

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

Thursday 26th April 2012 at 6.00 pm

VENUE – MILLENNIUM CENTRE, THE OVAL, CONCORD

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At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at SPRINGWELL VILLAGE COMMUNITY VENUE on TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scaplehorn in the Chair

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

John Rostron	-	City Services
Brian Hodgkinson	-	City Services
Mike Poulter	-	City Services
Helen Green	-	City Services
Berni Whitaker	-	Chief Executives
Karen Alexander	-	Chief Executives
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Helen Wardropper	-	Chief Executives
Lorraine Hughes	-	Children's Services/Sunderland PCT
Neil Revely	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Marion Marshall	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
Paul Wood	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
James Third	-	Nexus
Sgt Alan Pitchford	-	Police
Sgt Lee Butler	-	Police

Members of the Washington Community.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Lauchlan, Padgett, I. Richardson and Wake. Colin McCartney, John Chapman, John Anderson, Surann Valentine, Jacqui Reeves and Phil McAloon.

Declarations of Interest

Item 03a – 3.3 – Education and Heritage Project Update

Councillor G. Miller declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as Managing Director of TWEBLO.

Councillor F. Miller declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as her husband was the Managing Director of TWEBLO.

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as her husband was the Education and Heritage Officer.

Item 03a – 7.2 – Washington Trust

Councillor Kelly declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as a Board Member of Washington Trust and left the room during consideration of the item.

Item 03b – Financial Statements and Proposals

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal interest in SIB Application No. 2 (Washington Oral History Project) as her husband was an Education Heritage Officer.

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Community Chest application as a Trustee of the Washington Millennium Centre and left the room during consideration of the application.

Councillor Kelly declared personal and prejudicial interests in SIB Application No. 2 as a Member of Usworth Banner Group and SIB Application No. 4 as a Board Member of Washington Trust and left the room during the consideration of those applications.

Councillor F. Miller declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Community Chest application as a Governor of Barmston Village Primary School and left the room during consideration of the item.

Councillor Snowdon declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Community Chest application as her husband was the Secretary of Washington Millennium Centre and left the room during the consideration of the application.

Councillor Thompson declared personal interests in SIB Application No. 1 (St. Andrew's Church Hall Improvements) as Chair of a Scout Group that used the Church Hall and in SIB Application No. 3 (Washington Skate Park Festival) as a Local Authority Member on the Board of Oxclose and District Young People's Project.

Councillor Walker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Community Chest application as a Trustee of the Washington Millennium Centre and left the room during consideration of the item.

Councillor Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in SIB Application No. 3 (Washington Skate Park Festival) as a Trustee of the Oxclose and District Young People's Project and left the room during consideration of the item.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 2nd February, 2012

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

Community Action in Washington: Identifying New Issues and Agreeing Actions (2010/11 Work Plan)

Healthy City Investment Area Funding

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) informing the Committee that the Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust's Healthy City Delivery and Improvement Group were proposing to change the way in which the Healthy City Investment Fund was administered and were asking all 5 Area Committee's to consider allocating and administering the Fund as of March 2012.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Lorraine Hughes introduced herself as the Public Health representative for this.

2. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- (i) agreed to take on the allocation and administration of £31,079 Healthy City Investment Fund per Area for 2012/13;
- (ii) agreed that the Area Officer develop and implement the approach for working with the Area VCS network to develop initiatives to address male cancer mortality, focusing on the two themes described in Section 3 of the report; and
- (iii) noted that each Area Committee's Public Health representative would be available to advise on the potential impact of any proposed projects to be funded.

Process for the Review of Local Area Plans and Priorities for 2012

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a proposed approach and timeline for the Area Committee to review its Local Area Plans and Priorities for 2012.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Purvis presented the report and in response to an enquiry from a member of the public advised that the Policy Team would identify where the gaps were, through evidence gathering and would hopefully have this completed by the end of the month. The State of the Area debate would be the showcase where residents could feed into and be involved in the second stage. It would also be an opportunity for residents to engage in a Q & A session with stakeholders.

The Chairman proposed that for the interim, the Committee proceed with the current priorities until the new plans were formulated.

Councillor Kelly commented that he fully supported the proposal to proceed in the current format for the time being.

3. RESOLVED that the Committee:-
 - (i) received and noted the information provided;
 - (ii) agreed the proposed approach and timeline outlined in Section 4 of the report; and
 - (iii) continue to deliver actions against current work plans until approval of 2012 priorities.

Community Action in Washington – Progress Review – Progress Report on 2011/12 Work Plan

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan (Annex 1).

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Employment Task and Finish Group

Councillor Kelly updated the Committee on the progress being made by the Employment Task and Finish Group with further opportunities for care and apprenticeship places being established. Plans for a second Business Breakfast to be held on 27th April were underway where Employers and Schools would be invited as well as all Councillors.

Washington Managed Workspace Project

Berni Whitaker, Enterprise Manager provided a further update on the Managed Workspace project advising that a company had now been awarded the contract to take the development forward at Turbine Business Park. Ms. Whitaker circulated maps and drawings of the proposals.

A member of the public enquired as to who the developers were and questioned the costings of the project.

Ms. Whitaker advised that the developers were a Joint Venture Company. The Chairman referred to the costings of the project and advised that this Committee could not discuss the points of procurement.

Councillor Kelly advised that it would be wrong for Councillors to comment on an ongoing procurement process and this should be taken up with the relevant department.

Councillor Walker requested that Members be included in receiving the relevant information.

Marian Marshall, Solicitor advised that the member of the public would need to request the information through a different forum and could submit a Freedom of Information request.

Operation Choice

Inspector Alan Pitchford advised that Operation Choice was performing well, with Anti-Social Behaviour down 26%. In terms of engagement and utilising the Youth Bus in Schools, 17 out of 19 Primary Schools were on board and they were looking to roll it out as soon as possible.

Inspector Pitchford advised that he was moving on to another position and wished to thank everyone for their help during his time working with the Committee. He then introduced his successor, Inspector Lee Butler, who advised that he looked forward to working with the Committee also.

The Chairman wished to thank Inspector Pitchford and the Neighbourhood Team for the excellent work they had carried out which was most appreciated by the Committee.

XL Youth Villages

Jane Eland advised that they would be presenting a new model for the Youth Villages, adapted to provide a better service and report back to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

Young People's Task and Finish Group

Councillor Miller updated the Committee on the work of the Young People's Task and Finish Group, advising that at their last meeting an issue was raised over funding which was due to cease. Councillor Miller informed the Committee that the Task Group was requesting Members to consider inviting the Partner organisations to submit an application for SIB to meet the short term gap and to help them to work together in their bid for sustainable funding.

In response to Councillor Kelly's enquiry, Ms. Purvis advised that a lead agent would oversee all of the funding.

Councillor Snowdon commented that she would support an application to come forward.

Attractive Neighbourhood

Brian Hodgkinson, Washington Area Response Manager advised that out of the 338 issues raised to date, only 5 remained outstanding with the main service requests including pruning, litter, graffiti, dumping of waste and dog fouling.

The Ward Walkabouts with Gentoo, Police and Partners would be concentrating on the Sulgrave area which was where the most complaints had been made.

The Love Where You Live campaign would be in Sulgrave on 15th March 2012 and would include Peel Retail Park.

In relation to Operations Ongoing, Mr. Hodgkinson advised that they were now concentrating on litter in the main, however they did intend to commence grass cutting in the next few weeks, weather permitting, as well as the normal cleansing duties.

Councillor Fletcher wished to congratulate Mr. Hodgkinson on the excellent job he was doing, especially in the Sulgrave area.

A member of the public wished to comment on the issue he had raised at the last meeting of the Committee in relation to waste falling from Transfer Vans in transit and whilst he commended Mr. Hodgkinson and his team for the work they were doing, the problem was still occurring and enquired if the Police could carry out an exercise to tackle the issue.

Councillor Kelly commented that technically the lorries were still compliant with the law as they were within their weight limit and also sheeted.

The Chairman enquired if Sergeant Butler could offer any help on the matter, who advised that the Police may be able to pursue them through the vehicles having an unsecure load but this was not a speciality of the Neighbourhood Team so he would pass the details over to the Motor Patrols.

Sergeant Butler also advised that they were planning an all day operation on vehicles and scrap metal dealers so could incorporate this issue into the operation.

The member of the public commented that he did not expect the Police to cover the whole area as he appreciated resources were limited but if they could target the Teal Farm/Monument Park area specifically as this was the main point of concern.

Councillor Kelly advised that he was due to attend a meeting with the Environment Agency and would take on board the concerns raised.

In response to the Chairman's suggestion of the Police visiting the Waste Transfer sites to highlight the problem, Sgt Butler advised that he would look into the matter.

Washington Trust

Councillor Miller informed the Committee of the need to find a better mechanism of engaging with the Voluntary Community Sector to identify the resources/funding they require and requested Members support for an application to come forward for SIB funding from the 2012/13 budget (subject to budget approval).

Councillor Snowdon commented that she was happy to second the proposal and to help support the Voluntary Sector.

4. RESOLVED that Members:-

- (i) noted the report, progress updates and actions as detailed in the report and in the Work Plan attached as Annex 1;
- (ii) agreed to further updates from Youth Opportunities;
- (iii) agreed to receive further information and influence the XL Village model of delivery for 2012/13 in Washington;
- (iv) noted the report from the Young People's Task and Finish Group and agreed to inviting partners delivering services for young people to submit a full application for SIB funding from the 2012/13 budget (subject to budget approval) to meet the short term gap and to support those partner organisations to work collaboratively to bid for sustainable funding; and
- (v) noted the report with regard to the proposed Washington Trust as detailed above and agreed to invite the Washington Trust to submit a detailed SIB funding application for funding from the 2012/13 budget (subject to budget approval).

Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

5. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- (i) noted the Financial Statement set out in Section 2.1 of the report;
- (ii) agreed the recommendations set out in Annex 1 with reference to the SIB applications;
- (iii) approved £6,000 as a contribution from the 2011/12 SIB budget for the St. Andrew's Church Hall project;

- (iv) approved £6,000 as a contribution from the 2011/12 SIB budget for the Oral History Washington project;
- (v) approved £6,210 as a contribution from the 2011/12 SIB budget for the Skate Park Festival project;
- (vi) approved £3,000 as a contribution from the 2011/12 SIB budget for the Washington Trust project;
- (vii) approved the 8 proposals for support from 2011/12 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 2; and
- (viii) noted the Community Chest reclaimed and returned amounts as detailed in Annex 3.

Councillor H. Trueman wished to inform the Committee of the excellent news that Nissan was to build their new model car at the Washington plant, which he believed, was down to the quality of the product and the fantastic workforce employed.

Councillor H. Trueman also advised of the great news in relation to funding being approved for a new Leisure Centre in Washington.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) B. SCAPLEHORN,
Chairman.

Washington Area Committee

26th April 2012

Report of the Chief Executive

COMMUNITY ACTION IN WASHINGTON – Annual Report

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 At its meeting in June 2011, the Committee agreed the work plan for the 2011/12. It was agreed that the April 2011 meeting would consider the committee's 'Annual Report'.

2. Background

2.1 The Annual Report at Annex 1 provides a snapshot of the committee's work over the 2011/2012 municipal year. There has been some major achievements and success achieved throughout 2011/2012 and changes implemented in the way the Committee operates has seen a greater alignment with priorities and a clearer focus on delivery.

2.2 The Annual Report celebrates the success and achievements and further suggestions have been made to continue to build upon successes based upon lessons learned throughout 2011/2012

3. Recommendations

- Note and agree the content of the Annual Report.

4. Background papers

- Annual Report
- Quarterly monitoring reports
- Area Needs Assessment

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Annex 1 – Annual Report

Washington Area Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 2011 – 2012



Executive Summary by the Chair of Washington Area Committee

At the beginning of this financial year Washington Area Committee once again set out its priorities for the year ahead and developed a Work Plan for 2011/2012 to monitor actions against these priorities. The two key priorities which Area Committee wanted to focus resources and set out to bring real tangible benefits to the local area were:

- Helping local people access employment opportunities with a focus on Washington's young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs).
- Engaging young people and linking those young people to the broader community and tackling youth related anti social behaviour.

