

## **WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held in the Library, Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.**

#### **Membership**

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

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**4.\* Washington Area Budget Report**

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\* Denotes an item relating to an executive function

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**19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024**

# Item 1d

**At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE, THE OVAL, CONCORD, WASHINGTON, on THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024 at 6.00p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Warne in the Chair

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

**Also in Attendance:-**

Sandra Stephenson	-	Partnership and Community Resilience Manager (Washington), SCC
Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Marc Morley	-	Director of Environmental Services, Sunderland City Council
Neighbourhood Sergeant Duffy	-	Police
Station Manager Kevin Montgomery	-	TWFRA
Jo Buckley	-	Area Network Representative
Mark O. Connor	-	Gentoo
Steve Lowther	-	Gentoo

And Members of the Press and Public

**Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Laws, D and H Trueman and M. Walker also apologies from Inspector Hewitt

**Declarations of Interest**

Washington Area Budget Report - Item 4 Annex 1 – Application No. 1 – NEET Project

Councillor Warne made an open declaration on this application as he had been asked to become a Trustee of ODYPP and that whilst this had not been made official, he would not take part in the deciding of this project.

Councillor Williams also advised that she was about to join their consortium and therefore also did not take part in the deciding of this project.

### **Minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record

### **Partner Agency Reports**

#### **a) Northumbria Police**

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Neighbourhood Sergeant Duffy was in attendance on behalf of Inspector Hewit to present the report and informed the Committee of a spike in ASB around the Galleries Shopping Centre area with assaults and public disorder offences. A number of young people had been brought into custody and dealt with.

In terms of shoplifting, a number of custodial sentences given to the perpetrators had seen a decrease in figures.

Councillor Williams welcomed the work going on around the Galleries Shopping Centre, hoping that this decrease in incidents would continue and commented that it was interesting to see how the funding provided by the Galleries for extra resources would operate in practice and if this meant that there would be a gap left elsewhere in Washington.

Neighbourhood Sergeant Duffy confirmed that there would be no gaps as the funding was to provide two extra officers to deal with the Galleries area specifically, so this would result in the freeing up of the existing officers to cover the rest of Washington.

In response to Councillor F. Miller raising that there was more instances of vehicle crime in Teal Farm due to residents not reporting, Neighbourhood Sergeant Duffy commented that he would check to see if anything had been raised and asked that all residents report instances as they wanted to know about crimes and they were here to support them and the more reports they had the better the idea of what was going on could be obtained.

In response to Councillor Fletcher's query, Neighbourhood Sergeant Duffy advised that they were hoping deploy Officers around Concord every weekend with some part of the plans to conduct license checks and to help the door security. He could not promise it would definitely be every weekend but it would certainly be much more often than currently.

Councillor Fletcher commented that Members had also been promised contact details of the team should they have an emergency and requested this be fed back for action. Neighbourhood Sergeant Duffy commented that he was more than happy for his contact details to be circulated and he would provide these.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked Neighbourhood Sergeant Duffy for his attendance.

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

**b) TWFRS**

The Tyne and Wear Fire Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided performance-monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024, compared with the same period in 2022

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Station Manager Kevin Montgomery was in attendance to present the report to Members and was on hand to answer any queries.

Councillor D. E. Snowden commented that it was alarming in relation to the figures around Washington Central Ward and Princess Anne Park and that these could potentially rise once Summer came and suggested the need for some joined up work with the Police on this. Mr Montgomery advised that the Charts gave a trend over the times the incidents occurred and would help in giving them a strategy to tackle this.

Councillor Snowden commented that they really needed to work with the schools on this also. The Chairman informed that the Pheonix Project was due to target the Washington Schools. Sandra Stephenson Partnership and Community Resilience Manager (Washington), advised that hopefully they would start to see an impact from the activities of the Phoenix Project very soon.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked Mr Montgomery for his attendance.

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

**c) Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network**

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Jo Buckley, VCS Representative presented the report on behalf of the Network and advised there had been one meeting since the last Area Committee and had received information on the free Membership scheme with Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance and the support available along with sharing information and emerging issues they had faced over the recent weeks. These included increased numbers of home schooled children and level of need when attending sessions, working families affording school holiday childcare and recent changes in community banking requirements.

Councillor Williams commented that the number of children being homeschooled was a concern as it wasn't always in the child's best interests and suggested that Scrutiny was needed on this and there was a need to engage families and get these children back into school.

The Chairman referred to paragraph 3.6 of the report and cautioned that we could see an explosion of need by the end of the month with many more people being moved onto Universal Credit.

There being no further questions or comments, The Chairman thanked Ms Buckley for her report, and it was:-

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

**d) Gentoo**

Gentoo provided a report to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period December 2023 to March 2024.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Mark O'Connor, Gentoo presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

In response to a query from Councillor Champman regarding the District Heating system and issues residents were facing from massive bills being received and if they were to receive any support, Mr O'Connor advised that he would take this issue back and get an answer for the Member.

Mr O'Connor also advised that he would find out more info relating to the solar

panels and if any servicing was to be done in the near future as requested by Councillor F. Miller. With regards to certain properties in Harraton not being earthed, Mr Steve Lowther advised that an EICR Programme on each property was to be carried out and if residents had any concerns they should ring up and they would send out an electrician.

Councillor Williams referred to Gentoos chosen charity of Love Amelia and wished to congratulate them on their choice commenting that they were an amazing charity. Councillor Williams also referred to paragraph 4.5 XL Bullies and enquired as to how many tenants had these. Mr O'Connor advised that he did not have the exact figures and it wasn't a massive amount but he would find this out.

Councillor Fletcher questioned the 4-6 week completing timescale listed under paragraph 4.6 of the report -Concord/Usworth Roofing, commenting that these seemed most excessive to complete works and suggested this was a typo and should be 4-6 days. Mr O'Connor acknowledged that this did seem excessive and he would check to see if this was a typo.

Councillor P. Walker referred to paragraph 3.5 Site Garages and enquired if there was anything that could be done to ensure that those who had the garages kept up the maintenance as expected within the covenants. Mr O'Connor advised that he would investigate the covenants further and get back to Members.

At this juncture the Chairman introduced Mr Steve Lowther to provide a presentation on the works done by Gentoo in relation to Damp and Mould in their properties. A copy of the presentation had been circulated as part of the agenda papers.

Councillor Williams commented that overall, the work being done as shown in the presentation was really good however wished to raise that there had been two families that had now been dealt with but only due to Members intervention and going directly to the CEO and she was absolutely appalled by the standards of what these families had been living in. Councillor Williams commented that it shouldn't be the case that works were only done once the CEO had been approached and she really hoped that these works were going to improve the situation and we needed to get this right for future.

Councillor F. Miller advised of a Homelessness Working Group recently attended and wished to thank Gentoo for being the only ones to submit a presentation. Councillor Miller also referred to a couple within her Ward that had found spores upon obtaining loft insulation and enquired if this was a common occurrence. Mr Lowther advised that it was common with a programme in place for loft insulation that they found instances of mould during works and that it could also be a consequence of the types of roofs they had but he would take this on board.

Councillor Fletcher commented that it was refreshing to see that this issue was being tackled but also advised of occasions where she had to go to the

CEO also and it was so sad that it had taken a death (nationally) for social housing providers to take notice of the issue. Mr Lowther agreed and commented that it was not acceptable to suggest it was a lifestyle issue which had been used previously and Members could rest assured that Gentoo were taking a proactive and empathetic approach on this.

The Chairman thanked Mr O'Connor for the report and Mr Lowther for his presentation commenting that he really hoped they managed to get the situation of Damp and Mould tackled.

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

### **Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance**

Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide an update from the Alliance on current SVSA developments, projects and priorities and to encourage collaborative working and two way communication covering the period of October 2023 – February 2024

(for copy report – see original minutes)

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

### **Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026**

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

7. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Considered the progress and performance update with regard to Washington Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026; and
- ii) Considered the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Area Priorities, for information purposes only.
- iii) Considered and agreed the streets/schemes listed within the report for inclusion in the Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2024-2025



## Washington Area Budget Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

Ms Stephenson advised that the issue of the Washington West Community Chest application had now been resolved and therefore Area Committee consideration was no longer required.

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

8. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2 of the report.
- ii) Approved £45,556 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project for the NEET Project as detailed in Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Approved £3560 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to Donwell CA towards the Community Assets Project as detailed in Annex 1 of the report
- iv) Noted the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023/2024 as detailed in Item 4 Annex 2 of the report

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) J. WARNE,  
Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

#### 1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Washington area between the following 8-week period (14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024)

#### 2.0 Key Updates

##### Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Overall we are sat in line with the data from the last 2 years with just a couple of areas where there has been an increase. The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are violence against the person and theft offences. Which is identical to the last period. The area with the most crimes recorded is The Galleries and then Sulgrave.

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

##### **Burglary Dwelling**

We have seen a reduction in these offences compared to the last period. There are still several plans in place and additional resources to assist. This has already started to bear fruit with a significant decrease in offending over the last month which should return us to our usual lower level of crime recording.

##### **Burglary Commercial**

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

##### **Vehicle crime**

This is the main area we have seen an increase in. An operational order is in place and a number of arrests have been made – correspondence has been sent out from Sergeant Liam Duffy regarding this with further media releases having been sent out this week. Enquiries are ongoing however following the activity and the action taken by Police we have already seen a huge decrease in offences over the last fortnight. Work is still ongoing, and rest assured that we will continue to tackle this.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour**

ASB: 8-week period to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

In this 8-week period there have been 216 ASB incidents, a small increase from my last report. Most of the disorder is around neighbour disputes and motor cycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in Oxclose and Rickleton with several key addresses identified. Work is ongoing with these addresses to resolve the issues and deal with the offending parties. The teams work closely with both Gentoo and Sunderland Council ASB and housing teams to tackle these issues.

In relation to Motorcycle ASB, we have a dedicated team set up to combat this who continuously return good results. They are tasked across the Area Command so not solely for Washington however my teams work closely with them to ensure the issues in Washington are addressed.

We are currently tracking at levels in line with previous years. The team are working on our summer tasking and will be focusing on our hotspots. The summer plan focuses on the galleries and the parks/open areas. We have made several arrests for acquisitive crime offences including burglary, vehicle crime and shop theft. Sergeant Liam Duffy meets regularly with The Galleries management to discuss plans and talk through roles and responsibilities. It is worth noting that we have seen huge decrease in ASB incidents at The Galleries when at the start of the year this was our highest area for ASB and it is now third lowest.

## **Summer Plan Update**

We have now moved into the summer/lighter nights tasking. This historically sees ASB reduce in housing estates and retail premises e.g The Galleries but sees an increase in parks and open spaces. The neighbourhood teams are fully aware and briefed regarding conducting tasking in the parks and we will continue to work closely with our colleagues from TWFS to ensure they are supported when dealing with fires, youth ASB.

**REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7006 Hewitt**

# Item 2b

05<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Committee area from 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 – 05<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### 2 Background

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

### 3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

#### 3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

#### 3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Level 4	Incident Count
Washington North	3	House - single occupancy	3
Washington South	3	Education	1
Washington East	1	Private garage	1
Washington Central	0	Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	Tunnel, subway	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

7 Deliberate property fires, compared to 5 in the same period last year (40% increase).

#### 3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count	Property Level 3	Incident Count
Washington North	2	Car	3
Washington East	1	Van	1
Washington South	1		
Washington Central	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

4 Vehicle fires reported during this period which is up from 2 last year (100% increase). Washington North has seen an increase from 1 to 2 vehicle fires TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified. Hot Strikes have been conducted where appropriate to do so.

### 3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Washington North	20
Washington South	10
Washington Central	4
Washington East	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	8
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	8
Wheelie Bin	8
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	5
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	4
Refuse/rubbish tip	3
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Scrub land	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

38 Secondary fires when compared to 45 last year (15% reduction) Washington North 186% (20 up from 7), Washington South 43% rise (10 up from 7), Washington Central 64% reduction (4 down from 11) and Washington East has seen a substantial reduction of 80% (4 down from 20).

### 3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

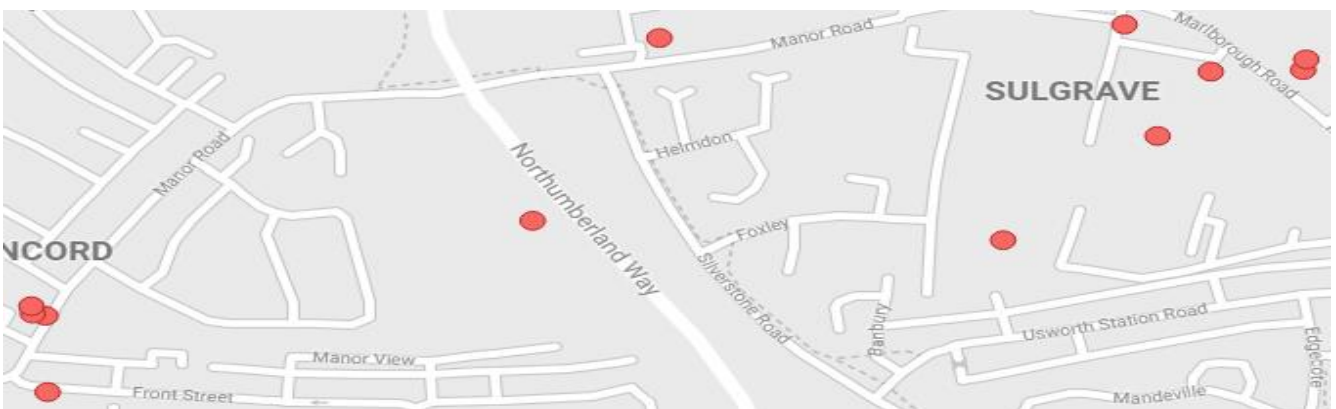
Ward Name	Incident Count
Washington North	25
Washington South	14
Washington East	6
Washington Central	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
49	52	-5.77 %

### Ward Breakdown and hotspot analysis

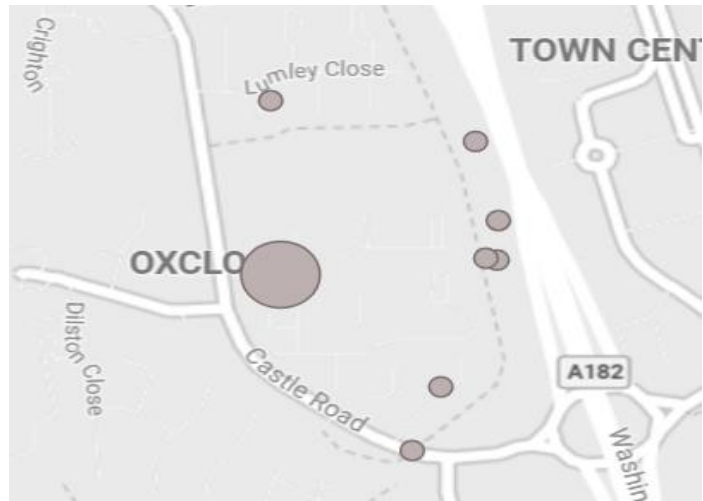
Washington North 212% increase. 25 up from 8.



