>Tall Ships Races 2018</b> will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Working with local artists an 'inter-school' competition will be organised to mark '100 days to go'. Five schools (30 pupils per school) will be each receive a series of 4 workshops to design and make a ship in textiles, ceramic or glass. The workshops will take place from February 2018 and be complete by 2 April 2018 which would mark 100 days to the event.</li> <li>➢ Working with Sunderland Museums, No Limits Theatre will deliver a new theatre show called 'Jack Ahoy' about Jack Crawford and other dramatic characters called Jack who live or work along the river Wear and port through different periods of history. This is supported by</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>arts and crafts activity e.g. sailor puppet making, flag making and signalling activities and paper fish collage. Six schools/groups will be selected to take part.</p> <p>➤ A Call for Projects will be made in December 2017 to offer the opportunity to local VCS groups to hold activities and events based on 'Tall Ships Races 2018'. Groups would plan and deliver their own activities with a nautical theme between February 2018 and July 2018. Maximum budget for each project £300</p>
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## 5. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Place Board's Work Plan for 2017/18 and agree proposals for future delivery

Annex 1      2017/18 Work plan

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