

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday 25th April, 2013 at 6.00pm

VENUE – Washington Millennium Centre, Concord, Washington

Membership

Cllrs B Scaplehorn (Chair), Dianne Snowdon (Vice Chair - Place), L Williams (Vice Chair – People), L Lachlan, David Snowdon, Neville Padgett, Fiona Miller, J Kelly, P Walker, J Fletcher, G Miller, G Thompson, L Farthing, H Trueman, D Trueman.

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ELAINE WAUGH
Head of Law and Governance

16th April, 2013

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE on TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scaplehorn in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, F. Miller, D. Snowdon, D. E. Snowdon, Thompson, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, Walker and Williams.

Mike Poulter	-	City Services
Brian Hodgkinson	-	City Services
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Paul Wood	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
Sandra Mitchell	-	Children's Services
Jim Kennedy	-	Children's Services
Lorraine Hughes	-	Children's Services/Sunderland PCT
Neil Revely	-	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
Karen Mallin	-	SNCBC

Members of the Washington Community.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Lauchlan, G. Miller, and Padgett. James Third, Jane Eland, John Chapman and Surann Valentine.

Declarations of Interest

Item 04 – Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Councillors Farthing, Thompson and Williams declared interests in the SIB application for Washington Young People's Forum as members of the Oxclose and District Young People's Project and left the room during consideration of the application.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 27th September, 2012

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 27th September, 2012 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 22nd October, 2012

2. RESOLVED that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Committee held on 22nd October, 2012 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Place Board – Progress Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to update the Committee on the progress of the Place Board in relation to the current years (2012/13) Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor D. E. Snowdon presented the report and advised of the latest action taken by the Washington Area Place Board. Councillor Snowdon informed that in relation to the dumping of Shopping Trolleys, Trolley Wise was now providing additional staff to cover the weekends and there was a free phone number to arrange for the removal of abandoned shopping trolleys.

The Galleries Management were also looking to encourage the three remaining supermarkets to utilise the Trolley Wise scheme.

Brian Hodgkinson, Area Response Manager advised Members on the Priority rankings for dealing with shrub beds and plantations and it was agreed that Members would look to focus on those areas in the Priority 1 and 2 criteria.

In relation to the corporate approach on enforcement of environmental standards at private sector Industrial Estates Councillor Dianne Snowdon informed that a mapping exercise with Members would be undertaken and advice was needed on how they would like to consult on the issue.

Councillor Kelly commented that he agreed that the Industrial Estates were a mess but as we did not own any of them, he was confused as to what powers we had in dealing with the issue.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon commented that a meeting had taken place with Ash 10 who were willing to work with Mr Hodgkinson over land ownership issues and whilst Councillor Snowdon agreed there was not a great deal the Council could do, with the help of Ash 10, they could carry out enforcement.

The Chairman agreed with Councillor Kelly as there were so many private owners on the Industrial Estates that our options were limited, but we could advise, and Mr Hodgkinson could then enforce on matters of Litter/refuse, which the owners have a duty of care to manage. This was about trying to work with the private owners rather than against them.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that a similar mapping exercise had been carried out some years ago and unfortunately businesses are not interested in coming to the area as the estates are in awful condition. Councillor Trueman also believed that the change of use to fast food establishments should also have been looked at.

It was agreed that Members email Councillor Dianne Snowdon with details of known problems areas.

In relation to the priority on a well connected Washington the Chairman commented that this project hits all the targets and partners were queuing up to get on board so it was hoped this would be a massive project for Washington.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that the report was very good and wished the best of luck in trying to deal with the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys and it was nice to see attempts to tackle the problem.

Councillor H. Trueman also wished to highlight the immense work carried out on grounds maintenance by Mr Hodgkinson and his team, especially as they are taking on additional land, without extra budget.

Councillor Farthing referred to the condition of the Industrial Estates and suggested the work on Walkways/Cycleways could be interlinked as certain routes would include passing the Industrial Estates.

Councillor Farthing also suggested that the Voluntary Sector could become involved with the Green Spaces project as Washington has a large area of trees/shrubs to deal with, and they might be able to link in with the Britain in Bloom competitions for example.

Mr Hodgkinson advised that they have tried to get different neighbourhoods and communities involved as well as including schoolchildren in the project as we needed the community to take ownership as part of the criteria for the Britain in Bloom competition, all of which does fall within the Green Spaces Project.

Councillor Kelly requested that the Road near Nissan be included in any connectivity/cycleways project as an individual had recently been killed on this road and it should be treated as one of the priorities.

The Chairman advised that it will be taken under advisement and that it could perhaps be looked at under a corporate project.

3. RESOLVED that the Committee

- (i) Considered the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2012/13
- (ii) Agreed the recommendations of the Place Board for all Members to utilise the Service Directory for requests for services, agreed the winter

programme as detailed in the report, including the prioritisation of the shrub bed pruning, and to support the Place Board to identify suitable partnerships to deliver where appropriate.

People Board – Progress Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an update on the progress of the Washington Area People Board in relation to the current year's (2012/13) Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Williams presented the report and requested Members approve the amended work plan attached as Annex 1 for the People Board to deliver on behalf of the Committee. Members agreed the work plan.

Councillor Williams introduced Karen Mallin, SNCBC who gave an update on the Youth Opportunities Project, advising that it was progressing really well and she would hopefully have a more comprehensive update at the next meeting.

Councillor Williams asked for Members input in relation to addressing housing conditions, particularly the issues occurring at the flats in Sulgrave.

Councillor Kelly commented that numerous work had been carried out and conversations have taken place with Alan Caddick. It was worth pointing out that there were some really nice people who lived in those flats who deserved to be protected.

Councillor Kelly commented that we had done as much as we could and it was now the engagement of the management team which needed to take place and we needed to give Mr Caddick and his team the time to carry out their work.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon advised that this was a regular item on LMAPS now.