Out of 25 incidents, 5 were loose tree scrub, 5 were wheelie bins and 2 were vehicle fires. The main area of ASB activity in this reporting period is around Marlborough Road, seeing 5 incidents, these incidents vary from a fire in a playground, a vehicle and a bin. ASB activity on Manor Road has led to 4 incidents, 2 of which were wheelie bins.

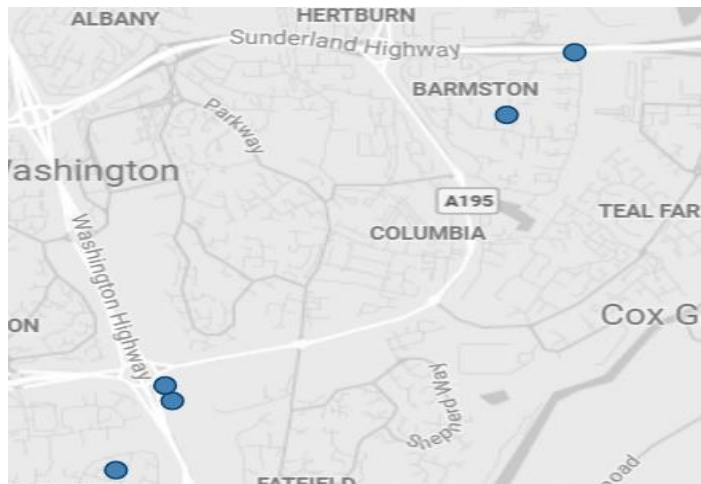
**Washington South 100% increase. 14 Up from 7.**

Out of 14 incidents, 4 were loose refuse and 3 were wheelie bins. The ASB hotspot area over this reporting period is in Oxclose, between Castle Road and Washington Highway. FRS volunteers have been in this area putting stickers on bins and engaging with the public around this issue. FRS appliances have increased visibility in this area and rubbish uplift patrols. Violence at work has occurred to our crews once in this reporting period. (missiles / abuse).



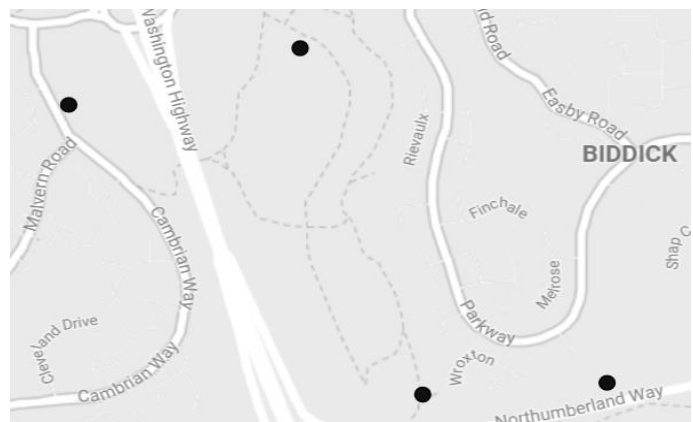
**Washington East 22% reduction. 6 down from 24.**

Out of the 6 incidents, 4 were loose refuse / rubbish tip. There are no patterns on property types. The fires within this reporting period are spread over the ward area and no hotspot areas of concern in the reporting period.



**Washington Central 69% reduction. 4 down from 13.**

4 Tree scrub and grassland fires. The fires within this reporting period are spread over the ward area and no hotspot areas of concern in the reporting period.



### 3.6 Community Involvement

Date	Watch	Location
04/03/2024	Green	Wessington Primary School
06/03/2024	Blue	Wessington Primary School
11/03/2024	Red	Fatfield Primary School
21/03/2024	Green	Prince's Trust @ Sierra - Prince's Trust Training Activity
27/03/2024	Red	Columbia Grange Primary School
10/05/2024	Green	New Penshaw Academy
13/05/2024	White	St Joseph's Primary
20/05/2024	White	St John Boste Primary
23/05/2024	Green	Columbia Grange Primary School

Throughout the reporting period, operational crews have attended 9 events in the local area. Into June and July, operational crews will support 5 sessions with Together for Children and the Wear bus amongst other engagements.

The Prince's Trust currently has an attendance of 7 and has grown from an average of 4 attendees following successful links with the Job Centre and HMRC. If partners have any links with individuals 16-25 Not in Employment Education Training (NEETS). These would be welcomed, contact: John.Anderson@txfire.gov.uk.

The Diversionary Activities team have delivered the first phase of the Phoenix Project in Washington school in March, the second phase of this is 17th -19th June. St Roberts School will also be booked in before the end of July. Work is ongoing to get into the schools within close proximity to the hotspot area. Establishing communication and gaining dates with schools has been difficult due to exam periods. Any assistance in this area would be appreciated.

Washington crews have completed 170 Safe and Wells visits in the reporting period under the new system that targets those at higher risk and who are most vulnerable.

### 3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce hotspot incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews.

Over this reporting period there was 1 attack on crews in Washington South in the Oxclose area (missiles).

## 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the content of this report. Promote the Fire Stoppers reporting number in community groups to drive down deliberate fires.

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



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27th June 2024

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

**1. Purpose of the Report**

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

**2. Background**

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

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

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

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

3.1 The Washington VCS Network met in person in April and June 2024

3.2 The April meeting included the following agenda items:

- Music Hubs introduction from Together for Children

The June meeting included the following agenda items:

- Culture House Update
- Family Hubs Update Together for Children

3.3 Liam gave an update on Sunderland Music Hub and what their out of school and community provision is.

**Key points:**

- If you are supporting a young person or a group of young people and music is there thing, then Sunderland Music Hub are here to help make the music happen!
- Two different offers, one to schools and one to out of school provisions.

Sunderland Music Hub delivers, supports, and champions music making activity across the city. They aim to unlock musical potential and ensure young people have opportunities to progress regardless of their background.

3.4 Leanne Littlewood provided the meeting with an update on the progress of Culture House.

- 3.5 Helen Errington from Together for Children provided an update on the work of Family Hubs and how local community members can get involved.
- 3.6 Members of the Network shared information on emerging issues they have faced over recent weeks, including increased numbers of home schooled children and level of need when attending sessions, working families affording school holiday childcare and recent changes in community banking requirements causing issues for some groups.
- 3.7 The Network were reminded that the meeting is to meet their needs and asked to feedback to their representatives should they have a particular request, to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

#### **4. Recommendations**

##### 4.1 Members are requested

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

#### **5. VCS Rep Contact**

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3.1 The Washington VCS Network met in person in February 2024

3.2 The February meeting included the following agenda items:

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

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

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

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

#### **4. Recommendations**

##### 4.1 Members are requested

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

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27 June 2024

**REPORT OF GENTOO****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee for the period March 2024 to June 2024.

**2 Background**

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

**3 Update on Neighbourhood Services**

- 3.1 **2024 Year End Performance:** Key headlines on Appendix 1 and Appendix 2

- 3.2 **Housing Turnover within the Washington Wards:** I have detailed for your information the turnover of homes in Washington during 2023/24:

<b>Estate</b>	<b>Number of Properties</b>	<b>Number of Re-Lets</b>	<b>Percentage of Turnover</b>
Biddick	111	14	12.60%
Harraton	220	12	5.50%
Rickleton	101	9	8.90%
Washington Village	38	0	0.00%
Ayton	123	6	12.60%
Columbia	363	41	4.90%
Lambton	253	21	8.30%
Oxclose	470	62	13.20%
Glebe	384	21	5.50%
Sulgrave	430	43	10.00%
Concord Park/Oval	318	17	5.30%
Blackfell	208	20	9.60%
The Dales	87	7	8.00%
Barmston	481	24	5.00%
Usworth	221	17	7.70%
Coach Road Estate	266	8	3.00%
Springwell Village	65	3	4.60%
Albany	350	18	5.10%
The Lakes	68	0	0.00%
Donwell	175	13	7.40%
New Concord	116	11	9.50%
Hertburn	238	9	3.80%
Fatfield	200	9	4.50%

- 3.3 Update on Tenancy Sustainment Fund:** As you will recall from our previous reports, we shared with members that in July 2023 Gentoo Board approved several measures to support tenancy sustainability. At the close of the financial year over two hundred customers benefited from support through the fund, one hundred and forty of these customers who were housed with us on a priority basis, received carpets in their new homes. The Group has made a commitment to continue this support in 2024/25.
- 3.4 Complaints Drop In:** Following the Housing Ombudsman Event which Gentoo hosted, our customers told us it would be beneficial for different service areas to be out in the community, making ourselves as accessible as possible for customers to report concerns. The first 'Complaint Drop In' event took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 (two sessions) in Washington as the first trial area. The sessions were well received, nineteen customers attended, and we are in the process of arranging follow up actions to ensure we act on customer feedback. Due to its success, we will now arrange further sessions throughout the other areas of the city to ensure we hear from a wider customer base.
- 3.5 Apprentice Recruitment:** We are delighted to have twenty-seven apprenticeships available on this year's intake, the most we have offered in over 10 years. We are also pleased to be able to support our customers by guaranteeing interviews for Gentoo customers who meet the relevant criteria. The apprenticeships are in varied parts of the business and include:
- Bricklaying • Engineering Technician (Building Services) • Business Administration • Electrical • Fire Alarm Engineer • Gas • Housing and Property Management • Joinery • Paralegal • multi-maintenance • Plastering • Plumbing • Roofing • Construction Support Technician (Surveying - Damp Inspection).
- 3.6 The Big Lunch – Farringdon:** The Big Lunch is the UK's annual get-together for neighbours and communities, with millions of people coming together for a few hours of friendship, food, and fun. It connects people and encourages friendlier, safer communities where people start to share more – conversations, ideas, skills, resources, and friendship.

In May 2024, the Gentoo Neighbourhood Team arranged a 'Big Lunch' with support from the St Chads Ward Councillors, teams from Sunderland City Council, Love Amelia (the Groups Charitable Partner), Police, Fire Service, BAM – Building Local School, MP Bridget Phillipson, and Youth Almighty Project.

Over forty-two families from the Farringdon area attended the event, where they enjoyed hog roast sandwiches and ice creams as well as speaking to the organisations in attendance, while the children had Glitter Tattoo's, took part in a Sunflower Competition and 'Create your own Grow Bags.'

We requested feedback regarding the local area and what improvements can be made to improve Farringdon. We are currently reviewing the suggestions and considering what we can put in place to listen to the community.

## 4. Property, Investment and Renewal

**4.1 Asset Plan 2024/2025:** see appendix 3.

**4.2 Property Update:** see appendix 4. Other headline information:

Average days for a routine repair appointment - 20 days,  
 Emergency repairs completed on time – 99%,  
 Non-emergency repairs completed on time – 66%,  
 Repairs completed right first time – 97%.  
 Satisfaction with the Repairs Service – 79%

- 4.3 **Albany Internal Modernisations (Washington):** Completed 139 properties (Jan 2024) for Kitchen modernisations and asbestos checks/removal in association with Contractors Equans. 11 properties remaining on programme..
- 4.4 **District Heating Scheme (Washington – Albany & Oxclose):** 866 new boilers installed with 88 remaining (954 total) – expected completion summer/autumn 2024.

## 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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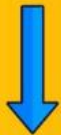
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# Supporting our customers Housing Teams

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Arrears **£269k**  
under target



**100.56%**  
rent collection

**£500k**

Tenancy  
Sustainment  
Fund

Void loss  
**100k**  
under target



**105** Ready to Let  
44 less than 22-23



**302** voids  
107 less than 22-23

**£1.9m**  
additional income  
for customers



**£1.7m**  
water discount  
for customers



**802** Crisis Fund referrals  
totalling **£41.8k**

Building on  
**HENNE**  
partnership



FTA collected  
**112.32%**  
of the target



More than **100,000**  
calls answered by  
Housing Teams



# Supporting our customers

## Safety and Support Teams

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**1214** involvement events and activities across 8 schemes



**1379** equipment and adaptation referrals

**545** assisted viewings

**1364** Victim Support referrals received

of which **216** customers were supported

of those **70%** supported were due to domestic abuse

**377** category 1 ASB cases closed

**465** Positive Engagement referrals received



of which **155** customers were supported

**81%** of those supported were due to mental health

**294** safeguarding alerts received from colleagues



**902** SNQRs received from trades



young people supported in Holmewood

**253** Outreach referrals completed

## Property Maintenance Headlines 2023/24



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\*Numbers rounded for presentation

## REPORT OF SUNDERLAND VOLUNTARY SECTOR ALLIANCE

### 1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update form SVSA for the Washington Area Committee for the period of March 2024 – May 2024

### 2 Background

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

### 3 General Update

- 3.1 Since March 2024 we have grown our membership figures to 140 unique VCSE organisations based or delivering in Sunderland.
- 3.2 We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Volunteer Co-ordinator Network in the Coalfield locality (27 attendees) an Ageing well Network in the East locality (33 attendees)
- 3.3 All remaining employees completed their TUPE transfer, therefore as of 1<sup>st</sup> Aprill all employees are officially employed by SVSA.
- 3.4 We have reached out to members sharing a Volunteer Needs Survey to identify what community and corporate volunteering needs are in the city.

### 4 Funding and Investment

- 4.1 We linked up with Karbon Homes (Surgeries held in the East locality) and Community Foundation (event held in Coalfield locality) and Breez programme (surgeries held in East locality) to facilitate conversations between these funders and the sector.
- 4.2 We were nominated for and attended the Sunderland City Council Stars 2024 awards, for Partnership of the year. This was recognition for the partnership we have developed with SCC procurement team and

celebrating the great work we have achieved working and delivering our Social Value Programme.

- 4.3 Launched our Community Transport Grant to the sector, receiving 30 EOI and 19 applications.
- 4.4 We have supported Funding applications collectively worth a total value of £347K.
- 4.5 A total of 4 social value opportunities have been successfully completed, with a total value of £4182.

## **5 Sector Support**

- 5.1 **56** VCSE organisations have been supported (of which 18 were new organisations March-May 2024)  
**4** Social Value opportunities have been delivered.  
**3** Training Events have been hosted with a total of **59 attendees**.

## **6 Communications and Engagement**

- 6.1 We have presented at East, West and Coalfield Locality Area arrangements networks.
- 6.2 We have launched our Sunderland **Volunteering** online enquiry form for individuals wanting to volunteer in Sunderland.
- 6.3 We featured in the Voluntary Organisation's Network North East (VONNE) funders Network E Bulletin.
- 6.4 We produced and circulated our April 2024 E Bulletin with the sector.

## **7 Trustee update**

- 7.1 In April we held a Development Day with our Board of Trustees to re visit our strategic vision for 2024/2025. We used this as a celebration event and invited our Operational Board and Staff to mark our 1 year anniversary as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

## **8 Future developments**

- 8.1 Following our first 2 Volunteer Networks and in partnership with Sunderland VCSE sector we are developing the format for further networks and a Volunteer Passport scheme.
- 8.2 Over the summer we are facilitating a 'Bridging the Gap' Network Event, focusing on VCSE organisations that are delivering to individuals furthest from the job market and impacted by the cost of living crisis.
- 8.3 We have sourced a CRM System for our organisation and will be developing this over the coming months.
- 8.4 Community Transport Grants will be awarded.
- 8.5 Holding further training, surgeries and events including funding drop-ins and outreach sessions in each locality.
- 8.6 Developing a Volunteering E Bulletin to be distributed during Volunteer week.