The Area Committee were also keen to continue working to deliver key pieces of work underway from the year before and included additional priorities from 2010/11 in this year's work plan. This included:

- Attractive neighbourhood – including road safety and traffic management and Responsive Local Services
- Community inclusion, engagement and citizenship
- Tackling health inequalities

Throughout 2011/12, the Committee has worked hard to ensure best value and maximum outcomes from resources, and have allocated the majority of the budget to projects which will help deliver the key priorities outlined in the Work Plan – all of this year's Strategic Initiatives Budget has been successfully allocated to those key priorities. During this process, a focus on partnership working and involvement has ensured both residents and the Voluntary and Community Sector have helped to deliver local activity. A collaborative, multi agency partnership is in place delivering real benefits for the area. This in turn has encouraged a wide range of organisations to support the work of Area Committee.

Good examples of this successful partnership approach include the Youth Opportunities Project, the Activities Programmes for young people, and a number of community heritage projects and events held throughout the year. These projects represent a successful multi agency approach, have addressed local concerns and have helped tackle real problems.

Other key achievements I would like to acknowledge include:

- The Area Committee's influence and support for the development of the Washington Workspace Project, a £6m investment to provide managed workspace in Washington by 2013.
- Meaningful engagement and dialogue with local employers to encourage opportunities for young people
- The second successful Washington Heritage Festival held in September.
- Reduction in youth related anti social behaviour and hotspots across the area

Two Task and Finish Groups have worked well throughout the year:

- The Employment Task Group has brought about a real partnership approach with the voluntary and community sector, public sector and the private sector to deliver innovative projects such as key research projects, Business Breakfasts and the Youth Opportunities Project.
- The Young People's Task Group has ensured a collaborative approach to deliver projects to children and young people which has resulted in more young people engaged, new ways of working introduced and a reduction in ASB across the area.

Overall by taking a focused approach, the Task Groups have directed resources and ensured partnership involvement resulting in benefits delivered at a local level.

Building on the successful implementation of the Responsive Local Services Project and the establishment of area based teams, there have been a number of compliments and positive comments from residents regarding the level of good service received. Additional work with Northumbria Police through Operation Lantern has also seen a co-ordinated response to resident's concerns through the Council's Response Teams, the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Gentoo coming together on scheduled walkabouts and being visible and responsive to our residents.

In summary, Washington Area Committee has encouraged, adopted and embedded partnership and collaboration in everything they have delivered this year. This has resulted in real and meaningful successes for Washington's community.

I would like to thank all members of Area Committee, including partners, officers and residents, for their hard work and support throughout the year in helping to achieve positive results and better services for local people.



Cllr Bernie Scaplehorn

Introduction

Area Committees are appointed by the council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:-

- Leading on the development and delivery of Local Area Plans (which are subject to Cabinet approval) and identifying all main priorities for the improvement of an area.
- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the council and other main providers in the area, and
- Actively encourage local residents to become involved in decision making on matters which affect them.

Area Committees work closely with council officers, external partners, voluntary and community groups and local people in both the development and delivery of Local Area Plans and in doing so ensure that strong and consistent links are made between local and city-wide plans and the overarching commitments of the Sunderland Strategy. The plans help to develop and shape services to address need at an area level.

Community involvement and engagement is at the heart of everything Area Committees do and, throughout the year, when identifying what actions need to be taken to deliver the priorities, committees consider the needs of local neighbourhoods and residents across all of the wards in their areas. Through consultation with residents, representation from the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Networks or local people helping to deliver actions, a wide range of organisations and individuals are encouraged to support and influence the work of Area Committees.

Area Committees hold delegated budgets, Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest, which are allocated to projects and initiatives that can demonstrate that their work will support the delivery of the Local Area Plans and identified priorities which will improve the quality of life in the area.

At the end of each municipal year Area Committees produce an Annual Report which reviews and evaluates the degree to which it has successfully achieved its objectives and been effective in promoting Community Leadership. It considers what the key achievements have been, as well as, the performance of all projects and initiatives that have been awarded Area Committee resources.

Performance Update Against Washington Area Committee priorities 2011/12

The next section show priorities selected by the Washington Area Committee for 2011/12 and how we have performance against what we set out to do. The priorities outlined in detail below are:-

- Helping local people access employment opportunities with a focus on young people not in employment, education or training.
- Engaging young people linking them with the broader community and addressing youth related anti social behaviour
- Developing attractive neighbourhoods including road safety and traffic management and Responsive Local Services
- Community inclusion, engagement and citizenship
- Tackling health inequalities

Helping local people access employment opportunities with a focus on Washington young people Not in Employment, Education and Training (NEETs)

Key statistics and background information

- According to recent unemployment figures, Washington accounts for 16.5% of job seekers allowance claimants across the City. The rate of claimants of the 16-64 resident population is significantly lower in Washington at 4.6% than the overall rate for Sunderland (5.8%). However, when considering changes in claimant numbers over the last 12 months, Washington has how shown bigger increases than the City average (increases of 14.8% and 12.3% respectively).
- On a ward by ward basis there are clear variations with regard to unemployment figures, with Washington North having significantly higher rate of 7.5%. When compared to the overall rate for Sunderland the other 4 Washington Wards are significantly lower – Central 4%, East 3.8%, South 3.6% and West 4%.
- Claimant counts for those aged 18-24 also increased at a much higher level in Washington than across Sunderland with the number of claimants aged 18-24 increased by 25% - this was the highest increase of all five areas compared to 17.5% in Sunderland (Source NOMIS).
- According to the latest data, 8.4% of the resident population in Washington (academic year 12-14), are currently not in education, training or employment (NEET). This falls below the average NEET figure for the City at 10.3%. On a more local basis, however, this information differs significantly, with Washington North exceeding this figure by some degree (11.8%). Conversely, the level of NEET in Washington South is much lower at 6.2%. The remaining three wards within Washington all fell below the City figure (Central 9.7%, East 7.9% and West 7.2%). On a city wide basis, the number of NEET young people is increasing, ongoing work will be to drill further into this further to establish ward level data in order to gain a more in depth understanding of current NEET levels within individual wards and the trends within these areas.
- 6,540 people in Washington claim key out of work benefits, equating to 16.9% of the 16-64 resident population. This proportion is lower than that of the City (20.5%).

Key out of work benefits – August 2011			
Benefit type	Number	Proportion - Washington	Proportion - Sunderland
Job Seekers	1745	4.5%	5.4%
ESA and Incapacity	2925	7.5%	9.5%
Lone Parent	550	1.4%	1.9%
Carers	565	1.5%	1.7%
Others on income related benefits	220	0.6%	0.7%
Disabled	435	1.1%	1.1%
Bereaved	100	0.3%	0.2%

Source: NOMIS

What we set out to achieve

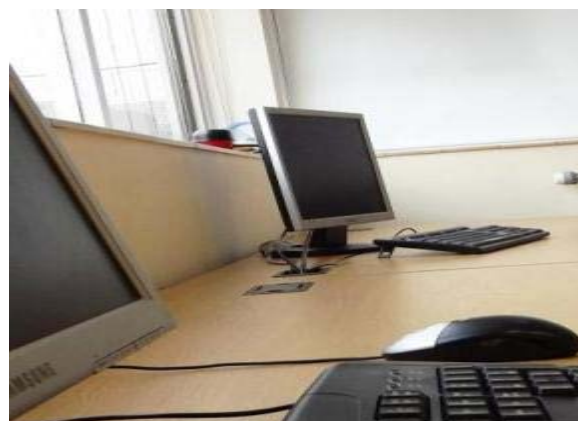
- To build on Area Committee's key priority of helping local people access employment opportunities from 2010/11 work plan, with a new focus this year on young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs).
- Ensure engagement of young people at both school age and those categorised as NEET, to access heritage volunteering opportunities and training opportunities
- The Committee agreed the need for the continuation of the Employment Task and Finish Group to implement an action plan which considered ongoing review of

employability services, current projects and initiatives which impact on Washington, and the impact of forthcoming policy changes and plans for the radical reform of the welfare to work system.

- Provide robust evidence which identifies gaps, encourages a partnership approach and promotes available opportunities for NEET young people.
- Carry out research with local employers to investigate opportunities for Washington's young people. This evidence will support interventions to help young people find work in the area and identify specific barriers that are preventing businesses from employing young people in the Washington area.
- Engage local employers to determine the barriers to providing employment and work experience for young people and what more could be done to help Washington businesses provide more employment and work experience opportunities to local young people.
- Further engagement with businesses to improve relationships with employers and identifying opportunities for joint working, support reducing bureaucracy for employers re apprenticeships and placement schemes, look at what opportunities are available, what can be done to help businesses, what other support might be needed, and how to provide and co-ordinate more opportunities for young people
- Influence the development and delivery of the Washington Managed Work Space Project.
- Deliver a Call for Projects inviting organisations to submit funding applications of up to £100,000 to provide a comprehensive and co-ordinated programme of support for NEETs in Washington.

What has been achieved?

- Produced key evidence through research re the needs of NEET young people in Washington. SIB of £2,000 was awarded to the NEET Co-ordination Project.
- Completion of a city wide study and a Washington Focus study to identify skills needs and to identify opportunities for Washington's young people.
- Implemented a 'Call for Projects' to deliver support, guidance and a programme of work to assist and support Washington's young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs). The committee allocated £100,000 to this work stream and awarded the project to Sunderland North Community Business to deliver the 'Youth Opportunities Project'. This is a 2 year project which will engage 100 young people from Washington with 40 moving into employment or apprenticeships. A further 30 will receive work based learning. More than 28 young people have already been engaged through the Youth Opportunities Project with 20 into employment or a work based learning programme in the first 2 months of the project.



- A successful Business Breakfast held with local employers, business club representatives, stakeholders such as Connexions, Jobcentre Plus and the National Apprenticeship Service, the VCS, council officers and elected members. The event

received the findings from the city wide research re Skills and Employment Demand Survey as well as a Washington focused report which looked at the barriers to employing young people and provided evidence relating to employment opportunities for young people in the Washington area. A second business Breakfast is now planned for 2012.

- Area Committee has had a key influencing role with regard to the development of the Washington Managed Work Space Project. This project will provide 56,000 sq ft of managed business space comprising 25 Offices and 9 workshops at a cost of £6m. The tender has now been awarded and the business case for part of the funding has been submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government. A decision is anticipated July/August 2012.
- The Employment Task Group has also recognised the need for further work and more events and programmes are planned to ensure a focus on stimulating opportunities for people of Washington. A further £10,000 SIB was aligned to support the delivery of actions against this priority.

In total Washington Area Committee has aligned over **£113,000** of the 2011/12 SIB budget to this priority. This equates to over **34%** of the total budget available this year.

At the time of commissioning work to address this priority, the NEET 16-18 year olds in Washington stood at 7.4% which was lower than the city average of 8.9% (August 2011). Currently, Washington NEET levels are still at higher levels than the city average (9.3%). However, NEET figures are in a constant state of “churn” as young people leave the register and others join it. The lowest ebb is just before school leavers join the register along with last year’s leavers who have completed one or two year courses, or training. The register will peak usually in August/September. At the time of writing Washington North and Washington Central are still higher than the city average although all wards are now showing a slight decrease since August 2011.

Using the rate of claimants as an indicator for employment, Washington’s 16 – 64 resident population claiming job seekers allowance, is significantly lower at 4.6% than the overall rate for the city which is 5.8%. However there are variations across the area as identified in the key statistics above. When considering changes in claimant numbers over the last 12 months, Washington has now shown bigger increases than the City average. Although the South ward has the lowest rate, it has seen the second highest increase in claimants between 2011 and 2012 far exceeding that of Washington as a whole. In addition, claimant counts for those aged 18-24, also increased at a much higher level in Washington than across Sunderland. Area Committee is already committed to further work to continue to address this priority.

Engaging young people linking them and the broader community, and addressing youth related anti social behaviour

Key statistics and background information

- Whilst the proportion of children under 16 (IMD Population by Age) is less in Washington than the average for the Local Authority, activities for young people and addressing youth related anti social behaviour have been identified as important to local people. In addition to providing positive and rewarding activity for all young people, the need to provide targeted, responsive activity in areas of high youth disorder was identified as a priority.
- Activities for teenagers and facilities for young people are consistently identified to be as an important service/priority and area for improvement in resident surveys.
- A wide range of activities are delivered across all Wards. Oxclose and District Young People’s Project is the contracted provider and delivers activities across the whole

area. Provision also includes youth clubs and projects such as Remix at the Arts centre, Oxclose and Springwell Youth Clubs, Washington Music Project and the XL Youth Village. XL Youth Village and Mobile Youth Services have been successful and delivered across Washington throughout the year.