Councillor Fletcher commented that communications between the Management Company and the Police needed to be resumed as the relationship had broken down.

Councillor Thompson commented that this was a complex issue that needed a suitable amount of time allocated to it to try and deal with. Councillor Thompson also informed that the Police did not have the right to enter a private property without permission unless there had been a breach of the peace.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that he was pleased to see efforts were being made in trying to tackle the issue.

Councillor Williams then introduced John Rostron, VCS Network Representative who advised that stage 2 of a Reaching Communities proposal had been submitted and was to be determined and it would be May before the Family Resilience programme

would happen if successful. They were also working on a bid to Tudor Trust for funding and could share information with Members outside of the meeting if required.

In relation to the Work Plan, Councillor Kelly enquired how the advertising of entrepreneurships would be carried out.

Karon Purvis, Area Officer advised that as there were limited funds and the scheme was oversubscribed, the plan was for referrals to go through existing organisations.

Councillor Kelly felt that he had to disagree with this approach as it should be opened up, giving everyone the opportunity to apply.

The Chairman commented that this was a good point and was something that could be noted and considered through the Board meetings.

Councillor H. Trueman wished to advise Members of the recent survey circulated by the Police Commissioner Vera Baird on what her priorities needed to be, and hoped that Members would complete this as it could affect their areas.

Councillor David Snowdon referred to the work carried out on tackling NEET's and advised that current due to Government cuts programmes had been scrapped, with Sunderland the second hardest place to find employment and he was proud of the work undertaken in the Washington Area to try and remedy this.

Councillor David Snowdon also commented that with the Welfare reforms, there was a need to concentrate on giving residents advice over the increased cost of living and to support constituents over issues such as the bedroom tax and such like.

Councillor Williams agreed and advised that she believed Gentoo were already working on this.

Colin McCartney, Gentoo advised that they have been proactive in trying to keep residents informed of the potential impact of changes.

Councillor H. Trueman informed the Committee that Alan Caddick was putting together a toolkit for Members to inform of the changes that were imminent.

Councillor Kelly enquired if a resident applied to move to a home with fewer bedrooms, would they receive any relief on the tax whilst they were waiting for a new home, due to the fact that there were no properties available for them to move into at present.

Mr McCartney advised that this was being looked at and consideration was given on the possibility of managed moves. They also try to utilise the mutual exchange system.

4. RESOLVED that the Committee

- (i) Approved the amended work plan attached as Annex 1 for the People Board to deliver on behalf of the Committee,
- (ii) Considered the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington People Board's Work Plan for 2012/13.

Change in Order of Business

The Chairman advised that Item 7 – Sunderland Health and Wellbeing Strategy would be considered next to allow the presenting officer to attend another engagement.

Sunderland Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The Executive Director of Health Housing and Adult Services and Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance submitted a report and powerpoint presentation (copy circulated) to update the Area Committees on the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

(for copy report and presentation – see original minutes)

5. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- (i) Approved the headline strategy as attached in Appendix 1
- (ii) Noted the approval process and timescales.

Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

In relation to the Community Health and Green Space Improvement Project, Councillor Farthing suggested that once the routes and connections had been determined that a clearer map should be produced, something which may be funded by sponsorship from local businesses.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon agreed that a simplified map of the cycleways/walking routes was needed.

Councillor F. Miller referred to the implementation of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy programme and enquired if any work would be done to include the disabled.

The Chairman advised that this was something that would be included.

Councillor Kelly advised that there were a raft of activities in place for people with disabilities.

6. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial statement set out in the report
- ii) Approved £13,000 as a contribution from the 2012/13 SIB budget for the North East Aircraft Museum Access Road project;
- iii) Approved £26,000 as a contribution from the 2012/13 SIB budget for the Washington Heritage Festival 2013;
- iv) Approved £8,500 as a contribution from the 2012/13 SIB budget for the Washington Young People's Forum;
- v) Approved £7,997 as a contribution from the 2012/13 SIB budget for the Washington Illumination 2013
- vi) Approved the ring fencing of £50,000 for the Community Health and Green Spaces Project as detailed in Annex 2 of the report; and
- vii) Noted the 10 approvals supported from 2012/2013 Community Chest as set out in Annex 3 of the report.

Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Submitted a report (copy circulated) 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.

Councillor Thompson enquired if the 35% reduction in incidents had anything to do with the bad weather we had experienced. Mr Anderson advised that there can be a correlation between the two but also that the Fire Service had become more pro active as well

In response to Councillor Dianne Snowdon's query, Mr Anderson advised that they use a mosaic system to work out which areas to tackle pro actively.

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

John Rostron provided a verbal presentation to the Committee and requested Members consideration as to how the Network and Area Committee wish to continue working together as the Area Arrangements evolve.

Mr Rostron advised that Washington had already lost one major organisation in the voluntary sector and the last refresh of priorities was to incorporate the VCS priorities. Not a great deal of work had been done on this and it was asked if this was still something the Area Committee wished to do.

There was a requirement to understand the Area Committees needs to see what the Voluntary Sector could help with and vice versa.

There was also the need to be aware that there may be gaps in provision which needed to be recognised at Council level.

Mr Rostron also cautioned that Washington Area Committee could be held back as the other Areas try to catch up in trying to build relationships with their Voluntary Sectors as this Committee has done previously. If this VCS doesn't have the capacity then it can't meet the Committees needs and they did not want to lose momentum.

Mr Rostron also enquired if Members wished for a regular VCS Network Item to be included on the agenda for future Committees.

The Chairman commented that in his role as chair of the VCS Network and chair of this Committee he would support the VCS and make sure their importance was recognized.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that we were very fortunate to have the Voluntary Sector and the people such as Mr Rostron and others in the organisation. The VCS was very important and felt there needed to be a written report included from them on future agendas for Members to be able to comment on and Councillor Trueman wished to thank them for all the work they do.