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## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

### Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2024-2025.

#### 2. Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 3.1 Attached as **Annex 1** is the Washington Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.2 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress for information purposes only.
- 3.3 The Neighbourhood and Community Board discussed and are to recommend that the Ward Improvement Budget be retained within the Neighbourhood Fund and allocated for Area specific priorities. All decisions will be made by full Area Committee. Recommendation is contained in **Item 4 Area Budget Report**
- 3.4 In March 2024 the Board agreed to allocate £80,000 towards a Call for Projects for release to the Voluntary and Community Sector network for activities for young people. June Area Committee are to consider the applications received with full details included in **Item 4 Section 2.4, Annex 1.**
- 3.5 In March 2024 the Neighbourhood and Community Board received a presentation on the proposals for Washington Town Board.

### **4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:**

- 4.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Washington Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026.
- 4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

Annex 1 – Washington Area Delivery Plan

Annex 2 – Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Washington Area Priorities

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Sandra Stephenson, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager

## Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2023 / 2026



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

<b>Vibrant Smart City - Priorities and Actions 2023-26</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
A plantation and tree management programme	Project now complete. Considerable amount of work completed around Washington.
Washington Clean and Green project	Project extension agreed at Area Committee in June 23 to 2025. Regular Steering Group meetings are held, where locations and workplans are agreed. A wet spring had impacted upon some of the possible tasks, however 23 litter picks and 12 clearances had taken place.
Support for VCS organisations and community hubs	Project now complete, all funding allocated. During the year the remaining balances for Community Asset funding was allocated across 5 community and youth venues to improve internal and external aspects of the buildings; including heating, lighting, roof repairs to a total value of £27,870
Community events	No events were scheduled for the first quarter of 2024. Events will continue through 2024 starting with the 1940's weekend celebration in Springwell.
A Heritage and Culture strategy/programme	A Heritage networking event took place in February which was very well attended. The small grants funding opportunity continues to be promoted with groups encouraged to submit applications to support the delivery of a programme of events for Washington 60. The Partnership continue to be heavily involved in supporting Washington 60 planning.
The Washington Ward Improvement Programme	Project complete - Remaining balances returned to Neighbourhood Fund.



A road safety and VAS programme	There are currently 40 locations and 10 signs, which are rotated on a quarterly basis. The project continues to support the local community by making drivers aware of their vehicle speed and encourage drivers exceeding the advertised speed limit to reduce their speed. A new VAS site on Donvale Road has been requested and a suitable site has been identified. The site will be established in this financial year.
Public artwork & celebrations for Washington 60 / Galleries 50	A large number of school workshops have now been held across Washington since the launch in November, the competition is now closed and judging will take place in July with an award ceremony being held in Washington Arts Centre on 19 <sup>th</sup> July.
A Washington volunteer recognition project	A recognition presentation was held for the Clean and Green volunteers, where certificates were presented by Cllr Snowdon at Bowes Railway. Volunteers were also invited by the Mayor to have a tour of City Hall which was held in February.
Signage at Fatfield Riverside to incorporate the heritage and ecology of the area	Discussions with relevant service areas are ongoing.
A feasibility study for Fatfield Riverside & wider Washington	Feasibility study agreed at December Area Committee, work is currently underway to provide two costed schemes for consideration.
<b>Healthy Smart City - Priorities and Actions 2023-26</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
A programme of outreach youth provision	Complete - Update shared with members 15/8/23, project now complete. Ongoing discussions are being held with youth providers to ensure any new youth project ideas can be considered to meet identified need.
Neighbourhood management and enforcement	Project extension agreed at December Area Committee to continue until March 2026. Outcomes continue to be positive, residents engaged regarding bin presentation and improvements have been noted, dog fouling and high visibility patrols continue and feedback from the public is positive. Enforcement action continues to be issued.
Investment in parks and play areas	Harraton Park improvements are now complete utilising fixed play strategy funding. Recent update provided to members on Playzone.
Positive activities for young people during school holidays	A call for projects for Activities for Young People had seen 23 applications to deliver a variety of activities across all wards to cover all age ranges. Applications had been scored and ranked and will be presented to Area Committee in June.

Diversions activities for young people	TWFRS Phoenix project presented to members at December Area Committee. Project approved for x4 Secondary and x5 Primary schools to partake, each with 10 identified students – 90 across the year.
Contributed to the development of the Links for Life programme	Organisations delivering Links for Life have been supported with appropriate Community Chest funding and also one to one support from the Partnership & Community Resilience Manager.
Improved access to allotments and community gardens	Relevant service lead attended the November Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to update on continued work in and around allotments. Site visit had been carried out at allotments adjacent to Usworth Park and discussions were being held about their appropriate allocation.
A considered approach to park development, including ecological impact	Any discussions held around park development always include consideration for ecological impact.
<b>Dynamic Smart City – Priorities and Actions 2023-26</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
Supporting people into work	The REACT project has continued to be delivered with two part-time staff, providing access to the service for residents across four days per week. The REACT project has engaged 6 new customers in this quarter, with 2 clients from the caseload securing employment and two commencing occupational training.
Developing skills of young people	Can Do project now complete, residual remaining balance brought back into Neighbourhood Fund. A new project to develop skills of young people is being supported by the funding of a NEET project, agreed at March Area Committee. First quarter of delivery appears to be going well with some early outcomes already achieved.
Supporting young people to be more financially resilient	During the fourth quarter ShARP in Partnership with Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project have delivered a Fun with Finance interactive education programme to a small group of year 11 pupils from Oxclose Community Academy. A group of four post sixteen young people at Ayton Community Centre completed eight sessions focusing on Finance, with sessions delivered by staff from ShARP and Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project as well as outside agencies. Young People actively participated in group discussions and learning activities on a range of subjects including essential and non-essential spending, gambling, apprenticeship and living wage, bank accounts and savings and the dangers of borrowing money from loan sharks.

<p>Providing individual welfare and financial support</p>	<p>In quarter 4 WISP Advice Worker saw a significant increase in debt and debt repayment plans – this is when their money is currently being deducted from clients Universal Credit each month, leaving clients with a very low income to last them until their next payment date. WISP Advice Worker also noticed an increased rise in clients wanting information on how to claim Personal Independence Payments. 48 new clients presented to WISP for criteria to understand and check how to apply with a range of physical and mental health problems. A further 22 clients who were dyslexic and/ or had learning difficulties presented for WISP Advice Worker to read and explain the content of letters sent from DWP.</p> <p>With the migration of clients onto Universal Credit we have also seen clients presenting to WISP with concerns and worries about how the migration will affect them financially. The WISP Advice Worker carried out 72 better off calculations during this period with people that suffer from Mental Health problems.</p>
<p>Develop approach to consultation with communities/resident</p>	<p>Discussion have been held during VCS Network meetings about the opportunities to work with voluntary sector organisations to capture emerging issues and views of residents. Similarly, discussions are ongoing to engage Washington Youth Council with consultation opportunities where appropriate.</p>

Item 3 Annex 2

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

ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Washington Old School	In partnership with Strategic Housing, development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	7/22	11/23	Service is now fully operational, and all tenants have moved in.  Formal opening completed on 16/05/24
Washington Community Resource Centre	Redevelopment of building-based day care services	4/23	TBC	Building surveys have been undertaken by Property Services and improvement works have been identified. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the implementation of the improvement works.  Property Services are unable to take forward the required works in the day centres. Commissioning are continuing the discussions within the council in relation to options that can support Adult Services Directorate to take development work forward.
Moor Way	Development of extra care accommodation provision for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs, with partnership with the Housing provider	1/24	Completion early 2026	Land issues resolved. Anchor Housing have been identified as the housing provider. Discussions with Anchor are ongoing. A Care and Support Provider to be commissioned by the Council.

## CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration

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

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

**CITY DEVELOPMENT: Regulatory Services**

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Enforcement Project (currently AC funded)	<p>1 x Enforcement Officer <i>Enforcement Signage</i> <i>Replacement of wheellied bins/equipment in residential multi occupied properties</i> <i>10 Streetwatch cameras</i></p> <p>Proactive approach to complement and add value to the current Sunderland City Council and Gentoo provision and allow for the flexibility to respond to Councillors requests and reporting of incidents as well as forging relationships with, working in partnership with and supporting other current initiatives such as Clean and Green and Together Clean and Green.</p>	04/21	03/24	Regular updates are being provided through area funding processes, neighbourhood and community boards

**CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team**

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



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services**

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services**

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	September 2023	A report will be going to cabinet on 20 June to provide updates on progress with biodiversity promotion and effective sustainable weed management
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>As of the 29<sup>th</sup> May 19,699 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>Moving on from the Feb update the North Area is now complete and Survey work is now underway in the Coalfields.</p> <p>All work identified as part of the survey is prioritised inline with the Council's tree Policy and scheduled/ carried out accordingly.</p>
Plantation Programme	Plantation maintenance scheme	March 2023	April 2026	<p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 60,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Activity has decreased during the nesting season in order that we remain compliant with legislation, we can continue to deliver works but the pace of works is vastly reduced as we have to continually survey to woodland for nesting activity, leaving exclusion zones where nests are found. When the nesting period subsides later in the year our planation programme will pick up pace once again</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		We are continuing to explore other E solutions

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing of various options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	May 14 <sup>th</sup> Update. Installation of the new Vaisala weather monitoring & forecasting equipment at 5 key sites around the City, will commence as planned from May 26 <sup>th</sup> 2024, with completion expected in late June 2024

## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned community support services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	<p>UKSPF funds secured to support VCS in Sunderland to deliver 12 months of community support across the city. VCS providers will support the establishment of the Links for Life social prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery.</p> <p>The Links for Life platform is now live. You can access the platform here: <a href="http://www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk">www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk</a></p> <p>We have also attached useful information which includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meet the Links for Life team</i></li> <li>• <i>Discover the digital hub</i></li> <li>• <i>Become a member or use the hub for referrals</i></li> </ul>

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See the difference Links for Life activities are already making in communities</li> <li>• Get involved – help us promote Links for Life within your network and let us know about opportunities that the team could link in with.</li> </ul>
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB.
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	<p>The delivery of Financial Wellbeing support activities across services is nearing completion. From Jan 22 to date 170 of 175 actions in the delivery plan have been completed or mainstreamed as BAU – outstanding actions are expected to complete by June 24.</p> <p>Arrangements to close the project are in place, including revised governance arrangements. Also the relocation of the project into Strategic Advice Services to further embed Financial Wellbeing as BAU – post project.</p> <p>The project end date is 30/06/24</p>

## HEALTH, HOUSING & COMMUNITIES: Housing Development

Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams: Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported - 171	Washington Empty Homes - 32 Bungalows - 19 Supported - 25	Feb 2020	March 2026	Empty Homes - 8 Bungalows - 4 Supported – 23
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## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
The following ward shows a high prevalence of empty properties: <i>Washington North</i> The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.	This is not a specific project	In progress	Initial presentation complete  Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly	Work to further analyse council tax data has been undertaken following a small increase in empty homes was shown in the data received. It is acknowledged that the increase be attributed to more homes tipping from 0-3 months empty into 6 months + showing a need for more early intervention and preventative work. A revised loans and grants scheme has been launched which will assist in some way with this prevention work. Monthly analysis on empty homes officer caseloads has been undertaken and priority properties are under senior management scrutiny with clear plans of action regarding enforcement

## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

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

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

Weight management service	Establish 1 delivery site for targeted offer	5/23	12/23	Complete and operational - taking place at Washington Millennium Centre
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**HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well**

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

**TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs**

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Family Hub	<p>The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</p> <p>The aim of Family Hubs is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. To bring services together and make them more accessible, improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and put relationships at the heart of family support.</p> <p>Following a competitive bidding process, 14 trailblazers were selected and awarded additional funding to go further and faster in delivering some or all of the Start for Life services funded by the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme – peri-natal mental health and parent-infant relationships, infant feeding, and parenting support. Sunderland were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The Early Help workers</p>	2022	2025	<p><b>Rainbow Family Hub</b> Phase two of My Best Life website was launched at the beginning of May it now hosts SEND local offer and Family Information Service information.</p> <p>The site's main features include advertising and booking of Family Hub events and a library of resources that is maintained by the Family Hubs. The main benefit from this is families being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p> <p>As part of the Family Hub Community Grants, Sunderland Family Hubs have commissioned three providers from the Voluntary and Community Sector to further expand the wellbeing support for new mams through specific baby massage, baby yoga, 'mam and me' sessions.</p> <p>Launch of Ha'way the dads' Monthly activities session informed by consultation of dads. In addition to weekly dads' session being run</p>



	<p>complete a robust assessment and plan, provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p> <p><a href="https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life">https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</a></p>		<p>through the hubs by Northeast Young dads&amp; lads.</p> <p>MMR vaccinations are now being offered within the family hubs.</p> <p>Summer HAF offer will be supported by extension of funding via Household Support Fund Grant Funding.</p>
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<b>WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE</b> <b>June 2024</b> <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b>	
<b>Title of Report:</b> Washington Area Budget Report	
<b>Author(s):</b> Assistant Director Housing and Communities	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
<b>Description of Decision:</b>  Committee are requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2.</li> <li>b) Agree that the Ward Improvement Budget be retained within the Neighbourhood Fund and allocated for Area specific priorities. All decisions will be made by full Area Committee.</li> <li>c) Approve Neighbourhood Fund of <b>£10,000</b> to Sunderland City Council Highways for Resurfacing works as detailed in <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>d) To consider the 19 Neighbourhood Fund applications for Positive Activities for Young People as detailed in <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>e) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2024/2025 as detailed in <b>Item 4 Annex 2</b></li> </ul>	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? <span style="float: right;">Yes</span>	
<b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b> The Area Committee has an allocation of <b>£488,242</b> (including Youth allocation and budgets returned from previous year) for 2024/2025 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.	
<b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b> The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

### Washington Area Budget Report

#### 1. Purpose of Report

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

#### 2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2024/2025:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2024/2025 (£488,242 including funding for Youth Activity and budgets returned from previous year.)</b>					<b>£488,242</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>					<b>£488,242</b>

**Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2024 / 2025**

- 2.2 Washington Area Committee has an allocation of £488,242 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2024/2025.
- 2.3 The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend that the Ward Improvement Budget be retained within the Neighbourhood Fund and allocated for Area specific priorities. All decisions will be made by full Area Committee.
- 2.4 There are **20** applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration and approval as below and detailed in **Item 4 Annex 1**:

Project	Applicant	Amount
Resurfacing	1. SCC Highways	£10000
Activities for young people:		
	2 Minerva Arts & Wellbeing	£8500
	3 Minerva Arts & Wellbeing	£8500
	4 Minerva Arts & Wellbeing	£8500
	5 Building Blocks Day Centre	£10000

6	Sunderland Culture	£10000
7	Oxclose District YPP	£7983
8	Oxclose District YPP	£7983
9	Oxclose District YPP	£7983
10	Oxclose District YPP	£7983
11	Oxclose District YPP	£5070
12	Minerva Arts & Wellbeing	£8500
13	Minerva Arts & Wellbeing	£8500
14	Active Families	£5000
15	Active Families	£5000
16	Adventure into Art	£7500
17	Oxclose District YPP	£5021
18	Foundation of Light	£4790
19	Mindful Balance	£9086
20	Durham Wildlife Trust	£7905

### 3. Community Chest

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

3.2 The table below details of the Community Chest approvals supported April 2024 to March 2025, and the balance remaining.

