

	Area Priority	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
1	Environment and Greenspace	1. Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area: Working with RLS Area Response Manager and Customer Relationship Officer Ward Members to lead on delivering the Neighbourhood Improvement Project, with key partners, schools and local community and groups(inc youth groups). The programme will enhance local neighbourhoods, working flexibly at a Ward level using evidence of need, gaps and issues and will reinforce key messages and communicate and engage with the local community.	RLS (SCC): ARM Dave Hardy	Walk and Talk programme underway - Washington West scheduled 10th February. Key projects being identified for each Ward - ARM working with identified partners re match funding and partnership where appropriate. Winter pruning programme underway
		2. Monitor Progress of SIB funded Village Centre Improvements Project and co-ordinate all activity with the Neighbourhood Improvement Project	RLS (SCC): ARM Dave Hardy	VCIP spends identified. Considering replacement initiatives for gaps etc. via NIP discussions. Programme on target although due to delays because of weather the project has been extended for an additional 6 months
		3. Continue to manage the development and delivery of the Community Health and Green Spaces Project and look for further opportunities for future funding to develop new phases and co-ordinate with wider strategic programmes.	SCC: City Services, S & AA, Highways	Steering Group met 15th December. Links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Oct AC agreed project launch Spring 2015 to ensure co-ordination with Washington Way to Well Being initiatives and further engagement opportunities with local communities. Detailed update included in Place report re routes. Work commenced with Corporate Comms re communications plan and drafting of Project launch leaflet - anticipate Project launch event week of 26th May - in line with opening of new play facilities in Princess Anne Park and Area Festival 2015 (Active Sunderland).
		4. Improved use of green/open space linked to People/Health Priorities and Public Health Greenspace Funding.		Three separate opportunities to develop a shared ownership approach for developing the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark, a local 'Hub' to develop and deliver health initiatives including walking and cycling initiatives, and an opportunity for small grants to the VCS and key partners to deliver health projects to help residents become more active. Co-ordinating these opportunities will add value to current WAC funded initiatives linking the Community Health and Green Spaces Project (The Washington Way) and Maximising green spaces for the 5 Ways to Well Being. £20,000 SIB agreed October 16th Area Committee - this results in a total fund of £60,000 for the opportunities above (£20,000 CCG and £20,000 Public Health). The proposal for small grants will engage local people in activity re greenspace accessibility, availability and use as well as tackling health inequalities and getting residents more active. Project briefs advertised with deadline for submissions 11th February. Small grants already approved include waymarking of 2 x 6k routes on the Network, a cycling/walking hub and guided walks at Springwell, and a Living Well Activity Programme from Washington MIND.
		5. Identify opportunities to enhance and add value in relation to on-going works and improvements to Washington parks		Improvement works re Princess Anne Park culverts and weirs completed. Usworth Park confirmed Green Flag Status this year. Seldom Seen funds in place for improvement works. Proposals from City Services re utilisation of S106 £100k for play area linked to Washington Leisure Village via Princess Anne Park. RLS to report to future meeting re updating of Princess Anne Park Master Plan. Cllr Kelly requested Albany Park Feasibility Study as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Project. East requested replacement of 'monument' in James Steel Park. South Ward Members have requested work in Holley Park
		7. Support the development of the Concord Traders Association and activity to improve local shopping centres. Evaluate the success of the current SIB funded project re Concord Traders	SCC: Business Investment Team, Bsupplied.	Project successfully delivering all anticipated outcomes and outputs. Traders forum established - local traders volunteering to be part of it and key 'contacts' identified. RSS is has engaged with at least 40 of the Concord Traders. Shop Local campaign underway. Adbins sited. All grant applications now awarded. Shop Watch scheme now in place.