- 23 public play and urban games facilities such as the Wheeled Sports Park next to the leisure centre provide at least 57% of all children and young people in Washington with access to provision within 1 km. The usage of playgrounds is in line with the city average at 19%.
- Hotspots for anti social behaviour can be seen most significantly around Concord, Oxclose and Sulgrave.
- Washington has a higher percentage of drug users aged 20 -29 years than the City (39% compared to 29%)
- Domestic Violence is often seen as a contributory factor in child protection and child in need cases. There has been a 57% increase in the number of Child Protection Plans in Washington between 2010 and 2011 – although some of this rise is likely to be due to a heightened awareness rather than increased level of underlying need. There were 940 domestic violence related incidents reported January to December 2011 with hotspots in Concord, Sulgrave and Glebe.



What we set out to achieve

- Area Committee were keen to encourage partnership working and collaboration to address residents perceptions of young people related to feeling safe and anti social behaviour. The committee has been keen to engage with young people in order to encourage involvement in the broader community.
- Improving provision for children and young people has been a local area priority over the last few years and much progress has been made in consultation with young people.
- Celebrate positive achievements of young people
- Tackle hotspots of youth disorder, reducing anti social behaviour and providing meaningful activities for young people
- Ensure there is relevant and adequate youth provision for 13-19 year olds
- Build on the success of previous multi agency projects such as Operation Horizon and provide a range of activities for 8-12 year olds
- Provide activities during school holidays
- The Area Committee set out to deliver a Call for Projects inviting organisations to submit funding applications to work with the Youth Development Group and contracted youth providers to provide a comprehensive and co-ordinated programme of activity for both 8 – 12 year olds and 13 – 19 year olds.
- Improve facilities for children and young people

What has been achieved?

- A number of improvements in support for children and young people across Washington in the last 2 years have been agreed.
- The Committee's Young People's Task and Finish Group has recognised the need for further work and collaboration to provide continued support and a range of activities to engage with Washington's young people aged 13 – 18 years. A number of initiatives have been funded to ensure opportunities for young people of Washington.



- The Task Group has also supported the delivery of key pieces of work to provide a focus on the 8 – 12 year old group.
- The range of youth development solutions was enhanced via the extension of sessions into more local facilities, e.g. in the Millennium Centre, and introduction of mobile provision of youth services to specific areas in Washington.
- Young people who accessed the mobile provision in Rickleton were encouraged to work with the Residents' Association to ensure they feel, and are perceived to be, part of the community, promoting inter-generational work. This led to their involvement in the community litter-pick and pond clean-up planned in the local area.
- Since September Operation Choice (SIB £25,821) has assisted in reducing youth related ASB with a total of 768 incidents reported through this project, and a reduction of 194 incidents. The working relationships between the police, the Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Team and the Youth Workers are developing to identify which teams are best suited to deal with specific ASB issues across Washington
- A full programme of holiday activity has been delivered in all wards during all school holidays this academic year. This includes the Holiday Activities Programme which has engaged more than 600 young people aged 13 – 19. The Arts Centre Washington has engaged more than 80 young people in activities such as photography, music workshops and dance.
- Work with the 8 – 12 year olds is underway through Operation Choice, the newly established Washington Millennium Centre Heritage Youth Forum, the Arts Centre and Springwell CA.
- Contracted and externally funded youth provision continues to be delivered
- Sunderland Carers are delivering an Integration Project to support local young carers to access current provision and services following SIB support of £15,000 and a Gentoo contribution of £5,000.
- Area Committee has invested further funding to support the extremely successful Music Festival at the Skate Park in Princess Anne Park.
- Partners are currently working together to extend and develop the successful partnership approach in order to deliver further support for this priority.
- Junior Neighbourhood Watch has been established in Blackfell

- Continued to support Remix, a successful arts and media programme for 13 – 19 year olds. Approximately 240 young people have taken part in this project.
- Worked with a number of Primary Schools to provide additional facilities and initiatives

In total Washington Area Committee has aligned over **£69,000** of the 2011/12 SIB budget to this priority. This equates to **21%** of the total budget available this year.

The success of partnership working and collaboration of local organisations, together with the preventative community policing approach in Washington, has meant a reduction in the overall number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported in Washington over the last 2 years. Youth related anti social behaviour has reduced by 14.5% across the Washington sector. When comparing this year's youth related anti social behaviour there has been a reduction in incidents reported from 1612 down to 1379 – this is to the end of March 2012. All anti social behaviour has also seen an overall reduction of just over 24% with 4,456 incidents in the previous year compared to 3,373 this year to March 2012.

Activities and opportunities have engaged record numbers of young people with all partners and organisations reporting well attended sessions, activities and initiatives. Area Committee is committed to supporting the development and delivery of projects, activities and initiatives to ensure the positive trends for engagement and reducing anti social behaviour continue.

Attractive Neighbourhood including road safety and traffic management issues

This priority encompasses Responsive Local Services, road and traffic management issues, and community led projects which improve the physical fabric of the area as well as deliver environmental benefits. The committee has worked to influence service delivery to ensure the specific needs of the area are met.

Key statistics and background information

- 71% residents are satisfied with the council compared to 66% Sunderland average.
- From April 1 2011 to March 31st 2012 there were 2,341 requests via lizuka for Responsive Local Services in Washington. Of those 2,341 requests 2,094 were responded to within the agreed Service Level Expectation (89.5%)
- Of the 1,500 requests Street Scene dealt with between April – September 2011, 44% related to dumping of waste, litter and debris and 21% related to maintenance of grass and green spaces. Washington grass cutting requests were twice the city average. Street Scene professionals report very high environmental standards associated with the Washington areas.
- Complaints about dog fouling in Washington are higher than the rest of Sunderland.
- 26% of the city's green space is located in Washington although quality falls short of the city average
- Satisfaction with road maintenance has decreased over recent years from 62% in 2008 to 46% in 2011
- Cycle routes and rights of way access are regarded as 'average' in Washington.
- The IMD2010 Deprivation Index uses local-level statistical data to form an outdoor environment indicator, based on air quality and road traffic accidents. This Index shows that the average score for Washington was 14.0, compared with 17.4 in Sunderland in 2010. The higher the score, the more deprived an area is in terms of its environment. This means Washington was more positively assessed for its environment than Sunderland generally.
- Issues associated with littering remain a concern in some localities in Washington. This can be a problem around retail areas like the Galleries, such as Glebe, Biddick and Oxclose, and this includes the dumping of shopping trollies in these villages.

What we set out to do

- Ensure a proactive and co-ordinated response to resident's concerns and a commitment to resolving issues that affect neighbourhoods and quality of life.
- Improve the physical appearance of neighbourhoods and make estates and residential areas more attractive and accessible.
- Ensure road traffic management schemes were completed.
- Increase resident's satisfaction with services and with responses and level of customer service
- Work with voluntary and community groups to improve community facilities.
- Increase active community involvement in environmental management
- Address the shopping trolleys issue.
- Investigate the potential to create an improved cycle network to provide environmentally sustainable transport options across the area.
- Target overgrown areas on highways which are causing significant traffic management problems.
- Increase wildlife biodiversity by developing a wildlife corridor along main arterial routes
- Address resident's concerns regarding local Waste Transfer Sites



What has been achieved?

- Significant successful partnership working, pooling resources and delivery requirements to create an attractive and cared for environment. The city's Area Response Team continues to work proactively and successfully with the Area Committee and partners. Satisfaction levels with the Council are higher in Washington than anywhere else in the city.
- Operation Lantern is a multi agency project led by Northumbria Police and delivers a co-ordinated response to resident's concerns through the Council's Response Teams, the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Gentoo coming together on scheduled walkabouts and being visible and responsive to our residents.



- The dedicated Area Response Team continues to deal with residents requests for service and responds to customers needs in the area

- Street Scene proactively works with resident groups and schools in maintaining the local environment.
- In many villages, residents are keen to maintain high environmental standards. This includes organising initiatives to litter pick or clean the physical environments in Concord, Washington Village, Springwell and Rickleton.
- Targeted street scene delivery to address hot spot areas based upon intelligence.
- Work is underway with the City and Housing Developers to agree a standard maintenance programme for areas of land in Blackfell.
- The Council is currently working with the larger retailers to address the dumping of shopping trollies in the villages.
- Community facilities in Oxclose and Concord improved to enable services and activities to be delivered. SIB of £12,250 has helped refurbish 2 venues where a range of activities are delivered by the community for the community.
- The use of real time intelligence from the Council, Partners, the VCS and local residents to help plan and deliver works that improved physical appearance of the Washington area.
- Implementation of Bus Links Improvement Scheme at 9 locations across Washington.
- Vehicle Activated Signs Programme implemented across the area.
- A number of villages in Washington display real pride in their environment, evidenced through local groups working with the public sector to tackle specific environmental issues and by participating in events such as Northumbria in Bloom and the 'Love Where You Live' campaign.
- Gentoo and the city have worked with schools bulb planting in Barmston and Blackfell,
- In partnership with the Woodland Trust, the 'More Trees More Good' initiative with local schools and community will see 420 trees planted in Washington
- Improved safety and visibility through partnership working with external contractors to implement a major maintenance programme at key locations, i.e. roundabouts on the main arterial routes in and out of Washington.
- The City, the Environment Agency and Northumbria Police, are working together to ensure environmental standards are adhered to with regard to waste management issues and residents concerns.
- Increased the biodiversity through the establishment of wildlife corridors - this is part of the Durham Bio Diversity Programme, a national initiative to increase wildlife diversity.
- Opened up and improved cycle routes throughout Washington leading to an increase use of cycleways.

Area Committee has had a major role in influencing service delivery through the Area Response Teams and other projects such as Operation Lantern. Whilst the alignment of SIB resources to this priority has been small at only **£18,200** (5.5% of the SIB allocation) Washington has seen a rise in resident's pride in local neighbourhoods, high environmental standards across the area, and strong partnership working and community engagement.

Community inclusion, engagement and citizenship

Community inclusion and engagement has been at the heart of the committee's work and is recognised as being cross cutting against all the priorities being delivered. Throughout the year, when identifying what actions need to be taken to deliver the priorities, committees consider the needs of local neighbourhoods and engage with community and voluntary sector groups and with residents across wards in their areas.

Key statistics and background information

- 47 VCS groups are part of the Washington Area Network. Up to 15 attend each meeting.

- 88 Community Chest grants have been awarded to individual groups across Washington by the Area Committee to deliver a range of projects for the benefit of the local community.
- 19% of Citizen's Panel members are from Washington.
- 36% of Washington residents agree they can influence decisions that affect their local area
- 23% of Washington residents say they have taken part in formal volunteering activities in the last 12 months. 46% have done some form of informal voluntary work.
- Washington offers a range of social, community and cultural opportunities. This includes the Wetland Centre, museums, galleries and a variety of sport, cultural and leisure facilities.
- Washington has 12 parks and 64 sports pitches including a new 3rd generation football pitch recently installed at Biddick.
- Washington Leisure Centre is well used with 336,748 visits during 2010/11 recorded. It has been recognised that the Centre is in a poor state of repair and a new centre is already planned.
- There are currently 7 Community Associations in Washington providing a range of services.
- ARCH data tells us there were 40 reported hate incidents in Washington in 2011 – a slight decrease from 44 reported in 2010. This accounts for only 14% of the 282 city wide. 17 out of the 40 incidents occurred in Washington North.



What we set out to do

- To work with and support local voluntary and community sector organisations to deliver events and activities in the community, deliver community benefits and support inclusion.
- To ensure communication and engagement between the voluntary sector and the committee.
- To engage young people and link them with the broader community.
- To engage with the voluntary sector to provide solutions to supporting the sector given the economic downturn and reduction of funding and support available. The development of a Washington Trust (voluntary sector led) which will work collaboratively to deliver activities and services to the residents of Washington is seen as a way forward.
- Encourage and support volunteering across the area.
- To influence service improvements at key centres such as Washington Leisure Centre, Parks and community facilities across the area.
- Promote and celebrate the Heritage offer in Washington and incorporate heritage skills development, training and employment opportunities where possible.

- Encourage heritage sector organisations to work together to promote and deliver a heritage offer for Washington.

What has been achieved?

- Increased community support across a range of events and activities including the Concord Illuminations, the Washington Village Christmas Festival, Springwell Christmas Lights, Northumbria in Bloom, open history days, Sunderland Festival (elements held on the Northern Playing Fields), Arts Centre Washington events and activities, and miner's banner groups working with schools and community on education projects and restoration of banners.
- Established reporting and communication between the Voluntary Sector Networks and the Area Committee.
- Area Networks proactively involved and engaged in delivering Area Committee priorities. The network collaborated to submit a bid to the Committee's Call for Projects.