Ward	2024/2025 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£975	£9,025
East	£10,000	£0	£1,182	£8,818
North	£10,000	£0	£975	£9,025
South	£10,000	£0	£3,010	£6,990
West	£10,000	£0	£1,475	£8,525
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£7,617</b>	<b>£42,383</b>

**Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2024 / 2025**

### 4. Recommendation

Committee are requested to:

- Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2.
- Agree that the Ward Improvement Budget be retained within the Neighbourhood Fund and allocated for Area specific priorities. All decisions will be made by full Area Committee.
- Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£10,000** to Sunderland City Council Highways for Resurfacing works as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 1**
- To consider the 19 Neighbourhood Fund applications for Positive Activities for Young People as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 1**
- Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2024/2025 as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 2**

#### Annexes

Annex 1

Neighbourhood Fund applications

Annex 2

Community Chest Approvals 2024/25

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## Application 1

Project Details	
Applicant	SCC Highways Services
Project Title	Highway Improvements
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Burnway resurfacing Washington West
Total Project Cost	£13,750
Match Funding	£3,750
Total NF Requested	£10,000
Project Start Date	1 July 2024
Project End Date	1 March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Albany - West ward

**ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
The project will provide resurfacing to part of the road at Burnway, Albany (no.s 13 - 40). This work will be undertaken by SCC Highways Operations Team. It will prevent further deterioration of road surface and reduce future maintenance costs. Once funding is secured, the works will be scheduled into the current programme, in line with other works in the area. Once an agreed date has been confirmed the works will take 2 days to complete.

FUNDING BUDGET	
	Overall Totals
Budget Heading/Item	NF
Highways resurfacing	£ 10000
	<b>NF Funding Total</b> £ 10000
<b>Notes</b>	

Outputs		
		Overall Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	<b>665m2</b>

**Recommendation – Approve**

Recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Vibrant Smart City Priority – Road Safety

## Application 2

The following applications were submissions for Positive Activities for Young People Call for Projects and are for Area Committee to consider approval.

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Minerva Arts & Wellbeing
<b>Project Title</b>	Innovation, creativity, engagement and fun: young people's activity programme in <b>Washington Central</b>
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We propose to deliver 19 sessions between July 2024 and 1st June 2025, offering a range of exciting, hands-on arts and creative activities. These activities are crafted to enhance children's learning and foster broader functional skills, complemented by a healthy snack provided during each session.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8500
<b>Match Funding</b>	£nil
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£8500
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	1 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Columbia CA

### **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
<p>Our project aims to provide enriching and educational activities for children living in the Washington Central area. These activities are designed to develop functional maths, English, arts and digital skills (such as weighing, measuring, writing, and using our iPads/tablets), and enhance confidence, social skills, and inclusivity. We have delivered similar projects in other areas of Sunderland over recent years to great impact, and have been successful through these projects in applying for and securing match funding to provide even more activity and added value to complement the funded provision. If successful in our application we would apply the same approach to this project, hopefully securing additional funding to enable us to deliver even more sessions as part of this programme, increasing the scale of the project with support from match funding if we are able to secure it.</p> <p>We will provide 19 sessions running until 30th May 2025:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ceramic Money Box: Participants in this activity will have the opportunity to craft their own ceramic money boxes, where they will learn immersive basic pottery skills and experience the mindful and wellbeing benefits of working with clay. Emphasis will be placed on creativity and craftsmanship, allowing children to express themselves</li> </ol>

artistically while gaining hands-on creative experience with clay. This activity will also serve as a platform to inspire discussions around basic budgeting and saving pocket money. It introduces important financial literacy concepts in a fun and accessible manner.

2. Ceramics Decorative Pinch Pots: Children will engage in creating decorative pinch pots using clay. Throughout this activity, participants will explore various shapes and textures, acquiring fundamental pottery techniques along the way.

3. Ceramics Fairy/Elf Door or Door Plaque: Participants will delve into the world of fantasy by designing and sculpting miniature fairy or elf doors using ceramic materials. This activity encourages imagination and storytelling, inviting children to bring magical characters to life through their creations.

4. Ceramic Christmas Baubles: During this festive activity, participants will mould and decorate ceramic baubles to use as holiday decorations. Children will have the opportunity to use paints, glazes, and embellishments to personalise their ornaments, adding a unique touch to their festive celebrations.

5. Ceramics Easter Bunny: Children will sculpt and paint ceramic Easter bunny figurines, embracing Easter themes and fostering creativity. This activity allows participants to create adorable decorations that capture the spirit of Easter.

6. Ceramic Pumpkin/Ghost: Participants will explore the Halloween spirit by moulding and sculpting clay into pumpkin or ghost shapes. Using carving tools or textures, participants will enhance their creations, making them perfect for Halloween decorations and imaginative play.

7. Fused Glass Coaster: Participants will design and assemble fused glass coasters, learning about glass compatibility and firing processes. Each coaster will serve as a functional piece of art, showcasing the participants' creativity in glass crafting.

8. Halloween Glass Jar Painting: Children will unleash their creativity by painting glass jars with spooky or whimsical Halloween designs. This activity allows participants to use glass paints or markers to create unique lanterns that add a creative touch to Halloween decorations.

9. Glass Christmas Bauble: Participants will decorate glass baubles with festive colours and patterns, honing their glass painting skills. Each child will create personalised decorations to adorn their Christmas tree during the holiday season.

10. Glass Easter Egg Bauble: Participants will design and decorate glass eggs with spring themes, embracing Easter colours and designs. These glass baubles will add a special touch to Easter celebrations, showcasing the participants' artistic flair.

11. Glass Tac Fused Tea Light Holder: Children will explore tack-fusing techniques to create stylish tea light holders using glass. Through this activity, participants will experiment with different textures and colours, resulting in functional and decorative pieces.

12. Batik Tie Dye T-Shirt: Participants will unleash their creativity by using tie-dye methods to create unique patterns on t-shirts. They will explore various colour combinations and techniques, allowing them to express themselves through wearable art.

13. Batik Tote Bags: Participants will design and dye tote bags with batik patterns using wax-resist methods. Each child will create a personalised tote bag that reflects their artistic vision and creativity.

14. Batik Rainbow Design Items: Children will experiment with vibrant colours and patterns to create rainbow-themed batik designs on various items. This activity encourages artistic exploration and colour blending, fostering creativity and expression.

15. Fragrances - Plain Soaps: Participants will learn basic soap-making techniques to create scented plain soaps. Each child will have the opportunity to customise their soap, gaining hands-on experience in fragrance and soap crafting.

16. Fragrances - Exfoliating Soaps: Participants will create exfoliating soaps with added textures and scents, exploring different exfoliants and fragrances. This activity promotes creativity and provides insight into soap making.

17. Fragrances - Candle Making: Children will dive into the art of candle making, customising fragrances and creating unique candles. Through melting wax, adding scents, and pouring into moulds, participants will craft their own candles to take home and enjoy.

18. Creating homemade bird feeders: To actively contribute to bird welfare, we will craft homemade bird feeders using lard balls and seeds. This hands-on activity allows participants to create nourishing treats for the birds, which they can later place in their gardens or local green spaces to provide vital sustenance.

19. Making lolly birdhouses: In addition to bird feeders, we will engage in a creative project by making lolly birdhouses. These miniature bird shelters, crafted from simple materials like lollipop sticks and glue, offer a fun and artistic way to contribute to bird conservation while learning about the needs of our feathered friends.

We would recommend that the Batik, Fragrance and Glass workshops are more tailored towards KS2 participants.

In terms of overall outcomes, the children will develop self-confidence, inter-personal, social and functional skills and they will make friends. Where possible, we will include time in local green space to encourage young people to be more active, have an improved knowledge of their community green space and be more motivated to get out into the fresh air, supporting active healthy lifestyles and helping to combat childhood obesity.

We will work with the team at Columbia Village Community Venue as well as engage the local community to ascertain the best times and days to run this project. Tailoring the schedule to best fits the needs of the community.

We will include a healthy snack each session, and we will engage with 130 individual children in total through this project, split into two groups - 4-7 year olds (reception / KS1) and 8-11 year olds (KS2). We will work with 10 children each session, please note some children may attend more than one session. We will provide 2 fully DBS-checked tutors each week and 1 will be a trained first aider.

Outputs		
		Overall Target
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	19
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	130
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	130



### Application 3

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Minerva Arts & Wellbeing
<b>Project Title</b>	Innovation, creativity, engagement and fun: young people's activity programme in <b>Washington South</b>
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We propose to deliver 19 sessions between July 2024 and 1st June 2025, offering a range of exciting, hands-on arts and creative activities. These activities are crafted to enhance children's learning and foster broader functional skills, complemented by a healthy snack provided during each session.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8500
<b>Match Funding</b>	£nil
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£8500
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	1 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Oxclose Church

### **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
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1. Ceramic Money Box: Participants in this activity will have the opportunity to craft their own ceramic money boxes, where they will learn immersive basic pottery skills and experience the mindful and wellbeing benefits of working with clay. Emphasis will be placed on creativity and craftsmanship, allowing children to express themselves artistically while gaining hands-on creative experience with clay. This activity will also serve as a platform to inspire discussions around basic budgeting and saving pocket money. It introduces important financial literacy concepts in a fun and accessible manner.
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5. Ceramics Easter Bunny: Children will sculpt and paint ceramic Easter bunny figurines, embracing Easter themes and fostering creativity. This activity allows participants to create adorable decorations that capture the spirit of Easter.
6. Ceramic Pumpkin/Ghost: Participants will explore the Halloween spirit by moulding and sculpting clay into pumpkin or ghost shapes. Using carving tools or textures, participants will enhance their creations, making them perfect for Halloween decorations and imaginative play.
7. Fused Glass Coaster: Participants will design and assemble fused glass coasters, learning about glass compatibility and firing processes. Each coaster will serve as a functional piece of art, showcasing the participants' creativity in glass crafting.
8. Halloween Glass Jar Painting: Children will unleash their creativity by painting glass jars with spooky or whimsical Halloween designs. This activity allows participants to use glass paints or markers to create unique lanterns that add a creative touch to Halloween decorations.
9. Glass Christmas Bauble: Participants will decorate glass baubles with festive colours and patterns, honing their glass painting skills. Each child will create personalised decorations to adorn their Christmas tree during the holiday season.
10. Glass Easter Egg Bauble: Participants will design and decorate glass eggs with spring themes, embracing Easter colours and designs. These glass baubles will add a special touch to Easter celebrations, showcasing the participants' artistic flair.
11. Glass Tac Fused Tea Light Holder: Children will explore tack-fusing techniques to create stylish tea light holders using glass. Through this activity, participants will experiment with different textures and colours, resulting in functional and decorative pieces.
12. Batik Tie Dye T-Shirt: Participants will unleash their creativity by using tie-dye methods to create unique patterns on t-shirts. They will explore various colour combinations and techniques, allowing them to express themselves through wearable art.

<b>Outputs</b>		
		Overall Target
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	<b>19</b>
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>130</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>130</b>

#### Application 4

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Applicant</b>	Minerva Arts & Wellbeing
<b>Project Title</b>	Innovation, creativity, engagement and fun: young people's activity programme in <b>Washington West</b>
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We propose to deliver 19 sessions between July 2024 and 1st June 2025, offering a range of exciting, hands-on arts and creative activities. These activities are crafted to enhance children's learning and foster broader functional skills, complemented by a healthy snack provided during each session.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8500
<b>Match Funding</b>	£nil
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£8500
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	1 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Springwell Village Community Venue

## ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

### Project Description

Our project aims to provide enriching and educational activities for children living in the **Washington West area**. These activities are designed to develop functional maths, English, arts and digital skills (such as weighing, measuring, writing, and using our iPads/tablets), and enhance confidence, social skills, and inclusivity. We have delivered similar projects in other areas of Sunderland over recent years to great impact, and have been successful through these projects in applying for and securing match funding to provide even more activity and added value to complement the funded provision. If successful in our application we would apply the same approach to this project, hopefully securing additional funding to enable us to deliver even more sessions as part of this programme, increasing the scale of the project with support from match funding if we are able to secure it.

We will provide 19 sessions running until 30th May 2025:

1. **Ceramic Money Box:** Participants in this activity will have the opportunity to craft their own ceramic money boxes, where they will learn immersive basic pottery skills and experience the mindful and wellbeing benefits of working with clay. Emphasis will be placed on creativity and craftsmanship, allowing children to express themselves artistically while gaining hands-on creative experience with clay. This activity will also serve as a platform to inspire discussions around basic budgeting and saving pocket money. It introduces important financial literacy concepts in a fun and accessible manner.
2. **Ceramics Decorative Pinch Pots:** Children will engage in creating decorative pinch pots using clay. Throughout this activity, participants will explore various shapes and textures, acquiring fundamental pottery techniques along the way.
3. **Ceramics Fairy/Elf Door or Door Plaque:** Participants will delve into the world of fantasy by designing and sculpting miniature fairy or elf doors using ceramic materials. This activity encourages imagination and storytelling, inviting children to bring magical characters to life through their creations.
4. **Ceramic Christmas Baubles:** During this festive activity, participants will mould and decorate ceramic baubles to use as holiday decorations. Children will have the opportunity to use paints, glazes, and embellishments to personalise their ornaments, adding a unique touch to their festive celebrations.
5. **Ceramics Easter Bunny:** Children will sculpt and paint ceramic Easter bunny figurines, embracing Easter themes and fostering creativity. This activity allows participants to create adorable decorations that capture the spirit of Easter.
6. **Ceramic Pumpkin/Ghost:** Participants will explore the Halloween spirit by moulding and sculpting clay into pumpkin or ghost shapes. Using carving tools or textures, participants will enhance their creations, making them perfect for Halloween decorations and imaginative play.
7. **Fused Glass Coaster:** Participants will design and assemble fused glass coasters, learning about glass compatibility and firing processes. Each coaster will serve as a functional piece of art, showcasing the participants' creativity in glass crafting.
8. **Halloween Glass Jar Painting:** Children will unleash their creativity by painting glass jars with spooky or whimsical Halloween designs. This activity allows participants to use glass paints or markers to create unique lanterns that add a creative touch to Halloween decorations.

