

8 June 2016

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2016 / 2017

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the 2015/16 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
- b. Seeks Area Committee approval for Place priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2016/17
- c. Provides an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2016/17.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year West Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The 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/ achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides the annual update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2016/17.

3. Annual Update of 2015/16 Place Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2015/16 Work Plan is attached as **Item 2 Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2016/17

- 4.1 The West Sunderland Area Place Board and West Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all West Area Councillors to consider and agree. Area Committee are requested to consider and agree the following list of priorities which will inform the work plan for the Area Place Board during 2016 / 2017, these are:-
 - a) Influence core service delivery for council Place Services
 - b) Responsive Local Services – performance management of local service standards
 - c) Mobilising communities to take sustainable action to support environmental improvements and utilising green space to improve their health and wellbeing
 - d) Supporting Local Shopping Centres – maintenance, improvements and workplace health
 - e) Housing – enabling healthier homes and supporting communities to reduce their energy bills
 - f) Ensure West communities benefit from the Tall Ships 2018
 - g) Review local Parking issues
- 4.2 The proposed detailed work plan for 2016 / 2017 is attached as **Item 2 Annex 2**.

5. Area Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
 - 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.
- 5.2 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 attached at **Item 2 Annex 3**.
- 5.3 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 Michael Essl
Barnes	Cllr Ian Galbraith
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Debra Waller
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St. Anne's	Cllr Karen Waters
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to:-

- Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the West Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 attached as **Item 2 Annex 1**.
- Consider and agree the West Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2016/17 attached as **Item 2 Annex 2**.
- Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2016/17 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 2 Annex 3**.

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