

## WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at 6.00pm

**VENUE – Washington Millennium Centre, Concord, Washington**

#### Membership

Cllrs Scaplehorn (Chair), Dianne Snowdon (Vice Chair - Place), Williams (Vice Chair – People), Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, Lauchlan, F Miller, G Miller, Padgett, David Snowdon, Thompson, D Trueman, H Trueman. Walker,

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**ELAINE WAUGH**  
**Head of Law and Governance**

**12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**

**At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE on THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D.E. Snowdon in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, G. Miller, Padgett, D. Snowdon, Thompson, Walker and Williams.

Mike Poulter	-	City Services
Carol Dougherty	-	City Services
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Paul Wood	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
Jane Eland	-	Children's Services
Lorraine Hughes	-	Children's Services/Sunderland PCT
Neil Revely	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Alan Caddick	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Jacqui Reeves	-	Washington Mind
John Rostron	-	VCS Representative
Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Steve Anderson	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Paul Stewart	-	Northumbria Police
Wayne Sinclair	-	Northumbria Police
Claire Fisher	-	Nexus

Members of the Washington Community.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors F. Miller, Lauchlan, Scaplehorn, D. Trueman and H. Trueman. Brian Hodgkinson and John Chapman

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**

2. RESOLVED that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **Washington Area Committee Annual Report 2012/13**

The Chair of the Washington Area Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) for Members to approve the Washington Area Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committees Annual Report 2012/13 to be presented to Full Council.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

3, RESOLVED that Members considered and approved the Washington Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committees Annual Report for 2012/13.

### **Place Board – Progress Report**

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an end of year performance update on the 2012/13 Place Board Work Plan and requested the Area Committees approval of the board's proposed refresh of Work Plan priorities for 2013/14.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Karon Purvis, Area Community Officer presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Walker referred to the proposed Work Plan and the Park Improvement Plan for Princess Anne Park and requested reassurance that other green spaces would not be excluded, such as Albany Park for example.

Mrs Purvis advised that the project matrix would include an initiative to look at a whole number of parks, Albany Park being one of those.

Councillor Kelly commented that it would be useful to understand what Members were looking for in terms of Heritage and what was important to their areas. Councillor Kelly advised that a report on Washington Heritage had been compiled around three years ago on Washington Heritage and it may be worth the consideration of the Board.

Councillor Kelly also commented that a lot of work had been carried out around the Business sector, such as successful Business Breakfasts which they had not had any feedback on. The Chairman advised that this would be touched on in the People Board progress report.

4. RESOLVED that the Committee

- (i) Considered the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Washington Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2012/13
- (ii) Agreed the Washington Area Place Board Work Plan for 2013/14.

### **People Board – Progress Report**

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an end of year performance update on the 2012/13 People Board Work Plan and requested Area Committee approval of the Board's proposed refresh of Work Plan priorities for 2013/14.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Williams presented the report and requested Members feedback on the work carried out by the Board and comments on the proposed actions that should be taken forward as part of the Work Plan.

Councillor G. Miller referred to action 6 of the 2012/13 Work Plan and commented that whilst the action was closed, no detail had been given as to the approach to take. Mrs Purvis advised that the Board had received a detailed report but as it was a massive issue that needed officer attention to develop a joined up approach with other Areas, the action was closed for the Washington People Board whilst a City wide approach was confirmed.

Councillor Miller commented that he would still like to see us action this.

Councillor Kelly referred to the action on tackling health inequalities and commented that at a previous area debate, the issue had been raised that young people were unwilling to travel to sexual health clinics outside of the area and might be something the People Board wanted to look into.

Lorraine Hughes, Sunderland PCT advised that youths can get a service through their GP's or they could arrange for home visits and there was a young persons clinic at the Washington Primary Care Centre but this was not a full service on offer.

Councillor Kelly commented that this appeared to be the problem in the fact that there needed to be a full service on offer, which Washington was missing and that it would be good to see the figures based on Washington. Ms Hughes advised that she could supply the figures and would pick this up outside of the meeting.

Councillor Farthing commented that in relation to Chlamydia testing, there was a real resistance by young people to travel to Sunderland for further testing and that the Washington G.P Clinical Commissioning Group has sexual health as a priority so this might be something that we may want to commission.

In relation to the issue around Sulgrave flats, Councillor Kelly advised that Alan Caddick and his team, along with the Police had carried out fantastic work, reports of Anti Social Behaviour were down but it was still early days and there were still a number of problems.

Mr Caddick advised that they would be proposing a selective licensing scheme similar to the practice carried out in Hendon, which would allow the Council to work intensively with the landlords, and this was a suggested way forward that would be brought to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

Councillor David Snowdon commented that he would like to see items 6, 8 and 10 (Access to employment opportunities) become a priority on the Boards new work plan and would like to look at these in greater detail in the future.

In response to Councillor Kelly's request for more detail on item 16 of the new work plan, Mrs Purvis advised that this action was about maintaining regular contact with the established youth group and working with them to identify sources of ASB and such like.

Councillor Kelly commented that it could only be a positive to have young people involved and if there was a good youth forum established, he would love to have them become more involved with Area Committee. Mrs Purvis advised that Jim Kennedy, Area Youth Lead (Washington) was looking to set up events for them to attend through the new Washington Young People's Forum set up through Area Committee funding.

Councillor Kelly also commented that it was vital we support the VCS, who were struggling immensely.

5. RESOLVED that the Committee

- (i) Considered the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Washington Area People Board's Work Plan for 2012/13
- (ii) Considered and agreed the Washington Area People Board Work Plan for 2013/14

**Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to request the Committee's consideration of the financial statement of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and to note the Community Chest initiatives that would benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

6. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial statements set out in the report
- ii) Noted the 18 applications for Community Chest agreed and supported from the 2013/14 allocation, between January – April 2013 as set out in Annex 1

### **Area Community Voluntary Sector Network**

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

John Rostron provided a verbal presentation to the Committee and advised that positive priorities came out of the meeting they attended with the People Board and the sector was keen to move forward, keen to understand how the Area Arrangements would work.

There was a need pull together the issues of mental health strategically and for the VCS to know how they can influence from the bottom up as Area Arrangements evolve, where they sit, to make their voice heard and they were keen to develop the good relationship already in place.

Mrs Purvis advised that now we had shared priorities going forward and with the new workplan approved, the Chair of the Area Committee was very keen to facilitate the VCS possibly by utilising the Strategic Initiatives Budget. In terms of the area arrangements, a project was underway to look at who has what role and hopefully through those workstreams the relationships would become clearer.

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update**

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Submitted a report (copy circulated via email) to provide the Committee with Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Steve Anderson presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

The Chairman referred to the figures provided and commented that it was good to see the numbers decreasing due to the preventative measures being carried out.

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Northumbria Police Update**

Inspector Paul Stewart of Northumbria Police provided a verbal report (copy circulated via email) on the crime statistics for the Washington Area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Stewart advised the Committee that they were proud of their performance and recognised that this had been achieved with the help of partners such as LMAPS.

In response to Councillor Thompson's request for statistics on burglary thefts, Inspector Stewart advised that he could provide these at future meetings. Mr Caddick also advised that as part of the Safer Sunderland Partnership Plan they could also provide these statistics to Members as their priorities matched the Police Commissioners.

Councillor Thompson commented on the need to raise awareness and if it could be done in forums such as this through statistics. Councillor Thompson also commented that the Washington area had the best reduction figures for Anti Social Behaviour.

The Chairman commented that it was very challenging due to the area having such a large shopping centre that instances of crime could occur in. Inspector Stewart acknowledged that there was still work to do.

