

Washington Area Committee: Work Plan 2014-15

PEOPLE

Area Priority	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
Health and Wellbeing	Establish Strategic Health Group (CCG, Public Health, SCC, VCS) to identify opportunities for partnership working and shared priorities to:		First meeting held August 5th. The Board recommends 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. Proposal for £20,000 SIB to October 16th Area Committee - this will result in a total fund of £60,000 for the opportunities above (£20,000 CCG Decision pending and £20,000
	1. Improve participation in activity through ensuring Ensure use of Community Health and Green spaces Project is utilised to deliver initiatives to address health inequalities		Steering Group meeting 15th September. Interim report/meeting from Tim re progress to Area Committee. Commencing draft of leaflet, branding and potential launch event. Ensuring co-ordinated with city wide approach re new leaflet for city cycleways (Cllr J Kelly). Links and co-ordination required with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), plans re approach to city wide way marking and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes.)
	2. Maximising the Use of the Health Funds for use of Green/Open Space to address health issues (also links to Place) (Public Health funding £20k)		As No.1 above - Health Working group proposals
	3. Identify gaps in Mental Health Services for young people including what is already being developed and delivered by VCS and other partners. Also co-ordinate proposed activity with Member's 'No Health without Mental Health'. Mental Health Social Worker to be linked to the locality and training for Members.		VCS Network workshop discussed gaps in services. Good service provision in Washington. Main gaps and issues identified were communication, partnership approach and information sharing. The outcomes of the workshop were referred to the People Board's Health Group and included in the thinking re the recommendations re Washington Way to Well Being Programme.
	4. Consider initiatives to help residents - and in particular young people - manage money and debt		TBC
	5. Promote the take up of Health Champions Training including the Dementia Module and the promotion of dementia friendly communities		Dementia Awareness modules underway. Good attendance at all courses. Dates of next course: September 24th Lambton Village CA and October 2nd Rainbow Family Centre
	6. Influence work relating to Integrated Wellness Review recommendations		TBC
	7. Respond to issues raised through Sexual Health Review re locality needs		TBC
Adult Social Care	1. Determine best practice and added value that AC funded projects have brought to the ASC Framework.		Projects are currently being evaluated as they complete. Some SIB funding to be returned to the budget

	2. Ensure any proposed outcomes and initiatives are linked to the VCS - opportunities to develop collaboration and/or consortia working to deliver shared priorities		TBC
Community Inclusion and support for the VCS	1. VCS Network to continue to be the mechanism for collaboration and partnership working with the VCS re delivering shared priorities. Area Chair to continue role as Co Chair of Network. ACO continue to provide support and co-ordination re Area Network		VCS Network now met twice since last meeting. The first meeting looked at Health via a workshop with outcomes fed into the Strategic Health working Group - proposals are included in the report to the Board re further recommendations for spend.
	2. Review Terms of Reference of Area Networks – including roles and responsibilities of Area reps		Completed. Adopted at last meeting.
	3. Consider how to maximise and co-ordinate volunteering opportunities throughout Washington		Washington Trust now appointed the Volunteer co-ordinator. In post 1st October. Washington Volunteer forum to be set up.
	4. Consider continued support for young people to take forward initiatives develop capacity and engagement and encourage partnership working and participation		Ongoing via the Washington Youth Council, youth provider, and via any other projects or initiatives. To ensure involvement or consultation of young people where appropriate.
	5. Elected members to attend Youth Operational Group and receive regular updates on youth activity delivery		Met September - next block of XL provision agreed.
	6. Influence and support the delivery of youth activity in the Washington.		Youth contract report to September Board
	7. Consider opportunities for young people to support the delivery of area priorities - links to health and well being initiatives and environmental/physical improvements and neighbourhood enhancements.		Ongoing via the Washington Youth Council, youth provider, and via any other projects or initiatives. To ensure involvement or consultation of young people where appropriate.
Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning	1. Continue to monitor the School Opportunities Project.		Detailed update included in Project Update report. 38 young people engaged. 107 family members or peers engaged. Project now operating out of Albany Centre. Joint working with YOP. SNCBC now Princes Trust accredited. <u>Marketing of project underway.</u>
	2. Agree project proposal building on best practice of current Youth Opportunities Project to continue to improve skills, education and employment opportunities for Washington Young People		SIB full application to be presented to Area Committee for a decision October 16th
	3. Deliver Skills Conference for Washington Young People		Work now underway re the organisation of the young people's conference. Date November 12th. The conference will deliver a full day engagement, interaction and networking event for Young People and Employers and will showcase 'Washington is working for you'. The event will celebrate the achievements of Young People who have been part of the School Opportunities and Youth Opportunities projects; have an interactive element for young people to increase their employability skills; provide an opportunity for Young People and Washington Businesses to come together and discuss employment opportunities and what employers expect from employees: and a session for employers to increase their knowledge and understanding of what is happening in Washington. This conference will encourage Cllrs to engage with business face to face; will provide opportunities for business to business networking; will increase young people's knowledge of employability requirements; showcase and celebrate the success of Washington Area Committee projects for Young people and employer engagement; and provide young people with the opportunity to learn employability skills. Currently some consultation work is taking place to shape the content to that which would encourage attendance by young people

	4. Continuing to work with local businesses (through SCC Business Investment Team) to engage them in AC priorities, key messages and overarching outcomes		Stephen Baker (Corporate Comms) to attend September board to confirm corporate approach to business engagement and propose local actions and activity. This will be via established social media networks, utilising current initiatives and opportunities such as the young person's conference event.
	5. Consider how FACL provision can be best utilised to assist delivery of AC priorities and outcomes		TBC
	6. Consider options for schemes to provide support for local residents to access appropriate 'employability' support and help those residents who experience problems accessing JC+ provision, and providing the required evidence to enable compliance and avoid repercussions. (Consider West Job Club provision)		Job club proposal (Based on West Project) to be considered at next board meeting
Safer Washington	1. Maintain key partnerships and collaborative working re LMAPs, links with Safer Sunderland Partnership priorities re reducing crime and disorder.		Joint Police and cllr meetings scheduled for the rest of this year
	2. Establish collaboration and partnership working re shared priorities for a Safer Washington.		N/A
	3. Ensure Sulgrave and Concord Neighbourhood Management Model links with other initiatives to add value to the approach and assist with sustainability		Update circulated to Members
Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee	1. Develop New Relationship with Schools		TBC
	2. Improve access to green/open/blue space, to support further participation in physical activities. (Greenspace Grant of £20k per area).		Included within the Strategic Health Working Group proposals
	3. Review of Museum Services		TBC