

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Main Hall, Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD on Thursday 14th March, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.

Membership

Chapman, Donaghy, Fletcher, Guy, Jones, Cllrs Laws (Chair), F. Miller, G Miller, Dianne Snowdon, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, M. Walker, Warne (Vice Chair) and Williams

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* Denotes an item relating to an executive function

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5th March, 2024

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE, THE OVAL, CONCORD, WASHINGTON, on THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 2023 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Laws in the Chair

Councillors Chapman, Fletcher, Guy, Jones, F. Miller, G. Miller, D.E. Snowdon, M. Walker, P. Walker, Warne and Williams

Also in Attendance:-

Sandra Stephenson	-	Partnership and Community Resilience Manager (Washington), SCC
Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Marc Morley	-	Director of Environmental Services, Sunderland City Council
Sylvia Copley	-	Area Network Representative
Bethan Wilkie	-	Gentoo

And Members of the Press and Public

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors D and H Trueman and also apologies from Inspector Phil Baker

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st September 2023

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21st September, 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the amendment that Councillor Jones was in attendance.

Partner Agency Reports

a) Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police submitted a report which provided data on crime and disorder in the Washington area comparing 'Year to date' figures with the preceding year.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Phil Baker was unable to attend therefore it was requested that Members consider the report and forward on any queries that they had via email.

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

b) TWFRS

The Tyne and Wear Fire Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided performance-monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st September 2023 to 25th November 2023, compared with the same period in 2022

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Sandra Stephenson, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager (Washington) advised that Martin Farrow had now retired and we were waiting on an Officer to be appointed as a representative for Area Committee attendance.

As there was no representation from the Fire Authority at this meeting, the report was noted.

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

c) Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Sylvia Copley, VCS Representative presented the report on behalf of the Network and advised on the progress of the development of the Network to try and make it more inclusive and to make better use of its Members time at meetings and to link in to where the gaps were so they could work better.

Ms Copley informed that they had appointed the third Area Committee Network Representative which had been a vacancy and they felt that she would be a good addition to the Committee.

Councillor Williams wished to thank the Network for everything that they do and that she felt optimistic despite such difficult times and we were fortunate to have such a thriving VCS to help our residents.

The Chairman thanked Ms Copley for her report, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the content of the report and the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

d) Gentoo

Gentoo provided a report to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period September 2023 to December 2023.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Bethan Wilkie, Gentoo presented the report advising the Committee on Gentoo's Allocation process on empty properties, details of estate walks, bonfire night, the Gentoo Christmas Campaign and Investment and Renewal.

In response to Councillor Williams request to see the figures across the five areas, Ms Wilkie advised that she could look to provide the terminations figures as well as the turnaround times for re let figures.

Councillor Fletcher referred to turnaround times/allocations and raised the issue of those tenants that were having to pay for their old property at the same time as the new property allocated and that during these times, tenants just couldn't afford to be paying double the rent.

Ms Wilkie advised that the team always tried to get tenants in as quickly as possible but with high demands this created high need but Gentoo shouldn't be leaving empty properties so if Members were aware of this happening then please let them know. In terms of paying double rent, they did generally give a period of grace but this was usually Friday to Monday, to allow for removals etc however she would feed back Members concerns.

In response to Councillor F. Miller's query over transfers to properties that needed adapting, Ms Wilkie advised that it all depended upon the type of adaption required and these would be carried out in agreement with the Council. If it were for minor adaptations like handrails etc, Gentoo would carry these out but if wet rooms were required for instance then these came under the Councils remit and from their budget/funding therefore they would carry these out.

The Chairman thanked Ms Wilkie for the report

5. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

The Chair of the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which would be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2023-2024.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Sandra Stephenson, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager (Washington), presented the report and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

Councillor Williams referred to Page 40 of the report and advised of a typo within the document which should read House of Destiny rather than Density. Ms Stephenson advised that she would notify the relevant Service Lead.

6. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Considered the progress and performance update with regard to Washington Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026; and
- ii) Considered the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

Washington Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest as well as presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Stephenson presented the report, drawing the Committee's attention to the current financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2023/2024 as set out in paragraph 2.1 and 3.2, and the Community Chest approvals in Annex 2.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2 of the report;
- ii) Approved £95,320 of the Neighbourhood Fund for the Enforcement and Streetwatch Project, as set out in (Application 1) Item 4 Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Approved £21,500 of the Neighbourhood Fund for the Vehicle Activated Signage - Washington, as set out in (Application 2) Item 4 Annex 1 of the report;
- iv) Approved £4,350 of the Neighbourhood Fund for the Washington Feasibility, as set out in (Application 3) Item 4 Annex 1 of the report;
- v) Approved £20,000 of the Neighbourhood Fund for the ASB Officer, as set out in (Application 4) Item 4 Annex 1 of the report;
- vi) Approved £55,500 of the Neighbourhood Fund for the Phoenix Project, as set out in (Application 5) Item 4 Annex 1 of the report; and
- vii) Noted the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023/2024 as detailed in Item 4 Annex 2 of the report

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) S. LAWS,
Chairman.

Item 2

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
14 March 2024

Item 2a

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Washington area between the following 8-week period (29th December 2023 – 23rd February 2024)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to 23-02-24

We have seen a seasonal spike in offending which leaves us sitting slightly above data from the last 2 years. Although we have seen a decrease in the last two weeks due to some enhanced patrols which I expect will be reflected in a downturn in crime reporting and recording. The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are violence against the person, theft, and then criminal damage. Which is identical to the last period. The area with the most crimes recorded is The Galleries, The Galleries and then Oxclose and Lambton.

It should be noted that the number of recorded crimes is generally low for a Town of this size and as a result there are smaller sectors within the area command with greater levels of recorded crime.

Burglary Dwelling.

This has been a challenge of the last month with a spike in offending mainly in relation to garage break ins. Be assured there are several plans in place and additional resources to assist. This has already started to bear fruit with a significant decrease in offending over the last month which should return us to our usual lower level of crime recording.

Burglary Commercial

Low number of offences compared to other sectors. However, we have noted some burglaries to commercial premises and as such I have asked that our designing out crime officers visit to provide advice and guidance to local businesses. This will remain a continuous plan due to the extent of industrial premises within the area.

Vehicle crime

This is another area we are noting a spike and as such as with burglary offences we have acquired force resources to try and combat the levels of reporting. It should be noted however that as with Burglary offences we are not anywhere near the levels of reporting of other sectors in the command.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 23-02-24

In this 8-week period there have been 167 ASB incidents, a decrease of 24 incidents from my last report. Most of the disorder is around nuisance, neighbour disputes and motor cycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in The Galleries followed by Sulgrave and then Concord.

We are currently tracking at levels below the last 4 years which is a good place to be. The team are working on our winter operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

The winter plan focuses on the galleries and the surrounding area, and we have made several arrests for acquisitive crime offences including burglary, vehicle crime and shop theft. We have also met with the centre management to talk through roles and responsibilities.

Winter plan update

The Winter plan as can be seen from my above update is working very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gentoo which has seen a big reduction throughout the target areas.

REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7011 Baker

Item 2b

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

Item 2b

Thursday 14th March 2024

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 26th November 2023 to 21st Feb 2024, compared with the same period in 2022.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

3.1 LI02 - Number of Deaths from all fires

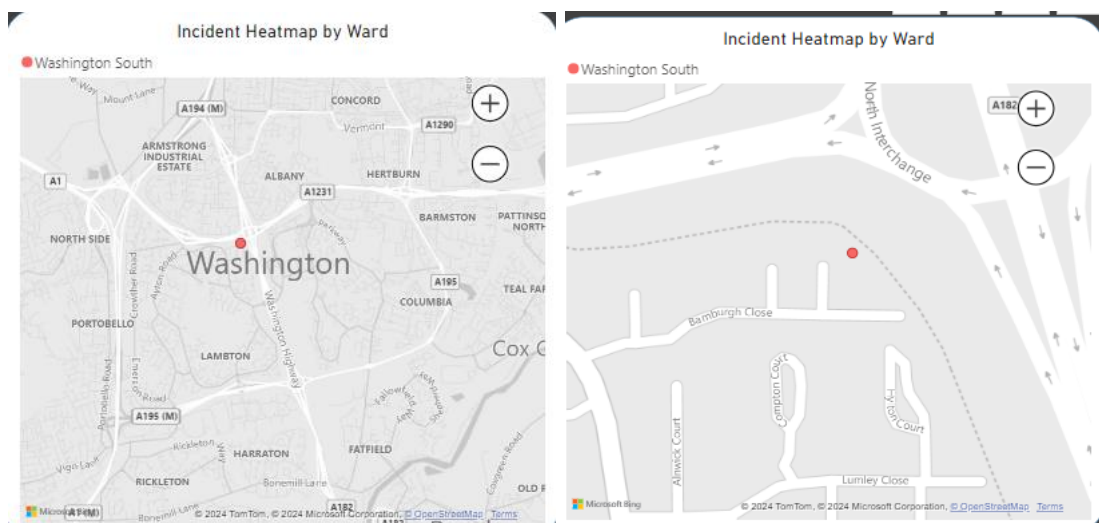
No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

1 incident occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 0 incidents occurring in the same period during the previous year.