Councillor Thompson wished to thank the Police, having studied the figures he believed to be exceptional and showed that the system was working.

9. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Councillor Peter Walker wished to place on record, the Committees gratitude to the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Committee and to all of the Officers for all of the work that they had carried out throughout the year.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) D. E. SNOWDON,  
Chairman.



20<sup>th</sup> June 2013**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD****Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2013/14) Place Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board has started to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

**3 Area Governance Arrangements**

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
- (a) Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
  - (b) Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensure maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 The Place Board membership for 2013/14 is confirmed as detailed in the table below. Each ward will have one elected member representative, whose role will be to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr Dianne Snowdon
Central	Cllr Len Lachlan
East	Cllr Neville Padgett
North	Cllr Jill Fletcher
South	Cllr George Thompson
West	Cllr Bernard Scaplehorn

- 3.3 The next Place Board to be held Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June will reconfirm roles and responsibilities and the protocols in place for governing the Board and the delivery of the work plan.

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 May 2013**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to 31 May 2013.

Action Taken	Outcome
<b>Responsive Local Services Streetscene</b>	
<b>Dumping of Shopping Trolleys</b>	
Encouraged external partners to find a positive solution and reduce need for RLS and the City Council to implement enforcement powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint meetings with Galleries Management, supermarkets, Trolleywise and the City Council still being held with regular updates reported to Members.</li> </ul>
<b>Deliver Responsive Services through a co-ordinated partnership approach</b>	
Joint working and co-ordinated approach to deliver neighbourhood management and improvements to the area through partnership working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of proposed activities, initiatives and partnership working to deliver neighbourhood improvements will be presented to the June Board. The Project Matrix will look at improvements to village centres, parks, green spaces, and the involvement and engagement of volunteers and partners. The Board will be requested to prioritise activity and work programmes for the remainder of the year.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Investment in Washington's built and natural environment</b>	
Considered impact of flooding incidents in Washington and possible solutions	§ Assistant Head of Service to attend June 26 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting to provide a progress report and feedback.
Consultation with Members to locate additional sport and leisure resources across the area - an opportunity to influence the location of three sets of Goalposts was offered to all elected members via the ward bulletin	<p>§ Members have been requested to share their views with regards to proposals to provide 3 sets of goalposts to create informal play and sporting opportunities, to offer a safe venue for play, to offer an alternative where seasonal facilities may not be available, and to provide diversionary activity during the summer months.</p> <p>§ Members supported proposals for Albany Park, Glebe Park and Princess Anne Park and also suggested Rickleton Park, Dame Margeret Playing Fields and open spaces near to bus links which are currently being used by young people to play informal football, also be considered.</p>
<b>Area Priority: A well connected Washington</b>	
Community Health and Green Spaces Project	§ The Steering Group met 5 <sup>th</sup> June. Project proposal and the request to ring fence further funding for a broader more co-ordinated approach is included under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals and Annex 1 of that report.

## 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members approve the membership of the Place Board for 2013/14 as set out in paragraph 3.2 above
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.
- 5.3 Members are requested to note the outcomes of consultation with regard to the options for installation of goalposts at a Ward level, and recommend sites as detailed in the achievements table above for consideration.
- 5.4 Note the application for SIB for the Community Health and Green Spaces Report as detailed under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals

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## Annex 1: Work plan 2013/14

PLACE

	OUTCOME	ROLE FOR AREA COMMITTEES	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	<p><b>Corporate:</b> An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time. <b>Area:</b> Investment in Washington's built and natural environment</p>	<p><b>Strategic Influencing Role</b></p>	<p>1. Receive appropriate reports of progress plans, policy and strategy relating to Place, for example, Events Company, Quality Controlled Contracts.</p> <p>2. To receive updates on all 'live' SIB funded projects, relating to Place based priorities.</p> <p>3. Local Development Framework workshop to be delivered to all elected members, providing an opportunity to influence use of land in the area e.g. residential housing type, cycle routes, transport, proposals for supermarkets, etc.</p>	<p>Nexus</p> <p>Karon Purvis OCE</p> <p>Neil Cole OCE</p>	<p>Public consultation to be held 9th September (provisional) at Washington Library</p> <p>Performance reports (RAG) to be presented quarterly for all SIB funded projects. Next update June Board</p> <p>Workshops will be organised with members at the start of the consultation process following Cabinet briefing. Ongoing - date of workshop to be confirmed June.</p>
		<p><b>Core Service Area devolved to Area Committee</b></p>	<p>4. Future services and activities to be rolled out during 2013/14</p>		
		<p><b>Area Priority:</b> Investment in Washington's built and natural environment</p>	<p>5. Continue to monitor and receive information relating to the development of the new Washington Leisure Village. Identify opportunities to enhance and add value.</p>	<p>Julie D Gray City Services</p>	<p>Next update meeting July. Continue to identify opportunities to enhance proposed development Links to Princess Anne Park development plans and the Community Health and Green Spaces Project.</p>
			<p>6. Flood risk planning</p>	<p>David Laux City Services</p>	<p>Monitoring role re impact of flooding and identify appropriate solutions and work with partners to support residents. David Laux to attend June Board to update. Further reports to Area Committee.</p>
			<p>7.Improvements to Village Centres.</p>	<p>Brian Hodgkinson City Services</p>	<p>Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver neighbourhood improvements. BH/KP to present summary overview of proposals for improvements to Village Centres to June Board. Recommendations to AC for work programmes and to prioritise activity across Project Matrix approved at April Committee.</p>
			<p>8. Implementation of Community Health and Green Spaces Project</p>	<p>Karon Purvis OCE</p>	<p>Capital improvements to cycling and walking network and development of integrated links between villages to address health inequalities. Map of initial network links (Phase 1) to be further developed re destinations and projects. SIB Request for further resources to deliver co-ordinated approach across Washington to June 20th AC. ACO to also confirm further match funding to enhance delivery as part of the SIB application process.</p>
2	<p><b>Corporate:</b> A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change. <b>Area:</b> Desirable neighbourhoods in Washington that are environmentally sustainable and have the right mixed of facilities and services that meet the needs of local</p>	<p><b>Core Service Area Devolved to Area Committee</b></p>	<p>9. To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services which includes graffiti removal, fly tipping, dog fouling, grass cutting, refuse collection, recycling - with the addition of parks repairs and inspections</p>	<p>Brian Hodgkinson City Services</p>	<p>Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area – Project Matrix to be presented to Place Board 26th June. This includes improvements to village centres, addressing environmental issues on industrial estates. Recommend to AC as a programme of work to support partnership involvement (AC decision January 2013). ARM to identify issues by exception and confirm progress re tree pruning requests and 'priority 3' requests.</p>