Councillor F. Miller commented that if it were not for the Voluntary Sector, a great deal of people would not have jobs and they were key to our needs therefore they should be supported.

The Chairman commented that he was sure Members of this Committee would strive to support the VCS, especially as our dependence on them would only increase, due to the financial cuts we faced.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon enquired if Mr Rostron would be happy to produce a written report for future meetings of this Committee.

Mr Rostron advised that the representatives of the voluntary sector would collectively produce a report for future meetings.

8. RESOLVED that an agenda item be dedicated to the Voluntary Community Sector to provide a written report at future meetings of the Area Committee.

The Chairman wished to advise the Committee that the Washington State of the Area Debate would be held on Wednesday 10th April, 6pm at Biddick Sports College.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) B. SCAPLEHORN,
Chairman.

At an Extraordinary meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS on TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scaplehorn in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, Lauchlan, F. Miller, G. Miller, Padgett, D. Snowdon, D. E. Snowdon, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, Walker and Williams.

Mike Poulter	-	City Services
Les Clark	-	City Services
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Paul Wood	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Thompson. Neil Revely and Brian Hodgkinson.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Highways Maintenance Programme 2013-14

The Head of Street Scene provided a report (copy circulated) to update Members on the input and allocation of the 2013-14 Highway Maintenance Budgets.

(For copy of presentation – see original minutes)

Les Clark, Head of Street Scene presented the report and advised that at the Washington Area Place Board, Members were asked for their input into the 2013-14 Highway Maintenance Capital programme and also the allocation of the various categories of highway maintenance funded through the revenue budget.

During the meeting, Members were asked to nominate streets from a select list prepared by officers, up to a value of £60,000 to consider for inclusion in the 2013-14 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme. In addition, following the meeting, Members brought forward their own selection of streets for officers to examine, consider and cost up.

At the March Place Board, Officers presented their assessments of both the streets on the select list and the additional streets brought forward by Members. The Place Board agreed that it would be beneficial if, from the lists provided, Officers;

- a) Identified priority schemes up to a value of £60,000 (Option A)
- b) Nominated their top four priority schemes (Option B)

It was agreed that these options would be brought forward to the Area Committee for consideration. In the case of option B, the Area Committee would be asked to consider any possible sources for the additional funding required.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that a great deal of tarmac that was being laid, was not lasting and enquired if it was felt we were getting a good job from the contractors. Councillor Trueman also advised of alternative methods for pothole repairs that had been demonstrated at a LGA conference.

Mr Clark advised that quality checks were carried out and the contracts were renewed on a regular basis. Works were looked at upon completion and contractors were requested back for rectification works if deterioration had occurred, so he was fairly confident that the Council was getting as good a service as available.

Mr Clark commented that there were possible reasons for the perception of a lower quality in works as deterioration was mainly caused by more cars on the road and harsher winters experienced recently.

Mr Clark also commented that there were a number of different technologies out there and the Council would be trialling these in the future.

Councillor F. Miller informed of a residents complaint in relation to a patched road which only lasted a week.

Mr Clark advised that the issue should be passed back to the department for investigation but was unusual.

Councillor F. Miller enquired if the cause could be down to the heavy Lorries that used the road. Mr Clark advised that this could be a factor but the condition of the road would also be down to its age and the fact it hadn't been repaired in some time.

Councillor Williams enquired that if there were different contracts for different pieces of works carried out, how would people know who was responsible for the repairs and the relevant people to contact to rectify/complain.

Mr Clark informed the Committee that consideration was being given into moving away from a Sunderland only contract with all Local Authorities in the region being able to tap into, to see if we could get better value.

In response to Councillor Williams query in relation to if they would be looking at what works best rather than just purely a monetary decision, Mr Clark advised that the process was carried out on a balance of cost and quality.

Councillor David Snowdon commented that the roads had deteriorated due to weather conditions/flooding and queried what would happen if the situation occurred again after this money had already been spent tackling the issues on the list.

Mr Clark advised that a section of the Revenue Budget was held back for emergency repairs, should they be needed.

Councillor Walker referred to the list and raised concerns that trying to decide which 50% of Coverdale Avenue to tackle could cause more issues.

Councillor G. Miller referred to the two options available and commented that Option A was paid for whilst Option B would involve finding another £40,000 through SIB money, something he was not a fan of as he believed that should only be used to fund local projects and queried the effect this would have on the budget.

Councillor Kelly commented that he was of the opinion that SIB money was never spent on issues that were normally paid for out of mainstream budgets and he was opposed to spending further SIB on this matter, therefore his personal opinion was to go with Option A so that SIB could be spent on other projects.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that we seemed to suffer due to poor repairs from the Utility Companies after they had carried out major works.

Mr Clark advised that they did check the work of the Utilities Companies and were developing better relationships, with a little more capacity to check and a better network of intelligence it was as good as it could be with the level of resource available.

Councillor David Snowdon agreed with Councillor Kelly and felt that the money was there for specific projects and enquired if the Committee would receive the money back should there be an underspend from the emergency funds of the Revenue budget.

Mr Clark advised that this would not happen at present but it may be something that was brought into the programme in the future.

Mr Clark also wished to point out that Officers had tried to give Members as many options as possible but were happy to stick to the £60,000 budget as detailed in Option A.

The Chairman clarified that it was the Members of the Place Board who had requested more options for possible further funding and it was in no way a fishing exercise by Officers.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that there was an option there to “bite the bullet” and fund these works with the help of SIB which he was happy to do.

Councillor G. Miller commented that he saw the logic in Councillor Truemans statement but his concern was that using SIB money could limit the Area Boards scope and we needed to ensure the Area Committee had sufficient funds as we had not identified the amount we were going to spend next year.