- Formation of the North East Land Sea and Air Museum to establish a collaborative approach to delivering the heritage offer in Washington. Area Committee provided SIB funding to support the business planning for the new organisation. A number of activities are being delivered and co-ordinated through this partnership approach.
- Successful Heritage Festival held September 2011. It is estimated about 4,000 people attended the day.
- Education and Heritage Officer has developed a range of partnerships, and worked with organisations across Washington to engage young people to access volunteering and training opportunities. The Project has continued to be implemented with the voluntary and community sector throughout 2011/12 and has engaged with at least 16 local community organisations and has worked with 67 local volunteers.
- Washington Community Cohesion Group meets and brings together schools, local organisations and the public sector to share information on local cohesion issues. This has resulted in shared resources to deliver activity.
- Area voluntary Sector Network is represented on all Area Committee Task Groups.
- Local banner groups and schools have come together to deliver the Miner's Memorial Project. An impressive statue to celebrate the history of the mining community will be installed in Concord Spring 2012.
- Community led intergenerational Oral History Project implemented - this includes partnership working through schools, young people's groups and forums and local history or heritage organisations.
- Washington Trust established to support the voluntary sector to identify resources to deliver activities, advice and services for Washington.

- Contributed to successful city wide events and activities such as the Sunderland Festival and Houghton Feast.



The development of community facilities and community events and activities has been a local priority over the last few years and much progress has been made. In total Washington Area Committee has aligned **£113,500** of the 2011/12 SIB budget to this priority delivering community inclusion and engagement through festivals, events and support for the sector. This equates to **35%** of the total budget available this year.

Area Committee remains committed to this cross cutting priority in order to build on the successful engagement, collaboration and support for the voluntary and community sector already underway and to ensure the sector can continue to deliver activities, advice and services to Washington residents.

Tackling health inequalities

Tackling health inequalities and promoting healthier lifestyles has remained a priority for the Area Committee through out 2011/12, carried forward from 2010/11. Whilst health related statistics show Washington as somewhat healthier than the Sunderland average, there are distinct 'hotspots' in specific wards with regard to positive health outcomes.

Key statistics and background information

- Life expectancy in Washington is in line with the city at 80 years for females and 75.4 for males.
- Washington as a whole has somewhat healthier lifestyles than the Sunderland average – 74% of Washington residents are more likely to undertake moderate physical activity than Sunderland overall at 69%. Nearly 72% of Washington residents are satisfied with their overall health and well being compared to Sunderland overall at 69%.
- A significant majority of the Washington Citizen's Panel reported they found it easy to eat healthily (92%), drink in moderation (93%), and be physically active (81%).
- The number of Washington residents under 18 who attended CaSH services increased from 423 to 553 between 2009 and 2011. Teenage pregnancies remain higher in Sunderland than the England average (at an average of 5% of the female population aged 15 – 19 years up to 2010), with a higher prevalence in more deprived wards such as Washington North.
- Washington resident satisfaction with GPs (84%) and with their local hospital (77%) is typical of the city's average as a whole. There were 13,400 emergency hospital admissions of Washington residents in 2010/11, equating to 10% of the population, of which 2,100 were aged 65+ years (26% of Washington's older population). Many

Washington people access QE2 Hospital in Gateshead (e.g. 40% of emergency admissions of Washington residents were to QE2 in 2010/11).

- Some 21% of Washington residents reported they had a health condition that limited their daily living in 2010.
- Washington has lower mortality rates for cancer, cardio-vascular disease and respiratory disease than Sunderland as a whole.
- A range of opportunities are open to all including preventative, targeted and specialist services delivered by the Council and its Wellness Service in Washington to improve the health-related lifestyles of residents, including those at risk of poor health outcomes. Preventative services includes access to Washington Leisure Centre as well as the Community Wellness Programme at Washington Millennium Centre and Washington Multi-Purpose Centre in Oxclose and Walking and Nordic Walking Programmes in James Steel and Princess Anne Parks and Washington Wetlands, all of which are inclusive of those with disabilities and older people.
- 8.7% of children aged 5–14 years (550) in Washington have mental health needs, and feedback from professionals suggest families don't always access the specialist advice and support they might need.
- 15% of Washington adults – around 6,900 people - at any time have mental health problems with around 10% of adults suffering depression, both slightly lower than the Sunderland level. There were 2.8% of Washington residents claiming incapacity benefits due to mental illness, lower than the city rate, with the exception of Washington North (4.0%).
- Some 16% of Washington residents reported they provided informal care, such as shopping, cleaning or personal care, for an adult – usually a relative. Of these carers, 27% provide more than 20+ hours per week, rising to 63% for those carers aged 65+ themselves.

What we set out to do

- Deliver and support interventions that sustain and promote healthy lives and reduce health inequalities in Washington.
- Address health inequalities between Wards and improve engagement
- Through a partnership approach, deliver health improvement messages and provide basic interventions to help local people take steps to maintain healthier lives
- Maximise the potential people have to adopt healthier lifestyles
- Improve levels of mental health and emotional well being of Washington residents.

What has been achieved?

- Successful implementation of the Washington Health Champions Project. 29 residents or workers from Washington are now Health Champions. 127 are undergoing training – this includes 60 people from the voluntary sector. This programme is now being rolled out across the city.
- Area Committee now manage the allocation and administration of the Healthy City Investment Fund which is targeted at projects and initiatives which will help support the halt in the declines in cancer mortality.
- Washington MIND has successfully delivered the Recovery Support Project which has developed and delivered Drop-in services and a social inclusion programme. More than 245 people accessed the provision.
- SIB funding has been allocated to help develop and deliver a comprehensive programme of community events, activities and opportunities in the build up to, during and beyond the London 2012 Games.
- Area Committee has funded work with the Extra Care Housing scheme (ECH) in the Washington area, Woodridge Gardens (which has 39 apartments), to develop physical activity opportunities and programmes at the scheme to meet the needs of adults and

older people in order to promote health, reduce social isolation, increase physical activity, and therefore contribute to reducing inequalities in health.

- Funded the Tyne & Wear Riding for the Disabled to extend its operations, providing riding lessons and riding therapy for children and adults with mental, physical and learning disabilities. The funding has enabled the young people into career opportunities and various age groups of clients to benefit from a healthier lifestyle.

Area Committee has aligned **£14,500** of the 2011/12 SIB budget to this priority. This equates to **4%** of the total budget available this year. However, some initiatives were funded from the previous year's budget but have delivered benefits and completed this financial year. Tackling health inequalities remains a concern especially in specific disadvantaged wards. Evidence supports a focus on Washington North.

Finance

The Washington Area Committee has successfully allocated **£385,630** throughout 2011/12:

- Total **Strategic Initiatives Budget** allocated **£328,630**.
- Total **Community Chest** allocated **£57,000**.

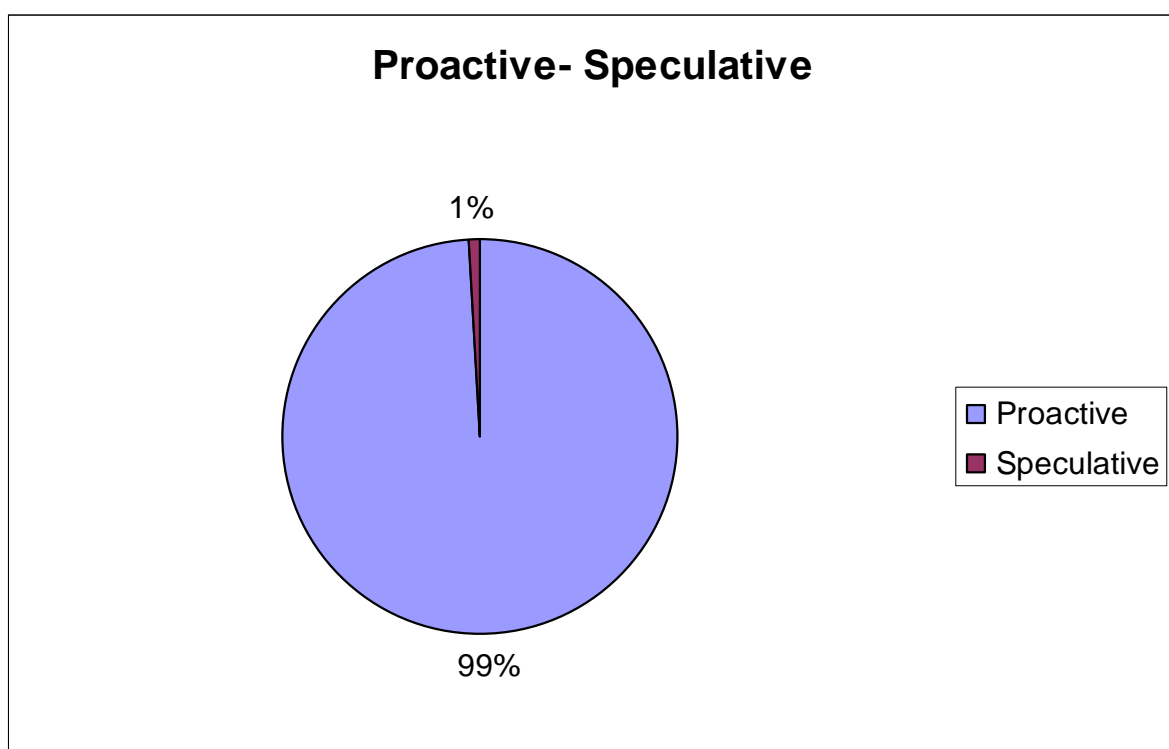
Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

A budget of £287,261 was available for 2011/12. A total of £42,276 was carried over from previous years bringing the total to be allocated for 2011/12 to **£329,537**.

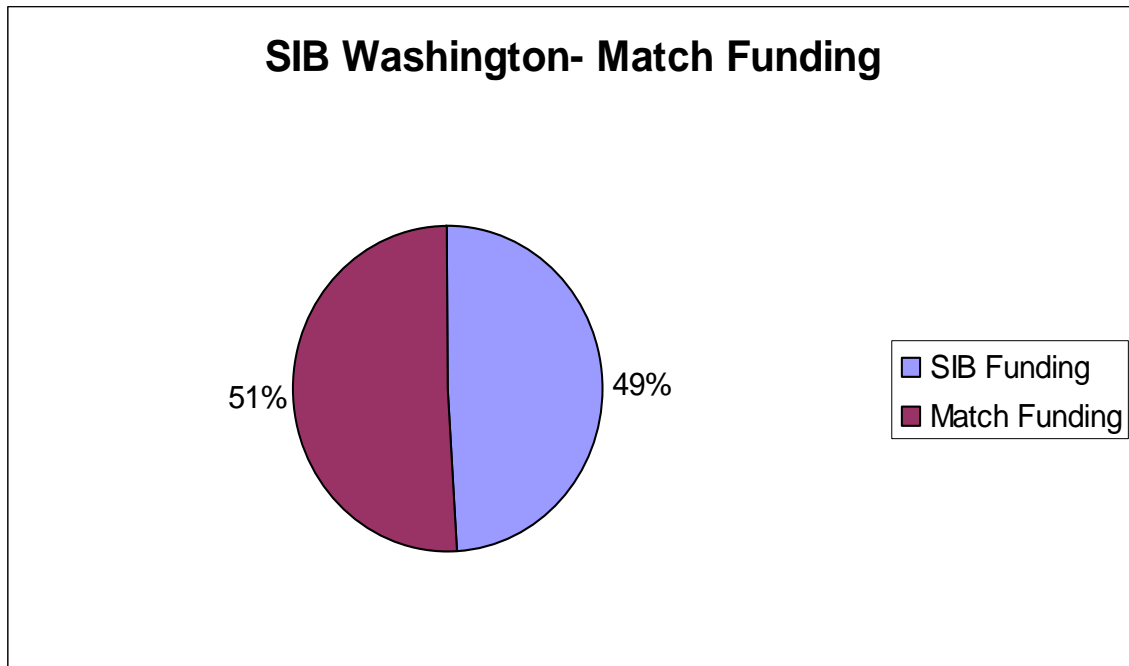
Committee have allocated the budget to meet the priorities outlined in the Local Area Plan. Of the total available, Area Committee awarded **£328,630** against those priorities. **£272,898** match funding has also been achieved.

The charts below provide an overview of allocated funds, match funding attracted and priorities targeted.