	people. A strong sense of community.		10. Influence highways maintenance programme	David Laux City Services	Ongoing
		<b>Area Priority:</b> Development of sustainable and desirable neighbourhoods.	11. Local initiatives with partners re environmental maintenance, NIB, LWYL, pride in the neighbourhood, improvements to local parks and green spaces – encourage resident and community involvement	Brian Hodgkinson City Services	Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area involving local communities and VCS organisations to help deliver AC Place Priorities where appropriate. BH/KP to present summary overview of proposals for local environmental initiatives to June Board. Recommendations to AC for work programmes and to prioritise activity across Project Matrix approved at April Committee. Project development and action where appropriate
			12. Park Improvement Plan for Princess Anne Park	City Services - Ian Coburn	Linked to development of Washington Leisure Village. Summary of options and activities presented to June Board
3	<b>Corporate:</b> A well connected City. <b>Area:</b> A well connected Washington	<b>Strategic Influencing Role</b>	13. Influence and joined up work re encouraging sustainable transport options to work. Go Smarter to Work Project (Nexus £5m)	Carol Dougherty SCC	Links to Community Health and Green Spaces Project. Monitoring & Information. Carole attending Project Steering Group
		<b>Core Service Area</b> devolved to Area Committee	14. Future services and activities to be rolled out during 2013/14		
		<b>Area Priority:</b> Connecting the villages of Washington	15. Community Health & Green Spaces Project (See action 8 above)	Karon Purvis OCE	Linked to Go Smarter to Work Project - see Action 8 above. Project development and action where appropriate. Carol Dougherty to attend future Place Board meeting and attend next CHGS Project Steering Group
4	<b>Corporate:</b> A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction. <b>Area:</b> A cultural identity for Washington	<b>Strategic Influencing Role</b>	16. Consider how local delivery and initiatives contribute to the City wide/ corporate approach to Heritage via the Sunderland Heritage Forum and proposals for a Heritage Strategy for the city	Trina Murphy City Services	Monitoring & Information and co-ordination with the local offer. TM to organise Member's workshop to discuss the Washington offer and how it informs and links to the proposed city wide strategy, and also a confirmation of which aspects of 'heritage' is likely to remain an AC priority.
		<b>Core Service Area</b> devolved to Area Committee	17. Future services and activities to be rolled out during 2013/14		
		<b>Area Priority</b>	18. To consider heritage and the Washington Offer and develop projects which use heritage to engage young people in volunteering and cross generational work.		Project development and action where appropriate
	<b>G</b>	Progressing on target			
	<b>A</b>	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)			
	<b>R</b>	Not progressing			

20<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD**

**People Board Progress Report**

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**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 May 2013**

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<b>Area Priority: Early Intervention and Locality Based Services</b>	
Influencing of early intervention and locality services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board now receives regular performance updates from the Locality Manager with regard to attendance, CAF, Children’s Centres, Connexions and Risk and Resilience. Specific areas</li> </ul>

	to note are highlighted for discussion
Review and influence the service specification of youth contracts to meet the need in the Coalfield area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contracts for youth commissioning have now been awarded</li> <li>• 1 session per week for 8-10 year olds and 2 sessions per week for 11-19 year olds will be delivered in each ward. Additional sessions are 'banked' and Members/People Board are given the opportunity to influence where those banked sessions will be delivered based on performance' identified and intelligence.</li> <li>• Update report from Tracy Hassan – <b>Annex 2</b></li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Transformation of Adult Social Care</b>	
Raise awareness of services available for Older and vulnerable people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A directory is being developed using information and knowledge from HHAS, public health, elected members, VCS network partners and residents. Members are encouraged to provide further intelligence to assist in the collection of accurate information</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Health and Well Being</b>	
Review and influence health agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationship with CCG identified as a key priority. High level meeting arranged June to determine mechanisms for co-ordination and delivery of shared priorities.</li> <li>• Lorraine Hughes has commenced mapping mental health services for young people in Washington.</li> <li>• Update re range of sexual health services for young people to be provided</li> <li>• Community Health &amp; Green Spaces Project - The Steering Group met 5<sup>th</sup> June. Project proposal and the request to ring fence further funding for a broader more co-ordinated approach is included under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals and Annex 1 of that report.</li> </ul>
People Board developed a mechanism to provide small SIB grants to local organisations to support older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The People Board has worked to develop a project brief and related process (Call for Projects) to engage local VCS organisations in the delivery of local projects to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing. The Board recommends to Area Committee a request to ring fence funding as detailed in Item 5 Financial Statements and Proposals</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector</b>	
Support the VCS to develop and deliver services and shared priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity to support VCS is proposed as part of the Call for Projects re social isolation as above and included in Item 5.</li> <li>• The Area Network is being asked to contribute to the City Council's VCS Relationship Transition Project which will identify how the Council &amp; the VCS will work together and where opportunities are to achieve joint objectives and priorities.</li> <li>• The Washington Trust's bid to the BL Reaching Communities fund for the Family Resilience Project has been unsuccessful. The Trust has asked for feedback and is moving forward focusing on further applications to support Washington.</li> </ul>

## 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington People Board Work Plan for 2013/2014
- 5.2 Agree the recommendations for the location of goalposts
- 5.2 Note youth contract delivery programme

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**Annex 1 – People work plan 2013/14**  
**Annex 2 – Youth Contract Report**

	OUTCOME	ROLE FOR AREA	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS UPDATES
1	<p><b>Corporate:</b> A City where everyone is as healthy as they can be and enjoys a good standard of well being. <b>Area:</b> A healthy Washington : Contribute to ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles.</p>	<p><b>Influence Core Services devolved to Area Committee: Transformation of Adult Social Care</b></p>	<p>1. Audit, mapping and awareness raising of services available</p>	<p>Alan Caddick HHAS</p>	<p>Develop following initiatives involving VCS in delivery i) Raise awareness of services available and establish Community links - audit and mapping of services ii) Increase social wellbeing by reducing social isolation iii) Support communities to cope with dementia. iv) Time Bank development. Call for Projects for VCS to deliver and enhance current provision re social isolation to June 20th committee for approval. Visit to local Time Bank to be organised for Members on People Board</p>
			<p>2. Support development of initiatives to help local communities address dementia</p>	<p>Alan Caddick HHAS</p>	<p>As above</p>
			<p>3. Development of initiatives to address social isolation</p>	<p>Alan Caddick HHAS</p>	<p>As above</p>
		<p><b>Strategic Influencing Role</b></p>	<p>4. Influence development and delivery Health and Wellbeing Strategy and contribute to developing a local vision with regards to Public Health.</p>	<p>Alan Caddick HHAS</p>	<p>Area Committee consulted on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. People Board received reports on the Public's Health in Washington. Information requested re STD treatment options and localities for Washington Young People.</p>
			<p>5. Influence GP Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) at an area level</p>	<p>Lorraine Hughes SCC Locality Lead</p>	<p>Relationship and joint working with CCG identified as a key priority for 2013/14 - high level meeting organised for June to determine mechanism for joint working.</p>
		<p><b>Local Action</b></p>	<p>6. Ensure services addressing young people's mental health issues are provided at a local level</p>	<p>Lorraine Hughes SCC Locality Lead</p>	<p>Investigate Washington stats and data, consider capacity of VCS and relevant partners to deliver, and identify actions and priorities to address gaps.</p>
			<p>7. Involve local community and VCS to develop initiatives to address health inequalities</p>	<p>Karon Purvis OCE</p>	<p>Phase 1 Community Health and Green Spaces Project to be implemented July 2013. AC to identify further funding to support roll out across Washington (Phase 2). Ensure all works linked to development of Leisure facilities/village &amp; Princess Anne Park</p>
2	<p><b>Corporate:</b> A City with high levels of skills, educational attainment and participation. <b>Area:</b> Active, educated and access to employment in Washington: Continue to improve lifelong learning, volunteering and participation opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Influence Core Services devolved to Area Committee: Early Intervention and Locality Services</b></p>	<p>8. Opportunities to influence core delivery identified through regular performance reporting across key services.</p>	<p>Jane Eland CS</p>	<p>Quarterly reporting to identify opportunities to influence key service delivery at a local level.</p>
		<p><b>Strategic Influencing Role</b></p>	<p>9. Receive appropriate reports of progress plans, policy and strategy relating to People.</p>	<p>Mike Poulter IHoS</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>



