

14 March 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 (2017/18) Place Board Work Plan, and provide an update on performance.

**2. Background**

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place were referred to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, and in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**.

**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.

3.1 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.

3.2 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:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair/Hetton	Cllr John Cummings
Copt Hill	Cllr Anthony Allen Cllr Mary Turton
Houghton	Cllr Juliana Heron Cllr Alex Scullion
Shiney Row	Cllr Mel Speding

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to October 2017**

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield Place Board to date.

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Influence: Highways Capital Maintenance</b>	
Influence the highways capital maintenance budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Place boards received information on the highways requiring capital maintenance works across the Coalfield</li> </ul>

	<p>area at their December 2017 and January 2018 meetings. The proposed areas were prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist members. Members were asked to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to March 2018 Area Committee. At the January 2018 Board, members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of Highways Capital Maintenance programmes in the Coalfield, as described in <b>Annex 2</b>.</p>
<p><b>Influence: Place Management</b></p>	
<p>Develop service schedule for 2018/19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place Board continues to oversee the delivery of the 2017/2018 Delivery Plan. Members reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service at Place Board in July 2017 and January 2018, and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities. Performance data continues to be presented at Place Board and Members also receive ward-level data regarding Environmental Enforcement action taken. Service Schedules for 2018/2019 are presented at <b>Annex 3</b> for approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Area Priority: Support for Local Shopping Centres</b></p>	
<p>Retail and Business Support for Independent Traders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SIB Retail Support programme, delivered by the Business &amp; Innovation Centre (BIC), has supported a total of 58 businesses to date. Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row trader groups have attracted new members and all continue to progress issues and initiatives in their own locality.</li> <li>Every business (both day and night trade) in Hetton, Shiney Row and Houghton has been visited at least once to raise awareness of the project, gain local information and attempt to engage them in the support available.</li> <li>More diverse use of shopping centres including temporary events and markets are being developed. A regular market at Shiney Row is being led by Traders, the next one being a Spring Market on Friday 6 April 2018.</li> <li>A stone place name sign and shop local lamp post banners are now in place at Shiney Row. This is to raise awareness of the shopping area to passing motorists and visitors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Area Priority: Environmental Improvement and Education</b></p>	
<p>Encourage local residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and continue to deliver 'Love Where You Live' activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>My Place, Our Space, Groundwork North East</b> is a two year SIB funded project which will support a number of smaller projects and develop a Coalfield Environmental Steering Group to encourage joint working and reduce duplication. My Place, Our Space will work with all 15 primary, and two secondary schools, traders and shoppers, residents, Friends of Groups, community organisations and key partners such as Gentoo and Sunderland City Council to deliver an education and environment programme. Progress to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Regular Steering Group meetings taking place</li> <li>➤ Engagement so far with 10 primary schools</li> <li>➤ Resource pack for schools designed</li> <li>➤ Dubmire School programme underway, community</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>clean up completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Work has begun with Hetton School (secondary)</li> <li>➤ Initial meetings have taken place with Retail Support project and local traders</li> <li>➤ Meetings taken place with Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park, Herrington Country Park and Rectory Park</li> <li>➤ Engagement and support of Sunderland City Council Place Management colleagues</li> </ul>
<p><b>Area Priority: Celebrate Local Events and Heritage</b></p>	
<p>Support long standing historical events and celebrations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SIB funded '<b>Stephenson Project</b>' has delivered art and history workshops across the whole of the Coalfield area. Around 350 participants from 25 schools and community groups made glass tiles and learned about the important contribution George Stephenson's Hetton Railway made to the local area. The artwork is now located in Houghton Primary Care Centre in order to allow members of the public to view it.</li> <li>• Following approval of £12,000 SIB, the community element of Coalfield area involvement in the <b>Tall Ships Races 2018</b> includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ An 'inter-school' competition has been organised. Five schools (Gillas Lane, East Rainton, Hetton Primary, Hetton Lyons and Easington Lane) will each receive a series of 4 workshops, delivered by local artists, to design and make a ship in textiles, ceramic or glass. The workshops will take place during February, March and April, with judging taking place in May 2018.</li> <li>➤ Working with Sunderland Museums, No Limits Theatre will deliver a new theatre show called 'Jack Ahoy' about Jack Crawford and other dramatic characters called Jack who live or work along the river Wear and port through different periods of history. This is supported by arts and crafts activity e.g. sailor puppet making, flag making and signalling activities and paper fish collage. Six schools (Our Lady Queen of Peace, Hetton Primary, Eppleton Academy, Newbottle Primary Academy, Dubmire Primary and Barnwell Academy) will take part in activities during March and April 2018.</li> <li>➤ A Call for Projects was made in December 2017 to offer the opportunity to local VCS groups to hold activities and events based on 'Tall Ships Races 2018'. Recommendations for approval are contained in Item 5 Area Budgets Report.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 6 young people from the local area have been funded by Coalfield Area Committee to become Sail Trainees and take part in the <b>Tall Ships Races 2018</b>. The young people will join a ship as part of the crew in the journey from Sunderland to Esbjerg in Denmark.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forward Planning</b></p>	
<p>A draft of the 2017/18 Annual Report will be circulated to members prior to the April 2018 meeting.</p>	

Area Priorities for 2018/19 will be discussed by the Board at the April 2018 meeting

## 5. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Place Board's Work Plan for 2017/18 and agree proposals for future delivery
- Agree the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme outlined at Annex 2
- Agree the 2018/19 Service Schedule at Annex 3

Annex 1      2017/18 Work plan

Annex 2      Highways Capital Maintenance Programme

Annex 3      Place Management Service Schedule

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