Councillor Farthing commented that SIB money should not be used for anything other than that, but would have been happy to use it if we could’ve implemented some form of apprenticeship scheme for young people to acquire experience in the field of highways maintenance so that it would also help achieve the Area Committees objectives and tackle some of it’s priorities.

Councillor Kelly commented that he was keen to protect the SIB budget and suggested that discussions take place over possible funding of Highways Maintenance programmes after the plans of the Area Boards and Area Committee had been identified as SIB money needed to be used to address Area Committee priorities first.

Councillor Kelly proposed that Option A be agreed with the addition that further consideration be given at the end of the financial year should there be any underspend of SIB money available. The proposal was seconded by Councillor G. Miller.

Having been put to the vote, with 12 Members voting in favour, and 2 Members abstaining, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that Option A (as set out in the report circulated) be agreed and that further consideration be given at the end of the financial year as to the possible use of SIB money to fund additional maintenance work.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) B. SCAPLEHORN,
Chairman.

25th April 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2012/13

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 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.

2. Background

- 2.1 This will be the second year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 The combined report will provide an update on how Area Arrangements have developed over this last year in addition to an overview of all 5 Area Committee Achievements during that period and in line with agreed Work Plans for 2012/13.

3. Annual Report

- 3.1 The Annual Report for Washington Area Committee is attached as **Annex 1**.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the Washington Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committees Annual Report for 2012/13.

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25th April 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2012/13 Washington Area Committee



**Cllr Bernie Scaplehorn
Chair of Washington Area Committee**

At the beginning of this financial year Washington Area Committee set out its priorities for the year ahead and produced a plan detailing proposed activity. The key priorities where Area Committee wanted to focus work and resources and bring real benefits to the local community included developing networks and links between the villages, local activities and events, supporting young people into education, employment and training, health projects, improved access to information, advice and guidance, and support the voluntary and community sector.

The Committee has worked hard this year to ensure the best outcomes from its resources, and has allocated over £320,000 to projects to deliver these priorities. Partnership working has been key to ensure value for money and maximum benefit. A lot of excellent work has taken place over the last 12 months and key achievements have included:-

- Influencing local Street Scene services, such as street cleaning, winter maintenance and grass cutting. An approach to prioritising the redirection of council resources for pruning and maintenance of shrub beds and plantations has been developed through the Place Board.
- Influencing services for children and young people and providing funding for activities for young people of all ages. The Committee has influenced new youth contracts by shaping the service in terms of how, when and where activities will be delivered locally.
- Residents have helped to create an attractive and cared for environment, maintain high standards and display real pride in their area. This includes organising local litter picks and clean ups with groups tackling specific issues and participating in events such as Northumbria in Bloom and the 'Love Where You Live' campaign.
- The illegal dumping of shopping trolleys has long been a contentious issue for Washington, particularly for those neighbourhoods close to the Galleries. Through the Place Board, partners have worked to find solutions.
- There has been a lot of work to understand the impact of flooding in Washington and to help local people. Members have worked with the Council, the Environment Agency, Northumbria Water, and Gentoo to identify solutions.
- The Council, companies, and landlords are working together to help to improve dilapidated industrial estates.
- The Area Committee has been involved and consulted on 2 key projects – a new £11m Leisure Centre, and a £5m Managed Work Space on the Turbine Business Park

- A range of events and activities to celebrate tradition and culture have taken place. The Area Committee has already set aside £34,000 to ensure the Heritage Festival in Albany Park and the Washington Illuminations Switch On will happen again in 2013.
- Local young people were given as many opportunities as possible to access employment and education, and building on last year's successes through the Youth Opportunities Project the Committee has invested £100,000 in the School Opportunities Project, which works in the local secondary schools targeting young people at risk of leaving without going into further education, employment or training. The Youth Opportunities Project has engaged with more than 90 young people and has seen 53 young people moving into employment or an apprenticeship this year
- The Community has always been at the heart of the Committee's work. The Washington Trust has been supported to help partners work together to bring additional resources and services to the area.

In summary, Washington Area Committee has encouraged, adopted and embedded partnership in everything we have delivered this year and will continue to keep local communities at the heart of what we do. This has resulted in real and meaningful successes for Washington's communities and we are committed to improving on the successes we have seen this year.

The overall achievement of the Washington Area Committee is to be credited to the commitment of the Members and the teams I have been honoured to work with. Washington councillors have played a key role in moving the Area Committee forward and enabling our reputation to grow.

My thanks go to the members of the Area Committee, partners, officers and residents for their work and support throughout the year in helping to achieve such positive results and better services for local people.

25th April 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report provides an end of year performance update on the 2012/13 Place Board Work Plan and requests Area Committee approval of the board's proposed refresh of Work Plan priorities for 2013/14.

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 have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence and achievements during that period.
- 2.2 This report seeks to provide Area Committee with an annual update of the Work Plan and, based on review work carried out by the board, proposes which actions should be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2013/14.

3. Annual Update of 2012/13 Place Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2012/13 Work Plan is attached as **Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2013/14

- 4.1 The proposed Work Plan for 2013/14 is attached as **Annex 2** and outlines those priorities for action that the Place Board considers key to deliver during the forthcoming year.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Washington Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2012/13
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider and agree the Washington Area Place Board Work Plan for 2013/14.