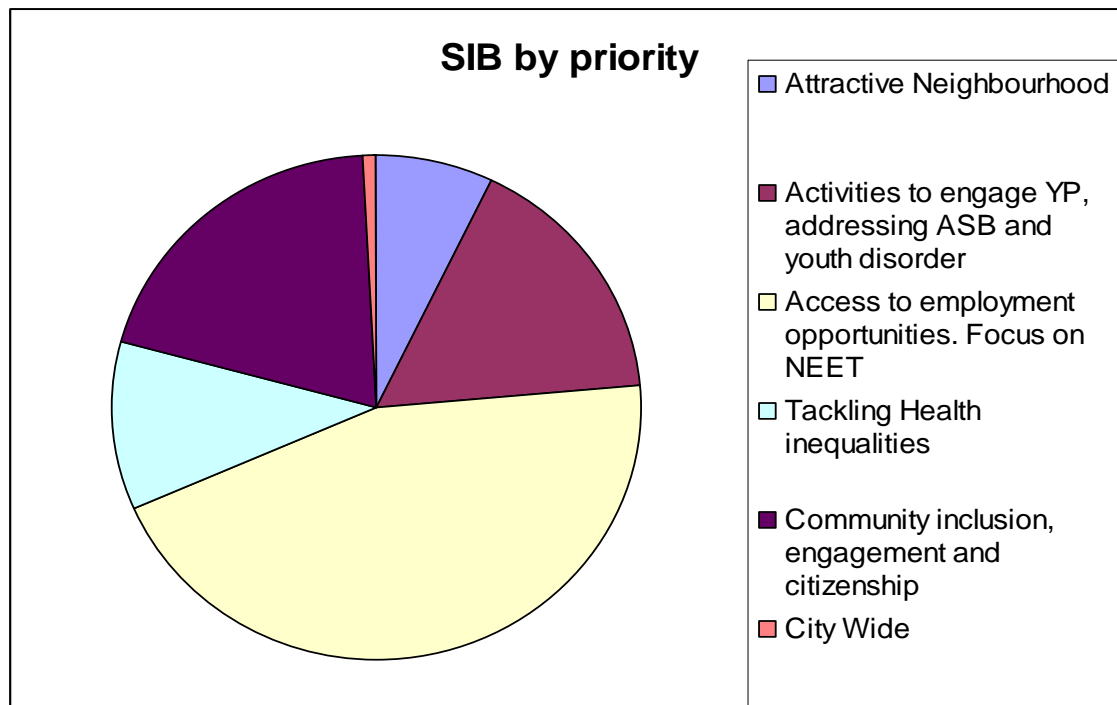
SIB Proactively Allocated to Priorities



SIB/Match Funding (At Application)



SIB allocated by Priority



Community Chest

Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and £10,000 was available for each Ward in 2011/12. Unallocated and unspent funds of £20,505 were also carried over or returned from previous years giving a total of £70,505 for 2011/12. Of the **£70,505** available, Washington Area Committee has allocated **£57,000**. A list of successful projects is provided at the end of this report.

Next Steps

An Area Needs Assessments (ANA) is currently under development to support Area Committees agree their priorities for 2012 -13. A snapshot of the ANA will be presented at the State of the Area Debate in May 2012. The aim of the snapshot is to assist Area Committees to decide on their future priorities, by building a picture of the area using key statistics and background information, along with identifying areas of strength and opportunities to develop.

The State of the Area Debate is following a similar format as the State of the City Debate, but delivered at an Area level. North Sunderland's Area Debate has been organised for the 28th May 2012. This will be an opportunity for Area Committees to show case examples of good practice in the area and request residents to inform future priorities by participating in a question and discussion session with the Leader and the Chief Executive being in attendance.

Information will be collated from the ANA and the Area Debates and presented to Area Committees in July 2012 to approve the Local Area Plans and priorities for 2012-13, with Cabinet approval being sought thereafter.

A joint Annual Report highlighting the key achievements of all 5 Area Committees is to be presented to Full Council for consideration.

In September 2012, the outcomes from the State of the Area Debates will be reported into the annual State of the City Debate.

Project Performance

Below is a summary of all SIB funded projects showing how they have performed against targets and what they have achieved this year.

Helping local people access employment opportunities with a focus on Washington young people Not in Employment, Education and Training (NEETs)

Youth Opportunities SNCBC Awarded £99,900 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
P7 Number of people accessing improved advice and support	15	28		£5,340	£5,340	
P6 Number of people receiving job training	8	13				
P2 (i) No of young people aged 16-19 NEET encouraged into further education and employment	4	7				
P1 Number of people going into employment	4	7				
<p>The Youth Opportunities programme has engaged 28 young people in the first quarter against the predicted target of 15. The young people have been supported by the dedicated Young Peoples Key Worker to engage in employment, education and training. The project delivers a range of group and individual support sessions and has worked in close partnership with Connexions, Job Linkage, Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project, Schools and local employers. Young people accessing the service have presented with a range of support needs which have included, but are not exclusive to basic skills barriers, with two young people now engaging in formal support through Test the City, homelessness and addiction issues. Young people have secured employment in a variety of occupational areas including TRW, Lifestyle Windows, Dynarod and the Millennium Centre.</p>						

Business Breakfast Awarded £1,500 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
P4 Number of new businesses established or current businesses supported	25	10		£1500	£564	
A6 Number of community or educational events held	1	1				
<p>SIB funding provided resource for a "Business Breakfast" held in Washington in August 2011. This project supports the priority of "Helping local people access employment opportunities - focus on NEETS, links to heritage". The event was well attended although the number of business attending was not as high as anticipated. The costs of the event were less than anticipated and the funding will be used to facilitate a follow up event to further engage with employers. This is scheduled for Friday 27th April 2012.</p>						

Employment Task Group 2012 Work Programme	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
			N/A	£10,000	£10,000	N/A
<p>The funding has been approved to help deliver a co-ordinated programme to help local people access employment opportunities. Partners will be encouraged to work collaboratively to deliver projects and activities which ensure a continued focus on this priority.</p>						

Washington Skills Demand Study Awarded £10,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A5 Number of project feasibility studies funded	1	1		£10,000	£10,000	
<p>The purpose of this application was to enhance and build on the existing employment and skills research to provide a comprehensive and thorough analysis of the opportunities in the Washington area. This application enhanced the city wide survey which was funded from the Working Neighbourhood Strategy. This project is now complete.</p>						

Washington NEET Support Project Awarded £2,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A5 Number of project feasibility studies funded	1	1		£2,000	£2,000	
<p>This project supported a research and mapping exercise which identified the barriers and issues arising regarding NEETs in Washington. The project was delivered through a resource seconded to work on behalf of Area Committee to identify the way forward to support NEETs and remove barriers to employment. The research work made recommendations which will be managed through the Employment and NEETs Task and Finish Group. This project is complete.</p>						

Engaging young people linking them and the broader community, and addressing youth related anti social behaviour

Usworth Grange Library Refurbishment Awarded £10,999 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	N/A	N/A	£0	£0	N/A
A2 Number of people using new or improved community facilities	200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<p>Usworth Grange was put into Special Measures in September 2010 and one of the criticisms was the poor standard of literacy. Children are not encouraged to read at home and therefore are unlikely to visit a community library. This project enabled the refurbishment of the school library which now provides an excellent reading environment to encourage children to spend time choosing and reading exciting books. This is a recently funded project with first spend and outputs etc. due by the end of Quarter 1 in 2012.</p>						

Washington Skate Park Festival Awarded £6,210 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A6 Number of community or educational events held	1	N/A	N/A	£6,210	£0	N/A
L4 No of activities for children and young people being delivered during school holidays	250	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<p>The project will deliver a large scale one-day festival that will attract participation from 700-1000 young people from across the Washington area. This will complement the generic youth work programmes that are delivered across the five Washington Wards under the City Council's Commissioning Contract for the delivery of youth work. The funding provided under commissioning arrangements contributes towards the cost of staffing at youth club sessions delivered at evenings and weekends, however budgets do make provision for the organisation and delivery of area wide, high profile events such as the Washington Skate Park Festival. This is a recently funded project with first spend and outputs etc. due by the end of Quarter 2 2012.</p>						

Activities for Young People –YDG Awarded £11,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
L9 No of new youth play services provided	107	143		£11,000	£3,503	
L8 No of new additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	250	633				
<p>This project has proactively engaged young people from 8 years up to 19 years. The projects have attracted young people from all over the Washington area, and engaged in positive activities such as Mountain Bike riding, Christmas Bauble making at the National Glass Centre, Drum Work shops, Dance Workshops, Photography as well as issue based drop in sessions. Over 170 young people were engaged at a music event at Pitstop Youth Project, with music being provided by young people from the local Oxclose Music Project. Young people also took part in community based activities that included 'litter picking' and 'flower planting' as well as gaining accreditation through an 'emergency first aid' course. Only three of the five wards have received 8 – 12 provision, although the Arts Centre has attracted young people from across Washington's 5 wards. SIB funding is now extended until the end of July to discuss with organisations how to fill the gaps in provision. Springwell Village Hall CA have established a core group of 8 – 12 year old accessing provision, and has also linked with a local chapel to provide activities. Washington Arts Centre have offered different sessions that include a film club, drama classes with a professional actor and singing classes leading to a public performance. Washington Millennium Centre has utilised provision and engaged 8 – 12 year olds in two types of activity utilising partnership working with TWEBLO. Young people will be attending a 'Behind the scenes' tour of the Beamish museum.</p>						

Operation Choice (SIB) Awarded £25,281	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A6 Number of community or educational events held	18	6		£25,821	£18,977	
S5 Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion / diversionary projects	750	937				
S6 Number of additional young people engaged in youth activities	170	224				
<p>Operation Choice builds upon the success of Operation Horizon. A conscious effort has been made to absorb the best practice from Operation Horizon into 'core business'. ASB has reduced across Washington and this project is designed to not only support ongoing positive momentum gained in hot spot areas but continue to engage young people and proactively divert them away from disorder and into local youth provision and/or local respect areas. Targeting specifically Friday evenings (highest ASB evening) this project's team of a PC / CSO / ASB Team and a youth worker will patrol areas of high ASB and interact positively with young people. Choice continues to run successfully working in partnership with youth services. Choice continues to run successfully working in partnership with youth services. Teams continue to be deployed in ASB hot spots across Washington. The schools element of Choice is ongoing, several dates have been provided by schools and it is anticipated this part of the project will be carried out by the end of June 2012. The target for community events has been reduced – events will be organised at a Ward level rather than neighbourhood level. Year to date youth related ASB has reduced by 15.6%. An under spend of £6,844 has been agreed to Quarter 1 2012/13 to continue existing activity.</p>						

Young Carers Integration Project Awarded £15,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
L2 No of people accessing improved advice and support	6	7		£15,000	NIL	
L8 No of additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	6	7				
L9 No of new youth play services provided	2	1				
<p>The project offers sessions for Young Carers aged 8 - 12 years old, to be held in Youth Clubs in Washington. The sessions will give children activities which they were likely to miss because of their family circumstances, fear of being different and bullying within mainstream services. There have been significant delays in starting the work with Young Carers as it has been much harder than expected to find youth clubs in Washington to work with in partnership and to staff the sessions. However, the Millennium Centre is providing a venue for one session per week with staff from the YMCA at Herrington Burn. The first session was held on 26th March, 2012. 5 Young Carers attended and 2 more are joining the second session. The feedback from the families from the first session was that the children loved it and the staffs were excellent. The Carers' Centre will build up the numbers in this group while seeking another venue - probably in the southern end of Washington. Funds have been re-profiled into Quarter 1 2012/13.</p>						

Phoenix Project Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Multi area funded project	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No of additional youth sessions been delivered per week	15	15		£11314	£9433	
Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	34	26				
<p>The course was designed to change behaviour of young offenders or young people at risk of offending. 26 young people from the Washington area (age 11-17) have participated in the course during this year. The Area Committees funding is for tiers 2 and 3 of the project, which has proven to reduce re-offending by 92%.</p>						

Oxclose Play Area (SIB and Washington South SIP)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
L9 Number of new youth play services provided	1	1		£41,000	£41,000	
A2 Number of people using new or improved community facilities	400	400				
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	1				

The SIB and SIP funded project aimed to deliver an enjoyable and accessible green space providing a safe outdoor area, which could be accessed free of charge and used by all, helping the community to come together. The introduction of play equipment was to enhance the opportunity for positive play. All outputs and milestones have been achieved however dense shrubbery around the play area had also raised concerns and further landscaping works have had to be completed. Due to problems encountered and vandalism the equipment has now been removed and will be relocated to a new site. **This project is now complete.**

