3rd October 2016

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 (2016/17) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the priorities associated with Place were referred to the North 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:
 - 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 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. S. Foster
Castle	Cllr D. MacKnight
Redhill	Cllr R. Bell
Southwick	Cllr N. Wright
Fulwell	Cllr M. Beck
St. Peter's	Cllr. J. Jackson

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 21st September 2016

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Place Board up to 21st September 2016

Action Taken	Outcome	
Local priority: Environment & Green Space		
	Members have identified key sites to tour including Seaburn,	
	Fulwell Mill, New Bridge and Tall ships sites.	
	 29.6.16 Presentation and Site Visit New Wear Crossing 	
	 25.07.16 Seaburn Site Visit and update on expression 	
	of interest submitted to Coastal Community Fund	
	Round 4	

	 Tall Ships site visit planned October 2016 – TBC Fulwell Mill to be confirmed when works to café/visitor centre complete. Thompson Park House Redevelopment Members continue to receive updates on the redevelopment of the former Caretakers House by Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project. The project successfully shortlisted for Tesco Bags of Help Funding – voting to begin in store on 29th of September for one week. Sea Road/Fulwell Traders Association The Association is now formed with a management committee, constitution and bank account in place. Traders have developed and funded a facebook site – Sea Road / Fulwell Traders Association which will be regularly updated with promotion of traders involved, special offers and competitions. 	
Local priority: Heritage		
	Hylton Castle Battle Re-enactment	
	 Lead Agent SNCBC are in discussions with the English Civic War Society to deliver the event however they cannot deliver this until the completion of Hylton Castle Refurbishment provisionally May 2018. Place Board supporting a request to October Area Committee to extend the lifetime of the Project for delivery of the event on August Bank Holiday 2018. Details of which are included within the finance report (Item 5 Section 2.6) 	
Local priority: Communications		
	 Successfully funded projects are required to display supported by Sunderland City Council logo. 	
Influencing role		
Place Management	 Following the presentation of the Responsive Local Services Area Delivery Plan to the extraordinary Area Committee in May, as agreed, Place Board continue to oversee the development and delivery of the 2016/2017 Delivery Plan. Members reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities 	

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the North Place Board Work Plan for 2016/2017 as detailed in **Annex 1**

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