Incident area in General

Incident area in detail

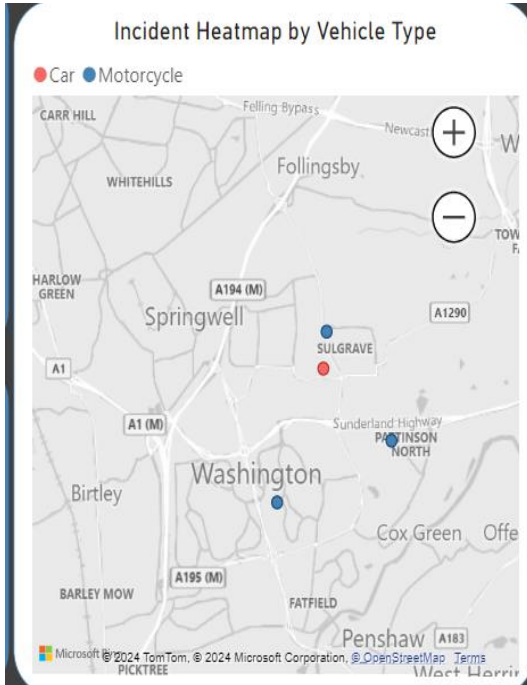


- This incident was a medium rise dwelling, Fire Investigation and SOCO attended due to multiple seats of fire.

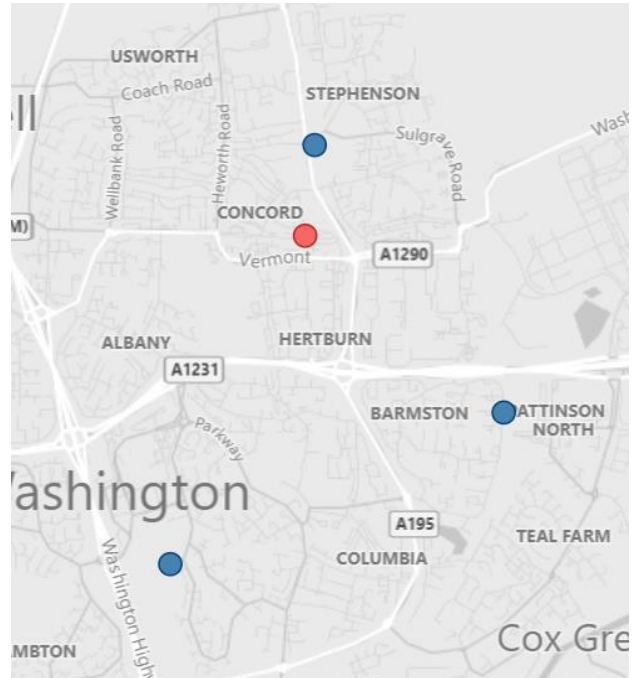
3.3 LI15 –Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires

There has been 4 deliberate primary road vehicle fires in this reporting period compared to 1 in the previous reporting period.

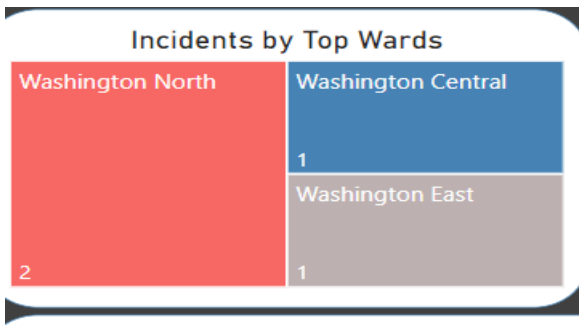
Area where incidents occurred



Area in detail



Frequency by ward



Type of road vehicle

Vehicle Type	Incident Count
Motorcycle	3
Car	1
Total	4

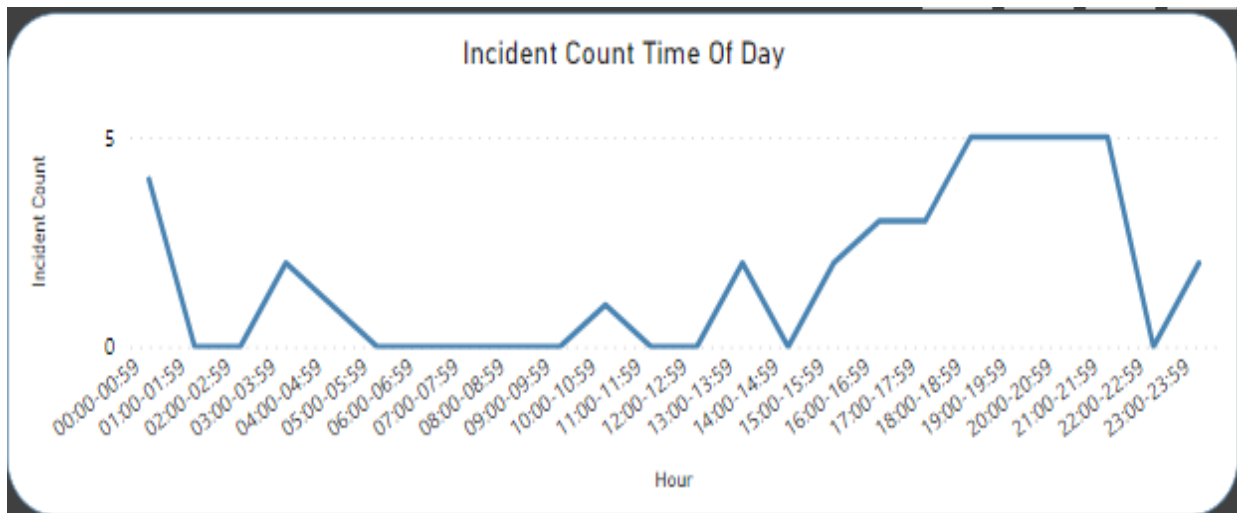
It has been noted that three of these road vehicles were motorcycles. Two deliberate primary road vehicle fires occurred on New Year’s Day. TWFRS will continue to monitor this increase working with our partners and passing our Fire Stoppers Number through our corporate team.

3.4 LI33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

40 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 30 incidents in the previous year. This is an increase of 10 (33%)

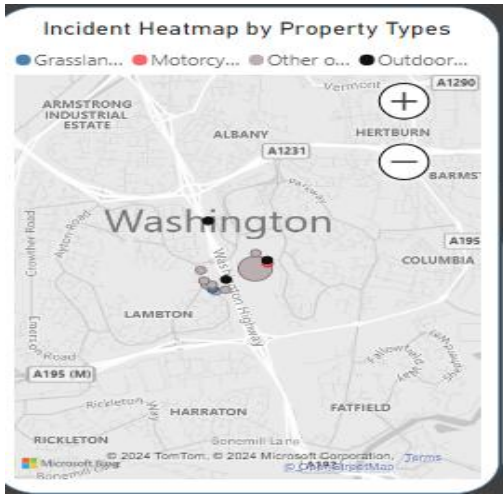
Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose Refuse (incl in garden)	16
Wheelie Bin	7
Refuse/ Rubbish Tip	4
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	2
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
Tree Scrub (inc single trees not in garden)	2
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	1
Other Outdoor items including roadside furniture	1
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette multiple occupancy	1

The graph below shows the trend of incidents over a 24 hour period



3.4.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 2 the previous year to 14 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;

Area in General

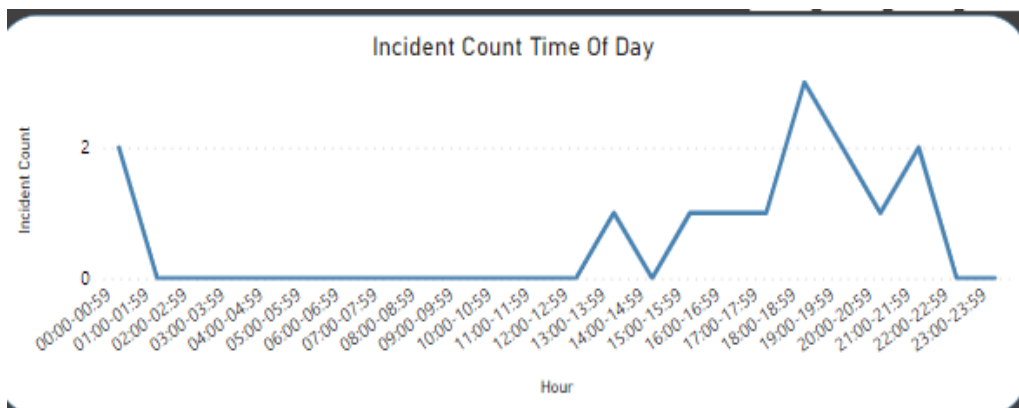


Area in Detail



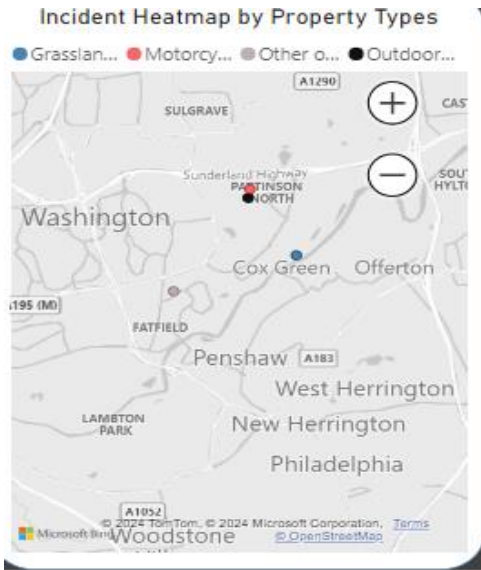
- The main areas where these incidents occur are Princess Park Skate Park and adjoining wooded area, Cambrian Way and Parkway.
- Crews have logged 2 incidents of objects being thrown at the appliance whilst leaving the area.
- The most common type of incident crews attend were reports of loose refuse on fire.
- TWFRS will continue to work with partner agencies in order to reduce the ASB.
- The graph below highlights the time these incidents occur which assists us in developing a strategy to reduce these fires over the next report period.

