

16th 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.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the priorities associated with Place were referred to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board has started to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

3. Area Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 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 utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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. 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. F Miller
Central	Cllr Di Snowdon
West	Cllr B. Scaplehorn
North	Cllr. J Kelly
South	Cllr P Middleton
East	Cllr. T Taylor

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31st October 2017

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to **31st October 2017**

Action Taken	Outcome
Local priority: Environment & Green Space	
Neighbourhood Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project information and completion dates discussed at Place Board. Monitor and report back to Board
Clean and Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is underway via the Member Support and Community Partnerships Service to ensure co-ordination and collaboration of the 3 strands of the Washington Clean and Green approach. This work stream will ensure all

	<p>communications, recruitment, awareness raising and education programmes will maintain a joined up approach re content, aims, objectives and will avoid duplication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership working is taking place to determine an education programme within the schools. • Steering Groups met recently to provide updates on work completed and on-going. • Feedback has been extremely positive from the community and the Clean and Green ethos is starting to be recognised across Washington. • Monitor and feedback through Place Board
Washington Ward Improvement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members from each ward have been requested to identify issues and projects to address local concerns. Ward Cllrs will also identify any relevant partners that might be able to bring added value and the Community Partnerships Service will provide relevant support to facilitate discussions. • 1st round of projects was received at the September Board and these are being progressed
Local priority: Heritage and Culture	
Events 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following discussions at the last Place Board which requested the addition of funding a Washington West event in the main programme. See Item 5 Annex 2 • Board also recommended that a working group be established to look at future working and subsequent funding arrangements.
Health and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £50,000 was previously aligned to develop a joint project with Public Health. • Following September Board, further discussions have taken place with Public Health and it was agreed only £25,000 SIB funding is required. See Item 5 regarding return of £25,000 SIB funding.
Tall Ships (Community Events)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of a programme of events related to Tall Ships via local VCS Network. Previously aligned budget and project brief to be agreed at November Area Committee. A call for projects will be undertaken through the SIB Small Grants procedure. See Item 5 Annex 4.
Heritage Strategy and Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following completion of the strategy; in order to achieve the outcomes as detailed in the Action Plan and as discussed at September Board, a change of SIB request is to be considered at November Area Committee and approval of additional SIB funding. See Item 5 Annex 3
Influencing role	
Place Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Services Events January – May 2017

	<p>presentation delivered to July Place Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September Place Board received an update on incidents and actions taken by enforcement officers during August 2017 in the Washington Area
Highways Maintenance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2017 members received a request from Highways to highlight areas for consideration for inclusion in 2018 – 2019 programme December 2017 Board will receive details of proposals Representatives of Highways Maintenance to attend January 2018 Board

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Place Board Work Plan for 2017/2018 as detailed in **Annex 1**

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