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Washington Area Committee: Work Plan 2012 -13

PLACE

BUDGET ALLOCATED £97,000

OUTCOME	ROLE FOR AREA COMMITTEES	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
CORPORATE: An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time Area: High quality built and natural environments in Washington	Strategic Influencing Role	1. Strategy for dealing with dilapidated industrial estates and applications for changes of use and understand the corporate approach to enforcement in relation to environmental standards on private sector owned industrial estates	Mike Poulter	Addressing dilapidation and environmental standards on industrial estates still requires action. Partnership working to be developed and supported through RLS. Joint working with business partners underway. Proposals to be prioritised and identified under RLS Core Services Programme. ROLL OVER ACTION 2013/14
		2. Influence LDF/Core Strategy - approach to housing numbers and type for Washington, plans for the Ayton Primary School site, proposals for supermarkets.	Neil Cole	Consultation and workshops at an area level to follow Cabinet briefing in April. ROLL OVER 2013/14
		3. Monitor and receive information relating to development of the new Leisure Centre	Julie Gray	Members consulted and involved in proposals for the new £11m Washington Leisure Centre and kept informed of progress. Wheeled Sports Park to be relocated and the current facility to remain operational until new one developed. ROLL OVER MONITORING & INFORMATION TO 2013/14
	Local Action	4. Monitor and receive information relating to development of Washington Managed Workspace	Berni Whitaker	Members consulted and involved in proposed Washington Managed Workspace (£5m). Start on site anticipated May with a 44 week build period with anticipated completion April 2014. Links to be made to ensure local residents and business benefit from local resource - referred to People 2013/14. CLOSED AS A PLACE ACTIVITY - REFERRED TO PEOPLE
		5. Flood Risk Planning	David Laux (Engineers)	Further progress reports and feedback. ROLL OVER MONITORING & INFORMATION TO 2013/14
		6. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward. ONGOING
CORPORATE: A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change	Strategic Influencing Role:	7. 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.	Brian Hodgkinson	There are a number of examples where the Washington Place Board has had a key influencing role. This includes addressing illegal dumping of shopping trolleys, influenced solutions re illegal camping/access to Council land, identification of issues and hotspots re safe subways, Green Flag Status park identified for Washington and prioritised shrub bed maintenance and plantations. More recently The Board recommended options to AC with regard to highways maintenance budget. Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area through a Project Matrix presented to Place Board – to be recommend to AC as a programme of work as part of the 2013/14 Place Board workplan. ROLL OVER ACTION 2013/14
		8. Work with the Area VCS Network and the Washington Trust to help increase awareness of the services and support available to people in their community	Area Community Officer	Ongoing through communication and co-ordination with Area Network to continue. Reps continue to attend and report directly to AC. Opportunities for the Voluntary Sector to be actively involved delivering services and the AC priorities and continue to collaborate to be communicated via ACVS Network. Washington Trust currently working to submit a cross cutting funding application to Reaching Communities (Big Lottery), invited to submit Stage 2. SIB funding of £65,000 awarded 2012/13. ONGOING
		9. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward. ONGOING

CORPORATE: A well connected city AREA: A well connected Washington	Strategic Influencing Role	10. Influence LDF/Core Strategy - sustainable transport options for Washington	Neil Cole	Consultation and workshops at an area level to follow Cabinet briefing in April. GO SMARTER TO WORK PROJECT now underway. CLOSED
		11. Area committee to be consulted on quality contract scheme (QCS)	Nexus - Claire Fisher	The QCS proposal has now been submitted to the ITA by Nexus. Decision by the ITA June - to be brought to future Boards and Area Network. ROLL OVER MONITORING & INFORMATION TO 2013/14
	Local Action	12. Development of integrated network, promotion of walks and races to link villages	Brian Hodgkinson	£50,000 SIB budget approved Jan Meeting. The Community Health and Green Spaces Project meets a number of the key priorities of the Area Committee including ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles, investing in built and natural environment as well as a connected Washington through the development of an integrated cycle network, improvements to green spaces, and the promotion of events to link villages. Year 1 will address and deliver some outcomes and link some villages but not all. Retained as a priority 2013/14 work plan. ROLL OVER ACTION 2013/14
		13. Investigate options for improved broadband provision in Washington	Karon Purvis	Diane Downey (Head ICT) confirmed last year BT made a commitment to introduce super fast broadband connectivity to all the households in Sunderland. Briefing note to be circulated to Members. NO FURTHER ACTION - CLOSED
		14. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward ONGOING
CORPORATE: A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction AREA: Washington's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Washington's culture and identity.	Strategic Influencing Role	15. Influencing role with City Services to determine future strategy for managing local events and celebrations.	Karon Purvis	Report presented to Cabinet to establish Sunderland Events Management Company from April 2013. Progress to be reported as part of 2013/14 work plan and options for how local events are managed and delivered to be confirmed. Local events and celebrations funded through SIB include £26k for Heritage Festival 2013 and £8k for the Washington Illuminations 2013. NO FURTHER ACTION - CLOSED
		16. Receive report updating WAC on progress Washington Heritage Offer Feasibility Study recommendations.	Karon Purvis	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 discussed at March Board. Further investment in the heritage sector through volunteering and skills building to be identified. £15k SIB approved 2-12/13 for Heritage Banners for Schools and £13k SIB for a new access road at the Aircraft Museum. The new Museums and Heritage Service to work with the Committee 2013/14 to identify options for Washington. ROLL OVER ACTION 2013/14
G	Progressing on target			
A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)			
R	Not progressing			
CLOSED ACTIVITY & ISSUES (following consideration and investigation by Place Board)	To investigate the feasibility of CCTV networking for Washington.	Mike Poulter	Consider options and need for Washington CCTV Network - police stats, identify what's currently in place gaps and costs. A number of cameras already in operation across the area. Very few requests to redeploy LMAP resources. Costs prohibitive re new networked and monitored cameras -unable to fund from AC resources. Agreed to update AC and close this item.	
	Investigate feasibility and identify need for dropped kerbs and pavements programme across Washington.	Richard Irving/ Terry Hutchinson	Reactive programming in place at city level	
	Flood Risk Planning	C.Mordecia	Service Directory updated to include Northumbria Water emergency numbers and emergency centre numbers (out of hours).	
	Investigate how to achieve safer subways, walkways, parks and green spaces (include lighting)	Brian Hodgkinson	Members to provide particular hotspots for Subways and Walkways. Audit already underway. Graffiti removal ongoing and pruning around subways underway. Some graffiti art work underway through Operation Lantern @ Albany subway. Extra support in place via Community Payback scheme. Linked to proposals being considered for improvements to cycleways, green spaces and parks	
	Influence strategic approach to parking and highways issues	Highways	Issues raised re bus links being dealt with and responded to by appropriate agencies and departments.	