The Graph below highlights the trend within a 24 hour period that incidents are likely to occur for Washington Central Ward



3.4.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 8 the previous year to 4 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

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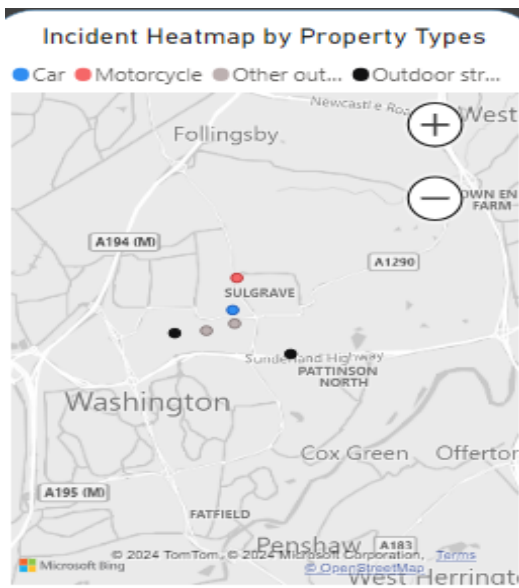


Area in Detail

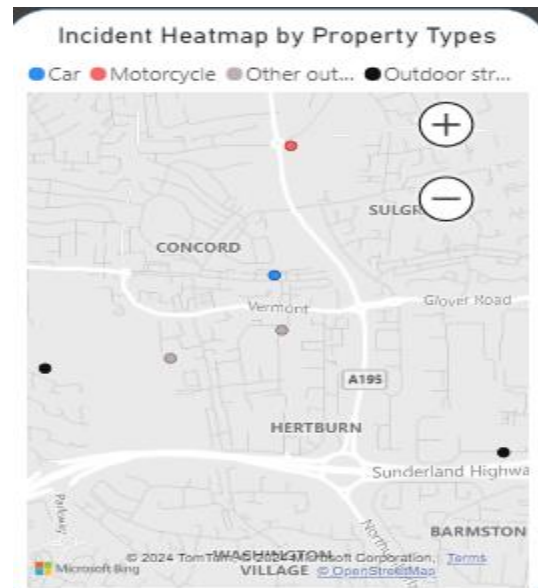


3.4.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen a slight increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 5 the previous year to 6 this year. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

Area in General



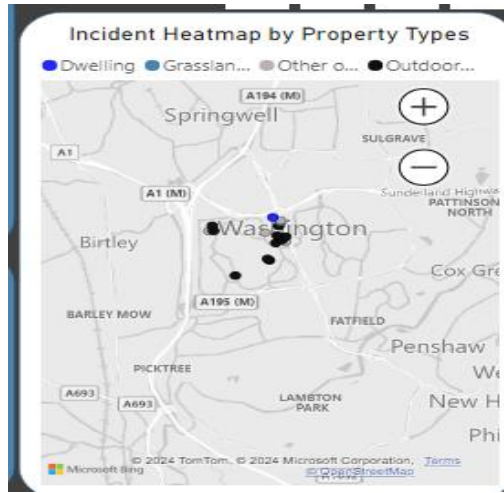
Area in Detail



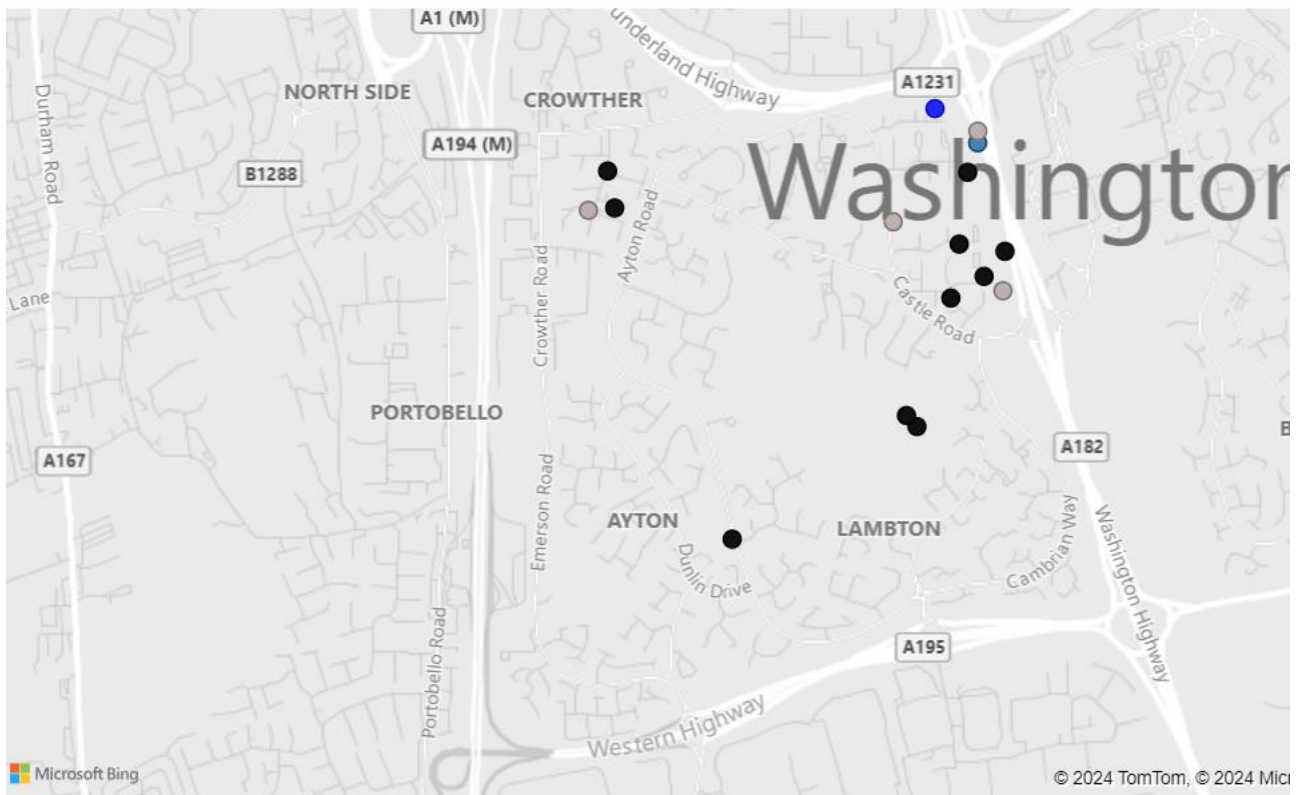
- The main area these incidents occurred were south of Concord, these are quite spread out therefore no trends have yet been identified.

3.4.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 15 the previous year to 16 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

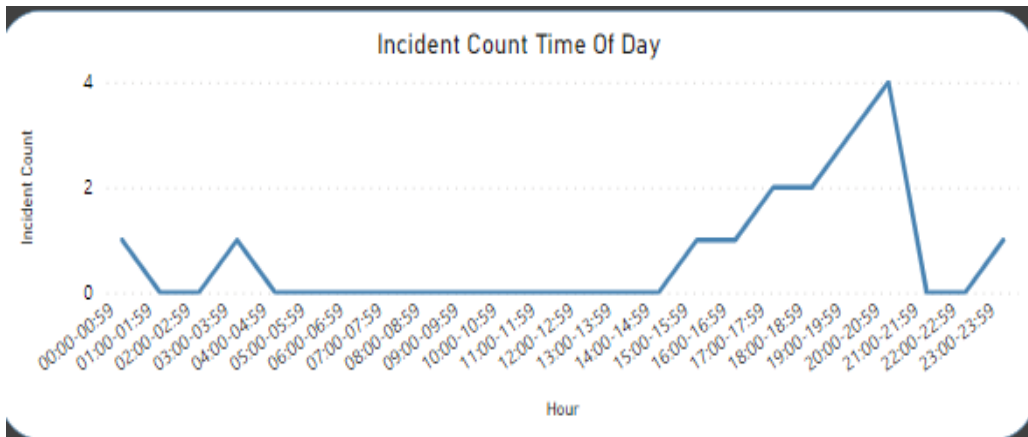
Area in General



Area in Detail



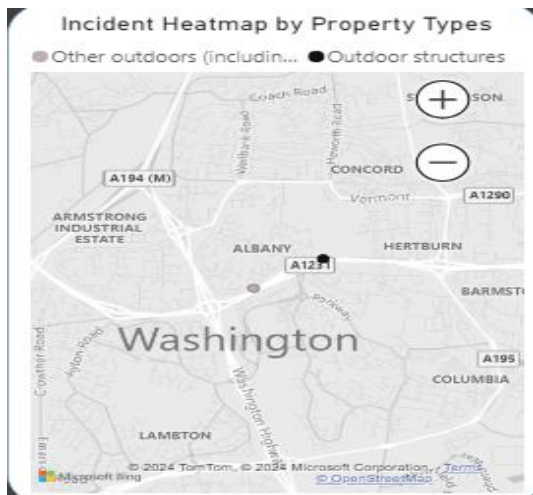
The Graph below highlights the trend within a 24 hour period that incidents are likely to occur for Washington South Ward



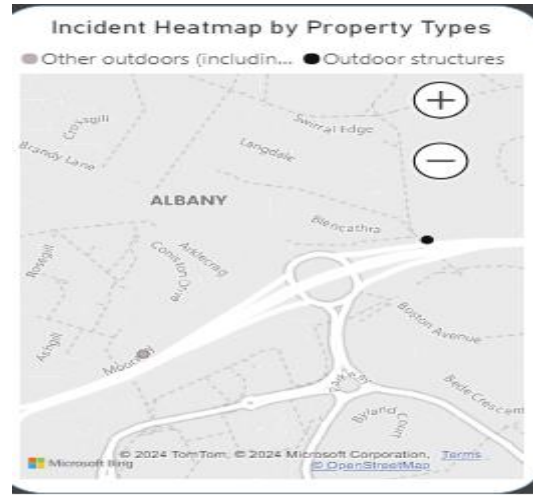
- The area of Oxclose has been identified, TWFRS will monitor this area and report any fly tipping via our web mapping to partner agencies.
- The graph above highlights the times most incidents occur therefore TWFRS will use this trend as part of our ASB strategy i.e. being more visible in that area at those times.

