

***Area Arrangements
Annual Report 2017/18***

AREA ARRANGEMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PARTNERSHIPS AND TRANSFORMATION

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the combined Area Committee Annual Report which summaries the work of the five Area Committees during 2017/18.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 This is the seventh year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together into one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 The Annual Report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the five Area Committees throughout 2017/18.

It provides details of where the Members, through Area Committees and the supporting People and Place Boards, have influenced local service delivery and also delivered a range of other activities to meet the agreed local priorities for the benefit of residents and communities.

- 2.3 The report demonstrates how the Area Arrangements process is integral to supporting local councillors in their role as community leaders and how Area Committees continue to meet challenges and take forward opportunities to meet the needs of the local people and to develop more resilient, stronger communities.

3. Operation of the Area Committees

- 3.1 The Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of value for money and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:
- (a) Identifying the main priorities for the improvement of an area;
 - (b) Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the council and other main providers in the area;
 - (c) Actively encouraging local residents to become involved in decision making on matters that affect them;

- (d) Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 During 2017/18 the Area Committees have been involved in shaping and delivering a wide range of activities against key priorities in order to meet the needs of local communities.

During 2018/19 Area Committees will continue to have direct local influence over the design, delivery and review of a number of place and people based services looking toward opportunities and new ways of working that provide the best outcomes for local residents and communities.

- 4.2 The Annual Report should be viewed as a collaborative achievement of work.

All five Area Committees would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the outcomes achieved this year.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the achievements and impact of the work of the Area Committees and their supporting People and Place Boards during 2017/18 as outlined in the Annual Report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 All five Area Committee Annual Reports for 2017/18.

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