		10. Influence the LDF/Core Strategy outcomes for Washington re employment and HE sites and partnership working ensuring accessibility & transport networks in place to employment sites.	Neil Cole	Consultation and Members workshops to follow after May Cabinet briefing.	
	<b>Local Action</b>	11. Monitor 3 commissioned initiatives funded by Area Committee which work with young people to stimulate opportunities in education, training and employment.	Karen Mallin SNCBC	Continued monitoring role. Investigate more appropriate mechanisms re referrals for Enterprise Grants	
		12. Report to consider options to support employer engagement through a Washington Business Forum	Karen Alexander OCE	Board to consider options for employer engagement building on business breakfasts held 2012/13 - identify what local employers need, what's being delivered across the city and where are the opportunities to co-ordinate resources and projects are.	
		13. Report investigating the opportunities to support local people into enterprise and entrepreneurship	Berni Whitaker OCE	Continued monitoring role. BW to attend future Board meeting. Ensure local organisations supported to benefit from new Washington Managed Workspace.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Corporate:</b> A City which is and feels even safer and more secure. <b>Area:</b> A Safer Washington: Maintain key partnerships and collaboration for a safe and secure Washington	<b>Influence Core Services devolved to Area Committee</b>	14. Future services and activities rolled out 2013/14		
		<b>Local Action</b>	15. Continue to work in partnership through Boards, LMAPs, Young People's Group, PACT meetings	Karon Purvis OCE	Continued monitoring role
			16. Influence mainstream resources & partnerships to ensure the continued collaboration to deliver targeted work which impacts on identified problems, e.g. youth related ASB and positive activities for children and young people	Karon Purvis OCE	Continued monitoring role
			17. Co-ordinated approach to developing and delivering positive youth work in Washington	Karon Purvis OCE	Continue to co-ordinate opportunities and collaboration via Youth Working Group - report to People board. Ensure joint working between Area Committee and the new Washington Young People's Forum
			18. Monitor action plan to address issues at Sulgrave Flats	Alan Caddick HHAS	Continued monitoring role. HHAS and police to present options for schemes to manage landlords, e.g. Selective Licensing, and present to future Board for consideration.
<b>4</b>	<b>Corporate:</b> Ensures people are able to look after themselves. <b>Area:</b> Cared for in Washington: Contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare	<b>Influence Core Services devolved to Area Committee</b>	19. Future services and activities rolled out 2013/14		



and promoting the welfare of Washington's most vulnerable.	<b>Strategic Influencing Role</b>	20. Identification of those most in need through the Health and Well Being Strategy consultation processes to identify local priorities and action., particularly for the transformation of adult social care services. <b>Also see Action 1</b>	Alan Caddick HHAS	Area Committee consulted on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. People Board received reports on the Public Health in Washington and the Transformation of Adult Social Care in the area. Ensure local communities and VCS facilitated to deliver services fir the most vulnerable.
	<b>Local Action</b>	21. Improve access to advice, information and guidance at a local level to help people look after themselves.	Mike Poulter IHoS	Washington Trust Reaching communities BLF bid unsuccessful. Ensure VCS organisations supported where appropriate to deliver shared priorities.
<b>Area: Community inclusion and support. All actions to contribute to supporting delivery of Outcomes 1 - 4</b>	Local Action	22. AC to support the VCS to build capacity, engage and support local organisations to develop and deliver services based on local need.	Karon Purvis OCE	Further work to collaborate with the local VCS to build capacity to contribute to delivering the AC priorities. Ongoing communication and co-ordination through Area Network. Need to ensure joined up with the sector to identify joint priorities and where working together will enhance delivery of services for local residents.
<b>G</b>	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)			
<b>A</b>	Not progressing			
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**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**

**Youth contract Report**

**Washington activities for 8-10 year olds and Youth Provision for 11-19  
Progress Report completed by Tracy Hassan Commissioning Lead May 2013**

- Completed review and consultation of commissioned youth provision
- Developed service specification incorporating a delivery model to meet local requirements
- Produced generic outcomes framework for universal delivery of activities for 8-10 and youth provision for 11-19 linked to key priorities of the council.
- Provided community profiles to support decision making
- In Washington Mental Health and well-being was identified as the main priority and locality outcomes were developed as follows:

In this contract the identified locality outcomes for the first year are:

- Young people have good emotional and mental health
- Young people make informed choices about drug and alcohol use
- More young people are in education, training or (paid or unpaid) employment.

These specific outcomes apply to all ward based contracts within the locality. These specific locality outcome areas will be expected to form at least 50% of the recorded outcome target for the contract area.

- Contracts were initially advertised 18<sup>th</sup> January however as a result of a number of non-compliant submissions a decision was made to re-advertise the contract on 20<sup>th</sup> February, evaluations were completed in March and new contracts were awarded with a 10<sup>th</sup> April start date (with the exception of 8-10 BME provision start date 29<sup>th</sup>).
- Commissioning officers have received information in relation to future delivery and evidence to support decisions and meetings are planned to discuss service proposals

**Sessions/times/delivery method**

Service delivery will include a combination of service delivery methods which include the following:

- **Centre based**
- **Outreach work** which involves reaching out with a view to encouraging young people to use a service or provision. Sometimes a mobile facility like a bus is used to support outreach.
- **Detached youth work** which takes place where young people meet, such as streets, cafes and parks at times that are appropriate to them and in ways that are agreed with them.
- **Banked sessions** will be used in some areas to meet local demand and offer flexibility of delivery which can include holiday provision (some areas only)

**1 provider was successful in Washington to deliver 8-10 and 11-19 provision as below:**

AGE	LOCALITY	WARD	PROVIDER	SESSIONS AND VENUES
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08-10 Years	Washington	Central	Oxclose	Pitstop Thursday
08 - 10 Years	Washington	East	Oxclose	Barmston Monday
08 - 10 Years	Washington	North	Oxclose	Millennium centre Friday
08 - 10 Years	Washington	South	Oxclose	Ayton pm
08 - 10 Years	Washington	West	Oxclose	Springwell Friday pm

11 - 19 Years	Washington	Central	Oxclose	Pitstop Monday ,Friday pm
11 - 19 Years	Washington	East	Oxclose	Barmston Tuesday, Thursday pm
11 - 19 Years	Washington	North	Oxclose	Sulgrave Monday, Millennium Centre Friday pm
11 - 19 Years	Washington	South	Oxclose	Ayton CA Tuesday, Oxclose School Thursday pm
11 - 19 Years	Washington	West	Oxclose	Donwell Tuesday& Albany Wednesday pm

Additional information on delivery methods and needs analysis is available for each delivery session this information is held by commissioners as part of the performance monitoring arrangements for the contracts.

**Citywide** provider for the **BME** contract is Hendon Young Peoples project for 8-10 and 11-19 Further discussions are planned for June to confirm these sessions.

### **Next steps moving forward**

- All new contracts are now in place
- Initial contact has been made with the providers and contract reviews dates are being set for the whole year
- Commissioning officers have been aligned to Youth Leads and been allocated to localities
- Karen Lightfoot Glencli is the Commissioning Officer and Jim Kennedy Youth Lead in the Washington.
- Effective communication processes need to be agreed with elected members, providers, partners, service users and others
- Delivery throughout April has been a continuation of old contracts with a move to new arrangements
- Performance Monitoring Framework has been updated to ensure information is captured accurately and in a format for contract management and reporting purposes

- Documents for quarterly contract monitoring meetings have been produced by commissioning officers.
- The IT System has been updated to include new service outcomes and target outputs
- Commissioning Lead to arrange a meeting to include all People Board Chairs, Hendon Young Peoples Project, Head of Scrutiny and Area arrangements, Youth Lead (BME) and Commissioning Officer (BME) to discuss the BME provision, crossover between areas and how we can improve joint working for the benefit of the children and young people across the city.