3.4.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 5 the previous year to 2 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

Area in General



Area in Detail



4 Community Strategy

4.1 TWFRS attended a number of community events this reporting period:

- 27th Nov 2023 Fullwell infants (school visit)
- 29th Nov 2023 Bexhill Academy (school visit)
- 7th Dec 2023 Joint Training activity with the Princess Trust at Washington Community Fire Station
- 8th Dec 2023 Princess Trust Presentation Day
- 6th Feb 2024 Town End Academy (school visit)
- 8th Feb 2024 Fatfield Academy (school visit)
- Princess Trust activities : working alongside the Little Onion Club at Usworth Park improving the community Garden, they have also work on a community garden at the secret garden charity in Sunderland and finally working with the Anne Marie Ward at the HMRC to improve the groups IT skills.

5. Fire Stoppers Hotline

5.1. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.

5.2. Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

6. Summary

6.1. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively.

7. Recommendations

7.1. The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

8. Contact Officer:

Name: SM Kevin Montgomery
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Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

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Information:

Some incident data may be subject to change, some incidents may not appear in this report at the time of production due to incidents that may have been closed down late or still remain open.

14th March 2024**REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK****1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Washington Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.

2.2 Washington Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

2.3 The Washington VCS Network is made up of over 70 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receives regular updates on relevant opportunities.

3. Washington Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

3.1 The Washington VCS Network met in person in February 2024

3.2 The February meeting included the following agenda items:

- Health Weight presentation
- Enterprising Sunderland – Business Start Up
- Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance membership
- Network and Information Share Opportunities

3.3 Sunderland City Council Active Sunderland, Weight Management Support Officer delivered a presentation on the healthy weight programme, which is a free 26-week offer supporting residents in Washington with healthy weight and wellbeing. The programme is self-referral which offers one to one appointments every 6 weeks and is based within The Millennium Centre.

3.4 North East Business Innovation Centre shared information on Enterprising Sunderland. The programme delivers one to one sessions and workshops on how to start your business. They can also come into the community to do specific workshops tailored to what organisations/groups may want, for example, turning a hobby into a business. As part of the programme, there is access to an online platform called 'Smarter' which is available until March 2025.

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- 3.5 Members of the Network received information on the free membership scheme with Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA) and information was provided on the support available.
 - 3.6 Members of the Network shared information on emerging issues they have faced over recent weeks, including increased numbers of home schooled children and level of need when attending sessions, working families affording school holiday childcare and recent changes in community banking requirements causing issues for some groups.
 - 3.7 Partners from Washington Mind, Groundwork, Choice and Headway Wearside updated on new services they have available.
 - 3.8 The Network were reminded that the meeting is to meet their needs and asked to feedback to their representatives should they have a particular request, to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington VCSN.

5. VCS Rep Contact

Contact: Sylvia Copley, Area Network Representative.
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Jemma Hutchinson, Area Network Representative
Email: jemma@washingtonmind.org.uk

Jo Buckley, Area Network Representative
Email: jo@activefamiliesne.co.uk

14 March 2024

REPORT OF GENTOO**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee for the period December 2023 to March 2023.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be provided to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects, and priorities and to ensure members are fully aware of their opportunities to work collaboratively with Gentoo.

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 **Visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner:** In January we welcomed Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, Kim McGuinness, to discuss anti-social behaviour (ASB) and how best to tackle it with involved residents. During the informative session, Kim discussed the force's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour across Wearside whilst giving our customers the opportunity to voice any concerns in their area and share how ASB has had an impact on their lives.

- 3.2 **Corporate Charity:** In December staff were able to vote for who they would like support via Gentoo's corporate charity in 2024. Love Amelia was the chosen children's charity who provide support to families experiencing poverty and hardship right across the Northeast.

They accept donations of great condition, pre-loved baby items and gift them to families who need them most. They support children from birth to 16years old to ensure no child goes without. Many of our families have benefitted from this charity and therefore we will be fundraising throughout the year to support they great work that they do.

- 3.3 **Update on Tenancy Sustainment Fund:** You may recall in Septembers committee, Gentoo updated members that Gentoo Board approved several measures to support tenancy sustainability. These measures included interventions such as, providing carpets for new customers who have been housed with us on a priority basis and below the age of 25. Supporting this group of customers to have their water rates paid if they are really struggling financially (for a limited period). We also identified measures such as the provision of Ring Doorbells for victims of domestic abuse or antisocial behaviour, and a small budget to support these customers with house removals for those who need to move in an emergency and can't afford to pay for it.

At the time of writing this report the current spend is circ £500,000, note this figure also includes an additional member of staff in Money Matters and two Pre-Tenancy Support Coordinators who support the SCC team to pick up those customers who need support to sustain a new tenancy.

- 3.4 **Estate Walks:** next round of estate walks will be being arranged for April 2024, if there were any area's you would like to focus on then please email your Neighbourhood Coordinator and they can ensure that specific area is covered prior to the invites going out to you all.
- 3.5 **Site Garages:** we will no longer be proceeding with the Site Garages Demolition project and no provision has been made to complete these works in future years. Whilst this may be disappointing news, the decision was made to help protect investment into our customers' homes. The £700k required to deliver the demolition works to garages (which do not belong to Gentoo) would mean 70 of our customers would not benefit from a new roof or a new kitchen and internal rewire.

4. Investment & Renewal (yearly plan attached)

- 4.1 **Damp & Mould:** Update from Steve Lowther (Head of Property) regarding damp and mould, see presentation attached.
- 4.2 **Cherry Tree Gardens:** Sprinkler Installation Scheme, completed prior to Christmas break. Lunch was provided to residents as a thank you for the patience in enabling this work to be completed in their homes.
- 4.3 **Eskdene Rise:** Work has restarted at our Eskdene Rise housing development, thanks to a new partnership with affordable house builder Adderstone Living. The new development, in Hetton-le-Hole, will feature 86 new homes, including two, three and four-bedroom houses, two-bedroom bungalows and two-bedroom apartments. The properties will be available for rent, Shared Ownership and Rent to Buy. Progress on the site was halted in February 2023 when Tolent Living went into administration. Since then, we have worked hard to appoint a new contractor who can deliver the project to the standard required.
- 4.4 **Albany Internal Modernisations (Washington):** Completed 99 properties (Jan 2024) for Kitchen modernisations and asbestos checks/removal in association with Contractors Equans. 80 properties remaining on programme, for completion by end of March 2024.
- 4.5 **XL Bullies:** Changes were made to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 to include the American XL Bully dog and it is now against the Law to:-
- sell an XL Bully dog
 - abandon an XL Bully dog or let it stray
 - give away an XL Bully dog
 - breed from an XL Bully dog
 - have an XL Bully in public without a lead and muzzle

Any customer who has an XL bully is required to provide an exemption certificate from 1st February. For those customers where we know there is an XL bully within the household we have sent letters advising of the changes to the Act and requested a copy of the exemption certificate. Some customers have returned these, and we have added them to their records and for those customers who have not provided the exemption certificate we have reported these to the Police to investigate. The tenant's handbook under the section 'Pets in your Home' and our website within the Neighbourhood/ASB section will also be updated shortly to reflect these changes.

- 4.6 **Concord/Usworth Roofing (Washington)** – Due to commence in April 2024 taking around 12 months to complete (each home has a 4-6 week completion timescale depending on whether roofing replacement required). With contractor RE:GEN. The following work will be carried out as part of the programme:
- Roofing replacement
 - brickwork and pebble dashing repairs where required
 - wall tie replacements where required
 - canopy replacement
 - external decoration
- 4.7 **Lambton Communal Decoration Programme (Washington) Feb to April 2024:** re-decoration of any previously decorated areas within the communal area of the communal block areas - works are anticipated to take two weeks to complete.
- 4.8 **District Heating Scheme (Washington – Albany & Oxclose):** 769 new boilers installed with 185 remaining (954 total) – expected completion 2024.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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Damp and Mould

Area Committee Update
March 2024

gentoo



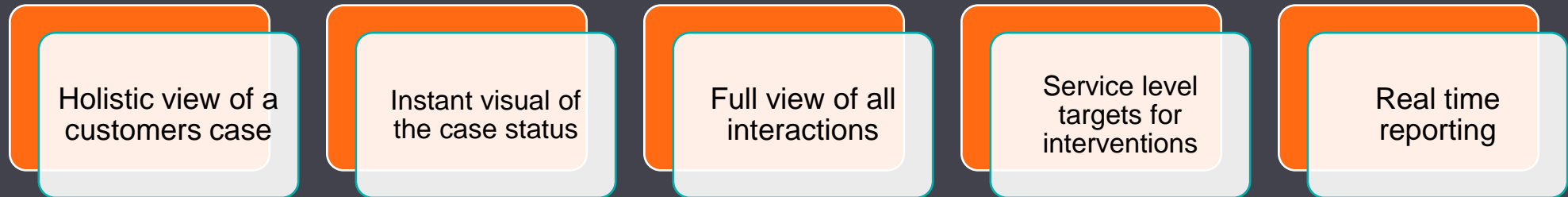
Reflection on last 12 months

- Following the tragic death of Awab Ishak in Rochdale and the 'Prevention of future deaths report' prepared by the coroner, the Department for Leveling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) sent a letter to all social housing providers 'Ensuring Quality in Social Housing' – 19th November 2022
- Regulator for Social Housing (RSH) sent letter to all Social Housing providers asking for details on the prevalence and management of Damp and Mould – 22nd November 2022
- Gentoo communicated with all tenants via website, social media and text messaging – 29th November 2022
- Established a dedicated phone line for customers to report damp and mould and re-enforced empathy first and every visit counts approach with all staff – 29th November 2022
- Gentoo provided a detailed and thorough response to RSH letter. No follow up enquires were made by the regular – 19th December 2022