9. Glass Christmas Bauble: Participants will decorate glass baubles with festive colours and patterns, honing their glass painting skills. Each child will create personalised decorations to adorn their Christmas tree during the holiday season.
10. Glass Easter Egg Bauble: Participants will design and decorate glass eggs with spring themes, embracing Easter colours and designs. These glass baubles will add a special touch to Easter celebrations, showcasing the participants' artistic flair.
11. Glass Tac Fused Tea Light Holder: Children will explore tack-fusing techniques to create stylish tea light holders using glass. Through this activity, participants will experiment with different textures and colours, resulting in functional and decorative pieces.
12. Batik Tie Dye T-Shirt: Participants will unleash their creativity by using tie-dye methods to create unique patterns on t-shirts. They will explore various colour combinations and techniques, allowing them to express themselves through wearable art.
13. Batik Tote Bags: Participants will design and dye tote bags with batik patterns using wax-resist methods. Each child will create a personalised tote bag that reflects their artistic vision and creativity.
14. Batik Rainbow Design Items: Children will experiment with vibrant colours and patterns to create rainbow-themed batik designs on various items. This activity encourages artistic exploration and colour blending, fostering creativity and expression.
15. Fragrances - Plain Soaps: Participants will learn basic soap-making techniques to create scented plain soaps. Each child will have the opportunity to customise their soap, gaining hands-on experience in fragrance and soap crafting.
16. Fragrances - Exfoliating Soaps: Participants will create exfoliating soaps with added textures and scents, exploring different exfoliants and fragrances. This activity promotes creativity and provides insight into soap making.
17. Fragrances - Candle Making: Children will dive into the art of candle making, customising fragrances and creating unique candles. Through melting wax, adding scents, and pouring into moulds, participants will craft their own candles to take home and enjoy.
18. Creating homemade bird feeders: To actively contribute to bird welfare, we will craft homemade bird feeders using lard balls and seeds. This hands-on activity allows participants to create nourishing treats for the birds, which they can later place in their gardens or local green spaces to provide vital sustenance.
19. Making lolly birdhouses: In addition to bird feeders, we will engage in a creative project by making lolly birdhouses. These miniature bird shelters, crafted from simple materials like lollipop sticks and glue, offer a fun and artistic way to contribute to bird conservation while learning about the needs of our feathered friends.

We would recommend that the Batik, Fragrance and Glass workshops are more tailored towards KS2 participants.

In terms of overall outcomes, the children will develop self-confidence, inter-personal, social and functional skills and they will make friends. Where possible, we will include time in local green space to encourage young people to be more active, have an improved knowledge of their community green space and be more motivated to get out into the fresh air, supporting active healthy lifestyles and helping to combat childhood obesity.

We will work with the team at the Springwell Village Community Venue as well as engage the local community to ascertain the best times and days to run this project. Tailoring the schedule to best fits the needs of the community.

We will include a healthy snack each session, and we will engage with 130 individual children in total through this project, split into two groups - 4-7 year olds (reception / KS1) and 8-11 year olds (KS2). We will work with 10 children each session, please note some children may attend more than one session. We will provide 2 fully DBS-checked tutors each week and 1 will be a trained first aider.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	<b>19</b>
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>130</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>130</b>

### Application 5

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Applicant</b>	Building Blocks Day Centre
<b>Project Title</b>	Growing Children's Skills, Creativity and Knowledge
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We will support children in Washington with additional and well-being needs to explore their creativity, develop new and existing skills and provide opportunities to culturally enriching opportunities.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£11800
<b>Match Funding</b>	£1800
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£10000
<b>Project Start Date</b>	31 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30 May 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Building Blocks Day Centre with x4 off-site trips

## **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

### **Project Description**

We want to enrich the lives of children with additional and well-being needs, so we are proposing to deliver a project made up of a series of arts and crafts activities designed to enhance their skills and champion a sense of belonging. This project will see us working with 20 children each quarter, providing children with opportunities for hands-on creative and memorable experiences. In total, we will deliver 40 sessions and work with 80 children. Sessions will be three hours in length and we will work with children in full disabled accessible learning spaces at our venue - Building Blocks Day Centre CIC. We have carefully thought about how we want to engage with children with additional needs so our craft activities have been carefully chosen to ignite imagination, develop skills and encourage mental health positivity. We have chosen craft favourites such as painting and clay modelling to more specialised techniques such as glass making and fabric painting, with each session offering a unique opportunity for children to explore their creativity and build confidence in their abilities. To promote inclusivity, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels seen, heard and valued. By specifically targeting children with additional needs, we aim to bridge the gap in access and opportunities to activities by providing a platform for personal growth and development. Through the creative process, we hope to empower the children to express themselves freely and discover their unique talents. The structure of our project is designed to maximise engagement and enjoyment. Over the course of five sessions, children will delve into a variety of craft activities, honing their skills and exploring their creativity. These sessions will serve as a foundation for children's creativity and at the end of the five sessions, children will take part in one of four exciting external trips. The external trips include Finchale Abbey, Sunderland Air Museum and Tanfield Railway. We have chosen these four venues as we believe it will bolster children's knowledge of local history, culture and creativity. Furthermore, we think it is important that we help to facilitate children engaging in cultural opportunities as not all families can afford for children to experience these experiences. We do not believe children should face cultural and social barriers due to factors out of their control. Snacks and drinks will be provided during sessions to ensure that children are fed and have the energy they need to embark on their creative endeavours. Transportation to and from external trips will be facilitated through our partnership with ELCAP, ensuring accessibility for all participants. Due to varying factors that affects many children's accessibility into creative opportunities has led us to be flexible in our approach to reaching those in need, which is why sessions will be scheduled on weekends, school holidays and midweek after school sessions. This ensures that we can accommodate diverse schedules and cater to the needs of those who may otherwise struggle to access our services. By offering multiple opportunities for engagement, we hope to reach as many children as possible and make a meaningful impact on their lives.

An example of the list of activities children will engage with are as follows -

- Watercolour painting
- Ceramics
- Glass Making
- Papier-mache
- Mandala Stone Painting
- Fabric Painting

TieDye  
Cross Stitch.

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	40
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	80
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	80

### Application 6

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Sunderland Culture
<b>Project Title</b>	Creative You
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	The project will support delivery of Creative You, a free to access programme of regular creative workshops for young people aged 11-19. Delivered from Arts Centre Washington, it will support three regular groups and holiday activities for young people from Washington.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 10000
<b>Match Funding</b>	£nil
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£10000
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 August 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	28 May 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Washington Arts Centre

### ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description
Creative You has provided high quality arts workshops for young people in Washington over the last two years, thanks to funding from Washington Area Committee. Over the



course of the project, we have engaged 984 young people. The current project funding expires in June and the offer for young people will cease.

With this new funding opportunity, we wish to launch a new phase of the Creative You offer. This will deliver three regular creative groups, offering young people aged 11 - 19 continued access to high-quality free arts workshops, alongside a school holiday programme, giving young people the opportunity to try new art forms, develop their skills and have their voices heard. The holiday programme will engage new participants and provide more opportunities for participation.

We will deliver three regular groups:

Washington Young Film Makers (School term time, fortnightly, free to access, 2-hour workshops). Open to young people aged 11 – 19 years old. The group will explore the craft of filmmaking, including scriptwriting, editing and producing film for screen.

Bright Lights Young Artists Collective (School term time, fortnightly, free to access, 2-hour workshops.) Open to young people aged 11-19 years old. Working with a series of guest artists, young people will be encouraged to develop their own artistic style and practice through creative workshops, share ideas with likeminded young people, meet and interview local professional artists and be inspired by their work and our exhibitions and programme.

Teenage Craft Club (School term time, fortnightly free to access, 2-hour workshops). Open to young people aged 11 – 19 years old. A group for young people to meet, learn and create. Learning craft skills with a variety of guest artists and makers. The crafters will have the chance to sell their work at the arts centre's craft fairs and hear from other local makers.

The project will also deliver:

School Holiday Workshops: (2 x 3 day, free to access holiday programme) Open to young people aged 11 – 19 years old. Alongside the regular groups we will deliver school holiday activities, during the October half term and Easter holidays. Example programme is a 3-day film holiday school to create a new short film or working with a local artist to create a mural. We have identified a need for this activity from feedback we have received from previous projects.

All groups will be celebrated at Arts Centre Washington's Bright Light Youth Arts Festival 2025 and will create work to be featured during the festival.

We have had proven success delivering engaging programmes for young people. Over the course of the last two years during the previous Creative You project:

- Washington Young Film Makers have produced 8 short films, been selected for Sunderland Shorts Film Festival and organised their own screening event.
- Bright Light Young Artists Collective had work exhibited in the Bright Lights Youth Arts exhibition, visited local galleries and created Illustration to be included in a publication created for Washington 60
- We have worked with young people from a diverse range of backgrounds including neurodivergent and home-educated young people.

We wish to build upon these experiences giving young people the opportunity to develop, build their aspirations and find out more about how arts can be part of their lives in the future.

We would continue working with local partners to ensure that young people are getting the best possible experiences and opportunities from taking part in the project. We have established partnerships working in film with Sunderland Shorts Film Festival, Animex Film Festival and have worked with Netflix and the National Association of Youth Theatres. Our Visual Arts partners include Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, National Glass Centre, Breeze Creatives and Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens. We also have strong existing connections to all Washington Secondary Schools and Washington Mind.

We have seen the impact of taking part in Creative You for young people:

“I used to be scared of speaking in front of, like, more than two people that I know, and now I’m comfortable with speaking to a larger group of people that I haven’t spoken to before. I definitely feel more confident in a lot of different things. Yeah, it’s made my dream even stronger.”

Creative You Participant

We strongly believe that participation in the arts encourages self-expression, builds confidence, and cultivates valuable skills providing young people with a creative outlet, promoting community engagement, and nurturing a culture of creativity and innovation.

Continuing the Creative You provision will provide a unique opportunity for Young People in Washington to grow, learn and develop - working with professional artists and connecting with other existing cultural provisions in the city and beyond.

This funding will provide a foundation on which to seek additional funding to sustain and expand the scope of the Creative You programme to include more regular free to access creative arts sessions for young people in Washington.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>80</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>80</b>
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Vibrant Smart City Outputs</b>	
309	number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	<b>2</b>
310	number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	<b>4000</b>

## Application 7

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Oxclose District Young Peoples Project
<b>Project Title</b>	Washington Central Holiday Activities
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	ODYPP would like to offer a varied and exciting programme of activities for local young people. Our activities programme will be inclusive to all young people in particular those in the 11-16 yrs age group that do not access and/or are illegible to attend local Holiday and Food (HAF) programmes
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8433
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 450
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 7983
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 June 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	19 July 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Pitstop

### **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
<p>The proposed project will be operational during the, 2024 summer holidays, October, Christmas, February, Easter and May half term school holidays of 2024/25. The sessions will be deliver to young People living Washington Central ward. This approach should ensure equality of opportunity and a fair distribution of resources. ODYPP will employ qualified and experienced youth work staff to deliver a creative and challenging programme of work. The programme will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences incorporating sport, outdoor activities, leisure, health and wellbeing, cultural and creative activities.</p> <p>Specific activities that we will deliver will be decided upon by young people to ensure that there is a good take up of the opportunities provided. Activities will also be varied to ensure they are responsive to the needs, interests and abilities of participants. Prior to delivery of the programme youth workers will consult with young people from the five Washington wards to find out the type of activities they would be most interested in engaging in. Consultation will be undertaken with young people in the wards via our outreach youth work team and youth centres. Activities will be provided on the days and at times of the week that young people would be most likely to participate. The project manager will contact local Cllrs in each of the five wards to discuss local hotspots, groups of young people identified by members and gaps in provision or current issues involving young people before activities are planned.</p>

The activity programmes will focus upon reducing levels of youth related anti-social behaviour focusing on hotspot areas with the aim to improve community cohesion and alleviating the additional stresses placed upon parents/carers during school holiday periods. All activities will be provided free of charge. All participants will be provided with a nutritious snack/meal during each activity.

We will promote the activities on offer via schools and via other local organisations in the area that work with young people. We will also promote our activity programme on our Facebook page which is widely used by local young people. We will acknowledge Washington Area Committee Sunderland City Council support on all of our publicity materials.

We will deliver a minimum of 20 sessions

- 4 x Summer Drop In holiday sessions
- 4 x Summer holiday Activity sessions
- 1 x October half term session
- 1 x October Drop In holiday sessions
- 1 x Christmas themed activity session.
- 1 x February half term drop in session
- 2 x activity sessions Easter
- 2 x Easter half term drop in sessions
- 1 x May Drop In half term drop in session

Activity sessions could include activities such as Quasar Laser, mountain biking, bushcraft skills, indoor team games, coasteering, rock climbing, watersports, golf and ice skating or seasonal themed activities (Halloween, Christmas, Easter). ODYPP will endeavour to ensure activities will take place in Sunderland utilising local facilities whenever possible, i.e. local cycle routes. ODYPP has qualified instructors, and own cycling and outdoor sports equipment which will help to reduce costs. Many young people, and particularly those from low income households, do not have the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning experiences such as these as the costs can be prohibitive. We will work with the Sunderland Climbing Wall and Marine Activity Centre, George Washington Golf Club and other local providers to ensure local businesses are supported and to negotiate reduced rates for local young people.

Drop in activity sessions will incorporate a choice of activities that could include sports, indoor team games, computer games, cookery, music, arts and crafts, team challenges, and quizzes. Activities will aim to raise young people's aspirations alongside providing a range of opportunities for informal education. Young people will be involved in planning the menus for the nutritious snack and groups will take turns in preparing the food for each session. The sessions will also provide opportunities for young people to gain accredited outcomes in Heart Start or first aid.

We will promote the '5 ways to wellbeing' within our plans for delivery to help ensure young people are aware of what constitutes a healthy lifestyle and feel positive about the actions they can take to live more healthily. We will work with young people to raise their awareness of the potential consequences of risk taking behaviour. Workers will offer information, support and guidance to help young people make informed choices about their actions.

ODYPP delivers the C-Card service and a smoking cessation service to young people. We will incorporate these services into our holiday time provision to ensure that we continue to contribute towards reduction rates for STIs, teenage pregnancies and smoking

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	112
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	220

### Application 8

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Oxclose District Young Peoples Project
<b>Project Title</b>	Washington East Holiday Activities
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	ODYPP would like to offer a varied and exciting programme of activities for local young people. Our activities programme will be inclusive to all young people in particular those in the 11-16 yrs age group that do not access and/or are illegible to attend local Holiday and Food (HAF) programmes
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8433
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 450
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 7983
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 June 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	19 July 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Pitstop

### **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
<p>The proposed project will be operational during the, 2024 summer holidays, October, Christmas, February, Easter and May half term school holidays of 2024/25. The sessions will be deliver to young People living Washington East ward. This approach should ensure equality of opportunity and a fair distribution of resources. ODYPP will employ qualified and experienced youth work staff to deliver a creative and challenging programme of work. The programme will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences incorporating sport, outdoor activities, leisure, health and wellbeing, cultural and creative activities.</p> <p>Specific activities that we will deliver will be decided upon by young people to ensure that there is a good take up of the opportunities provided. Activities will also be varied to ensure they are responsive to the needs, interests and abilities of participants. Prior to</p>

delivery of the programme youth workers will consult with young people from the five Washington wards to find out the type of activities they would be most interested in engaging in. Consultation will be undertaken with young people in the wards via our outreach youth work team and youth centres. Activities will be provided on the days and at times of the week that young people would be most likely to participate. The project manager will contact local Cllrs in each of the five wards to discuss local hotspots, groups of young people identified by members and gaps in provision or current issues involving young people before activities are planned.