#### **Decisions from Washington Peoples Board in May**

- The provider will contact ward Councillors to have a discussion and reach an agreement as to how **banked** sessions will be delivered.
- It was agreed the commissioning officer would contact the provider and encourage them to make contact with the elected members across the locality. The provider will be encouraged offer on-going communication via email and/or offer to meet individually or as a small group.
- It was agreed that elected members would feed all information via area officers who will make direct contact with the commissioning lead and Youth lead. This process will support sharing information to make informed decisions about service delivery
- Commissioning officers will provide **Performance Monitoring** information to the Washington People Board on a quarterly basis which will include:
  - Numbers of users
  - Impact of service
  - Elected member involvement
  - Contract compliance
  - Delivery against targets

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**  
**20<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

**Author(s):**

Chief Executive

**Purpose of Report:**

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Healthy City Investment Funds that will benefit the area.

**This report denotes an item relating to an executive function**

**Description of Decision:**

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

- Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2013/2014.
- Approve the ring fencing of £50,000 SIB from the 2013/14 budget for the Community Health and Green Spaces Project as detailed in Item 5 Annex 1
- Approve the allocation of £30,000 for a Call for Projects to address social isolation as detailed in Item 5 Annex 2
- Note the 14 approvals supported from 2013/14 Community Chest budget as set out in Item 5 Annex 3.

**Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?**                      Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

Each Area Committee has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

**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

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?**  
No

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee:**

20<sup>th</sup> June 2013

## Report of the Chief Executive.

**Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Healthy City Investment Fund and Community Chest - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources****1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan and work 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 SIB, Healthy City Investment Fund and Community Chest.

**2.0 Strategic Initiatives Budget: Financial statement and proposals**

2.1 The table below shows the position at the start of the new financial year for 2013 -14 and following the last Area Committee meeting held April 2013.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
<b>The allocation for 2013/14 is £287,261 (subject to approval), with an under spend of £8,874 from 2011/12 this totals £296,135</b>				
				<b>£296,135</b>
<b>Project Name</b>				-
<b>New Balance</b>				<b>£296,135</b>

2.2 Members will recall approving the allocation of £50,000 for the Community Health and Green Spaces Project at the January 2013 meeting.

2.3 This report is asking Area Committee to note the information in **Annex 1** which summarises proposals for the project, identifies key partners, and a programme of activity. Through the Place Board and the Community Health and Green Spaces Steering Group the proposals detail the development of all 3 proposed phases to implement a co-ordinated approach to deliver a number of the key priorities of Area Committee:

- Investment in the natural and built environment and the involvement of local residents and organisations in improving the local area.
- A well connected Washington through the development of an integrated cycle network, improvements to green spaces, and the promotion of events and activities to link villages
- Ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles and the project addresses specific health inequalities in Washington.

2.4 Members are requested to consider allocating further resources from the 2013/14 budget to allow the project to be developed and delivered across the area and to include both shorter term 'quick win' activity in the first year, and more longer term outcomes linked to other key developments and projects. The allocation and approval of this additional funding from the 2013/14 budget of £50,000 will be subject to a detailed SIB appraisal and consultation exercise before projects are implemented. Should this proposal be approved, the balance of SIB funding remaining following allocation will be **£246,135**.

2.5 The People Board has worked to develop a project brief and related process to engage local VCS organisations in the delivery of local projects to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing, attached as **Annex 2**. This includes the proposed Project Brief and the application form and guidance notes for a Call for Projects process. The Board recommends a budget of **£30,000** SIB is made

available for the delivery of such projects (which would be subject to application, consultation and assessment). Should this recommendation be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£216,135**.

2.6 Members are also asked to note the agreement of a 'change to project' with regards to the Washington Trust Partnership. The Partnership was awarded a total grant of £65,000 in April 2012. £50,000 was allocated to 'seed funding' to support collaborative work with local organisations and to provide the 'match funding' for applications and bids as required. The remaining £15,000 of the approved funding was to support the running costs of the organisation in its first year and to provide funding to utilise a bid writer to support the Trust and the local voluntary and community sector organisations.

2.7 When the Trust was set up 2 issues were impacting on the VCS in Washington, a need for matched funding to be identified as part of funding applications, and the capacity to develop and write bids with the expectation from funders that bids would be collaborative. In the 18 months the Trust has been operational the needs of the VCS have changed and become much clearer with the capacity to develop bids being the key issue. During this period funders have become much more focused on the impact that their funding will have and are less bothered about matched funding, in fact very few stipulate it as part of their grant conditions, where as previously they would have. The Trustees of the Partnership have carried out a review of the last 12 months and what has been achieved, and have concluded further resourcing of bid writing and some additional support for the Partnership's running costs is required. The proposal to vire £12,000 from the 'seed fund' allocation has been approved by Members and Area Committee is asked to note this agreement.

### 3.0 Healthy City Investment Fund: Financial statement and proposals

3.1 The table below show the position following the April 2013 meeting.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
<b>Healthy City Investment Fund (approved to AC to award)</b>	31.03.12			<b>£31,413</b>
<b>Project Name</b>	-		-	-
Well Men Partnership	27.09.12		£31,000	£413
<b>New Balance</b>			<b>£31,000</b>	<b>£413</b>

3.2 **£413 Healthy City Investment Fund** also remains to be allocated to specific initiatives as agreed at the Area Committee meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> March. There are no applications to be considered at this meeting.

### 4.0 Community Chest: Financial statement and proposals

4.1 The table below details balances remaining following the last Area Committee meeting in April 2013 and project approvals as detailed in **Annex 3**.

Ward	Budget	Agreed	Balance
Washington Central	£10,490	£1,150	£9,340
Washington East	£12,467	£2,300	£10,167
Washington North	£10,950	£2,800	£8,150
Washington South	£16,097	£ 200	£15,897
Washington West	£12,337	£ 200	£12,137
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£62,341</b>	<b>£6,650</b>	<b>£55,691</b>

## **5.0 Recommendations:**

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in this report.
- 5.2 Agree further allocation of £50,000 SIB from the 2013/14 budget, for the Community Health and Green Spaces Project as detailed in **Annex 1**, subject to detailed SIB appraisal and consultation
- 5.3 Approve the Project Brief as attached in **Annex 2** and the allocation of £30,000 SIB to deliver project to 'Address social isolation and provide support for older people and the most vulnerable as outlined in 2.5 above
- 5.4 Note the agreement of the change of project with regards to the Washington Trust Partnership as detailed in paragraphs 2.6 to 2.8 above.
- 5.5 Note the 14 applications for Community Chest agreed and supported from the 2013/14 allocation, between April – June 2013 as set out in **Annex 3**.

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**Annex 1:** SIB proposals

**Annex 2:** Project Brief – Call for Projects to address social isolation and improve well being.

**Annex 3:** Community Chest grants agreed April – June 2013



**SIB Proposal: Community Health and Green Spaces Project**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Washington Community Health and Green Spaces Project (CHGS)
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council. Scrutiny & Area Arrangements

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£120,000	£70,000	£50,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 years	August 2013	July 2015

**The Project**

Proposals for the CHGSP will meet a number of the key priorities of the Area Committee.

- Ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles
- Investment in built and natural environment and involvement of local residents and organisations in improving the local area
- A well connected Washington through the development of an integrated network, improvements to green spaces, and the promotion of events to link villages

Proposed interventions will need to consider how to provide integrated routes and connections around the area, improvements and developments of key spaces for activities, promote volunteering activity and health and wellbeing initiatives (parks and green spaces) and the engagement, involvement and participation of local residents and organisations – including schools. Whilst providing investment in Washington’s built and natural environment, the proposals will also invest in the social capital of the area and improve local health outcomes. There is already huge potential to improve significant green space and to create integrated cycle routes. Some schemes require very little investment and development and could be considered ‘quick wins’. Others require a more long term solution but all can contribute to the wider picture and plan for improved connectivity, better local engagement and better health outcomes across Washington.

**A Washington Network – Great Potential**

Opportunities for expanding the extent and utility provided by cycle routes in Washington is substantial. Currently Washington hosts a number of key high quality routes such as the C2C cycle route, but demand for a much more comprehensive network is strong. Relative to the rest of Sunderland, Washington is poorly provided for in terms of connective cycle routes, in spite of recorded growth in cycling across Sunderland of over 8% each year from 2006-11, and 20% growth each in 2011 and 2012. Demand is for both on and off road provision or measures, to cater for the range of cycling abilities. Off road routes provide for new, less frequent and less confident riders and where roads present a complex riding environment. On road provision, whether specific or by creating a more conducive, calmer environment, cater for more confident or regular riders, and in the case of quieter roads, for intermediate ability.

Existing adopted path networks across Washington include a sound basis for setting out a 'grid' network of routes. From surveys carried out to identify a local strategic network it is clear that a significant proportion of a prospective network can be achieved with minimal construction. It is therefore timely that in 2012 the Washington Area Committee has identified as a key priority the development of a *well connected Washington through the development of an integrated network and improvements in green spaces*.

All new routes will require a formal legal process to be able to brand them as routes for cycles. The simplest way to achieve this for existing and for new-build routes will be by dedication of additional rights by the land owner. This is the proposed approach for this project particular across earlier phases– the programme of activity outlined is supported by positive discussions with Gentoo one of the

main landowners (other than ourselves) along the proposed network routes. Alternatively a longer process of route upgrade by highway order under the Highways Act 1980 or the Cycle Tracks Act 1984.

Routes will only be proposed as cycle routes if they are up to or can be brought up to the relevant standards. This is a function of their width, condition, space to sides, levels of use and sight lines amongst other criteria. New routes will require shared use signs and signs providing direction destination and distance, tactile paving to define 'entrance to shared use path' from joining side paths, and vegetation management to improve inter visibility between path users. Some paths also require stretches of widening and 'front row of trees removal'.

It is the intention that the project will be 'Health' focused. The health agenda in Sunderland is changing and there is a real opportunity for Washington to be seen to lead a new approach to delivering and contributing to an ever growing and evolving corporate agenda whilst at the same time implementing genuine influence over services and provision, at a local level and strengthening the role of the Area Committee Boards as drivers for development and integration of Area level thinking.

National policy priorities set out over the last three years by the Department for Transport and the Chief Medical Officers for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales have recognised the transport and health benefits shown by the growth of cycling over the last ten years. They have galvanised an imperative that growth in cycling continues, for the health and economic wellbeing of the country. In particular, growing levels of regular cycling is accepted and universally supported as an excellent way to improve health, reduce congestion and improve air quality, and support economic activity and equitable access to work. Two thirds of journeys made are less than five miles, and so given a high quality cycle network, can easily be undertaken by cycle. The imperative is for high quality connections, because routes that are easy to find follow and use make cycling attractive, easy, and a viable means of daily travel.

For Washington, a locally based initiative Go Smarter to Work (GSTW) funded by the Dept. of Transport will provide key links and an opportunity to co-ordinate the proposed local activity to a regional driver. The benefits of improving the networks through Washington will greatly assist the GSTW project in the following ways:

- Health and Well-being of employees – help promote cycling and walking to/from work as a health benefit
- Reducing Carbon Emissions – will encourage employees to find alternative, sustainable modes of transport to/from work;
- Access to Employment – making it easier for people who work in Washington to travel across the area by means other than by driving then this makes Washington a more accessible place for those living both in and outside the area;
- Reducing Congestion –workers' cars blocking roads and the sheer volume arriving and departing at various sites across Washington is a big concern; this development should assist in working towards reducing this.
- Reducing traffic on the A1231 and ultimately the A1(M) - encouraging employees to find alternative, sustainable modes of transport to/from work.

Discussions are already taking place between the Workplace Travel Advisor delivering the GSTW project and large employers based in Washington, such as Nissan, Vantec, Unipres, Rolls Royce, BAE Systems, The Galleries, HMRC at Weardale and Waterview Park to name a few. The purpose of these discussions is to undertake site audits and staff travel surveys. The site audit identifies and records numbers of car bays, cycle racks, shower and other facilities for staff as well safe walking and cycling routes onto each site. The staff travel surveys covers what time people arrive at work, how they travel to work, what would make the person change their mode of transport, their home post code and other questions relating to travelling to work. The audit and survey results are then analysed and appropriate initiatives are offered to employers, such as car sharing schemes, cycle to work scheme, improving cycle rack availability all with a view to achieving the benefits outlined above.

## A Washington Network – General Principles for Development

The development of a Washington Cycle Network will bring together multiple objectives which complement each other in terms of purpose and routes:

- the Area Committee has a priority of improving connections through the area including green spaces
- the Local Transport Plan supports promotion of growth in cycling for all journey purposes, whether to work, education or shops and services, by equitable and sustainable modes of travel
- the Sunderland Strategy supports developing accessibility across the City

Development of the Washington Cycle Network will be in three phases, with phase one requiring minimal works and three more substantial interventions or legal processes. In addition to this, phases 1X, 2X and 3X will comprise major developments which depend on larger investment which may be externally sourced. For example a bid has been submitted to develop the Trans Sunderland Cycle Route linking Southwick to Sulgrave, with a spur to Boldon and down Cherry Blossom and Nissan Way to cross over the A1231 and run down Pattinson Road to reconnect to the C2C at Shepherd Way. If successful, this work could become a phase 1X to run alongside earlier work on phase 1.

There will be an opportunity for some work associated with the earlier phases of the project to be funded by a contribution from the Local Transport Plan alongside Area Committee funding. The level of LTP funding will be confirmed later this year and can be focused initially on north-south and east-west routes in the western half of Washington.

Candidate routes for Phase 1 of the project is proposed to include the following:

1. a north-south route from Donwell to Ayton via Parsons and Armstrong Industrial Estates, Blackfell and Oxclose, with spurs to Crowther Industrial Estate and the Galleries.
2. a north-south spur to '1' linking Oxclose to Princess Anne Park via Lambton
3. an east-west route linking Glebe to Princess Anne Park and route '2'
4. an east-west route linking Spout Lane to Parsons Industrial Estate via Albany Park and north Albany

Between June and August 2013 the detailed infrastructure needs of these routes will be considered and costed. In addition the appropriate mechanism for achieving the upgrade will be determined, so that a route map to delivery can be in place before the September 2013 meeting of the Committee. The intention is to present a detailed plan to the September 2013 meeting of the Committee for consideration, any recommendations and endorsement, preparatory to a wider consultation prior to implementation. The detailed route assessment will determine what can reasonably be achieved as a phase 1, and may highlight opportunities to include additional sections, and also complexities which may move parts to future phases either due to ownership/process or infrastructure complexities.