Reflection continued

- Communications and media coverage led to increased incoming call demand – circa 1,800 calls related to damp and mould during December 2022 and January 2023
- Increased staff numbers within Property Maintenance to support inbound calls, property inspections and remedial works – December 2022
- Dedicated reporting and monitoring of damp and mould cases established – December 2023
- Additional training provided to property inspectors and surveyors in the diagnosis and treatment of damp and mould – March/July 2023
- Dedicated Damp and Mould Policy approved by Board in May 2023 and procedure finalised in September 2023.
- Increased focused within sector and consultation on Awaab's Law

Damp and Mould Case Management



Communication

- New damp, mould and condensation guidance leaflet published for customers
- Website updated to with customer friendly version of damp and mould procedures
- Damp and mould foam guidance leaflet published for customers
- Two sessions held with involved customer scrutiny panel to review our damp and mould approach
- Internal communications to all staff by email and workplace platform to raise awareness of new case management approach
- All communications has emphasised empathy first, zero tolerance and every visit counts



So, where are we....



Empathy continues to be our priority for DMC



We're aware there is still work to be done



Looking to the medium to long term plans



We are in a good position

Questions



REPORT OF SUNDERLAND VOLUNTARY SECTOR ALLIANCE

1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from SVSA for the Washington Area Committee for the period of October 2023 – February 2024

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from SVSA would be provided to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current SVSA developments, projects, and priorities and to encourage collaborative working and 2 way communication.

3 General Update

- 3.1 Since October 2023 we have had a busy few months recruiting, inducting and training our new team, together with piloting our offer and ensure robust processes and practices are in place moving forward.
- 3.2 We have achieved Real Living Wage status setting a standard in terms of valuing voluntary sector work force in delivering quality services.
- 3.3 We have recruited our first **Community Volunteer** who has over 20 years' experience working for the National Lottery and Awards for All. This additional support is providing bid writing surgeries for VCSE sector organisations across the city.
- 3.4 In February we launched our free membership for VCSE organisations based or delivering in Sunderland. We have registered **53 members** within a two-week period.

4 Funding and Investment

- 4.1 SVSA has helped secure **£287,500** for Sunderland Voluntary Sector by supporting the completion of funding applications.

5 Sector Support

- 5.1 **33** VCSE organisations have been supported.
3 Social Value opportunities have been delivered.
3 Training Events have been hosted with a total of **44 attendees**.
2 Networking Events have been hosted with a total of **66 attendees**.

6 Communications and Engagement

- 6.1 In February we presented an overview of the Alliance at Health Integrated Care Board (ICP) Central and raised our profile by highlighted funding priorities which were informed by the Sunderland VCSE sector from across the city.

6.2 We have launched our Sunderland **Volunteering** Facebook page and re-launched our SVSA LinkedIn Page.

7 Trustee update

7.1 We have successfully appointed a new Independent Chairperson – Sarah Reid together with 2 new trustees Lesley Spuhler from the Foundation of Light and Trish Cornish from Sunderland Mind. We have **11 trustees** with one remaining role we are currently advertising the Treasurer role.

8 Future developments

8.1 Following our inaugural Volunteer Network we are developing the format for further networks and a proposal for a Volunteer Passport scheme.

8.2 On 20/03/2024 we are facilitating an 'Ageing well' Network Event

8.3 March 2024 We will launch quarter 2 Training and Events programme

8.4 March/April 2024 Launch Community Transport Grants

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14th March 2024

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2023-2024.

2. Background

2.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function. The purpose of the Area Committees is to:

- Lead on the development, implementation, and effective delivery of an Area Plan, working closely with residents to ensure the plans include all main priorities for the Area, which enables residents to be resilient, The Area Plans are linked to the City Plan and other significant strategies for the city.
- Actively encourage local residents to become involved in shaping the Area Plan, ensuring delivery of activities to support matters which affect them.

2.2 The Article 10 Area Committee Area Plans for 2023 - 2026 were agreed by Area Committees in June 2023 and approved at Cabinet in July 2023.

2.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Area Plan.

2.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board supports the work of the Area Committee and specifically the delivery of the Area Plan. The Boards are chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee and are practical and action-orientated groups. The role of the Board is to respond to all priorities in the Area Committee Area Plan, as agreed by the Area Committee. They develop and implement plans for the delivery of each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research and working closely with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure effective delivery of the plan.

2.6 The Board is not a decision-making body, the work of the board is presented to each Area Committee via this Report of the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The purpose of the report is to update on progress in relation to the delivery of the Area Plan in addition to making any recommendations of the Board to the Area Committee for final approval. Funding decisions to support delivery of the plan can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**

2.7 Additionally all Sunderland City Council Service leads, when producing Service Plans this year, provided a list of Area Priorities, where relevant, for each of the five geographical Areas of Sunderland and have agreed that regular updates for those priorities will be appended to this report, to the relevant Area Committee, to provide quarterly performance updates (Item 3 Annex 2)

3. Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026- Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 3.1 Attached as **Annex 1** is the Washington Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.2 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress for information purposes only.
- 3.3 Colleagues from Highways attended the November 2023 Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to consult with members regarding the development of the Washington highways maintenance programme for 2024/25. Further updates were received and Members put forward areas for consideration in the 2024/2025 programme. The suggested locations have been assessed and following discussions at the February 2024 Board meeting, recommendations are contained at **Annex 3 to this report**.

4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:

- 4.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Washington Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026.
- 4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only.
- 4.3 Consider the streets listed in the table up to a value of £100,000 (or thereabouts), and confirm, the schemes to be recommended to the March Washington Area Committee for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2024-2025.

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Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2023 / 2026



The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the Washington area. This Delivery Plan provides an update on progress on the Area Committee's Area Plan and will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board.

Vibrant Smart City - Priorities and Actions 2023-26	
Action	Update
A plantation and tree management programme	Ongoing discussions with Environmental Services around tree management being included as part of core service delivery and not requiring Neighbourhood Funding.
Washington Clean and Green project	Project extension agreed at Area Committee in June 23 to 2025. Regular Steering Group meetings are held, where locations and workplans are agreed. Q3 update shared with members Jan 24. 17 litter picks completed this quarter, 13 clearances completed and volunteers had a stall at Washington Christmas Fair to promote the project.
Support for VCS organisations and community hubs	During the year the remaining balances for Community Asset funding was allocated across 5 community and youth venues to improve internal and external aspects of the buildings; including heating, lighting, roof repairs to a total value of £27,870
Community events	Programme of delivery continues for 2023/24 with the Summer Carnival, Christmas Fayre, Christmas light switch on/fireworks display at Concord, all being well attended. Events will continue in 2024 with the 1940's weekend celebration and the Miners Picnic event which following discussions will now be incorporated into the Washington 60 celebration event on 20 th July.
A Heritage and Culture strategy/programme	A Heritage networking event took place in February which was very well attended. The small grants funding opportunity continues to be promoted with groups encouraged to submit applications to support the delivery of a programme of events for Washington 60. The Partnership continue to be heavily involved in supporting Washington 60 planning.

The Washington Ward Improvement Programme	Complete - Remaining balances returned to Neighbourhood Fund
A road safety and VAS programme	Project extension agreed at December Area Committee. There are currently 40 locations and 10 signs, which are rotated on a quarterly basis. Q3 update provided to members, the project continues to support the local community by making drivers aware of their vehicle speed and encourage drivers exceeding the advertised speed limit to reduce their speed.
Public artwork & celebrations for Washington 60 / Galleries 50	MOBIE Washington Design Challenge approved at September Area Committee, live launch of the project took place on 30/11/23 in The Galleries, extremely well attended by Members, x4 Secondary school students and George Clarke. A number of school workshops have now been held across Washington with more planned to take place in Washington Arts Centre during March/April, where home schooled young people have been encouraged to get involved.
A Washington volunteer recognition project	A recognition presentation was held for the Clean and Green volunteers, where certificates were presented by Cllr Snowdon at Bowes Railway. Volunteers were also invited by the Mayor to have a tour of City Hall which was held in February.
Signage at Fatfield Riverside to incorporate the heritage and ecology of the area	Discussions with relevant service areas are ongoing.
A feasibility study for the vision of Fatfield Riverside development	Feasibility study agreed at December Area Committee, work is currently underway to provide two costed schemes for consideration.
Healthy Smart City - Priorities and Actions 2023-26	
Action	Update
A programme of outreach youth provision	Complete - Update shared with members 15/8/23, project now complete. Ongoing discussions are being held with youth providers to ensure any new youth project ideas can be considered to meet identified need.
Neighbourhood management and enforcement	Project extension agreed at December Area Committee to continue until March 2026. Outcomes continue to be positive, residents engaged regarding bin presentation and improvements have been noted, dog fouling and high visibility patrols continue and feedback from the public is positive.
Investment in parks and play areas	Harraton Park improvements are continuing with the fixed play strategy funding. Recent update to members on Playzone.