	Established Officer Working Group to develop proposals for Area Committee consideration	Mike Poulter	Officer Working Group established to consider how Members influencing role is further developed and to look at ways to help deliver responsive services through partnership working, co-ordination and collaboration. . Members to access Service Directory to obtain appropriate contacts for requests. BH to liaise with Area Officer on engaging residents and organisations in the upkeep and improvement of their local area using LWYL campaign.
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PLACE

	OUTCOME	ROLE FOR AREA COMMITTEES	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	<p>Corporate: An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time. Area: Investment in Washington's built and natural environment</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing Role</p>	<p>1. Receive appropriate reports of progress plans, policy and strategy relating to Place, for example, Events Company, Quality Controlled Contracts. 2. To receive updates on all 'live' SIB funded projects, relating to Place based priorities. 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>Karon Purvis OCE Neil Cole OCE</p>	<p>Ongoing Ongoing Workshops will be organised with members in May at the start of the consultation process following Cabinet briefing. Ongoing</p>
		<p>Core Service Area devolved to Area Committee</p>	<p>4. Future services and activities to be rolled out during 2013/14</p>		
		<p>Area Priority: 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>Identify opportunities to enhance proposed development. Monitoring & Information.</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. Monitoring and regular updates. Action where appropriate.</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. Recommend to AC as part of a local programme of work.</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. Recommend retained as a priority and identify further funding to allow roll out of wider programme across a second year.</p>
2	<p>Corporate: A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change. Area: Desirable neighbourhoods in Washington that are environmentally sustainable and have the right mixed of facilities and services that meet the needs of local people. A strong sense of community.</p>	<p>Core Service Area Devolved to Area Committee</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. This includes improvements to village centres, addressing environmental issues on industrial estates, proposed Green Flag Status Park for Washington. Recommend to AC as a programme of work to support partnership involvement (AC decision January 2013)</p>
			<p>10. Influence highways maintenance programme</p>	<p>David Laux City Services</p>	

		Area Priority: 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. Project development and action where appropriate
			12. Park Improvement Plan for Princess Anne Park	Julie Gray City Services	Linked to development of Washington Leisure Village. Project development and action where appropriate
3	Corporate: A well connected City. Area: A well connected Washington	Strategic Influencing Role	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.
		Core Service Area devolved to Area Committee	14. Future services and activities to be rolled out during 2013/14		
		Area Priority: Connecting the villages of Washington	15. Community Health & Green Spaces Project (See action 7 above)	Karon Purvis OCE	Linked to Go Smarter to Work Project - see Action 12 above. Project development and action where appropriate
4	Corporate: A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction. Area: A cultural identity for Washington	Strategic Influencing Role	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.
		Core Service Area devolved to Area Committee	17. Future services and activities to be rolled out during 2013/14		
		Area Priority	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
	G	Progressing on target			
	A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)			
	R	Not progressing			

25th April 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report provides an end of year performance update on the 2012/13 People Board Work Plan and requests Area Committee approval of the Board's proposed refresh of Work Plan priorities for 2013/14.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the Washington Area People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.
- 2.2 This report seeks to provide Area Committee with an annual update of the Work Plan and, based on review work carried out by the board, proposes which actions should be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2013/14.

3. Annual Update of 2012/13 People Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2012/13 Work Plan is attached as **Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2013/14

- 4.1 The proposed Work Plan is attached as **Annex 2** and outlines those priorities for action that the People Board considers key to deliver during 2013/14

5. Recommendations

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Washington Area People Board's Work Plan for 2012/13.
- (b) Consider and agree the Washington Area People Board Work Plan for 2013/14.

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Washington Area Committee: Work Plan 2012 -13