It is proposed the following development plan be agreed:

- **Phase 1** will prioritise routes which can easily be converted, on the basis of valuable connections, minimal works requirements, and good widths and sight line which reduce the chance of formal objections to legal processes where these are necessary. It should be noted that even for developments that do not have an avenue for formal objection, consultations would be carried out and reasonable amendments made in light of feedback. **(Map of these key routes to be presented at Area Committee)**
- **Phase 2** should include valuable routes which will require greater amounts of widening or other construction work, or a foreseeable extended legal process.
- **Phase 3** should include routes with significant complexities such as new construction and significant supporting infrastructure such as lighting and traffic signals, or complex legal processes.
- **Phase X1, X2, X3:** running in tandem with phases 1, 2 and 3, this should include routes where additional funding opportunities arise through grant, partnership or developer contribution, so that development which might otherwise be prohibitively costly can be brought forward.

## Partnership working

Steering Group: Sunderland Council – Highways Asset Management, City Services Sport & Leisure, Area Arrangements, Responsive Local Services, Strategy Policy and Performance Management (SPPM). Go Smarter to Work, Gentoo, Public Health.

Partnerships to be developed and included: local schools, Sustrans, Bike It scheme, cycling and walking user groups, Area VCS Network

### **A Washington Network – Programming and proposed activity**

The following programme for progressing the Washington Network is proposed.

- A consolidation survey of the first phase of the draft network will be carried out between June and September 2013. The survey would quantify the work and legal mechanism necessary to formalise routes for Phase 1. Survey work to design the schemes, identifying all needs for route signs, tactile markings, safety signs (shared use) is essential. Seeking opportunities to minimise the street clutter by designing signs into the highway itself (stone setts) rather than new posts will also be required.
- Responsive Local Services have already commenced surveying and to date those routes currently included in Phase 1 require little or no investment and in many cases are already part of the general maintenance and inspection regime for Washington
- From this a projected Phases 1, 2 and 3 would be set out for the September 2013 meeting of the Committee. In tandem with this work, funding and developer contributions to a number of key sections of route will continue to be pursued.
- There are very few routes in Washington, but after Phase 1 a really good network will exist which can be expanded further in later years. These routes will crucially tie in with key trip generators like The Galleries, Concord town centre, village centres, schools, employment areas, parks and play areas, wider countryside and neighbouring areas (eg Gateshead, Sunderland Enterprise Park).
- An expression of interest has been submitted to the Department for Transport and if successful will enable significant development work along the 'Trans-Sunderland Cycle Route', linking the A1 to the Queen Alexandra Bridge and the new Wear Bridge via Pattinson Rd, the A1290 across the north side of Nissan, with spurs to Sulgrave, Boldon and eastward continuation across north Sunderland along Washington Rd and North Hylton Rd. The City Council is expecting confirmation of this by the summer.
- Funding via the 3<sup>rd</sup> Local Transport Plan for Tyne and Wear which identifies the mapping and pursuit of development of a strategic cycle network for Washington will also be confirmed
- Funding from Public Health to address health inequalities at a local level may also be available to be matched to this initiative and will be reported as part of the scheme proposals to September Area Committee
- Key destinations will be developed and promoted to encourage usage – this will include parks, natural green space and open space.
- The planned development of upgrades to fixed play parks within Washington area utilising available S106 funds can be aligned (where possible) to the 3 phases as part of the project. This will ensure a number of fixed play sites will be upgraded and improved at similar times to this project being developed
- Opportunities exist to develop Princess Ann Park as a destination in line with the replacement Leisure Facility project being completed. The contractors have been asked to explore the opportunity of developing the site to encourage active travel to and from the site. The timescales of both projects will ensure there is synergy between the two to maximise impact.
- Opportunity to work with the schools as part of the 3 phases to ensure they make use of the cycle networks as part of and beyond the curriculum time
- Opportunity to explore one of the 'destinations' (possibly Princess Ann Park) as the start / finish of the 2015 Big Bike Ride
- Opportunity to develop a 'cycle hub' at one of the 'destinations' potentially the Leisure facility to ensure community groups and organisations can lead led cycle from the hub (F Pit? School?)
- Development opportunities exist with the schools and community groups to explore the potential of incorporating smaller marked out loops as part of the broader project
- The cycle network could have its own identity (badge designed by schools). Marketing and branding is very important, encouraging people of what is on their doorstep, encouraging people to walk and cycle to school, work to the shops etc. Link this in with the city cycle maps and well-signed bike routes. A new map for the area could be designed like the tube map rather than

specifically showing the twists and turns. It could demonstrate easy circular routes of different length, and show places to visit or cycle to (parks, tourist places, employment areas etc).

- The Galleries (as the principal trip generator) will ultimately require a surface circular route - a longer term aspiration. Opportunities will come forward through new developments (eg Leisure Centre removing the high rise walkway).
- Should the improvements to the network through Washington take place, the Workplace Travel Advisor (GSTW) would propose to promote these with the businesses they are working with. This is with the purpose of encouraging the modal shift to get employees to their place of work in Washington using a healthier, sustainable, safe route.
- Washington could sell itself as a sustainable New Town, making the most of the greenness of the area, high on greenspace, well wooded and attractive area, accessible local facilities, wide variety of homes available, lots of employment areas. There is great scope for the proposed cycle network to be part of that agenda.
- The City's Wellness programme and City Services team will work to ensure involvement and linkages are established with local schools and will co-ordinate this project with other activities and initiatives already being developed or delivered re cycling, walking and other 'sport and leisure' activities. The team will also co-ordinate the development of key events and activities, including proposals Washington based race event.

#### Key outcomes/activities

1. Development of an integrated network linking the villages
2. Development of key destinations – this will include both formal parks and green spaces and those which currently have no or low formal access (available space within a specific catchment area).
3. Development of a Green Flag Status Park for Washington and/or a major green space for sub-regional events
4. Improvements to open spaces and green spaces
5. Participation of local residents, organisations and particularly schools in celebration events, races and health related/sport and leisure activities –this outcome also links to the City's approach to develop an integrated wellness model for the City and to build on the 2012 Programme implementing a comprehensive and co-ordinated 'Participation 2013' programme.
6. Tackle local health inequalities – in particular lower life expectancy and poorer health compared to the national average, obesity, and that section of the population who do not take the minimum recommended 30 minutes or more moderate physical activity on five or more days each week

**Recommendation: Area Committee is recommended to approve ring fencing of a further £50,000 SIB from the 2013/14 budget (subject to SIB appraisal and consultation) to ensure a co-ordinated and collaborative approach to delivering the Washington Network.**

**Call for Projects Project Brief: Addressing Social Isolation**

**Washington Area Committee: Funding Opportunity**

**Area Priority: Addressing social isolation and support for older people**

**Introduction and background**

Washington Area People Board would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which address social isolation and provide support for older people. All 5 Washington Wards will be covered by this invitation.

Only VCS groups who have a management committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories can be involved. There is an opportunity for local VCS groups with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver projects on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Applications demonstrating strong partnership working are encouraged.

**Project**

As part of the area priority to develop initiatives to address social isolation and provide support for older people, the Washington People Board would like to invite project proposals which complement and work in partnership with existing support in the Washington area. The project(s) must:-

1. Engage more older people and those at risk of or experiencing social isolation, in activities and services to improve their wellbeing
2. Reduce isolation and increase social interaction of older people and the most vulnerable
3. Increase awareness of support available to older people and the most vulnerable

Project proposals can be targeted to part wards, full wards, multi wards or the whole area, depending on the nature and capacity of a project and the need identified. Smaller, more localised, projects will also be considered.

**Budget: £30,000**

There is a total of £30,000 available. Please Note – this is the total budget available for all projects which are successful - **NOT** per project application. Therefore, we do not expect to fund any project over £5,000.