Positive activities for young people during school holidays	Young people aged 8-10 and 11-19 years holiday activity projects funded for 23/24, update for quarter 3 shared with members. Varied activities programme has been ongoing with excellent uptake. We promoted the activities on offer via youth clubs, partner organisations and on Facebook pages. The use of Facebook helped to attract new young people that were not previously known to the project.
Diversionsary activities for young people	TWFRS Phoenix project presented to members at December Area Committee. Project approved for x4 Secondary and x5 Primary schools to partake, each with 10 identified students – 90 across the year.
Contributed to the development of the Links for Life programme	Organisations delivering Links for Life have been supported with appropriate Community Chest funding and also one to one support from the Partnership & Community Resilience Manager.
Improved access to allotments and community gardens	Relevant service lead attended the November Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to update on continued work in and around allotments.
A considered approach to park development, including ecological impact	Any discussions held around park development always include consideration for ecological impact.
Dynamic Smart City – Priorities and Actions 2023-26	
Action	Update
Supporting people into work via REACT	Quarter 3 update shared with members. The REACT project has continued to be delivered with two part-time staff, providing access to the service for residents across four days per week. 19 local residents are continuing to actively utilise the REACT employability service, 4 new residents have registered in the last quarter,
Developing skills of young people via CAN DO	Residual remaining balance brought back into Neighbourhood Fund. A new project to develop skills of young people is being supported by the funding of a NEET project proposal, being presented to March Area Committee.
Supporting young people to be more financially resilient via Youth Money Matters	During Q3 ShARP in Partnership with Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project have delivered the remainder of the programme to young people from Sulgrave youth club, the Pitstop and Ayton Community Centre. The groups at the Pitstop and Sulgrave participated in structured sessions focusing on finance, with sessions delivered by staff from Sharp and Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project. Young people actively participated in group discussions and learning activities on a range of subjects including essential and non-essential spending, gambling, the dangers of loan sharks and the cost of living crisis.

<p>Providing individual welfare and financial support via WISP</p>	<p>In Quarter 3 the WISP Advice Worker saw 146 people presenting in immediate crisis. They were all in crisis as follows- 80 people with Mental illness, 58 people with drug or alcohol dependency, 3 people who were homeless with 1 of those living in a tent in Church grounds, 5 people living with or fleeing Domestic Abuse. Sadly, one of the people regularly supported by WISP died following an overdose. A further 99 people were seen some of those were in significant debt and this could impact badly on their mental wellbeing. Most of the debt related issues were rent arrears/council tax arrears/water rates arrears/fuel arrears and one person is repaying money to a loan shark operating within the locality. We are providing support and also hope that we can help them engage with the Money Lending Team.</p>
<p>Develop approach to consultation with communities/resident</p>	<p>Discussion have been held during VCS Network meetings about the opportunities to work with voluntary sector organisations to capture emerging issues and views of residents. Similarly, discussions are ongoing to engage Washington Youth Council with consultation opportunities where appropriate.</p>

Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Washington Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Washington Old School	In partnership with Strategic Housing, development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	7/22	11/23	Service is now fully operational, and all tenants have moved in.
Washington Community Resource Centre	Redevelopment of building-based day care services	4/23	TBC	<p>Building surveys have been undertaken by Property Services and improvement works have been identified. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the implementation of the improvement works.</p> <p>Due to the implications around Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and the immediate need for SCC to prioritise surveys/inspections across the Councils building assets in the short term, Property Services are unable to take forward the required works in the day centres. As a consequence, we are in discussion with SCC on options that can support Commissioning to take development work forward.</p>
Moor Way	Development of extra care accommodation provision for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs, with partnership with the Housing provider	1/24	Completion early 2026	Planning permission has been obtained. Building work will start beginning of Jan 2024 with completion anticipated early 2026. Ongoing meetings TBA with the support provider which will involve Adult Social Care reps.

CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Arts Centre Washington improvement works	Improvement works funded through the capital programme	4/23	3/24	Internal improvements now complete. External work commenced January to include improvements to the Courtyard with replacement paving, and installation of new planting scheme and furniture. Work to be completed late Spring 2024.
Washington library improvements	Improvement works funded through the capital programme	4/23	3/24	Washington Library redevelopment on track with progress being made quickly towards completion. Plans for a soft opening and are pencilled in for the end of May with further details to follow. Temporary library provision remains in place and is being well used.
North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood & Community Boards	9/23	3/24	Ten tree planting sites will be delivered by the end of April 2024, by an external contractor. This will deliver around 17 hectares of planting and be funded by c.£300,000 of external funding from the Government's Trees for Climate Fund. The 10 sites are at: A182 Shiney Row; Houghton Kepier Academy; Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North); Silksworth Recreation Centre and Ski Slope (West); Holmeside; Doxford Park (park); Diamond Hall Junior Academy; Ryhope Junior School (East).
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include implementation within individual Area Committee areas			In addition to the above 10 NE Community Forest projects, there will be 1 Tiny Forest project planted (at Hudson Road Primary School) in 2023-24. The Sandhill View scheme is under review- funding is in place to deliver the 2nd Tiny Forest in the 2024-25 period. The Link Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 will be determined in March 2024- if successful, the project will commence from April and run until end of March 2026.

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				Sunderland City Council continue to work partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.On on the current phase of Energy Company Obligation (ECO4), which requires energy suppliers to implement energy efficiency improvements in residents' homes. The scheme is aimed at lower income and/or vulnerable households and less energy efficient properties with the aims of tackling fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions from the domestic sector and improving thermal comfort. The ECO4 scheme was launched in October 23, and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (city-wide). As well as engaging with all Sunderland residents, Utilita included a particular focus on engaging with residents in Sunderland North and E.On with residents in Sunderland East until the end of June 2024, to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits to residents. Eco-4 will run until 2026 across the city.

CITY DEVELOPMENT: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Enforcement Project (currently AC funded)	1 x Enforcement Officer <i>Enforcement Signage</i> <i>Replacement of wheelied bins/equipment in residential multi occupied properties</i> <i>10 Streetwatch cameras</i>	04/21	03/24	AC update submitted December 2023 via agreed reporting Project extended for another 2 years following AC in December 2023

	Proactive approach to complement and add value to the current Sunderland City Council and Gentoo provision and allow for the flexibility to respond to Councillors requests and reporting of incidents as well as forging relationships with, working in partnership with and supporting other current initiatives such as Clean and Green and Together Clean and Green.			February 24 Update – MD taskforce went live Dec 23. snapshot of results so far: Patrols:52 Nights of action:3 Social media posts:1 Call backs:28 Home Visit:1 CPW:1 Vehicle Seizures:11 Arrests/summons:5
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CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com In addition, Digital Dashboards have been produced for every ward detailing the existing digital provision, challenges, and potential opportunities for consideration. A follow-up meeting has been held with East Area Committee outlining specific opportunities and further meetings can be arranged as appropriate.
Washington 60	Inclusion of some form of interactive event	4/23		The team are happy to support ideas for this event once planning is underway.
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23		Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expend. by	Area Committee quarterly update
<p>Cemetery Improvements</p>	<p>Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand</p>	<p>June 22</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As part of the ongoing cemetery improvement works led by the Cemetery Improvement Boards, work is advancing on the enforcement of cemetery regulations relating to unauthorised items and enclosures on lawn section graves. Signage has been erected in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items, and work to remove relevant items will begin as soon as ground conditions allow. As consultation with Board Members continues on all actions, the CIB continue to receive updates on any developments in this respect.</p> <p>As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safely audits have now been conducted and initial findings from our consultants have been received. Further review is required and agreement on the work required work schedule, costs and processes. Further updates will follow.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board (CIB) meetings continue on a bi-monthly basis. As regulatory enforcement becomes part of business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific action plans will deliver on improvement works specific to each cemetery dependant on local requirements and need.</p> <p>In addition to the regulatory enforcement and MST programme, the board have also reviewed options to improve cemetery maintenance and increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.</p> <p>Memorial product development and management of historic memorial sponsorship terms now also receives focus by the CIB Members, with many new processes agreed and implemented following discussion and agreement within the group.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 st April 2023	September 2023	<p>The trial has now concluded, findings are currently being compiled into a detailed report.</p> <p>A market feasibility study via procurement is also now underway to establish costs and availability of alternative weed control equipment</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>As of the 20th of February 12,757 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>Following completion of the East and West areas, Mowbray, Barnes and Roker Green Flag parks have now all been surveyed. The Inspection programme is now focusing on the North Area.</p>
Plantation Programme	Plantation Maintenance scheme	March 2023	April 2026	<p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 50,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Resident feedback has been very positive and of the initial 37 priority sites 19 are now complete</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		<p>Following E Tech trials, various kit has been introduced into our operational teams. The kit not only reduces the hand arm vibration levels our operatives are exposed to, it also supports the Council's low carbon agenda.</p> <p>The kit includes, E Blowers, E Gum removal packs, E Chainsaws, E Hedge Trimmers and a Hybrid Chipper.</p> <p>We are continuing to explore other E solutions and are currently trialling a E Mechanical Sweeper.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing of various options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	Following the recent trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city, the detailed findings of the trial have enabled the Environmental Services Winter Maintenance Team, to further improve the planning for the essential replacement of the city's Vaisala weather station network and ensure that the positioning of the new equipment is optimised in response to the current and future development of new key routes and any road network changes across the city. With the new installations of modern Vaisala equipment occurring from May 2024, the road users of Sunderland can be assured the city will have some of the most advanced weather monitoring and forecasting equipment available, provided and supported by one of the market leaders in the industry.
Winter Service Review	Comprehensive review of the Winter Maintenance Service	Spring 2024	Autumn 2024	Following on from the review undertaken 2023, the 2024 review will commence following the completion of this year's winter maintenance period. The review takes in all aspects of the Winter Service. A key focus of the review is the priority network coverage. The review process is based upon the requirement to deliver an efficient resilient service for the residents of Sunderland and the commuting public, whilst also meeting any legal requirements, adhering to best practice and meeting deliverable expectations with a finite resource. Where there are legislative changes, the policy will be reviewed immediately, and further approval sought.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned community support services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	UKSPF funds secured to support VCS in Sunderland to deliver 12 months of community support across the city. VCS providers will support the establishment of the Links for Life social prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB.
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	<p>The delivery of Financial Wellbeing support activities across services is making good progress. In the past 12 months 153 of 182 actions in the delivery plan have been completed or mainstreamed as core service activities.</p> <p>The community engagement officer continues to collect Lived Experience insights from residents – these insights contribute to evaluation of various programmes as well as informing service delivery.</p> <p>A system for recording the qualitative data is in development, to make the data easier to access for services and partner organisations.</p> <p>The project team moved in February 24 to become aligned with the Financial Resilience Team (Strategic Advice Services) which is expected to enhance the work of both programmes.</p>

