

14th November 2018**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 (2018/19) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 4 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:-
- 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 utilizing its own resources.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were established 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. 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 Ian Galbraith
Barnes	Cllr Antony Mullen
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Stephen O'Brien
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St Anne's	Cllr Karen Wood
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 5 November 2018

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 5 November 2018.

Influence: Core service delivery for Council Place Services
Performance management of Local Service standards 2018/2019
The performance of Local Service's standards is monitored quarterly at Place Board. A presentation was received at July Place Board. Key issues discussed were discussed which included timeliness of weed treatments as well as frequency of cleansing as some wards felt their paths had not received the cleansing as agreed within the service standards for the West. Members continue to support additional

cleansing and grounds maintenance improvements as well as improved street furniture (bins, bollards etc.) to improve the look and feel of the area. The proposed West Clean and Green programme will also work alongside Local Services to maximise local intelligence to improve standards as well as engage with volunteer groups. The proposed event for 2019, focusing on clean and green will also work alongside Local Services to share messages in accordance with the Council's communication strategy to reduce litter, pollution and fly-tipping and increase recycling.

Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2019/2020

An update on the current Highway Maintenance programme will be presented to the December 2018 Place Board, as well as agreeing the process to establish the recommendations for the West Highways programme for 2019/2020 at the January 2019 Place Board, to enable full Area Committee approval in March 2019. Update on current programme continues to be shared regularly with elected members as well as on the Sunderland website and local press.

Area Priority: Supporting Local Shopping Centres

Pallion Traders Christmas switch-on is planned for Friday 23rd November at St Luke's Terrace. This is the fourth year that the traders have worked together with local VCS organisations and Councillors to host the event, which is free for local residents to come along and enjoy whilst supporting their local high street.

Traders on Chester Road met in early October, with the Traders from Pallion and local Barnes Ward Councillors presenting their lessons learnt in relation to establishing a successful traders group.

Councillors across the West also continue to work alongside traders in each ward to support with issues such as cleanliness, planters and Anti-social behaviour.

Area Priority: It's Your Neighbourhood – Sunderland West in Bloom

Judging day was 31 July 2018 and the in bloom judge visited all of the West community groups.

The annual awards ceremony which is arranged by the RHS In Bloom judges was held on 26th September and all of our West groups/volunteers attended. The awards ceremony is a great opportunity to celebrate volunteer achievement and to showcase the work undertaken – the ceremony also inspires those involved to continue to develop their schemes year on year.

Groups involved this year included Pallion Traders; St Anne's In Bloom Group; Silksworth Tom Urwin House and Grindon Church Community Project for the Sandhill ward. Each group received an award which is an outstanding achievement.

Area priority: Develop a West Clean and Green Programme

Discussed at ward catch-ups during July and subsequently at July and September Place Board.

Key areas to be addressed across each of the six wards were discussed at length and agreed by ward councillors – see **Item 4 Annex 2**.

Funding to cover the whole programme would be managed by the Area Arrangements team and costs to cover the whole programme as well as fund promotional campaigns and equipment to ensure works undertaken are recognised and groups involved fully equipped to continue with their local volunteering aspirations **Item 7**

All activities will be linked to the 'Clean and Green' environmentally-themed large-scale event in Barnes Park during 2019, as well as linking with West VCS and residents/friends groups. The development of the West signage project, in partnership with Cultural Spring will also be linked to share messages and encourage community participation.

Report presented to the September Place (and People) Board to discuss the funding

and delivery of a further large-scale event in 2019, focusing upon Love Sunderland – Love where you live, Think Clean and Green. The event will support the national 2019 Year of Green Action #iwill - focusing on helping children and young people from all backgrounds to engage with nature and improve the environment.

Based on the success of previous West events, both the Place and People Board are making a recommendation to the Area Committee to fund a three-day event in Barnes Park in June 2019. **Item 7.**

Area Priority: West Walk and Talk Programme

The Walk and Talk programme continues to be successful and offers the opportunity to ward Councillors to be dynamic, flexible and implement small-scale people and place based projects, which have a positive impact on their local communities.

Members continue to meet collectively by ward to make arrangements to undertake ward walks over the coming months to determine further projects.

Area Priority: Housing – working with partners to achieve safer, tidier and healthier neighbourhoods

Housing and issues relating to private landlords continue to be discussed at ward catch-ups. Hot spots within wards are shared with partners (Police, Gentoo, Fire, Local Services, ASB Service, Planning and Enforcement) as well as linked directly with LMAPs where appropriate.

The focus for the West Clean and Green Programme links directly with the intelligence emerging from these discussions and some projects from ward Walk and Talk budgets are as a result of community and partner feedback. Partners delivering the West CLLD projects and the social isolation projects are also being asked to ensure they connect with communities in these locations.

Theme linked with planned event to be held in Barnes Park next year with insulation and healthy homes as well as continuing to support the VCS to enable them to provide their users with information in relation to their rights as a housing tenant, should their landlord not be ensuring a healthy and safe housing condition.

Delivery of the Tall Ships themed Event in Barnes Park – 28th to 30th June 2018

The Tall Ships themed West Event – Ships Ahoy! was a huge success. 17 schools attended the event over the Thursday and Friday, enjoying a range of ship and engineering themed activities. 15,000 visitors then thoroughly enjoyed the large-scale family fun day on the Saturday. Thanks to all VCS organisations and partners who supported the event – which was delivered safely and efficiently.

“World Cup – hah! It’s not a patch on the Tall Ships Event in Barnes Park” M Acklam-Broadway Juniors

“Well done for putting on a great event. Lots to do for our little girl. Crafts, bands, bouncefit and meeting a policeman all free”- Member of the public

“Brilliant day. Very well organised. Look forward to next year”- Member of the public

As well as the delivery of the large-scale event, the West Area Committee also supported 12 young people to take part in the Tall Ships as Sail Trainees. All of the young people had a wonderful time, life-changing experiences that could not have been achieved without the Area Committee’s full support.

Following discussion at the Place Board (and the People Board) members requested a subsequent proposal report to discuss the options to deliver another large-scale event

in Barnes Park during 2019. See previous item.

Safety Works!

Outputs to-date were shared with members at the September Place Board. During the Academic Year 2017-2018, all primary schools and one Secondary School from the West Area of Sunderland attended the SAFE programme at SafetyWorks!, thanks to the support of the West Area Committee to cover travel costs for schools. In total 931 school children attended.

Visits to SafetyWorks! were also discussed at ward catch-ups regarding local issues to be covered at the relevant school sessions.

Place Board agreed to make a recommendation to Area Committee to support the cost of travel for schools and West Youth organisations to attend Safety works!, during the 2018/2019 academic year **Item 7**.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard the West Place Board Work Plan for 2018/2019 **Item 4 Annex 1**.
- 5.3 Approve the West Clean and Green Programme £60,000 **Item 4 Annex 2 and Item 7**.
- 5.4 Approve a West 'Clean and Green' themed Event for 2019 £30,000 **Item 7**.
- 5.5 Approve Safety Works Transport Costs £5,000. **Item 7**

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