Lighting and 3G Camera at Washington Wheeled Sports Park (SIP)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Outputs achieved fully last year	N/A	N/A	N/A	£1,551	£1,551	

The installation of lighting and CCTV for the Wheeled Sports Park has enabled young people to access the area after dark and therefore increase the opportunity for young people to participate in wheeled sports. The project allowed police to manage the park more effectively resulting in less people engaging in ASB and improving the safety of the area for young people using the park. **Project now complete**

All about Learning - St Bedes RC Primary School (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
L9 Number of new youth play services provided	1	1		£4,000	£4,000	

Funding was granted to deliver enhanced an ICT provision together with the latest technology. The purpose of the project is to enhance the ICT curriculum and resources to enable us to provide our community with relevant transferable skills. The increased focus on quality ICT teaching and learning will provide our pupils and parents with the skills required for tomorrow's work place. **Project now complete.**

Early Years and School & Community play facility Biddick (Washington Central SIP)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	10	10		£14,632	£14,632	
H1 Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyles projects	60	63				

A school commissioned LA architect designed Early Years Indoor/Outdoor Play facility as part the schools 5 year plan to utilise the school/ grounds with the local community. It provided a secure and adventurous exploration area. Lots of natural materials were used to create a landscape for the children to exercise. All landscaping and building works are now complete and play area is being accessed by all Early Years children, staff and parents. Plans are also in place for an Under 5(yrs) play club for use in the summer holidays. **This project is now complete.**

Operation Horizon (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A4 Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	2	2		£40,150	£36,759	

This project provided a structured partnership approach in the Washington area to tackle anti social behaviour. This Operation contributed to a reduction in Youth Related ASB of over 24% on the same period the year before. Two community respect days were held in Sulgrave and Rickleton. Both days have had over 200 people in attendance, activities for young people were provided and the painting of a subway took place along with the opportunity for residents to engage with a number of agencies working in Washington e.g. Police, Gentoo, ASB Team and Youth Provision. Positive marketing has been utilised for both days and feedback from residents and partners has been positive. An under spend of £3,391 was returned to Area Committee **This project is now complete.**

Remix Washington Arts Centre (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
S6 Number of additional young people engaged in youth activities	30	99		£24,780	£24,780	
S5 Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion / diversionary projects	245	246				
L8 Number of new additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	30	99				

Remix is a weekly participatory programme that runs throughout the year in which young people take over Arts Centre Washington (ACW) to take part in activities of their choice: drama, music, film, art and dance. Young people have used this last quarter of funding to showcase their skills: The Remix Dance group have won the area 'Pulse' dance competition administered by *Dance City*. Remix Drama are performing their commissioned play on Saturday May 5th to an audience of friends, relatives and VIPs. Remix Art is having an exhibition of their own work in April 2012 which is a progression from the piece that they already have in *Undress: Redress*. Remix Media are in the final stages of editing a film that will be used to demonstrate positive activities for young people. This film will be shown before the main film feature at the Saturday film club. Remix Music are improving their skills. They are currently seeking money to support a band night to regularly showcase their work. Many of the groups have recently recorded their music in the recording studio so that they now have demos of their sound. **This project is now complete.**

Blackfell Play Area (SIP Washington)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	1		£16,906	£15,979	
A2 Number of people using new or improved community facilities	616	616				
<p>The project was funded to enhance the play provision which is currently provided for the younger age group in the area. This project has delivered an exciting and stimulating play area providing outdoor opportunities free of charge for the young people aged 0 -19 of the local area. Improvements have been made to existing play equipment and the general area has been improved. New equipment has been introduced for the older age range which will compliment the existing MUGA. All outputs and milestones met. Return of £927 to AC funds. The project has now completed.</p>						

Attractive Neighbourhood including road safety and traffic management issues

Concord Bus Station Enhancement Awarded £2,250	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A4 No of events /programmes of work to improve the appearance of streets	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
A6 No of community or educational events held	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<p>The project will enhance the bus station building on the recently awarded NIB Gold Medal. It also provides an improved setting for the proposed Miner's Memorial Statue which will be installed Spring 2012. This site will be a high profile 'heritage' resource for the neighbourhood and the new planting scheme will improve and enhance the site. The project will be designed to provide sustainable planting that meets the criteria to add additional interest to the project. By involving the local community in the development of the project it is anticipated that they will take a pride in their work and do everything to ensure it continues to develop. This is a recently funded project with spend and outputs etc due by the end of Quarter 1/2 2012.</p>						

St Andrews Church Hall Improvements Awarded £6,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	N/A	N/A	£0	£0	N/A
<p>Funding was awarded to replace the existing heating system which was 34 years old and has been subject to a number of breakdowns Due to the age of the equipment and the general availability of spare parts, repairs have proven complex. Some events in the building having to be cancelled due to the lack of heating. This is a recently funded project with spend and outputs etc due in Quarter 1 in 2012. However a recent update from the lead agent has confirmed that contractors have been confirmed and work will commence w/c 28th May 2012.</p>						

Nature on your doorstep – The Nuttery-Washington Old Hall Awarded £3,450 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	1		£2,992	£1,656	
A2 Number of people using new or improved community facilities.	2000	60				
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	23	28				

SIB funds were granted to this project to deliver nature development work, enabling involvement from more volunteers and creating a unique tranquil facility in Washington. In June/July the project development worker began assessing and clearing the site with the help of 6 regular volunteers. (4 Un- employed). August saw the planning, and monitoring of wildlife and the erection of a bespoke bird hide. This involved 6 regular volunteers, 10 National Trust volunteers and two University students. September to May involved-cutting clearing and burning, preparing for fruit trees and planting bulbs. Bird boxes and a natural sculptured seat were arranged as well as a feeding station and screening hedgerow. New volunteers became involved from CATCH 22 and a celebration event is planned for the 31st May. The project will open on the 1st April 2012 and hope to achieve the A2 target output.

Monument Park Waiting Restrictions (Washington East SIP)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A4 Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1	0		£2,492	£0	

This project was funded to implement a scheme to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), Waiting and Loading Restrictions. The intention of the TRO is to help reduce the likelihood of obstructive and inconsiderate parking within this area. The TRO will comprise of no waiting at any time restrictions, helping prevent obstructive parking to improve access on the highway. Notwithstanding the above the physical deterrent of road markings does not always deter obstructive parking, so the Council will through the current enforcement regime issue Penalty Charge Notices (Penalty Charge Notice's) to offenders. An agreement with Area Officer has been made to make the financial claim on completion of the project and funds will be carried over into next financial year.

Oxclose Church Hall - Roof Repairs (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	1		£6,500	£4,825	
A2 Number of people new or improved community facilities	200	620				

Funds for this project were awarded for roof repairs. Over the years there have been persistent problems with water leaking through various parts of the roof into the building. Remedial work was carried out by the church in 2004 but the problem has continued to worsen. The outputs for this project have been exceeded and the project has over 580 adults & 40 children using the new & improved church community centre facilities. These figures relate to centre users and community outreach projects running either weekly or per month. This project had an under spend and has returned funds of £1,672. **This project is now complete.**

River Wear Trail Washington and Coalfield Joint project (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	1		£46,000	£46,000	

Funding of £19,500 was granted from the Coalfield Area & £26,500 from the Washington Area Committee towards a £72,000 project to restore to a high standard the accessibility of the River Wear Trail between Cox Green and Fatfield bridges. The route has now become step free enabling the north and south bank circuit to be used by those in wheelchairs and with push chairs. This project also resolved the condition of Alice Well at Cox Green riverside. Significant delays had occurred in the project due to waiting for title deeds from the land owner, concerns from Northumbrian Water etc. **The project has now completed.**

Washington East Dropped Kerbs (Washington East SIP)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	1		£14,353	£14,353	

The project was approved to deliver dropped crossings adjacent to junctions and bus stops in Washington East, to make it safer and more convenient for disabled persons to cross the road and to access public transport. All dropped kerbs now in place, funding claimed and outputs met. **The project is now complete.**

Bonemill Lane Roundabout (Washington South SIP)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A4 Number of events / programmes to improve the appearance of streets	1	1		£19,220	£19,220	

Funding was awarded for construction of roundabout, improved road safety and access from reduced vehicle speeds and conflict in Bone mill Lane. **The project is now complete.**

Coverdale – Footpath and Lighting (Washington North SIP)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A4 Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1	1		£3,332	£3,332	
This project provided lighting to an unlit footpath and barrier chicanes to footpaths to create a more attractive environment with added benefit of perception of increased safety for residents and visitors The project has added significant value to the street scene and amenity value in the Washington Area. The project is now complete.						

Washington Mining Memorial Statue 2011-Sunderland City Council (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	1		£76,840	£37,000	
A3 Community/voluntary groups supported	3	3				
A6 Community or educational events held	1	1				
The sculpture is now installed at the site near Concord Bus Station. A launch event has taken place on 31 March. It is anticipated that the remaining spend on this project will be completed in April 2012.						

Community inclusion, engagement and citizenship

Washington Trust Launch Awarded £3,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A3 Number of voluntary and community groups supported	1	N/A	N/A	£3,000	£0	N/A
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The project will support the establishment of the Washington Trust. The objects of the Trust are to support the VCS and partner organisations in Washington and adjacent areas to work collaboratively to develop and enhance Community Cohesion, training and employment support, health and wellbeing of individuals and communities and developing community resilience. The Trust will work with VCS groups in Washington, supporting them to identify funding streams, work collaboratively and prepare bids or support bids to funders. By setting up the trust and the support structure it will create opportunities for the VCS in Washington to then deliver services which will impact on several of the priorities listed above as the objects of the Trust mirror the priorities of area committee and encompass the broader community needs identified by the ward IMD scores. This is a recently funded project with spend and outputs etc due end of Quarter 1 2012.						

Washington Oral History Project Awarded £6,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	N/A	N/A	£6,000	£0	N/A
L5 Number of adults obtaining qualifications	12	N/A	N/A			
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	8	N/A	N/A			
The project will be delivered by the Usworth Banner Group and we will work in partnership with other groups in Washington who will support the delivery of the project. Volunteers including young people will be trained to interview residents and record their life stories through various media, including cameras, video cameras and voice recordings. Recording their experiences of growing up as a child; work life, especially with former miners and life in general over the years in the villages, that now forms Washington. The project will produce media that reflects life in the villages of Washington and how the villages have developed and social history has changes over the decades the project will cover. Highlighting the differences between then and now so that generations to come will have a permanent record of life in Washington. This is a recently funded project with spend and outputs etc due by the end of Quarter 3 2012.						

Community Events Programme	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
			N/A	£40,000	£40,000	N/A
The funding has been approved to deliver the Washington Heritage Festival and the Concord Illuminations Event in 2012.						

Development of the Aircraft Museum – NE Aircraft Museum Awarded £6,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	0		£6,000	£4,000	
A5 Number of project feasibility studies funded	2	2				
<p>This grant has been awarded to assist with the production of a feasibility study to explore ways in which the North East Aircraft Museum can come together with other transport groups to create the North East Land, Sea and Air Museums. This study has now been completed jointly by The North East Civic Trust and Fitz Architects. Invoices for this work have been submitted. Part 2 is for the provision of additional fencing on NEAM's site along side the football fields to the north of the Museum. Unfortunately, negotiations to extend the lease of the site, although agreed in principle, have not been completed so we have been unable to erect the required fence at this time. It is expected that the new lease will be signed before the end of April.</p>						

Education and Skills – TWEBLO (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
L6 No of young people aged 16-19 years old not in employment, education or training encouraged into further education and employment	1	1		£22,500	£22,500	
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	2	32				
P1 Number of people going into employment (FTE)	2	2				
<p>This project was funded to employ a Education & Heritage Officer and trainee to act as co-ordinators to engage young people at both school age and those categorised as NEET to access heritage as a volunteering opportunity and training opportunity. Progress on this project includes a Heritage Youth Group which has been set up at the Millennium Centre which will engage 8-11 years olds on a Tuesday finding out about miners history and looking at old fashioned toys. A Washington Heritage day event was held at the Sulgrave Miners Club in March 2012, with over 60 attendees viewing a display of photography showing mining and general history of Washington town and the development from 13 pit villages into a town. Work has been ongoing with 3 volunteers who attended the Washington Miners Memorial unveiling on a number of activities. Project targets met and spend claimed as originally profiled.</p>						