The activity programmes will focus upon reducing levels of youth related anti-social behaviour focusing on hotspot areas with the aim to improve community cohesion and alleviating the additional stresses placed upon parents/carers during school holiday periods. All activities will be provided free of charge. All participants will be provided with a nutritious snack/meal during each activity.

We will promote the activities on offer via schools and via other local organisations in the area that work with young people. We will also promote our activity programme on our Facebook page which is widely used by local young people. We will acknowledge Washington Area Committee Sunderland City Council support on all of our publicity materials.

We will deliver a minimum of 20 sessions

- 4 x Summer Drop In holiday sessions
- 4 x Summer holiday Activity sessions
- 1 x October half term session
- 1 x October Drop In holiday sessions

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>112</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>220</b>

## Application 9

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Oxclose District Young Peoples Project
<b>Project Title</b>	Washington North Holiday Activities
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	ODYPP would like to offer a varied and exciting programme of activities for local young people. Our activities programme will be inclusive to all young people in particular those in the 11-16 yrs age group that do not access and/or are illegible to attend local Holiday and Food (HAF) programmes
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8433
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 450

<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 7983
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 June 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	19 July 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Sulgrave Centre

**ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

<b>Project Description</b>
<p>The proposed project will be operational during the, 2024 summer holidays, October, Christmas, February, Easter and May half term school holidays of 2024/25. The sessions will be deliver to young People living Washington North ward. This approach should ensure equality of opportunity and a fair distribution of resources. ODYPP will employ qualified and experienced youth work staff to deliver a creative and challenging programme of work. The programme will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences incorporating sport, outdoor activities, leisure, health and wellbeing, cultural and creative activities.</p> <p>Specific activities that we will deliver will be decided upon by young people to ensure that there is a good take up of the opportunities provided. Activities will also be varied to ensure they are responsive to the needs, interests and abilities of participants. Prior to delivery of the programme youth workers will consult with young people from the five Washington wards to find out the type of activities they would be most interested in engaging in. Consultation will be undertaken with young people in the wards via our outreach youth work team and youth centres. Activities will be provided on the days and at times of the week that young people would be most likely to participate. The project manager will contact local Cllrs in each of the five wards to discuss local hotspots, groups of young people identified by members and gaps in provision or current issues involving young people before activities are planned.</p> <p>The activity programmes will focus upon reducing levels of youth related anti-social behaviour focusing on hotspot areas with the aim to improve community cohesion and alleviating the additional stresses placed upon parents/carers during school holiday periods. All activities will be provided free of charge. All participants will be provided with a nutritious snack/meal during each activity.</p> <p>We will promote the activities on offer via schools and via other local organisations in the area that work with young people. We will also promote our activity programme on our Facebook page which is widely used by local young people. We will acknowledge Washington Area Committee Sunderland City Council support on all of our publicity materials.</p> <p>We will deliver a minimum of 20 sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x Summer Drop In holiday sessions</li> <li>• 4 x Summer holiday Activity sessions</li> </ul>

- 1 x October half term session
- 1 x October Drop In holiday sessions

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	112
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	220

### Application 10

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Oxclose District Young Peoples Project
<b>Project Title</b>	Washington South Holiday Activities
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	ODYPP would like to offer a varied and exciting programme of activities for local young people. Our activities programme will be inclusive to all young people in particular those in the 11-16 yrs age group that do not access and/or are illegible to attend local Holiday and Food (HAF) programmes
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8433
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 450
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 7983
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 June 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	19 July 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Ayton Centre

### ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description
The proposed project will be operational during the, 2024 summer holidays, October, Christmas, February, Easter and May half term school holidays of 2024/25. The



sessions will be delivered to young people living in Washington South ward. This approach should ensure equality of opportunity and a fair distribution of resources. ODYPP will employ qualified and experienced youth work staff to deliver a creative and challenging programme of work. The programme will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences incorporating sport, outdoor activities, leisure, health and wellbeing, cultural and creative activities.

Specific activities that we will deliver will be decided upon by young people to ensure that there is a good take up of the opportunities provided. Activities will also be varied to ensure they are responsive to the needs, interests and abilities of participants. Prior to delivery of the programme youth workers will consult with young people from the five Washington wards to find out the type of activities they would be most interested in engaging in. Consultation will be undertaken with young people in the wards via our outreach youth work team and youth centres. Activities will be provided on the days and at times of the week that young people would be most likely to participate. The project manager will contact local Cllrs in each of the five wards to discuss local hotspots, groups of young people identified by members and gaps in provision or current issues involving young people before activities are planned.

The activity programmes will focus upon reducing levels of youth related anti-social behaviour focusing on hotspot areas with the aim to improve community cohesion and alleviating the additional stresses placed upon parents/carers during school holiday periods. All activities will be provided free of charge. All participants will be provided with a nutritious snack/meal during each activity.

We will promote the activities on offer via schools and via other local organisations in the area that work with young people. We will also promote our activity programme on our Facebook page which is widely used by local young people. We will acknowledge Washington Area Committee Sunderland City Council support on all of our publicity materials.

We will deliver a minimum of 20 sessions

- 4 x Summer Drop In holiday sessions
- 4 x Summer holiday Activity sessions
- 1 x October half term session
- 1 x October Drop In holiday sessions

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>112</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>220</b>

## Application 11

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Oxclose District Young Peoples Project
<b>Project Title</b>	Washington West Holiday Activities
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	ODYPP would like to offer a varied and exciting programme of activities for local young people. Our activities programme will be inclusive to all young people in particular those in the 11-16 yrs age group that do not access and/or are illegible to attend local Holiday and Food (HAF) programmes
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£5070
<b>Match Funding</b>	£
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£5070
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 June 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	19 July 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Springwell Village Community Venue

### **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
<p>The proposed project will be operational during the, 2024 summer holidays, October, Christmas, February, Easter and May half term school holidays of 2024/25. The sessions will be deliver to young People living Washington West ward. This approach should ensure equality of opportunity and a fair distribution of resources. ODYPP will employ qualified and experienced youth work staff to deliver a creative and challenging programme of work. The programme will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences incorporating sport, outdoor activities, leisure, health and wellbeing, cultural and creative activities.</p> <p>Specific activities that we will deliver will be decided upon by young people to ensure that there is a good take up of the opportunities provided. Activities will also be varied to ensure they are responsive to the needs, interests and abilities of participants. Prior to delivery of the programme youth workers will consult with young people from the five Washington wards to find out the type of activities they would be most interested in engaging in. Consultation will be undertaken with young people in the wards via our</p>

outreach youth work team and youth centres. Activities will be provided on the days and at times of the week that young people would be most likely to participate. The project manager will contact local Cllrs in each of the five wards to discuss local hotspots, groups of young people identified by members and gaps in provision or current issues involving young people before activities are planned.

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We will promote the activities on offer via schools and via other local organisations in the area that work with young people. We will also promote our activity programme on our Facebook page which is widely used by local young people. We will acknowledge Washington Area Committee Sunderland City Council support on all of our publicity materials.

We will deliver a minimum of 20 sessions

- 4 x Summer Drop In holiday sessions
- 4 x Summer holiday Activity sessions
- 1 x October half term session
- 1 x October Drop In holiday sessions

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>61</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>150</b>

## Application 12

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Minerva Arts & Wellbeing
<b>Project Title</b>	Innovation, creativity, engagement and fun: young people's activity programme in Washington
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We propose to deliver 19 sessions between July 2024 and 1st June 2025, offering a range of exciting, hands-on arts and

	creative activities. These activities are crafted to enhance children's learning and foster broader functional skills, complemented by a healthy snack provided during each session.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8500
<b>Match Funding</b>	£
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£8500
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	19 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Harraton CA

**ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

<b>Project Description</b>
<p>Our project aims to provide enriching and educational activities for children living in the Washington East area. These activities are designed to develop functional maths, English, arts and digital skills (such as weighing, measuring, writing, and using our iPads/tablets), and enhance confidence, social skills, and inclusivity. We have delivered similar projects in other areas of Sunderland over recent years to great impact, and have been successful through these projects in applying for and securing match funding to provide even more activity and added value to complement the funded provision. If successful in our application we would apply the same approach to this project, hopefully securing additional funding to enable us to deliver even more sessions as part of this programme, increasing the scale of the project with support from match funding if we are able to secure it.</p> <p>We will provide 19 sessions running until 30th May 2025:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ceramic Money Box: Participants in this activity will have the opportunity to craft their own ceramic money boxes, where they will learn immersive basic pottery skills and experience the mindful and wellbeing benefits of working with clay. Emphasis will be placed on creativity and craftsmanship, allowing children to express themselves artistically while gaining hands-on creative experience with clay. This activity will also serve as a platform to inspire discussions around basic budgeting and saving pocket money. It introduces important financial literacy concepts in a fun and accessible manner.</li> </ol>

2. Ceramics Decorative Pinch Pots: Children will engage in creating decorative pinch pots using clay. Throughout this activity, participants will explore various shapes and textures, acquiring fundamental pottery techniques along the way.
3. Ceramics Fairy/Elf Door or Door Plaque: Participants will delve into the world of fantasy by designing and sculpting miniature fairy or elf doors using ceramic materials. This activity encourages imagination and storytelling, inviting children to bring magical characters to life through their creations.
4. Ceramic Christmas Baubles: During this festive activity, participants will mould and decorate ceramic baubles to use as holiday decorations. Children will have the opportunity to use paints, glazes, and embellishments to personalise their ornaments, adding a unique touch to their festive celebrations.
5. Ceramics Easter Bunny: Children will sculpt and paint ceramic Easter bunny figurines, embracing Easter themes and fostering creativity. This activity allows participants to create adorable decorations that capture the spirit of Easter.
6. Ceramic Pumpkin/Ghost: Participants will explore the Halloween spirit by moulding and sculpting clay into pumpkin or ghost shapes. Using carving tools or textures, participants will enhance their creations, making them perfect for Halloween decorations and imaginative play.
7. Fused Glass Coaster: Participants will design and assemble fused glass coasters, learning about glass compatibility and firing processes. Each coaster will serve as a functional piece of art, showcasing the participants' creativity in glass crafting.
8. Halloween Glass Jar Painting: Children will unleash their creativity by painting glass jars with spooky or whimsical Halloween designs. This activity allows participants to use glass paints or markers to create unique lanterns that add a creative touch to Halloween decorations.
9. Glass Christmas Bauble: Participants will decorate glass baubles with festive colours and patterns, honing their glass painting skills. Each child will create personalised decorations to adorn their Christmas tree during the holiday season.
10. Glass Easter Egg Bauble: Participants will design and decorate glass eggs with spring themes, embracing Easter colours and designs. These glass baubles will add a special touch to Easter celebrations, showcasing the participants' artistic flair.
11. Glass Tac Fused Tea Light Holder: Children will explore tack-fusing techniques to create stylish tea light holders using glass. Through this activity, participants will experiment with different textures and colours, resulting in functional and decorative pieces.
12. Batik Tie Dye T-Shirt: Participants will unleash their creativity by using tie-dye methods to create unique patterns on t-shirts. They will explore various colour combinations and techniques, allowing them to express themselves through wearable art.

13. Batik Tote Bags: Participants will design and dye tote bags with batik patterns using wax-resist methods. Each child will create a personalised tote bag that reflects their artistic vision and creativity.
14. Batik Rainbow Design Items: Children will experiment with vibrant colours and patterns to create rainbow-themed batik designs on various items. This activity encourages artistic exploration and colour blending, fostering creativity and expression.
15. Fragrances - Plain Soaps: Participants will learn basic soap-making techniques to create scented plain soaps. Each child will have the opportunity to customise their soap, gaining hands-on experience in fragrance and soap crafting.
16. Fragrances - Exfoliating Soaps: Participants will create exfoliating soaps with added textures and scents, exploring different exfoliants and fragrances. This activity promotes creativity and provides insight into soap making.
17. Fragrances - Candle Making: Children will dive into the art of candle making, customising fragrances and creating unique candles. Through melting wax, adding scents, and pouring into moulds, participants will craft their own candles to take home and enjoy.
18. Creating homemade bird feeders: To actively contribute to bird welfare, we will craft homemade bird feeders using lard balls and seeds. This hands-on activity allows participants to create nourishing treats for the birds, which they can later place in their gardens or local green spaces to provide vital sustenance.
19. Making lolly birdhouses: In addition to bird feeders, we will engage in a creative project by making lolly birdhouses. These miniature bird shelters, crafted from simple materials like lollipop sticks and glue, offer a fun and artistic way to contribute to bird conservation while learning about the needs of our feathered friends.

We would recommend that the Batik, Fragrance and Glass workshops are more tailored towards KS2 participants.

In terms of overall outcomes, the children will develop self-confidence, inter-personal, social and functional skills and they will make friends. Where possible, we will include time in local green space to encourage young people to be more active, have an improved knowledge of their community green space and be more motivated to get out into the fresh air, supporting active healthy lifestyles and helping to combat childhood obesity.

We will work with the team at the Harraton & District Community Association as well as engage the local community to ascertain the best times and days to run this project. Tailoring the schedule to best fits the needs of the community.

We will include a healthy snack each session, and we will engage with 130 individual children in total through this project, split into two groups - 4-7 year olds (reception / KS1) and 8-11 year olds (KS2). We will work with 10 children each session, please note some children may attend more than one session. We will provide 2 fully DBS-checked tutors each week and 1 will be a trained first aider.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	19
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	130
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	130
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	130

### Application 13

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Applicant</b>	Minerva Arts & Wellbeing
<b>Project Title</b>	Innovation, creativity, engagement and fun: young people's activity programme in Washington
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We propose to deliver 19 sessions between July 2024 and 1st June 2025, offering a range of exciting, hands-on arts and creative activities. These activities are crafted to enhance children's learning and foster broader functional skills, complemented by a healthy snack provided during each session.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8500
<b>Match Funding</b>	£
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£8500
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	1 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	The Millennium Centre

## **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

### **Project Description**

The proposed project will be operational during the, 2024 summer holidays, October, Christmas, February, Easter and May half term school holidays of 2024/25. The sessions will be delivered to young people living in Washington North ward. This approach should ensure equality of opportunity and a fair distribution of resources. ODYPP will employ qualified and experienced youth work staff to deliver a creative and challenging programme of work. The programme will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences incorporating sport, outdoor activities, leisure, health and wellbeing, cultural and creative activities.

Specific activities that we will deliver will be decided upon by young people to ensure that there is a good take up of the opportunities provided. Activities will also be varied to ensure they are responsive to the needs, interests and abilities of participants. Prior to delivery of the programme youth workers will consult with young people from the five Washington wards to find out the type of activities they would be most interested in engaging in. Consultation will be undertaken with young people in the wards via our outreach youth work team and youth centres. Activities will be provided on the days and at times of the week that young people would be most likely to participate. The project manager will contact local Cllrs in each of the five wards to discuss local hotspots, groups of young people identified by members and gaps in provision or current issues involving young people before activities are planned.

