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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD****East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In June 2015 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

**2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements**

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 29 February 2016.

| <b>Actions</b>  | <b>Outcome</b>   |
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| <p>Area Priority: 2<br/>Develop stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities.</p>                                   | <p>In January 2016, the Area Board received an update from the Heritage Coast Partnership. The Partnership lead on the coastal path SIB work delivered during 2014 / 2015 which involved the installation of fourteen interpretation boards along England's coast path which runs through Ryhope and Hendon.</p> <p>Following on from the coastal path project the Partnership has secured future funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Community Foundation to connect coastal communities to their coastline by encouraging awareness and appreciation of the heritage within the coastal area. .</p> <p>A Project Officer is located with Ryhope Community Association and is keen to hear from existing and new groups, who are interested in delivering a programme of community and partnership engagement which can deliver coastal education events, awareness raising and volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>Further information can be found on their website (<a href="http://www.durhamheritagecoast.org/">http://www.durhamheritagecoast.org/</a>)</p> |
| <p>Area Priority: 2<br/>Develop Stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities.</p> <p>Action: Better Cycle Ways.</p> | <p>In December 2015, members from the Area Board received a map of the East area cycle network, which indicates prospective routes for consideration as part of a future strategic cycle network plan.</p> <p>In January 2016, the Area Board presented their early thoughts on cycle network, these related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Clarification on the definition of cycle ways and multi-user routes,</li> <li>ii) Enhancing and developing cycle ways, for example, improving directional signage, markings, cleanliness and</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <p>taking enforcement action (i.e. parked cars on cycle ways causing an obstruction), and</p> <p>iii) Influencing 106 agreement.</p> <p>Overall the Area Board agreed that the principle of encouraging cycling is a priority. The Area Board were made aware of a pilot being delivered in the city centre. It was proposed that an evaluation of the pilot is carried out and reported back to a future meeting as there maybe pieces of work that could act as a catalyst to start elsewhere in the East, based on lessons learned.</p> <p>Area Committee are requested to note the progress and agree to receive a future report.</p> |
| <p>Area Priority: 3<br/>Influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services:</p> <p>Action:<br/>Highways Maintenance Programme 2016 / 2017</p> | <p>In December 2015, Area Committee received an update on the Highways Maintenance Programme and the process for members to influence and prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2016 / 2017.</p> <p>Locations for consideration identified by elected members, residents and highways maintenance staff were presented to the Area Board in February 2016.</p> <p>The Place Area Board are recommending the approval of the streets listed at <b>Annex 2</b> for inclusion in the capital works programme, for the Highways Maintenance Schedule 2016 / 2017.</p>   |
| <p>Area Priority: 3<br/>Influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services:</p> <p>Responsive Local Services (RLS):<br/>Streetscene</p>       | <p>In February 2016, a special Streetscene Area Board was held to outline the new operating model for R.L.S. from June 2016.</p> <p>All Place Board Councillors are recommended to prioritise these workshops in their diaries due to their importance.</p> <p>It was agreed to host a series of workshops to discuss the model in greater detail, and present a future report to Area Committee for consideration.</p>   |
| <p>Work Plan 2015 / 2016 Review:</p> <p>SIB pipeline projects.</p>   | <p>Following on from the December 2015 Area Committee approximately £200,000 SIB remained to be allocated with one Area Committee remaining.</p> <p>In the New Year the Area Board reviewed their work plan to identify which area priorities where pending or needed further work carried out. During these discussions four proposed SIB 'pipeline' projects were deliberated, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Community Environmental Programme,</li> <li>ii) Communities Assets Transfer (CATs) programme,</li> <li>iii) Re-Use Network, and</li> </ul>   |

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|                       | <p>iv) Independent Traders</p> <p>It was recommended that further information was collated and shared with Area Committee as part of the budget report, as set out in item 6.</p>  |
| Work Plan 2016 / 2017 | Area Committee are requested to note that the development of the annual work plan for 2016 / 2017 will commence in April 2016 with the proposed area priorities being presented to the first meeting in the municipal year for consideration and approval. |

### 3. Recommendations

#### 3.1 Members are invited to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (b) Note the additional resource secured by the Heritage Coast to connect coastal communities to their coastline.
- (c) Note the progress made against the development of an East Sunderland Cycle Way Strategic Network Plan and agree to receive a future report.
- (d) Approve the list of streets for inclusion in the capital works under the Highways Maintenance Programme 2016 / 2017, as set out in **Annex 2**.
- (e) Note and agree to receive a future report on the new R.L.S. operating model.
- (f) Note the Area Boards support for the SIB pipeline projects, as set out in the area budget report **Item 6**.
- (g) Note that the development of the new Area Work Plan 2016 / 2017 will commence in April 2016.

Annex 1                                      East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015  
Annex 2                                      Highways Maintenance programme 2016 / 2017

Background Papers                      East Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List

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