Holly Park Community Facility- Holley Park Primary School (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
S5 Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion / diversionary projects	10	0		£25,000	£25,000	
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	0				
<p>The project will deliver ICT starter classes to parents/grandparents and members of our local community in a safe and secure environment. The aim is to increase the knowledge and skills of people in our local community by delivering a provision central to our local area and in a familiar setting, enhancing their prospects of gaining employment and empowering our local people with skills and knowledge. The project has been delayed due to issues surrounding match funding. This funding has now been identified as in place and the project will go ahead in 2012. New revised targets and outputs will be agreed with the lead agent.</p>						

Washington Illuminations Awarded £7,500 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A6 Number of community or educational events held	1	1		£7,500	£6,384	
<p>The project enhanced the provision of Christmas Illuminations in Concord in 2011, with a distinct launch event, including a fireworks display, creating a focus for the start of the Christmas festive period in Washington. The project benefited all sections of the community through increasing attractiveness of the centre thereby resulting in increased numbers of visitors and shoppers with the potential economic benefit to both long standing and seasonal traders in the shopping centre over the Christmas period. The increased illumination within the streets had the benefit of greater light levels, the attraction of people outside normal trading hours with the benefit of a reduction in anti-social behaviour. £1,115.70 was returned to AC as under spend. The project is now complete.</p>						

Washington Village Christmas event Awarded £15,000 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A6 Number of community events held	1	1		£15,000	£14,571	
<p>The inaugural Christmas Festival was a huge success with an estimated 6,000 visitors throughout the event. At certain times there was an issue with managing crowd control within the marquees, but this has been discussed at the de-brief meeting. Partners and local groups all had positive feedback; however commercial catering companies will not be included in any future events as this had a negative effect on the charity groups who were also providing food. Washington Old Hall estimated that there were approx 70% of new visitors to the venue during this event. Members of the community are keen to deliver a similar event in 2012 if funding can be sourced. Underspend of £429 returned to AC. The project is now complete.</p>						

Washington Heritage Festival 2011 – Sunderland City Council (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A6 Number of community or educational events held	1	1		£25,000	£21,110	
<p>This project was awarding funding to deliver a second Heritage Festival on Saturday 17 September 2011 in Albany Park, Washington. Although there was inclement weather throughout the day the event was still well attended. Some outdoor performances were cancelled due to the wet weather causing some health and safety concerns with a group of dancers performing outdoors. There was an estimated 3 - 4,000 visitor's throughout the day. There was very positive feedback from visitors and participating volunteers on the day who stressed that it was a great local community event. There was a full page article and montage of photographs in the Sunderland Echo a few days after the event hailing the festival as a success. The event management and organisation went well with no reported incidents or complaints. Remaining spend profiled into Quarter 1, indications from lead agent that there may be money returned to AC-figure will be confirmed in Quarter 1. The project is now complete.</p>						

Washington Glebe Banner Project (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	1		£10,000	£10,000	
A6 Number of community or educational events held	2	4				
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	4	4				
<p>Funding was granted in order to advance the education of the public in matters relating to industrial heritage and to try and share an understanding of the mining heritage of the area and history of mining banners. Funds have been used to purchase and maintain a new replica banner and all necessary accessories i.e. poles, finials, ropes, tassels, harnesses, protective display case etc for the Washington Glebe Miners Banner Group, and to be on Display at JFK primary School. The Banner has been taken to the annual Durham Miners' Gala and will be used for any other public event that is deemed appropriate, in addition to the local primary school. This project is now complete.</p>						

Military display building (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
L6 Number of young people aged 16-19 years old not in employment, education or training encouraged into further education and employment	11	14		£7,705	£7,705	
L1 Number of people receiving job training	20	22				
A2 Number of people using new or improved community facilities	200	200				
A1 Number of new or improved community facilities	1	1				
<p>Funding was awarded to the Military Vehicle Museum which opened in 1984 and ran successfully until 2004 when the condition of the building meant that they could no longer open to the public. The funding enabled the Aircraft Museum to relocate alongside the North East Aircraft Museum in Washington assisting in the start up costs. This project is now complete.</p>						

IT Upgrade project – Usworth Grange Primary School (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A2 Number of people using new or improved community facilities.	180	180		£3,000	£3,000	
Funding was awarded to purchase IT equipment and this equipment is currently in use within the school. This project is now complete.						

Sunderland Festival Sunderland City Council Awarded £3,000 SIB per Area	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A6 Number of community or educational events held	1	1		£3,000	£3,000	
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	100	160				
S5 Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion / diversionary projects	50	124				
S6 Number of additional young people engaged in youth activities	100	50				
Sunderland Festival was delivered as a three day event between 1st and 3rd July 2011 with activity taking place at Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington; Barnes Park; Sunnyside Gardens; Arts Centre Washington; Marine Walk, Roker and Washington Old Hall. The theme was Americana and the activity across the city reflected this theme through music, dance, classic American vehicles, American football etc. In addition a series of kite making workshops took place in schools in each area prior to the event in an effort to encourage young people and their families across the city to travel to the main site at Northern Area Playing Fields. This project is now complete.						

Houghton Feast Awarded £3,000 SIB (per Area)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A3 Community/voluntary groups supported	1	9		£17,000	£16,433	
A6 Community or educational events held	7	44				
S5 Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary activities	20	163				
Houghton Feast 2011 commenced with an opening ceremony on Friday 7th October. Taking inspiration from the Saxon stone carvings of Wyverns which can be found in St Michael's Church, the ceremony was based on the theme of myths and legends with particular focus on the creation of a new story about the 'Houghton Wyverns'. Community workshops took place across the city in the run up to the event. These workshops were led by visual artists, a writer and a drama company who used the legend of the Lambton Worm as a foundation to create a new story. The drama company worked with local school children to devise a play which was performed at the opening ceremony of Houghton Feast. In addition to this visual art and writing workshops took place across the city with families, children, young people and adults in an effort to build audiences for and raise the profile of Houghton Feast. The project involved many groups and schools – Washington based participants included John F Kennedy Primary School, Rainbow Centre Washington Dad's and kids, Washington Library Readers Group. This project is now complete.						

Tackling health inequalities

Wellness in Extra Care schemes Awarded £4,500 SIB	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
H1 Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	30	0		£4,500	£0	
H2 Number of people engaged in healthy lifestyle projects/ engaged in sports activities	30	0				
The Wellness Service were awarded funds to work with the Extra Care Housing scheme (ECH) in the Washington area, Woodridge Gardens (which has 39 apartments), to develop physical activity opportunities and programmes at the scheme to meet the needs of adults and older people in order to promote health, reduce social isolation, increase physical activity, and therefore contribute to reducing inequalities in health.						

Due to unforeseen delays with the Procurement Team, the selection of an outdoor exercise equipment supplier for the project slipped by a few weeks. Caloo Limited have now been given the contract to supply the equipment, however because of ordering and installation timescales the equipment will now be installed slightly later than originally planned and will be w/c 2nd April 2012, with training for staff and taster sessions for residents taking place the following week (w/c 9th April) and we expect (if there are no further delays) for the equipment to be fully operation from mid April 2012.

Sunderland 2012 Awarded £10,000 from Washington, North, East, Coalfield and West	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of people engaged in healthy lifestyle projects	1,000	234		£2,500	£1,467	
Number of people volunteering	75	0				
<p>Sunderland in 2012 programme will provide a mixture of opportunities for residents to engage with the programme. The initiative will introduce and embed a level of friendly 'competitiveness' into the programme. Since the launch of the Sunderland in 2012 programme on the 27th January at the Museum and Winter Garden there has been 3135 people taking part in the programme by Doing, Watching or Supporting. The main events and activities that have taken place include the Big Aerobathon which took place at Silksworth Community Pool, Wellness and Tennis Centre on 16th February and 193 people took part in the event. The second series of events were the Play Days which were delivered in all 5 areas during February half term with 600 people took part in the events. The 24 hour Swimathon took place on the 23rd March which saw teams from all 5 areas participating. Running parallel to the main events programme individuals are taking part in the Travelling Ping Pong Programme which have been in place since Tuesday 7th February and will be touring Sunderland until Friday 21st September 2012 on a rolling three week basis. 360 individuals have participated in the first 6 weeks. Participation figures in the first quarter of the programme are behind target as the figures collected to date are for activities and events that have taken place in February and March however it is expected that the programme of events and activities scheduled for quarter two will see a significant increase in the number of people taking part in the programme across all 5 areas. To date the following organisations have taken part in this programme:</p> <p>Gentoo, Virgin officers, Youth Almighty, A690, BCT Employment, City of Sunderland Usworth Campus, Herrington Burn YMCA, Hetton Wellness Centre, Sunderland Aquatic Centre, Sunderland Tennis Centre, Washington Leisure Centre, City Services Refuse and Recycling.</p>						

Land at Stephenson –Strang Riding Centre (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A1 Number of new/improved facilities.	1	1		£13,000	£12,304	
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	65	67				
L6 Number of young people aged 16-19 years old not in employment, education or training encouraged into further education and employment	7	7				
L1 Number of people receiving job training	7	7				
H1 Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	30	30				
<p>Funding for this project was awarded in order for the riding club to purchase fields and grow crops to feed the horses and to use the land for riding activities. Tyne & Wear Riding for the Disabled at Strang operate 7 days per week, 52 weeks throughout the year, providing riding lessons and riding therapy for children and adults with mental, physical and learning disabilities. Output targets have all been met. The funding has enabled young people into career opportunities and various age groups of clients to benefit from a healthier lifestyle. The aims of the project have been met in that they are making a difference to the lives of disabled people by giving them an opportunity to take part in health activities. The land has now been purchased and the remaining funding will be claimed in Q1 2012/13.</p>						

Addressing Health Inequalities in Washington (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
H1 Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	509	986		£49,030	£49,030	
L4 Number of adults obtaining qualifications	100	165				
L5 Number of adults obtaining qualifications (non accredited)	136	131				

Funding for this project was awarded for two separate elements which were identified by the task and finish group to tackle health inequalities, Washington Health Champions and Tackling Health with SAFC Foundation based in Washington. The Health Champions provided training in Washington to front-line council staff, front-line workers in partner agencies and volunteers. The training comprised a basic qualification in understanding Health Improvement, Emotional Health and Resilience Workshops, Introduction to Financial Capability - Helping your Clients, Alcohol Brief Intervention and Smoking Brief Intervention. SAFC Tackle It have now delivered a number of courses in Washington over the school holiday period and are engaging well with local schools. The Active Bus has been to school sessions this term with more schools scheduled in for future dates. The output L5 is slightly lower than forecast due to changes in the way the accreditations are claimed. Exam results are now sought prior to confirmation. This project is now closed. **This project is now complete.**

Washington Mind -Recovery Support (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
H1 Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	100	245		£14,770	£14,770	
P2 Number of jobs safeguarded	1	1				
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	10	10				

This project has funded the salary of a part time Recovery Support Worker, to help Washington Mind develop and deliver its Drop-in services and social inclusion programme. The post holder assisted in developing services that compliment existing provision, promote recovery and build on the good work already taking place. The overall purpose of the post was to support and facilitate the formation and thriving of user-led groups, and cover for operational work as required. Many Drop-ins are run by unpaid staff, and having a designated worker ensures consistency and reliability in offering support to the people and volunteers involved in the project. The current worker progressed from volunteering to a paid position in July 2009 and recently completed a range of training including NVQ Level 2 in Customer services. **This project is now complete.**

The Outdoor Learning Landscape project - Albany Primary School (SIB)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
P3 Number of people employed in voluntary work	1	1		£14,600	£14,600	
A6 Number of community or educational events held	1	1				
H1 Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	10	12				

The outdoor learning landscape project gives children skills required for lifelong learning and success and develop, within them, the ability to make healthy lifestyle choices as they grow. This project created an outdoor play facility with a sustainable garden to promote healthy living, natural habitats for wild animals to live in to promote an understanding of how to care for wild life and the wider environment around us, and a sensory garden for exploration and a quiet, relaxation area for reading, reflection and contemplation to promote a healthy mind and body. As part of the project the sustainable garden has a heavy focus on health. The children will grow vegetables and use them in lessons and after school cookery clubs. **This project is now complete.**