The activity programmes will focus upon reducing levels of youth related anti-social behaviour focusing on hotspot areas with the aim to improve community cohesion and alleviating the additional stresses placed upon parents/carers during school holiday periods. All activities will be provided free of charge. All participants will be provided with a nutritious snack/meal during each activity.

We will promote the activities on offer via schools and via other local organisations in the area that work with young people. We will also promote our activity programme on our Facebook page which is widely used by local young people. We will acknowledge Washington Area Committee Sunderland City Council support on all of our publicity materials.

We will deliver a minimum of 20 sessions

- 4 x Summer Drop In holiday sessions
- 4 x Summer holiday Activity sessions
- 1 x October half term session
- 1 x October Drop In holiday sessions



CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	19
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	130
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	130
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	130

#### Application 14

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Active Families
<b>Project Title</b>	Pitstop Active Camp
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Working in partnership with Oxclose District Young People's Project, Pitstop Active Camp will be scheduled to take place in school holidays for children aged 6-11years. Sessions will include a hot meal/packed lunch and will include working in partnership with Clean and Green to deliver community clean up's.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£5000
<b>Match Funding</b>	£0
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£5000
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Pitstop Youth Centre

#### **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
Active Families North East working in partnership with Oxclose District Young Peoples Project propose to play activities for children of primary school age 6-11 years or 5-11 years if older siblings are in attendance in the Pitstop Youth Centre, Washington Central ward, reducing instances of inactivity, hunger and isolation. We will offer play sessions during school holidays as follows: 1 session each week in the 6 weeks summer holiday 2024, 1 session in October half term 2024, 1 session in the Christmas holiday 2024, 1 session in February half term 2025, 2 sessions in the Easter holidays 2025 and 1

sessions in May half term 2025. All sessions will be 3 hours for staff (2 hours face to face delivery) - 12 sessions will be delivered in total. Sessions will be delivered from Pitstop Youth Centre and weather permitting we will also utilise outdoor space in the park. We will arrange two out of centre visits and will visit Seaburn beach (summer term) and will also consult with the children to provide a trip in the Easter 2025 provision. We will consult with Elected Members, children, schools and families to plan activities which will coincide with either a midday or evening mealtime and a healthy hot meal or packed lunch will be provided as part of the session. Where possible we will encourage children to develop their independent living skills by making healthy meals as part of the activities. We will provide a minimum of 30 hours face-to-face activity with 15 children attending each session, planning and preparation time has been allocated for staff, who will evaluate each session and take this learning into the development of future sessions.

We will link with Clean and Green - Community Opportunities to ensure that environmental projects are linked into the delivery of sessions to encourage children to look after their local area, make a difference and being responsible citizens and sessions will undertake a community clean up in the local area.

Sessions will be delivered by qualified Play or Sports Coaches. One member of staff in the activities will be a trained Tier One Mental Health Practitioner having undertaken ICAMHS training. This will ensure that sessions are inclusive and that we have capacity to support children with emotional and mental health issues. Activities will include arts and crafts, board games, cooking activity, outdoor play, physical activities (group and team games using sports equipment/parachute) etc. To address inactivity, we offer activities that encourage physical exercise through participation in treasure hunts, litter picks and gardening, as examples. Sessions will provide positive activities to meet each individual child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their skills, knowledge and abilities. Children's input to planning, delivery and evaluation will be recorded to ensure we meet each child's individual needs. Photographs will be taken as evidence and evaluation and feedback will be provided at the end of the project.

Active Families North East plan to engage with 35 individual children from the Washington Central ward area throughout this proposed project. We aim to reduce the number of children who experience feelings of isolation during holiday periods. This will be done by providing the children with a safe, welcoming place to meet, participating in activities utilising outdoor space as much as the British weather allows while socialising with peers and Active Families North East staff, offering the children the chance to engage in positive experiences that help develop life skills. This will include activities such as following the nature trail and walk, carrying out activities in the community and general arts/crafts activities.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>35</b>

206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>180</b>
209	Number of litter picks/community clean ups carried out	<b>2</b>

### Application 15

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Active Families
<b>Project Title</b>	Sulgrave Active Camp
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Working in partnership with Oxclose District Young People's Project, Sulgrave Active Camp will be scheduled to take place in school holidays for children aged 6-11years. Sessions will include a hot meal/packed lunch and will include working in partnership with Clean and Green to deliver community clean up's.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£5000
<b>Match Funding</b>	£
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£5000
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Sulgrave Youth Centre

**ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
Active Families North East working in partnership with Oxclose District Young Peoples Project propose to play activities for children of primary school age 6-11 years or 5-11 years if older siblings are in attendance in the Sulgrave Centre, Washington North ward, reducing instances of inactivity, hunger and isolation. We will offer play sessions during school holidays as follows: 1 session each week in the 6 weeks summer holiday 2024, 1 session in October half term 2024, 1 session in the Christmas holiday 2024, 1 session in February half term 2025, 2 sessions in the Easter holidays 2025 and 1 sessions in May half term 2025. All sessions will be 3 hours for staff (2 hours face to face delivery) - 12 sessions will be delivered in total. Sessions will be delivered from Sulgrave Centre and weather permitting we will also utilise outdoor space in the park. We will arrange two out of centre visits and will visit Seaburn beach (summer term) and will also consult with the children to provide a trip in the Easter 2025 provision. We will consult with Elected

Members, children, schools and families to plan activities which will coincide with either a midday or evening mealtime and a healthy hot meal or packed lunch will be provided as part of the session. Where possible we will encourage children to develop their independent living skills by making healthy meals as part of the activities. We will provide a minimum of 30 hours face-to-face activity with 15 children attending each session, planning and preparation time has been allocated for staff, who will evaluate each session and take this learning into the development of future sessions.

We will link with Clean and Green - Community Opportunities to ensure that environmental projects are linked into the delivery of sessions to encourage children to look after their local area, make a difference and being responsible citizens and sessions will undertake a community clean up in the local area.

Sessions will be delivered by qualified Play or Sports Coaches. One member of staff in the activities will be a trained Tier One Mental Health Practitioner having undertaken ICAMHS training. This will ensure that sessions are inclusive and that we have capacity to support children with emotional and mental health issues. Activities will include arts and crafts, board games, cooking activity, outdoor play, physical activities (group and team games using sports equipment/parachute) etc. To address inactivity, we offer activities that encourage physical exercise through participation in treasure hunts, litter picks and gardening, as examples. Sessions will provide positive activities to meet each individual child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their skills, knowledge and abilities. Children's input to planning, delivery and evaluation will be recorded to ensure we meet each child's individual needs. Photographs will be taken as evidence and evaluation and feedback will be provided at the end of the project.

Active Families North East plan to engage with 35 individual children from the Washington North ward area throughout this proposed project. We aim to reduce the number of children who experience feelings of isolation during holiday periods. This will be done by providing the children with a safe, welcoming place to meet, participating in activities utilising outdoor space as much as the British weather allows while socialising with peers and Active Families North East staff, offering the children the chance to engage in positive experiences that help develop life skills. This will include activities such as following the nature trail and walk, carrying out activities in the community and general arts/crafts activities.

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205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>35</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>180</b>
209	Number of litter picks/ community clean ups	<b>2</b>

## Application 16

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Adventure into Art
<b>Project Title</b>	Community Ceramics Project for Young People in Washington North
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We will deliver a community ceramics project that engages young people in Washington North to explore their creative talents breakdown the barriers that prevent people from engaging in the arts. The children involved will also take part in a community ceramics exhibition.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£7500
<b>Match Funding</b>	£
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£7500
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 August 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	30 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Ceramics workshop within Building Blocks Day Centre

### **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
<p>In Washington North there is a significant disparity in access to creative activities and opportunities for young people, particularly in practical crafts such as ceramics. Young people who come from disadvantaged backgrounds most commonly miss out on opportunities to engage with the arts and pursue their creative goals, therefore this proposal aims to bridge this gap by providing a comprehensive ceramics programme that not only introduces young people to the world of pottery but also fosters their creativity, self-expression and personal development in a safe and inclusive environment. We will deliver 20 sessions from our studio space in Washington North. We have our own large pottery studio situated in Building Blocks Day Centre.</p> <p>Objectives: The programme will offer a structured curriculum encompassing various aspects of ceramics, ensuring that participants receive a comprehensive introduction to the craft. Engaging Activities: Activities will be designed to captivate the interest of young people, incorporating elements of hands-on learning, creative expression, and collaborative working. Feedback: Feedback will be gathered at the end of each session to assess the effectiveness of the programme and gather input from participants for ongoing improvement. Where necessary, we will make improvements and amendments</p>

to project delivery so the young people taking part get the most out of taking part in it. We will do all we can to reach out to young people who are currently not accessing any services or activities due to various barriers, including socio-economic disadvantage and lack of opportunities or knowledge. Targeted Outreach: Efforts will be made to identify and engage with young people from marginalised communities, including those living in low-income households or facing other forms of social disadvantage, with a particular focus on those living in poverty, digital poverty, young unpaid carers and those whose families have been impacted by the cost-of-living crisis. Assessing Community Need: A comprehensive assessment and analysis of existing youth activities in the area has been conducted to identify gaps and opportunities for collaboration. This will allow us to make and accept referrals into other services that provide young people with additional opportunities to engage in the arts, culture, sport, digital services and so much more. The ceramics programme will be designed to complement rather than duplicate existing offerings, ensuring that it adds value to the community and meets the unique needs of participants. Specialist Artists/Tutors: The programme will benefit from the expertise of two experienced ceramic artists and educators who are well-versed in both the technical aspects of ceramics and the pedagogical methods best suited for engaging young learners. Innovative Activities: In addition to traditional pottery techniques, the programme will incorporate innovative approaches such as ceramic sculpture, glaze experimentation, and kiln firing, allowing participants to explore a wide range of artistic possibilities. How we will market the project: Strategic Marketing: Promotional efforts will be strategically planned to maximise visibility and engagement, leveraging the reach of the Washington Sunderland Community Facebook page and other relevant social media platforms. We will tag the Washington Sunderland Community Facebook and use approved logos on all promotion and literature. Community Engagement: In addition to online promotion, efforts will be made to engage directly with the community through outreach events, IAG sessions and partnerships with local decision makers and partner organisations.

Overview: The proposed programme will consist of a series of ceramics workshops and courses designed specifically for young people aged 7-16 from diverse backgrounds. These activities will be delivered by experienced ceramic artists who are passionate about nurturing young talent and fostering a love for ceramics.

#### Activities:

Introduction to Ceramics Workshop: A workshop introducing participants to the basic techniques of pottery making, including hand-building, slab, coil and forma building.

Hands-on Learning: Participants will have the opportunity to practice fundamental techniques under the guidance of skilled instructors, gaining confidence and proficiency in working with clay. Exploratory Exercises: Interactive exercises and demonstrations will encourage experimentation and creativity, allowing participants to discover their own unique artistic style. Weekly Ceramics Club: Weekly sessions where participants can further explore their creativity, learn advanced techniques, and work on individual projects under the guidance of skilled instructors. The weekly ceramics course will be staggered to allow multiple groups to take part and experience the full experience of working with clay, ceramic tools and glazes. Skills Development: Each session will focus

on a specific aspect of ceramics, such as glazing, sculpting, or surface decoration, providing participants with the opportunity to deepen their understanding and refine their skills. **Community Ceramics Project:** A collaborative project where participants work together to create a large-scale ceramic artwork that reflects their shared experiences, values, and aspirations. **Community Engagement:** The artwork will be displayed publicly, highlighting the talent of the participants while also fostering a sense of pride and ownership within the community. We will display the project in our studio and work with community partners to display the exhibition in various venues. **Ceramics Exhibition and Showcase:** A culminating event where participants can exhibit their creations to the wider community, celebrating their achievements and promoting the value of creative expression among young people. We will work closely with community partners, the VCS, Washington Area Committee and Sunderland City Council to ensure the project and exhibition is engaged with on a largescale. **Celebration of Achievement:** The exhibition will provide participants with a platform to showcase their work and receive recognition for their efforts, boosting self-esteem, confidence and a sense of achievement and pride. **Community Outreach:** The showcasing of the work will be open to the public, inviting community members to support and celebrate the creativity of local youth, thus fostering connections and strengthening community bonds. **Creating a Safe Space:** Central to our approach is the creation of a safe and inclusive space where young people feel welcomed, valued, and empowered to express themselves freely. To achieve this, we will: **Implement a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination, bullying, or any form of harassment:** Clear guidelines and protocols will be established to ensure that all participants feel safe and respected at all times. **Establish clear guidelines for behaviour and conduct:** Ground rules will be established at the outset of the programme, emphasising the importance of mutual respect, active listening, and constructive communication. **Timeline:** The proposed programme will be fully delivered by 1st June 2025, with activities scheduled to commence in July 2024 and run through May 2025. We will deliver 20 events during this period and then a further session for learners to help support in the set-up of the exhibition. We will five sessions in each quarter. **Promotion and Outreach:** To ensure maximum reach and participation, we will utilise the Washington Sunderland Community Facebook social media page as one of the primary platform for promoting our activities. Additionally, we will engage with local schools, community centres/organisations, and youth groups to spread awareness and encourage enrolment onto the project. Furthermore, we will promote the project on our own social media pages and promote the project at VCS meetings, through our contacts at external organisations and through using printed literature.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>120</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>120</b>

207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	<b>120</b>
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### Application 17

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project
<b>Project Title</b>	Washington Youth Council
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	To facilitate a group of young people in Washington to meet their aims of representing local young people, giving young people a voice and promoting positive images of young people, including a family fun day comprising of free attractions for children and young people in celebration of International Youth Day.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£5346
<b>Match Funding</b>	£325
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£5021
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	1 June 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Ayton Centre & pitstop