2 Ward Member Community Engagement (links to People)	1. Encourage partnerships with the local community and the VCS re physical and environmental improvements - for example through Neighbourhood Improvements Project	SCC: RLS	Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships. LWYL campaign proposals, links to industrial area priorities. Requests from Heritage Group re painting of signage at Wear and Crowther. Volunteers available to carry out work. SCC permissions required. Passed to RLS
	2. Link Ward Members to activities and events being delivered. Support Members in their community engagement and leadership role	SCC: S & AA	Members to utilise key events re promoting community leadership role
	3. Develop a partnership approach to implement a sustainable scheme to manage plantations and woodlands in Washington	SCC: RLS	On going discussions with Groundwork. ARM to report to future meeting
	4. Continue to support love where you live activities and events, linked to site developments to promote participation and delivery of other priorities such as tackling health inequalities	SCC: RLS	There will be opportunities for VCS via Washington Way to Well Being Call for Projects to collaborate and deliver against this shared priority.
3 Heritage & Culture	1. Develop a plan of events, activity and learning opportunities for use by the local community and schools.	SCC	Link to proposals for 2 x key events in 2015 as agreed at Area Committee. Ensure all opportunities are shared via the Washington Area VCS Network. New working Group established to confirm approach re planning Events 2015 programme. Proposals for Project brief to be discussed February Board and recommended to March Area Committee for agreement. VCS/Network to have a key role re developing and delivering the community aspects re entertainment and activities. Links via FACL provision. All events and activities notified to VCAS for inclusion in the 'Weekly Bulletin'. Circulated extensively via all Networks and partners.
	2. Consider wider cross cutting actions and themes in relation to Washington's heritage and culture offer - delivering other outcomes and strands re health, employment and community inclusion.	SCC	New working group to consider opportunities for ensuring heritage and culture offer considered when looking at new projects and proposals
	3. Planning and strategy for delivering key events 2015 - Heritage Festival, Washington Illuminations, Christmas Festival	SCC	New working group established to consider how to deliver the 2 key events on behalf of Area Committee. A new approach to format and content of each of these events be developed in order to address the current high infrastructure costs previously incurred. Many community groups have traditionally been involved in the planning etc. of the Heritage Festival. It is proposed these positive and proactive relationships are maintained to add value to any new event. Proposals for Project brief to be discussed February Board and recommended to March Area Committee for agreement. VCS/Network to have a key role re developing and delivering the community aspects re entertainment and activities. An indicative budget to fund these two key events - on the assumption that the delivery will be matched to the resource available - of £30,000 be considered as appropriate. £15,000 SIB was agreed from the 2014/15 budget.
	4. Identify how Washington can contribute to and influence the city wide approach to heritage and culture	SCC	To consider how to ensure the Washington Offer contributes to the Cultural Strategy. A Cultural Strategy is being developed for the city which will help to shape Museums and Heritage in a way that Sunderland residents want. This will help to develop a vision that will determine the delivery plan of priorities for the next 3-5 years. The Strategy and the Museum Vision are proposed to be discussed at a future People Board. Members will have the opportunity to contribute to how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community. Following that, the Heritage Team will engage with local individuals and groups, such as the Area VCS Network to discuss the new proposals.
4 Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee	1. Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after. Develop approach(es) to deal with:- Neglected Land, Housing - housing standards and empty properties (Housing Renewal Team), Shopping Parades Industrial Estates, through interventions appropriate at Area Level	SCC: S & AA Louise Butler	Industrial areas being considered via local action. Housing renewal plans to come to future boards. Need to evaluate Concord Traders Retail Support Specialist Programme to determine good practice, lessons learnt and co-ordination with corporate approach and activities.

<p>2. Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of S106 funding at an area level</p>	<p>SCC: S & AA Louise Butler</p>	<p>In October all elected members were invited to take part in Member Training on the Planning System delivered by Planning Advisory Service. Members were encouraged to identify further training opportunities arrangements which are currently being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •In January 2015 members were provided with the opportunity to attend S106 and viability training.
<p>3. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme</p>	<p>SCC: S & AA Louise Butler</p>	<p>Priorities to be agreed at February Place Board and recommended to March Area Committee for approval.</p>