**Assessment**

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria by an assessment panel. The outcome of the assessment will be reported to the People Board for their consideration. The People Board will then make recommendations to Area Committee who will decide which project proposals will be supported.

**Proposed Timescale**

Opportunity advertised to VCS Network	28 June 2013
Deadline for completed applications	2 September 2013
Applications considered by Washington People Board	16 September 2013
Recommendation submitted to Area Committee for decision	26 September 2013

**Next Steps**

Any interested VCS Group should request an application form. These are available by contacting Karon Purvis, Washington Area Community Officer

Email: [karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk) or telephone 0191 561 2449, who will be happy to answer any questions groups may have.



**Call for Projects Project Brief: Addressing Social Isolation**

**Template Application form and guidance notes**

**WASHINGTON AREA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB)**

**GUIDANCE NOTES AND APPLICATION**

**Introduction and background**

There is an opportunity for local VCS groups with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver projects on behalf of the Washington Area Committee.

As part of the area priority **to develop initiatives to address social isolation and provide support for older people**, the People Board would like to invite project proposals which complement and work in partnership with existing support in the Washington area .

The Application Form is used to ascertain whether your project idea meets the criteria for SIB funding. Contact details for Washington area are

Area Community Officer Karon Purvis

0191 561 2449

[Karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:Karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk)

Chair Councillor Bernard Scaplehorn

[cllr.bernard.scaplehorn@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.bernard.scaplehorn@sunderland.gov.uk)

**Status of Group:**

The Legal Status of the organisation e.g. Charity, Voluntary organisation etc.

Your organisation must have all of the relevant governance and statutory requirements in place before any project can commence. This includes a written constitution, a management committee or other governing body, insurance, financial accounting systems and any other legislative requirements relevant to your area of work (such as Employment legislation, CRB and Safeguarding arrangements). You must sign the attached declaration to indicate your project is able to demonstrate all requirements are in place. Profit making organisations are not eligible for funding.

**Priority:**

Your project must help to deliver initiatives to address social isolation and in particular

1. Engage more older people and those at risk of or experiencing social isolation, in activities and services to improve their wellbeing
2. Reduce isolation and increase social interaction of older people and the most vulnerable
3. Increase awareness of support available to older people and the most vulnerable

**Project Description:**

Provide a description of the project for which the SIB contribution will be used. Be specific about what the project will do, what additionality the SIB funding will bring and what the project will achieve. Please provide clear information on how your project will contribute to the stated priority and what impact it will have. The project description should be no more than 300 words.



**Partnership Working:**

Please tell us whether you will work in partnership with other organisations and how you will ensure that your project adds value to existing service delivery. The project should complement and enhance current services and ensure it does not duplicate existing local projects. Projects demonstrating strong partnership working are encouraged.

**Experience of delivering similar Projects:**

Please tell us what experience or qualifications the organisation (including relevant staff/volunteers) has to deliver the project.

**Funding:**

Please provide details of what the funding will be used for (attach budget breakdown if relevant). Tell us how much you will secure/have secured from alternative sources, and the total overall cost of the project.

**Budget:** £30,000 (in total, **NOT** per application) – please see project brief.

**Please return the completed form BY NOON ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2013 to:**

Karon Purvis, Washington Area Community Officer

Email: [karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk) or Scrutiny and Area Arrangements, Room 3.61, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7DN

**SIB Application Form – Priority: Addressing Social Isolation and Provision of Support for Older People**

<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone Number</b>	
<b>Contact Name</b>	
<b>Position in Organisation</b>	
<b>Email/Website</b>	
<b>Status of group (e.g. charity, etc)</b> Please provide your charity or company registration number. If you are a Community Interest Company please provide a copy of your Community Interest Report and state whether you are limited by share or guarantee.	
<b>Date project start (month and year)</b>	<b>Date project end (month and year)</b>
<b>Project Description:</b> Please describe the project and how it will help to address the Area Committee priority as outlined above. Please be specific and ensure you are clear about what the project will do and what outcomes it will achieve. You should also state what impact or benefit your project will have on the local community and state how you will demonstrate the outcomes(300 words)	

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**Please describe how you will work in partnership with other local organisations and projects**

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**What experience does the organisation have in delivering similar projects?**

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**How much SIB funding is requested?**

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**What will it be spent on? (budget headings/totals)**

**How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)**

**Declaration:**

The information contained in this application is accurate. I confirm that the organisation has/will have all of the relevant processes/procedures and governance arrangements in place in order to deliver the project.

Name:

Signature:

Position in Organisation:

Date:

Please forward the completed form to [karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk) or Scrutiny and Area Arrangements, Room 3.61, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7DN by **NOON ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2013**

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2013/2014 WASHINGTON AREA PROJECTS AGREED: FOR INFORMATION

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2013/2014	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
<b>Central</b>	<b>The Village People:</b> Choir master, hospitality and room hire	£ 450			
	<b>Washington Age Concern:</b> Community event for Washington elderly residents	£ 200			
	<b>Washington Glebe Miners Banner Group:</b> Travel and refreshments Durham Miner's Gala	£ 500			
	<b>Totals (3 )</b>	<b>£1,150</b>	<b>16,024</b>	<b>£5,534</b>	<b>£9,340</b>
<b>East</b>	<b>North Biddick Bowling Club:</b> Coach travel – to Scotland	£ 700			
	<b>Columbia Pie &amp; Pea Club:</b> Pre Christmas Meal	£ 400			
	<b>Washington and Harraton Angling Club:</b> JCB hire to establish new pond	£1,000			
	<b>Washington Age Concern:</b> Community event for Washington elderly residents	£ 200			
	<b>Totals (4)</b>	<b>£2,300</b>	<b>18,799</b>	<b>£6,332</b>	<b>£10,167</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>St Bedes Primary School:</b> Repairs to car park	£1,000			
	<b>Washington F Pit Banner Community Group:</b> hire of buses and brass band Durham Miners Gala	£ 500			
	<b>Jsworth Miners Banner Group:</b> Transport & catering Durham Miner's Gala	£ 500			
	<b>Washington Women's Institute:</b> Purchase of sound equipment	£ 600			
	<b>Washington Age Concern:</b> Community event for Washington elderly residents	£ 200			
	<b>Totals (5)</b>	<b>£2,800</b>	<b>13,230</b>	<b>£2,280</b>	<b>£8,150</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>Washington Age Concern:</b> Community event for Washington elderly residents	£ 200			
	<b>Totals (1)</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>21,093</b>	<b>£4,996</b>	<b>£15,897</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>Washington Age Concern:</b> Community event for Washington elderly residents	£ 200			
	<b>Totals (1)</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>12,337</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£12,137</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14 applications agreed</b>	<b>£6,650</b>	<b>£81,483</b>	<b>£19,142</b>	<b>£55,691</b>

20<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and Voluntary 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 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.

**3. Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network (ACVSN) Progress Report**

The Washington ACVSN has met once since the last Area Committee in April.

- VCS Network will continue to work on developing and supporting the VCS re collaboration, communications, intelligence and mapping.
- VCS Reps are to give both oral and written updates to the Area Committee and the Boards of Network developments, as requested.
- The Network has been invited to contribute to discussions with regards to the City Council's VCS Relationship Transition Project. The project will consider how best the council can work with the sector to achieve joint objectives and priorities going forward. A special meeting has been organised on the 26<sup>th</sup> June and all Washington VCS Network members are being urged to attend to contribute to the discussion.
- The Washington Trust's bid to Big Lottery Reaching Communities funding was unsuccessful. The Trust has requested feedback and is currently working on a development plan for forthcoming projects.

**4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington ACVSN

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