### **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

Project Description
<p>Oxclose &amp; District Young Peoples Project would like to relaunch and facilitate Washington Youth Council who are a group of young people aged 11-19 living in Washington. The aims of Washington Youth Council are; to represent local young people, give young people a voice and to promote positive images of young people. Unfortunately due to changes in funding at the end of the last financial year, regular work with Washington Youth Council has been unable to take place and ODYPP would like to relaunch the group with some experienced and existing members and to include new young people including those who do not currently attend any other youth provision. To promote and celebrate the relaunch and to invite interest from potential new youth council members ODYPP and Washington Youth Council would like to host a family fun day at the Pitstop and Glebe Park on August 13th 2024. The event will also be held in celebration of International Youth Day. We aim to provide fun, free attractions for children</p>



and young people of all ages including face painters, inflatables, a petting farm and balloon artist. We are aware that keeping children and young people entertained during school holiday periods can be expensive for parents and in particular during the current cost of living crisis when parents may not have spare money available for activities. We would like to provide a fun event without any costs to families. This event will be available to all families living in Washington which will include young people who are not aware of or do not attend our existing youth provision. ODYPP and Washington Youth Council have held family fun days since August 2019 and they have always proved to be successful with the event in 2023 attracting over four hundred people. Feedback from the event has always been positive both from visiting children, young people and their parents/carers as well as from the organisations that have provided the attractions on offer. We would like to build upon the past successes and make this years event even more successful and well attended. We will make use of our Pitstop youth centre, its outside gated area and the car park and green areas in front the building which are a part of Glebe Park. Glebe Park is situated in the Washington Central ward and is easily accessible from the Galleries bus station. We will promote the event through posters and on our Facebook page as well as on Washington Youth Council, Sunderland All Together Consortium, What's on in Washington and various residents groups' Facebook pages. During the family fun day we will promote our centre based youth clubs that are available in Washington for young people aged 11-19 with the aim that young people who do not already access any of our provisions can find out what we have on offer. We will also promote our Good Vibes counselling service which, provides one-to-one counselling sessions from qualified and experienced young peoples counsellors for young people aged 10-19. The counselling service is currently available to young people without a waiting list and takes place within our main building at Ayton Community Centre. Becoming an active member of Washington Youth Council will give local young people the opportunity to develop new and existing skills including team work, communication, negotiation, leadership and budget management in a safe and nurturing environment. Young people will have opportunities to liaise with other organisations and professionals including but not exclusive to: local counsellors, Gentoo, the police, youth and community workers, and local businesses. As well as further developing personal development skills members of the youth council will develop transferable skills that will improve their future employability. Benefits of a youth council to the wider community include: the perspectives and ideas of young people can be used to develop young peoples' services, the development of the future workforce, spaces for young people to come together and collaborate on new projects, and through the promotion of equality and diversity creating more understanding and confident young people who will challenge prejudice and discrimination and will champion equality of opportunity. We aim that Washington Youth Council will meet and be supported by two qualified youth workers with over twenty years of experience at least once a month. The group will meet in one of our youth centres where they will have access to computers with internet access, printers, telephones and stationery. It is proposed that the meetings take place at either the Pitstop or Ayton Community Centre depending upon the needs and preferences of the group at any given time. We will use our mini bus to pick up and drop off young people before and after meetings. This will help to remove any barriers young

people may have regarding the use of public transport, financial costs of travelling and/or time restraints

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>156</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>222</b>
<b>Vibrant Smart City Outputs</b>		
308	number of residents participating in decision making	<b>90</b>
310	number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	<b>400</b>

### Application 18

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Applicant</b>	Foundation of Light
<b>Project Title</b>	Foundation of Light youth holiday club
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	To offer a diverse range of activities including multi-sports, arts and crafts, team-building activities, music and more to engage participants of varying interests and abilities. Targeting children and young people aged between 8-16 with a focus on those living in deprived areas.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£5390
<b>Match Funding</b>	£600
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£4790
<b>Project Start Date</b>	1 July 2024
<b>Project End Date</b>	1 April 2025
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	The holiday programme will be based in various outreach facilities including local parks and community centres.

## **ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**

### **Project Description**

Our proposed project seeks to align closely with the funding opportunity, providing holiday activities for young people during the school holidays between July 2024 and Easter 2025. The project aims to address the specified outcomes outlined in the project brief, ensuring that activities delivered are fun, exciting, innovative, and accessible to the target audience. The project brief highlights the need for engaging and accessible activities that cater to young people in specific areas lacking regular activity centres. Our project will directly address this by implementing a series of half-day pop-up activities in underserved locations which will bring the activities directly to the doorstep of young residents, eliminating barriers related to transportation and access. Furthermore, the project will leverage local green spaces and community venues to deliver a diverse range of sporting activities including football, spikeball, cricket, rounders and more as well as problem solving challenges, and team games.

By utilising existing facilities and resources, we ensure that the activities are readily accessible and inclusive to all participants. The project aims to actively engage young people in various, interactive, and stimulating activities, encouraging participation and fostering a sense of community involvement. By offering a wide range of activities that cater to diverse interests and abilities, we aim to maximise engagement and ensure that participants find something that interests them. Through our sport's focussed activities, we aim to promote physical fitness and well-being among participants. The activities will encourage regular exercise, teamwork, and healthy competition, contributing to the overall health and fitness of the young people who participate in the project. Our project will also provide ample opportunities for social interaction and skill development through group-based activities like arts and crafts workshops and team sports.

By collaborating with local facilitators, we aim to create a supportive environment where participants can build new friendships, develop teamwork skills, and boost their confidence. The project aims to strengthen community cohesion, bringing people together regardless of background or age. The project will have a structured approach with clear timelines and milestones to ensure successful delivery, appointing a dedicated project team who will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing the activities outlined in the proposal. We will actively engage with local schools, youth groups and relevant organisations to promote the project and encourage participation. Continuous monitoring and evaluation will be conducted throughout the project to assess the effectiveness of activities and gather feedback from participants. We are committed to delivering a successful project that meets the needs of our community and fulfils the objectives set out in the funding opportunity. This project will also allow us to further the contribution the Foundation of Light can offer to the area and look at future funding opportunities driven by the needs of the people and the community they live in with potential links to working with schools, parents or teaming up with other youth provisions in the area. We would also look to develop our activities in different pop-up sites each time to gain further awareness and also incorporate different partners.

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	11
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	90
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	160

### Application 19

Project Details	
Applicant	Mindful Balance CIC
Project Title	Strength & Balance for Young Yogis
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	
Total Project Cost	£9086
Match Funding	£nil
Total NF Requested	£9086
Project Start Date	1 July 2024
Project End Date	28 November 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	There will be three venues; Lambton Community Hub, Harraton Community Centre, Building Blocks Day Centre Concord

### ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description
<p>The project aims to introduce children to the practice of yoga while fostering trust, building relationships, and promoting wellness. Through a series of structured sessions, children will explore yoga in a supportive and interactive environment. The project will incorporate group journaling to encourage reflection and provide a platform for ongoing feedback. By focusing on trust, relationships, and wellness from the outset, this project sets a strong foundation for children to engage with yoga in a meaningful and empowering way, forming a lifelong interest with benefits. Discussion Time and</p>

Journaling: we will begin each session with discussion, allowing the children to express themselves, share thoughts, and to set intentions for the session.

I will encourage open dialogue by asking questions relating to what they know about yoga, any prior experience, how they think it might be of benefit. Providing prompts for journaling such as asking them to reflect on their physical and emotional feelings, what they hope to gain from the sessions enables children to begin to understand how to connect with themselves. The journal will be accessible throughout, so the children understand it is a tool for them to express themselves, and provide feedback on their yoga experience. Warm-Up Variation:

I will rotate warm-up activities weekly to keep the sessions dynamic and engaging. Utilising props such as balls, beanbags, or scarves adds variety and creativity, and keeps it fun. Using large beach balls is an interactive way to break the ice, encouraging children to find different ways to stretch with the ball, then pass in a variety of ways to each other, helps to get acquainted with their peers too. I incorporate storytelling into warm-ups, narrating simple stories such as waking up, having breakfast, getting ready, using their imagination for movement.

When appropriate I include nursery rhymes as inspiration too. Yoga Sequences and Mindfulness: I choose yoga poses that align with the theme of the session, or incorporate elements that resonate with children's interests. Using yoga cards featuring different poses, animals figures, or acting out from a story read. Involving children in creating a sequence of poses gives them responsibility, builds self-esteem and helps to fully involve them in the sessions. I integrate mindfulness practices at the end of every session to promote relaxation, self-regulation and reflection. Using small rubber ducks placed on the child's tummy helps them to lie still and focus. These relaxation techniques involve guided breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, visualisation, or simple mindfulness techniques. I will provide opportunities for sharing reflections and experiences during the mindfulness practice, allowing children to express gratitude or share any insights from the session.

Overall objectives: Settling the children into the class, and creating a welcoming atmosphere. Understanding the children's perceptions of yoga and its potential benefits. Initiating the process of building relationships and trust among participants. Introducing the journaling component to facilitate ongoing reflection, assessment, and feedback. Beginning with basic yoga poses to get children moving, stretching, connecting with their body, and breath. I will be emphasising the importance of safety, proper alignment, and the importance of listening to their bodies throughout the practice. Across the weeks the sequences and poses will increase as the children's flexibility and confidence improves. Mindful meditation in various forms is a vital part of the yoga journey, enabling children to understand the importance of working with the breath to regulate emotions. Each week will begin with time for discussion and journaling allowing the children the chance to ground into the session, and will end with mindful meditation. Warm-ups will vary weekly using props, stories, or music, and yoga sequences will be chosen using yoga cards, animal figures, or rhyming stories. Week one will be made up of getting children settled in, beginning to form relationships and trust, gaining an insight into what they may already know about yoga. We will record in the journal, either writing, drawing, or

using faces to demonstrate our feelings. This is a great visual way to monitor, assess and review feelings, ideas and feedback from the children. The warm-up will consist of movement with beach balls, passing to others and getting to know everyone. The main yoga will be a few basic poses, building this up weekly. Meditation will be a brief introduction using the rubber ducks on tummies. Week Two: Warm-up: 'let's all wake up, wash up and get ready' lots of familiar actions and movements, Yoga: Yoga cards as a visual to assist children in understanding the poses. Meditation: building an understanding of how the breath can help us to regulate our mind and begin to find calm, one minute. Week three to fourteen: Warm-up: variety involving opportunities to stretch, balance and coordinate movements. Yoga: Rhyming stories based on 'jungle walks', 'under the sea adventures', and yoga cards to build a sequence. Meditation: using the sense to pay attention to the environment as well as internal experiences like thought, feelings, physical sensations within the body. Playing music which helps to instil mindfulness. Week fifteen to eighteen: Warm-up: introduce a few paired warm-ups, to build awareness for the following weeks. Yoga: now the children are more familiar with poses we will use animal figures to create a sequence of yoga moves, identifying which may be similar and could flow into each pose. Meditation: building up to a five minute meditation at the end of each session, focusing on the breath. Week nineteen to twenty-one: Warm-up: sharing ideas during journaling for children to suggest favourite warm-up choices. Yoga: Introducing paired yoga, working together to support each other in poses, this reinforces trust, builds confidence and communication, and increases the stretch potential. Meditation: working with mantra meditation, this teaches children to repeat a word, or phrase that helps them to relax and focus their attention away from the busy mind. As they repeat the mantra children are more able to calm their mind and body. Discussion/Journaling: giving children a voice to share what they would like to be included in the final session. Week twenty-two: As decided by the group. Weekly Assessment and Review: At the end of each session we will review the journal to gain an insight into what is working, what can change, the children's feelings, experiences and ideas. I will use this to adapt and tailor future sessions to better meet the interests.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	<b>240</b>
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	<b>90</b>

## Application 20

Project Details	
<b>Applicant</b>	Durham Wildlife Trust
<b>Project Title</b>	Youth Forum - Environment Debate & Action (14-18 Year Olds)
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Durham Wildlife Trust will set up a Youth Forum for 14-18 year olds focusing on debate, hands-on eco-activities and action planning. Participants will tackle local environmental issues, crafting solutions and taking ownership of their community's wellbeing.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£7405</b>
<b>Match Funding</b>	<b>£200</b>
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	<b>£7205</b>
<b>Project Start Date</b>	<b>1 July 2024</b>
<b>Project End Date</b>	<b>1 May 2025</b>
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	<b>Washington</b>

### ***ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS***

Project Description
<p>The Youth Forum Program is an innovative initiative aimed at igniting environmental action among young people aged 14-18 in Washington. Focusing on increasing youth participation in environmental activities and reaching underserved populations we will deliver a fully realised program over 10-12 weeks by June 1st, 2025.</p> <p>The Youth Forum involves a participatory approach, where participants will have the opportunity to choose the eco-activities that align with their interests and goals. This approach not only promotes autonomy and engagement but also fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility among participants for their environmental actions.</p> <p>Possible activities that our expert education leads could deliver based on the preferences of the participants are:</p> <p>Community Clean-Up Events: Participants will take part in regular clean-up events in local parks, beaches, or neighbourhoods to remove litter and promote environmental stewardship.</p>

Native Plant Gardening Workshops: Participants will learn about native plant species and how to create and maintain native plant gardens to support local ecosystems.

Recycling and Upcycling Workshops: Participants will engage in hands-on demonstrations and activities to learn about the importance of recycling and upcycling materials to reduce waste and conserve resources.

Environmental Art Projects: Participants will express their environmental concerns and creativity through art projects using recycled materials or natural elements.

Nature Walks and Habitat Restoration: Participants will participate in guided nature walks in local greenspaces to observe and learn about local flora and fauna, followed by hands-on habitat restoration activities such as planting native trees or removing invasive species.

Climate Adaptation Activities: Participants will get involved in activities such as flood mitigation rain gardens etc.

In addition to engaging in eco-activities, our program aims to skill up young people by allowing them to come and debate, and think critically about their local environment. Participants will receive recognition and awards for their achievements in the program. This recognition can be utilised for enhancing their CVs, applications for higher education, or counting toward their Duke of Edinburgh's Award volunteer hours.

Collaboration with Washington Academy, whom we already have a partnership with, and other schools in the area, alongside strategic promotion through the Washington Sunderland Community Facebook page will ensure broad reach and engagement among our target audience. By leveraging existing resources and partnerships, we aim to avoid duplication of existing initiatives and ensure that our program complements rather than replicates other youth activities in the ward.

Our Youth Forum Program plays a pivotal role in our Wildlife Trust #TeamWilder strategy. Our vision is to transform the northeast into a thriving place for nature. We firmly believe that community-driven actions are the cornerstone of this endeavor, serving as essential building blocks that connect and enhance our green spaces. By rallying individuals at the grassroots level, we can foster a sense of ownership and responsibility for our environment.

We aim to base our sessions in a venue such as Arts Centre Washington and will look at the greenspaces which participants are most invested in seeking relevant permissions to work in these areas.

In conclusion, our Youth Forum Program offers a unique opportunity to empower young people in Washington to become environmental leaders in their community. With your support, we are confident that we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people in Washington and contribute to building a more sustainable future for our community.



<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	15
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	15
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	15
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	15

Washington Area Committee

June 2024

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## Community Chest Awards April 2024 to June 2024

<b>Washington Central Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>			<b>Approvals</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Keep Washington Tidy	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards improvements		<b>£475</b>
Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards event		<b>£500</b>
<b>Remaining balance £9,025</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>£975</b>
<b>Washington East Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>		<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Keep Washington Tidy	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards improvements		<b>£475</b>
Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards event		<b>£500</b>
Teal Farm Residents Association	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards improvements		<b>£207</b>
<b>Remaining balance - £8,818</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>£1182</b>
<b>Washington North Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>		<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Keep Washington Tidy	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards improvements		<b>£475</b>
Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards event		<b>£500</b>
<b>Remaining balance - £9,025</b>				<b>£975</b>
<b>Washington South Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>		<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Keep Washington Tidy	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards improvements		<b>£475</b>
Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards event		<b>£500</b>
House of Destiny Ministries	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards equipment		<b>£1,381</b>
Richmond Exotics	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards equipment		<b>£500</b>
<b>Remaining balance - £6,990</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>£3,010</b>
<b>Washington West Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>		<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Springwell Village Community Venue	<b>09.05.24</b>	Grant towards event		<b>£500</b>

Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards event		<b>£500</b>
Keep Washington Tidy	<b>03.06.24</b>	Grant towards improvements		<b>£475</b>
<b>Remaining balance - £8,525</b>			-	<b>£1,475</b>