PEOPLE

BUDGET ALLOCATED £201,780

OUTCOME	ROLE FOR AREA COMMITTEES	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
CORPORATE: A City where everyone is as healthy as they can be and enjoys a good standard of well being	Strategic Influencing Role	1. Influence GP Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) at an area level. Investigate area representation at CCG and potential links to People Board in each of the 5 areas. Influence development and delivery Health and Wellbeing Strategy and contribute to developing a local vision with regards to Public Health.	Alan Caddick HHAS	Area Committee consulted on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. People Board received reports on the Public's Health in Washington and the Transformation of Adult Social Care in the area. RECOMMENDATION - AREA PRIORITY 2013/14 - i) Raise awareness of services available and establish Community Connectors, ii) Increase social wellbeing by reducing social isolation iii) Support communities to cope with dementia. iv) Time Bank development Relationship and joint working with CCG identified as a key priority for 2013/14. Ongoing. Roll over 2013/14
		2. Receive a report providing an area perspective on the impact of the welfare reform on both individuals and local organisations	Fiona Brown	A series of presentations were delivered by Fiona Brown to members in June. Cllrs receive bi-monthly briefings. Cllrs Toolkit being produced to assist members to understand how they can advise their constituents on how they may be affected and also where/from whom they can get further help and advice from. This is in development with our Comms colleagues. CITYWIDE APPROACH
Area : . A Healthy Washington: Contribute to ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles.	Local Action	3. Target and engage local organisations to tackle health inequalities	Karon Purvis OCE	Engaging VCS and local organisations in developing and delivering initiatives to address health inequalities. Encourage partner collaboration. Community Health and Green Space Improvement Project - £50,000 SIB budget approved Jan Meeting. Also need to engage VCS in the ongoing consultation of the proposed Health and Well Being Strategy. Key priorities to be presented June Area Committee. Update from Well Men Project to May Board. Roll over action and activity 2013/14
Corporate: A City with high levels of skills, educational attainment and participation.	Strategic Influencing Role:	4. Receive appropriate reports of progress plans, policy and strategy relating to education, employment and training. People Board to be kept up to date with regard to development and delivery of services (including those being delivered by Partners) which improve resident's job and career prospects.	Mike Poulter IHoS	Infrastructure to be developed to strengthen area arrangements against this action as a whole, along with an introduction of a Forward Plan for People. Roll over 2013/14
		6. Receive a report detailing the quality of training provision for 16+ identifying what is already being provided in Washington, the roll of Colleges, and how to provide residents with skills required to support the growth and development across specific sectors.	Dave Barber SCC	Need to develop joined up thinking as this issue is being considered in most of the Areas. City Wide approach to be confirmed. CLOSED AS AN ACTION FOR BOARD
		7. 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 April Cabinet briefing. Roll over 2013/14
	Area: Access to employment opportunities	Local Action	8. Monitor 3 commissioned initiatives funded by Area Committee which work with young people to stimulate opportunities in education, training and employment.	Karen Mallin SNCBC
		9. Report to consider options to support employer engagement through a Washington Business Forum	Karen Alexander OCE	Resourcing requirements for a local forum identified. Recommendation to utilise the already established forums throughout the City. Report to support understand corporate approach and impact at a local level presented at February meeting. AC to confirm if roll over 2013/14
		10. Report investigating the opportunities to support local people into enterprise and entrepreneurship	Berni Whitaker OCE	Report to support understand corporate approach and impact at a local level. Need to monitor success of Enterprise Grants for Young People - commencing December 2012, to identify further need. Roll over 2013/14 and monitor

CORPORATE: A City which is and feels even safer and more secure	Strategic Influencing Role	11. 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.	Mike Poulter IHoS	Influencing role re mainstream resourcing to continue encouraging collaboration re youth related ASB, partnership working etc. Area based reports to address issues as raised. Roll over 2013/14
Area - A Safer Washington - Maintain key partnerships and collaboration for a safe and secure Washington	Local Action	12. Co-ordinated approach to developing and delivering positive youth work in Washington	Jane Eland CS	Positive Images Young People's Forum approved January AC - to commence April 2013. Updates from Young People's Working Group to be considered. Roll over 2013/14
		13. Monitor action plan to address issues at Sulgrave Flats	Alan Caddick HHAS	Monitor and information. Roll over 2013/14
Corporate: Ensures people are able to look after themselves	Strategic Influencing Role	14. 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	Alan Caddick HHAS	Area Committee consulted on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. People Board received reports on the Public's Health in Washington and the Transformation of Adult Social Care in the area. RECOMMENDATION - AREA PRIORITY 2013/14. Rollover 2013/14 and prioritise local actions.
Area: Cared for in Washington: Contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Washington's most vulnerable.	Local Action	15. Improve access to advice, information and guidance at a local level to help people look after themselves.	Mike Poulter IHoS	Washington Trust now invited to Stage 2 re Reaching communities BLF bid - for Family Resilience Project which includes resources re IAG. Monitor. Roll over 2013/14
Area: Community inclusion and support	Local Action	16. 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. Roll over and new actions 2013/14
G	Progressing on target			
A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)			
R	Not progressing			

OUTCOME	ROLE FOR AREA	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS UPDATES	
<p>1 Corporate: A City where everyone is as healthy as they can be and enjoys a good standard of well being. Area: A healthy Washington : Contribute to ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles.</p>	<p>Influence Core Services devolved to Area Committee: Transformation of Adult Social Care</p>	1. Audit, mapping and awareness raising of services available	Alan Caddick HHAS	<p>RECOMMENDED AREA PRIORITY 2013/14 - i) Raise awareness of services available and establish Community Connectors, ii) Increase social wellbeing by reducing social isolation iii) Support communities to cope with dementia. iv) Time Bank development</p>	
		2. Support development of initiatives to help local communities address dementia	Alan Caddick HHAS		As above
		3. Development of initiatives to address social isolation	Alan Caddick HHAS		As above
	<p>Strategic Influencing Role</p>	4. Influence development and delivery Health and Wellbeing Strategy and contribute to developing a local vision with regards to Public Health	Alan Caddick HHAS	Area Committee consulted on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. People Board received reports on the Public's Health in Washington	
		5. Influence GP Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) at an area level	Lorraine Hughes SCC Locality Lead	Relationship and joint working with CCG identified as a key priority for 2013/14	
	<p>Local Action</p>	6. Involve local community and VCS to develop initiatives to address health inequalities	Karon Purvis OCE	Community Health and Green spaces Project to be implemented May 2013. AC to identify if a priority for further phases	
<p>2 Corporate: A City with high levels of skills, educational attainment and participation. Area: Active, educated and access to employment in Washington: Continue to improve lifelong learning, volunteering and participation opportunities.</p>	<p>Influence Core Services devolved to Area Committee: Early Intervention and Locality Services</p>	7. Opportunities to influence core delivery identified through regular performance reporting across key services.	Jane Eland CS	Bi monthly reporting to identify opportunities to influence key service delivery at a local level.	
		<p>Strategic Influencing Role</p>	8. Receive appropriate reports of progress plans, policy and strategy relating to People.	Mike Poulter IHoS	Ongoing
	9. 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 April Cabinet briefing.	
	<p>Local Action</p>	10. 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	
		11. Report to consider options to support employer engagement through a Washington Business Forum	Karen Alexander OCE	AC to consider if a priority for 2013/14	

