

**11 June 2018**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD**

**People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2018 / 2019**

**1 Purpose of Report**

**1.1 This report:-**

- a. Provides an annual update of the 2017/18 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
- b. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2018/19
- c. Provides an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2018/19.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial / municipal year Coalfield Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with People and refers the priorities to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The 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/ 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 2018/19.

**3. Annual Update of 2017/18 People Board Work Plan**

- 3.1 The 2017/18 Work Plan is attached as **Item 3 Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

**4. Proposed Work Plan for 2018/19**

- 4.1 The Coalfield Area People Board and Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network were requested to consider future priorities for Area Committee. This information was collated and shared with all Coalfield 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 People Board during 2018 / 2019, these are:-

- **Working in partnership to address key issues that affect residents' emotional and mental wellbeing**
- **Encouraging and supporting local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity**
- **Increase opportunities to access training and learning to enhance life and employability skills**
- **Support capacity building in local voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working**
- **Support provision of activities for young people that increase their involvement in community and area events and projects**

- 4.2 The proposed work plan for 2018 / 2019 is attached as **Item 3 Annex 2**. The work plan links directly into the Council's Corporate Plan (Safeguarding Our Residents and Future Council).

## 5. Area Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 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 ensuring 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 as **Item 3 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 People Board is as follows:-

Ward	People Board Membership
Copt Hill	<b>Cllr Kevin Johnston (Chair)</b> Cllr Mary Turton
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr Doris Turner
Houghton	Cllr Neil McKnight
Shiney Row	Cllr Geoff Walker

- 5.4 Other local groups/boards where Coalfield Area Committee has elected member representation are outlined below:-

Group	Elected Member Representative
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)	Cllr Anne Lawson
Children's Centre Advisory Board	Cllr Kevin Johnston/ Cllr Anne Lawson
Voluntary and Community Sector Network	Cllr Anne Lawson

## 6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to:-
- a. Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2017/18 attached as **Item 3 Annex 1**.
  - b. Consider and agree the Coalfield Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2018/19 attached as **Item 3 Annex 2**.
  - c. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2018/19 outlined in **Section 5 and Item 3 Annex 3**.