HEALTH, HOUSING & COMMUNITIES: Housing Development

<p>Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams:</p> <p>Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported - 171</p>	<p>Washington Empty Homes - 32 Bungalows - 19 Supported - 25</p>	<p>Feb 2020</p>	<p>March 2026</p>	<p>Empty Homes - 8 Bungalows - 4 Supported – 17</p>
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
<p>Washington North shows a high prevalence of empty properties: The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.</p>	<p>This is not a specific project</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>Initial presentation complete</p> <p>Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</p>	<p>A presentation on Empty Properties has been delivered to all Area Committees. This showed the data relating to area, Ward and across the City.</p> <p>An Empty Homes Report is being developed following the views and questions provided as part of the Area Committee discussions.</p> <p>This report will be presented to Area Committees quarterly</p>

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

Foodbank Support	Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all area of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year	N/a	N/a	<p>Service continues to collate and analyse monthly foodbank usage and will be providing up to date area-based breakdowns for the support provided by Sunderland Foodbank Distribution Centres and 5 Independent foodbanks . These are the organisations that have provided figures to the council since at least the start of the pandemic .</p> <p>Separately the service is collating information from other foodbanks , and food aid providers to better understand gaps in provision and potential issues within communities including wider food insecurity. This links to range of actions in the Good Food Charter Action Plan</p> <p>Information continues to be made available for residents to access via website and also voluntary sector and partners such as housing, health, etc.</p>
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks tennis court programme	Refurbish tennis courts in Usworth Park	5/23	7/23	Complete and operational
Parks tennis court programme	Develop tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete – taking place
Regular physical activity opportunity	Consultation and development of bid for Playzone in Washington – location tbc	7/23	10/23	Next stage progressing with community organisation and community engagement
Weight management service	Establish 1 delivery site for targeted offer	5/23	12/23	Complete and operational - taking place at Washington Millennium Centre

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update	
Development of Social Prescribing hubs	To deliver Social Prescribing “hub” to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Washington	Crafting Connection
				Washington	The Little Onion Club
				Washington	Active Families
				Washington	Building Blocks Day Centre CIC
				Washington	Community Opportunities
Stop Smoking Clinics	To deliver stop smoking clinics in the wards with the highest smoking rates	4/23	12/12	Galleries Health Centre – established The Millennium Centre – established	

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Family Hub	The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).	2022	2025	Early Help Strategy 2024/28 – Final draft is under consultation. To be launched by Easter 2024.

	<p>The aim of Family Hubs is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. To bring services together and make them more accessible, improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and put relationships at the heart of family support.</p> <p>Following a competitive bidding process, 14 trailblazers were selected and awarded additional funding to go further and faster in delivering some or all of the Start for Life services funded by the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme – peri-natal mental health and parent-infant relationships, infant feeding, and parenting support. Sunderland were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The Early Help workers complete a robust assessment and plan, provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p> <p>https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</p>			<p>Family Hubs have recruited two peer support workers to work alongside and support fathers.</p> <p>There are now 20 Parent Carer Panel members with a panel attached to each of the family hubs.</p>
<p>Digital Family Hub – My Best Life</p>	<p>The face to face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources.</p> <p>MBL is not the finished article. The platform is being co-produced with young people, parent/carers and professionals across the city.</p> <p>MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home.</p>			<p>My Best Life website was launched in December 2023. The site's main features include advertising and booking of Family Hub events and a library of resources that is maintained by the Family Hubs. The main benefit from this is families being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p>

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-25

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Members Options to consider for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2024-2025

Street Name	Ward	Treatment	Estimate Footway (£)	Estimate Roads (£)
Rear Biddick Village shops – paths	Washington Central	Footway renewal	8,250	
Cleeve Court-part	Washington Central	Footway resurfacing and Road resurfacing	23,400	9,250
Station Road rear -north- (Derwent Terrace)	Washington Central	Road Resurfacing		12,000
Tintern	Washington Central	Road Resurfacing		15,350
Titchfield Road - eastbound	Washington Central	Road Resurfacing		18,050
Titchfield Road – 63 to 65- layby	Washington Central	Localised Machine Patch		4,350
Barmston Close - rear	Washington East	Road Resurfacing		20,000
Bonemill Lane – New Road- layby	Washington East	Road Resurfacing		19550
Bonemill Lane- New Road - southside 14 to 40	Washington East	Footway Resurfacing	15250	
Chestnut Avenue	Washington East	Road Resurfacing		16,000
Newriggs	Washington East	Wall renewal	20,000	
Wilden Road	Washington East	Localised Machine Patch		14,250

Street Name	Ward	Treatment	Estimate Footway (£)	Estimate Roads (£)
Follingsbury Lane – part	Washington North	Road Resurfacing		17,700
The Oval - 29 to 40	Washington North	Road Resurfacing		8,750
Spout Lane - part	Washington North	Localised Machine Patching		20,600
Station Road- Johnson Terrace- north rear- 1 to 40	Washington North	Road Resurfacing		17,000
Sulgrave Road – 123 to 141	Washington North	Road Resurfacing		15,500
Sulgrave Road – 52 to 80	Washington North	Road Resurfacing		17,000
Crowther Road	Washington South	Footway Resurfacing	24,100	
Office Row - rear	Washington South	Road Resurfacing		10,500
Winster – 13 to 19	Washington South	Road Resurfacing		8,100
Tilley Road – cul-de-sac south	Washington South	Road Resurfacing		13,400
Vigo Lane (Petteril to Sheridan Green)	Washington South	Road Resurfacing		17,800
Belmont Terrace- Ashford Terrace – rear	Washington West	Road Resurfacing		20,000
Burnway - part	Washington West	Road Resurfacing		13,750
Cambridge Avenue rear- phase 2	Washington West	Road Reconstruction		26,800
Peareth Hall Road - part	Washington West	Localised machine Patch		22,650

Street Name	Ward	Treatment	Estimate Footway (£)	Estimate Roads (£)
Rosegill – parking area	Washington West	Resurfacing		12,150
Stoneycroft-Blencathra	Washington West	Removal of rumble strips		28,500(scheme cost) 20,550 contrib
		Regen Area Total	91,000	399,000
		Selection Total	28,250	71,750

TOTAL £100,000

Schemes highlighted in bold represent officers' priorities based on either members' requests and/or local need considering the budget constraints.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Neighbourhood and Community Board members are recommended to consider the streets listed in the table up to a value of £100,000 (or thereabouts), and confirm, the schemes to be recommended to the March Washington Area Committee for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2024-2025.

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 14 March 2024 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director Housing and Communities	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: Committee are requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2 (b) Approve the 2 Neighbourhood Fund applications as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 (c) Note the Community Chest approvals supported to date from 2023/2024 as detailed in Item 4 Annex 2 (d) Consider the West Community Chest Application as set out in Item 4 Annex 2 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £423,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2023/2024	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Washington Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024					£
This includes the Neighbourhood Fund allocation of £423,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2023/2024					
Washington C&G	29.6.23			£60,000	£363,242
WISP	29.6.23			£15,000	£348,242
Holiday Activities 11-19 years	29.6.23			£40,000	£308,242
Holiday Activities 8-10 years	29.6.23			£19,628	£288,614
Washington 60 Design Challenge	21.09.23			£30,000	£258,614
Washington events 2023/2024	21.09.23			£70,000	£188,614
Can Do Programme	28.09.21	£9,888			£198,502
Washington Clean & Green Comms and Education	28.09.21	£7,315			£205,817
Clean & Green Local Action	28.09.21	£15,208			£221,025
Ward Improvements Programme	24.09.20	£21,201			£242,226
Enforcement & Street Watch - joint with line 20?	14.12.23			£95,320	£146,906
Vehicle Activated Signs 2024	14.12.23			£21,500	£125,406
Washington Feasibility Study - Fatfield Riverside	14.12.23			£4,350	£121,056
Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce Pilot - ASB Officer	14.12.23			£20,000	£101,056
Phoenix/Spark Project	14.12.23			£55,500	£45,556
Total Balance					£45,556

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

2.2 There are two applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration and approval as below and detailed in Annex 1:

Project	Applicant	Amount
NEET Project	Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project	£45556
Community Assets (years funding allocation)	Donwell CA	£3560 (from previous years funding allocation)

2.2 Total Neighbourhood Fund recommended for approval is **£45556 from 23/24**. If approved the remaining balance for 23/24 will be **£Nil**.
Total NCIP recommended from previous years budget allocated to Community Assets **£3560**

3. Community Chest

3.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same with ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it becomes difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level, the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

3.2 The table below details of the Community Chest approvals supported April 2023 to March 2024, and the balance remaining.