		12. Report investigating the opportunities to support local people into enterprise and entrepreneurship	Berni Whitaker OCE	Continued monitoring role	
3	<p>Corporate: A City which is and feels even safer and more secure. Area: A Safer Washington: Maintain key partnerships and collaboration for a safe and secure Washington</p>	Influence Core Services devolved to Area Committee	13. Future services and activities rolled out 2013/14		
		Local Action	14. Continue to work in partnership through Boards, LMAPs, Young People's Group, PACT meetings	Karon Purvis OCE	Continued monitoring role
			15. 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	Recommend as a priority for 2013/14
			16. Co-ordinated approach to developing and delivering positive youth work in Washington	Karon Purvis OCE	Recommend as a priority for 2013/14
		17. Monitor action plan to address issues at Sulgrave Flats	Alan Caddick HHAS		
4	<p>Corporate: Ensures people are able to look after themselves. Area: Cared for in Washington: Contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Washington's most vulnerable.</p>	Influence Core Services devolved to Area Committee	18. Future services and activities rolled out 2013/14		
		Strategic Influencing Role	19. 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. Also see Action 1	Alan Caddick HHAS	Area Committee consulted on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. People Board received reports on the Public's Health in Washington and the Transformation of Adult Social Care in the area. RECOMMENDATION - AREA PRIORITY 2013/14.
		Local Action	20. Improve access to advice, information and guidance at a local level to help people look after themselves.	Mike Poulter IHoS	Washington Trust now invited to Stage 2 re Reaching communities BLF bid - for Family Resilience Project which includes resources re IAG. Monitor.

	Area: Community inclusion and support. All actions to contribute to supporting delivery of Outcomes 1 - 4	Local Action	21. 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. Recommend
G	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)				
A	Not progressing				
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25th April 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 up date 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 show the position at the start of the new financial year for 2013 -14 and following the last Area Committee meeting held January 2013.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
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				
				£296,135
Project Name				-
New Balance				£296,135

2.2.1 There are no SIB applications to be presented to this meeting therefore the balance for the 2013/14 SIB allocation is £296,135

3.0 Healthy City Investment Fund: Financial statement and proposals

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

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

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

4.0 Community Chest: Financial statement and proposals

4.1 The new allocation of Community Chest for 2013/14 has been confirmed as £50,000, £10,000 per ward. The remaining budget of £29,483, as at 31st March 2013, was transferred into the 2013/14 budget. The balance to be allocated is **£79,483**, as shown in the table below.

Total Community Chest for 2013/14	£50,000		
Rolled over from 2012/13 at March 31 st	£29,483		
Starting Balance for 2013/14	£79,483		
Ward	Budget	Agreed	Balance
Washington Central	£14,024	£3534	£10,490
Washington East	£18,799	£6332	£12,467
Washington North	£13,230	£2280	£10,950
Washington South	£21,093	£4996	£16,097
Washington West	£12,337	0	£12,337
Balance	£79,483	£17,142	£62,341

4.2 Since the last meeting in January, a total of 18 project proposals have been received and agreed and are detailed in **Annex 1**

5.0 Recommendations:

5.1 Note the financial statements set out in this report.

5.2 Note the 18 applications for Community Chest agreed and supported from the 2013/14 allocation, between January - April 2013 as set out in **Annex 1**.

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

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2013/2014	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
Central	Our lady's over fifty club - Visit to mother Shiptons Cave and transport	£610	16,024		
	Lambton Primary School - Planters renovation project and replace kitchen flooring and decorate community room	£2000			
	Woodridge Gardens - Purchase of equipment for dementia service users and family/carers	£496			
	South Tyneside Mesothelioma Self Help Group - Entrance cost to Raby Castle and coach hire	£428			
	Washington MIND – refurbishment and equipment for new building			2, 000	
	Totals (4)	£3,534	16,024	2,000	£10,490
East	North East Electrical Traction Trust - Transport costs for 2 trams	£2,000			
	Barmston Village Primary School - ICT Equipment upgrade	£2,000			
	Teal Farm Residents Association – Bulb planting	£500			
	Parochial Church St Georges - Restoration of roll of honour notice board and glass frame	£400			
	Fatfield Primary School - Big Club ICT licenses	£1,000			
	Washington Grange Care Home - projector and wall screen for residents film nights	£432			
	Totals (6)	£6,332	18,799	-	£12,467
North	North East Electrical Traction Trust - Transport costs for 2 trams	£1,000			
	St Bedes Toddler Group - Coach travel and entrance to Dunes with lunch	£485			
	Roseberry Court Residents - Buffet, entertainer etc for residents social evening	£400			
	Peace haven Court - Kitchen equipment, wheelchair and	£395			

	dinner for Queens Coronation				
	Totals (4)	£2,280	13,230	-	£10,950
South	North East Electrical Traction Trust - Transport costs for 2 trams	£2,000			
	Lambton Primary School Lambton Primary School - Planters renovation project and replace kitchen flooring and decorate community room	£2000			
	Forest School at Oxclose Nursery - Equipment purchase for nursery outdoor trips to Herrington County Park	£996			
	Totals (3)	£4,996	21,093	-	£16,097
West	Totals (0)	-	12,337	-	£12,337
Totals	17 applications agreed	£17,142	£81,483	£2,000	£62,341

25th April 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 twice since the last Area Committee in January.

- Through the People Board a number of recommendations have been made to ensure the VCS Network can continue to access opportunities to influence, support delivery and raise awareness of service delivery to meet key priorities for the area. Recommendations include developing a joint understanding of shared priorities and agreeing how to deliver those shared priorities for the benefit and need of local residents and community.
- The Network is keen to discuss the gaps across the area and how joint working can be utilised to address those gaps.
- 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.
- VCAS now offer the Peoples' Voice Group – peer support and collaboration for smaller VCS organisations, offering advice on bids and the funding process.
- The Washington Trust is currently working on a development plan for forthcoming projects, alongside ideas contributed by the network

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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