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£7768	£2232
East	£10,000	£0	£8697	£1303
North	£10,000	£0	£5783	£4217
South	£10,000	£0	£4733	£5267
West	£10,000	£0	£4250	£5750
Total	£50,000	£0	£29,746	£20,254

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

4. Recommendation

Committee are requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2.
- b) Approve the 2 Neighbourhood Fund/NCIP applications as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 1**
- c) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023/2024 as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 2**
- d) Consider the West Community Chest application in **Item 4 Annex 2**

Annexes

Annex 1 Neighbourhood Fund applications
Annex 2 Community Chest Approvals 2023/24

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Application 1

Project Details	
Project Title	NEET Project
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	ODYPP are taking a high volume of calls from parents, young people and careers advisors looking to place young people into training. ODYPP would like to bridge this gap by offering two courses run over three days each week for 24 weeks, for at least 10 participants per course
Total Project Cost	£62,732.17
Match Funding	£17,176.17
Total NF Requested	£45,556.00
Project Start Date	01.04.24
Project End Date	31.03.25
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Oxclose District Young Peoples Project Ayton Centre

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description
<p>Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project is a well established youth organisation which offers training, support and social opportunities to young people in Washington.</p> <p>Accredited and non-accredited training for young people aged 16-19 focused on personal and social development, employability as well as maths and English skills. Due to recent changes in available funding, there is currently a gap in provision of this service across Washington.</p> <p>ODYPPs teaching and youth work staff have worked in the area for over twenty years and have a good understanding of issues facing the local population including barriers to employment, education and training. Our qualified teacher also has qualifications in supporting young people's mental health and dyslexia and specific learning difficulties.</p> <p>ODYPP are presently taking a high volume of calls from parents, young people and careers advisors looking to place young people into training. ODYPP would like to bridge this gap by offering two courses run over three days each week for twenty four weeks, for at least 10 participants per course, to include accredited qualifications in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths • English • Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development • Emergency First Aid <p>ODYPP would also like to provide drop-in sessions for young people who need support with interview skills, completing their CV etc. We will also link with local employers to offer work placement opportunities.</p>

Our programme is designed to support young people aged 16-19 who for whatever reason are not engaging in employment, training or education (NEET). At the current time the Careers and NEET service are aware of 80-100 young people living in Washington who are currently NEET and of those young people there are 19 who have illnesses or mental health difficulties. It is important to recognise that these are only the young people that have engaged with the Careers and NEET service so actual figures could be higher.

In our experience of working with young people in the area we are aware that there are some young people that are unwilling or unable to travel to attend college or a training provider. ODYPP has a mini bus that we would use to transport learners to and from our programme, removing the barrier of travelling.

Over the past three years ODYPP have become more aware of the increasing number of young people who do not complete secondary education, with some not attending school from as early as year 8. This has resulted in these young people reaching school leaving age without any qualifications which has an impact on their choices for future learning and employment. Our programme would help to re-engage young people in learning allowing them to gain recognised qualifications and improve their employability.

ODYPP has successfully delivered similar contracts for more than twenty years on behalf of Sunderland and Gateshead Council and Springboard Sunderland. We have an excellent track record and have always been able to meet contractual obligations with ease.

Previous experience has focused on delivering training, education and support to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds including; individuals with mental health issues and/or learning disabilities, those with few or no qualifications, young offenders, homeless young people, individuals involved in anti-social or risk taking behaviour, young parents and parents to be.

Learners are assigned a key worker to work with them to decide the best ways that they can be supported socially, emotionally and academically. This information is used to develop individual learning plans.

ODYPP are registered with the National Open College Network to deliver functional skills qualifications in maths and English and learners are offered opportunities to gain relevant recognised qualifications as part of their programme.

As the major provider of youth work in Washington we are able to recruit to programmes with ease. We also have strong links with the local Careers and NEET service which regularly refer young people on to our programmes.

We have achieved high success rates in learners achieving accredited outcomes; this is because we offer learners a range of course options that are matched to their individual needs, interests and starting points whilst providing opportunities for stretch and challenge. Our teaching and support staff are nurturing and supportive ensuring that young people have the best possible opportunities to reach their potential.

We have been equally successful in progressing learners into positive outcomes including progression into college, further training, apprenticeships, employment and volunteering. This has been possible because of our experience of working with local employers and training providers and our commitment to supporting young people into positive outcomes no matter how long it may take.

FUNDING BUDGET		
		Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF	
	£	-
Staff x2 – 3 days per week for 8hrs for 52wks	35754	
YP Completion Bonus	500	
Out of pocket expenses for 20 participants @£6 per day.	5000	
Room rental 48 wk	3000	
Transport 48wk	-	
NOCN Qualifications	1302	
	NF Funding Total	£ 45556
		-
	Notes	

Outputs		
		Overall Target
105	number of individual Young people moved into Education, Employment or Training	15
107	number of individuals with disabilities moved into Education, Employment or Training	5

Recommendation – Approve

- The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Priority of Dynamic Smart City – Supporting People into Work

Application 2

Project Details	
Project Title	Community Assets
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Donwell CA repairs to the leaking roof and repairs to emergency exit lighting
Total Project Cost	£3560.00
Match Funding	£-
Total NF/NCIP Requested	£3560
Project Start Date	18.03.24
Project End Date	30.04.24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Donwell Community Association

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description
The project is to make urgent repairs to the hall roof. Tiles are missing and water is leaking into the building and causing damage to our built-in seating area. We also require repair to a number of emergency exit lights, which is necessary for health and safety. The project will make improvements to a SCC building and will ensure that repairs meet health & safety requirements to ensure the safety of our service users.

FUNDING BUDGET	
	Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF/NCIP
	£ -
Roof repairs	1900
Skip hire / rubbish removal	160
Emergency lighting repair	1500
NF/NCIP Funding Total	£ 3560
Notes - Utilising remaining balance from 20/21 Community Asset funding allocation	

OUTPUTS		
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
212	number of existing / derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Priority of - Support for VCS organisations and community hubs.

Washington Area Committee

14th March 2024
**Sunderland
City Council**

Community Chest Awards November 2023 to March 2024

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Melrose resurfacing Works	20.04.23	-	£931
Friends Of Washington Old Hall	20.04.23	-	£500
Wessington School	20.04.23	-	£628
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	26.06.23	-	£400
Wessington School	26.06.23	-	£743
Columbia CA	31.07.23	-	£784
KWT	31.07.23	-	£300
Washington Miners and Community Heritae Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Washington Village In Bloom	25.09.2023	-	£600
St Josephs R C Primary School	25.09.2023	-	£500
White Ladies Close Social Club	29.01.2024	-	£1,200
Biddick Primary School	29.01.2024	-	£500
Crafting Connections CIC	01.02.2024	-	£612
Remaining balance £2,232		-	£7,768
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
5th Washington Donwell Brownies	01.05.23	-	£1,300
Harry Watts Academy	09.06.23	-	£1,521
Hangar 1914	09.06.23	-	£538
Choice Wellbeing CIC	04.07.23	-	£215
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	04.07.23	-	£400
Harraton & District Community Centre	31.07.23	-	£1,488
KWT	25.08.23	-	£300
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Northeast Restoration Club	29.09.2023	-	£2,665
Teal Farm Residents Association	29.01.2024	-	£200
Remaining balance - £1,303		-	£8,697
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Washington Millenium Centre	21.07.23	-	£500
MULTIx5 Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	26.07.23	-	£400
Washington F Pit Banner Group	26.07.23	-	£500
Washington Athletic YFC	25.08.23	-	£1,000

KWT	25.08.23	-	£300
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Washington U3A	25.09.2023	-	£330
2214 Usworth Sqn ATC	25.09.2023	-	£698
Adventure Into Art	29.01.2024	-	£500
Building Blocks Day Centre	26.02.2024	-	£485
Little Onion Club	26.02.2024	-	£500
District Youth ABC Boxing	26.02.2024	-	£500
Remaining balance - £4,217			£5,783
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hope Family Church	24.05.23	-	£930
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	26.06.23	-	£400
KWT	21.07.23	-	£300
Oxclose RA	25.08.23	-	£578
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Oxclose and District Youth People's Project	15.01.2024	-	£1,189
Oxclose Community Nursery School	02.02.2024	-	£654
Crafting Connections CIC	02.02.2024	-	£612
Remaining balance - £5,267		-	£4,733
Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Springwell village methodist chapel	16.05.23	-	£480
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	26.06.23	-	£400
KWT	21.07.23	-	£300
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Donwell House Care Home	01.02.2024	-	£300
St Bedes Washington Ladies group	01.02.2024	-	£700
Springwell Village Community Venue	01.02.2024	-	£2,000
Remaining balance - £5,750		-	£4,250

**COMMUNITY CHEST 2023/2024 WASHINGTON AREA –
PROJECT to be considered 14th MARCH 2024**

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	FURTHER INFO
West	We formed in 1959 as Shiney Row Male Voice Choir but we rebranded in 2022 to Sunderland Male Voice Choir as were the only Male choir across Sunderland and Wearside. At this point we made our presence more apparent across Sunderland and Washington and have many of our members who live in Washington. Our official patron is the mayor, and we take part in the City Citizenship Ceremonies. As well as performing	£585	Ward Members have considered the application for approval and have not reached a decision, therefore Area Committee are asked to consider:

	<p>across the Northeast and beyond, we have a community outreach programme in local care homes. At the moment we are still wearing our old Shiney Row MVC apparel, and we would benefit from new uniform to show our links to Sunderland, and we would be able to promote the city and our Choir.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Award Full Amount of £585• Reject the Application
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