Washington Community Chest approved projects for 2011/12:-

Washington Central Ward			
Project Name	Organisation Name	Date Approved	Amount
Outing for dinner and dance	Washington and Village Sequence Dancing	02.06.11	250.00
Washington Skate Park one day music festival -staging, PA and Generator	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project	02.06.11	700.00
Information cards	Carers Information Card - Sunderland Carers	02.06.11	78.00
Administration costs	Sunderland Armed Forces Network	28.07.11	20.00
Choir leader to teach community singing	Washingtones	28.07.11	350.00
Purchase boxing club equipment	Washington Boxing Club	29.09.11	3,000.00
Two tents for cub scouts	1st Washington Scouts	29.09.11	500.00
Transport , Catering and band fees	Sunderland Remembrance Parade	29.09.11	100.00
Traffic Management costs	Sunderland Remembrance Parade -Traffic	29.09.11	72.00
Christmas lunch & entertainment	Whiteladies Tenants Social Club	01.12.11	500.00
Refurbishment Chantry House	Washington Village In Bloom	01.12.11	500.00
Resources for brownies	4th Biddick Guides	01.12.11	450.00
Launch event Miners statue Concord	Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	02.02.12	250.00
Replace flooring in the main hall and redecorating costs	Columbia Community Association	06.03.12	2,000.00
River trip with lunch and coach hire	Our ladies over 55 club	06.03.12	825.00
License for grant finder	Wash Millennium Centre on behalf of Wash VCS Network	06.03.12	504.00
TOTAL			£10,099

Washington East Ward			
Project Name	Organisation Name	Date Approved	Amount
Washington Skate Park one day music festival -staging, PA and Generator	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project	02.06.11	700.00
Production of support cards for carers	Carers Information Card - Sunderland Carers	02.06.11	78.00
Washington and Village Sequence Dancing	Washington and Village Sequence Dancing	02.06.11	250.00
Refurbishment of Fatfield War Memorial	Fatfield War Memorial	02.06.11	3,000.00
Facilities Update	North Biddick Bowling Club	02.06.11	1,008.00
Christmas dinner	Columbia Pie and Pea Lunch Club	02.06.11	350.00
Administration costs	Sunderland Armed Forces Network	28.07.11	20.00
Bulb Planting with local schoolchildren	Sunderland City Council B Hodgkinson Bulb Plant	28.07.11	700.00
Christmas Pantomime	NE38 Kids Family Disco	29.09.11	539.00
Internal Refurbishment	Harraton Community Association	29.09.11	2,000.00
Transport , Catering and band fees	Sunderland Remembrance Parade	29.09.11	100.00
Traffic Management costs	Sunderland Remembrance Parade -Traffic	29.09.11	72.00
Refurb Sensory corner	Fatfield Primary School	01.12.11	2,500.00
New Flooring	The Arts Centre-Voice Studio	01.12.11	900.00
Launch event Miners statue Concord	Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	02.02.12	250.00
Supply shed to house equip for comm project	Washington Grange Home	02.02.12	530.00
Memorial Seat	Sunderland City Council	02.02.12	1,100.00
Purchase of 2 leather settees	Barmston Village Primary School	06.03.12	500.00
License for grant finder	Wash Millennium Centre on behalf	06.03.12	504.00

	of Wash VCS Network		
TOTAL			£15,101

Washington North Ward			
Project Name	Organisation Name	Date Approved	Amount
Washington Skate Park one day music festival -staging, PA and Generator	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project	02.06.11	700.00
Information card printing costs	Carers Information Card - Sunderland Carers	02.06.11	78.00
Washington Heritage Day PR Display Equipment	2214 Air Training Corps	02.06.11	650.00
Family Activities	Usworth Family Group	02.06.11	1,000.00
Administration Costs	Sunderland Armed Forces Network	28.07.11	20.00
Bowling and meal	St Thomas Disabled Club	28.07.11	300.00
Respect Your Neighbourhood Project	Northumbria Police	28.07.11	124.00
Transport , Catering and band fees	Sunderland Remembrance Parade	29.09.11	100.00
Traffic Management costs	Sunderland Remembrance Parade -Traffic	29.09.11	72.00
Community Cohesion events	Usworth Colliery Primary School	01.12.11	1,000.00
Day trip trip to adventure valley	St Bedes Toddlers	01.12.11	500.00
Lunch and coach trip	St Bedes Ladies Fellowship Club	01.12.11	500.00
Removal of horse shoe planters	Gentoo	01.12.11	3,600.00
Launch event Miners statue Concord	Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	02.02.12	250.00
Easter celebration	Roseberry Court Residents Group	02.02.12	500.00
Easter celebration	Peacehaven Court Residents Group	02.02.12	500.00
Lock System	St Bedes Primary School	02.02.12	500.00
License for grant finder	Wash Millennium Centre on behalf of Wash VCS Network	06.03.12	504.00
TOTAL			£10,898

Washington South Ward			
Project Name	Organisation Name	Date Approved	Amount
Washington Skate Park one day music festival -staging, PA and Generator	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project	02.06.11	700.00
Information card printing costs	Carers Information Card - Sunderland Carers	02.06.11	78.00
Furniture for Community Hall	Brancepeth Residents Club	02.06.11	1,000.00
Activities for Juniors & Toddlers	Oxclose Kids and Toddler Group	02.06.11	500.00
Administration costs	Sunderland Armed Forces Network	28.07.11	20.00
Development of outdoor classroom	Rickleton Primary School	28.07.11	2,000.00
Sports equipment for 5-11 year olds	St John Boste Primary School	28.07.11	500.00
Roof Repairs	Oxclose Church Hall	29.09.11	1,718.00
Transport , Catering and band fees	Sunderland Remembrance Parade	29.09.11	100.00
Traffic Management costs	Sunderland Remembrance Parade -Traffic	29.09.11	72.00
Beaver colony programme	3rd Washington Scout Group	01.12.11	1,250.00
Launch event Miners statue Concord	Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	02.02.12	250.00
Football Equipment	Washington AFC	02.02.12	470.00
License for grant finder	Wash Millennium Centre on behalf of Wash VCS Network	06.03.12	504.00
TOTAL			£9,162

Washington West Ward			
Project Name	Organisation Name	Date Approved	Amount
Washington Skate Park one day music festival -staging, PA and Generator	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project	02.06.11	700.00
Information card printing costs	Carers Information Card -	02.06.11	78.00

	Sunderland Carers		
Steam Engine repairs	Bowes Railway	02.06.11	850.00
Lunch costs	Blackfell Lunch Club	02.06.11	214.00
Administration costs	Sunderland Armed Forces Network	28.07.11	20.00
Pitch fees	The Stella FC	28.07.11	250.00
Seldom Seen Artwork-picture	Springwell Residents	28.07.11	600.00
Refurbishment	Donwell CA	28.07.11	1,000.00
Coach hire for trip	Donwell Mother and Toddlers	28.07.11	150.00
Wildlife Garden	George Washington School	28.07.11	400.00
Transport , Catering and band fees	Sunderland Remembrance Parade	29.09.11	100.00
Traffic Management costs	Sunderland Remembrance Parade -Traffic	29.09.11	72.00
New cooker	Holy Trinity Church Hall	01.12.2011	1,118.00
Pantomime costumes	Springwell Village Community Venue	01.12.2011	1,000.00
Renew library resources	Blackfell Primary School	01.12.2011	2,000.00
Launch event Miners statue Concord	Washington Miners & Community Heritage Group	02.02.12	250.00
Story sacks and books	Springwell Village Primary School	02.02.12	2,000.00
License for grant finder	Wash Millennium Centre on behalf of Wash VCS Network	06.03.2012	504.00
TOTAL			£11,306

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
26th April 2012
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Community Chest, and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

1. Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report
2. Agree the recommendations set out in **Annex 1** with reference to SIB applications and approve 3 SIB proposals from the 2012/13 budget

1. Young People's Activities Programme	£ 9,298	Approve
2. Washington Trust	£65,000	Approve
3. Phoenix Project	£ 4,000	Approve
3. Agree the allocation of **£100,000 SIB** to deliver a programme of work in 2012 which addresses an identified gap with regard to work with schools, training providers and employers (Subject to receipt of detailed SIB application, assessment and consultation).
4. Approve the 42 proposals for support from 2012/13 Community Chest as detailed in **Annex 3**

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Washington LAP. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area. The Area Committee has been allocated a budget of £287,261 for 2012/13. £ has been carried forward from 2011/12 giving the Area Committee a budget of £ for 2012/13.

The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution?

No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Regeneration Review Committee.
 Management Scrutiny Committee.

26th April 2012

Report of the Chief Executive.

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources**1. Why has it come to Committee?**

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan and work plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest.

**2.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENT WASHINGTON COMMITTEE
FUNDING STREAMS 2011-2012 as at 26th April 2012**

2.1. The table below shows the position following the March 2012 meeting. The final balance includes funding returned from projects which had a small under spend.

SIB: Washington SIB Statement after 6th March 2011 Area Committee					
* £287,261 was allocated for 2011/12, £12,321 has been brought back from 2010/11 allocations giving a total balance of £299,582, plus returned £10,449 = £310,031					
	Committee Date	SIB Budget	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
Allocated funding 2011/12 and £10,449 -Wash Wheeled Sports Park*Return	02.06.11	Return		£10,449*	£310,031
Project Name	-	-		-	-
Operation Choice	02.06.11	-		£25,821	£284,210
Sunderland Festival	02.06.11	-		£3,000	£281,210
Christmas Festival	02.06.11	-		£15,000	£266,210
Aircraft Museum	02.06.11	-		£6,000	£260,210
Friends of Old Hall	02.06.11	-		£3,450	£256,760
Education & Skills Programme	02.06.11	-		£30,000	£226,760
Oxclose Church Hall	28.07.11	-		£6,500	£220,260
Young Carers Integration Pilot	28.07.11	-		£15,000	£205,260

Washington Business Breakfast	28.07.11	-		£1,500	£203,760
Washington NEET's Support Project	28.07.11	-		£2,000	£201,760
Houghton Feast (Multi)	28.07.11	-		£3,000	£198,760
Washington Christmas Illuminations	29.09.11			£7,500	£191,260
Youth Opportunities	29.09.11			£99,900	£91,360
Activities for young people	29.09.11			£11,000	£80,360
2012 programme	01.12.11			£10,000	£70,360
Wellness Extra Care Scheme	01.12.11			£4,500	£65,860
Concord Bus Station	02.02.12			£2,250	£63,610
Usworth Primary School Library	02.02.12			£10,999	£52,611
Funds returned	01.12.11		Return	-£18,390	£71,001
Employment Task Group Activity (Subject to a SIB assessment and appraisal)	01.12.2011		£10,000		£61,001
Heritage and Community Events (Subject to a SIB assessment and appraisal)	01.12.2011		£40,000		£21,001
Funds returned	06.03.2012		Return	-£1,116	£22,117
Washington Trust Launch	06.03.12			£3,000	£19,117
Washington Skate Park Festival	06.03.12			£6,210	£12,907
Washington Oral History Banner Group	06.03.12			£6,000	£6,907
St Andrews Methodist Church	06.03.12			£6,000	£ 907
Funds returned			Return	-£927	£1,834
New Balance		£310,031	£50,000	£258,197	£1,834
NB: - The final balance figure includes funding recouped at £20,433. The new allocation for 2012/13 is £287,261 (subject to approval), with the under spend of £1,834 from 2011/12 this totals £289,095					

*Subject to approval of figures in allocated column

Community Chest

Available Funding 2012/13 includes the 2012/13 allocation of £10,000 per ward and £13,323 unclaimed or unallocated from 2011/ 201.

	Community Chest Budget	Approvals	Balance
Central	£13,951		£13,951
East	£10,847		£10,847
North	£11,587		£11,587
South	£15,089		£15,089
West	£11,849		£11,849
Balance	£63,323		£63,323

2.2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.2.1 Following the March 2012 Area Committee meeting, a balance of **£907** remained to be allocated from the 2011/12 budget. **£927** has been returned to the SIB allocation, due to an underspend on the Blackfell Play Area. The new allocation of SIB for 2012/13 has been confirmed as **£287,261** (Subject to approval). Therefore the starting balance for the new financial year is **£289,095**.

2.2.2 The following projects as detailed in **Annex 1** are recommended for approval, as follows:

	<u>2012/13</u>	
1. Young People's Activities Programme	£ 9,298	Approve
2. Washington Trust	£65,000	Approve
3. The Phoenix Project	£ 4,000	Approve

2.2.3 Area Committee is also is requested to consider the allocation of a budget of **£100,000** from the 2012/13 budget to deliver a programme of work in 2012 which builds of the success of the Youth Opportunities Project and which addresses an identified gap with regard to work with schools, training providers and employers re careers guidance, work placements to establish a route to employment and training opportunities with the 14 – 16 year old age group. The project will build relationships with employers to support the provision of quality work placements and will work with schools to ensure enhancement of a universal service re careers advice and guidance.

2.2.4 A recent Area Needs Assessment has identified there is still an opportunity to enhance the provision for Washington's young people and to continue the good work commenced through Area Committee last municipal year. **The allocation and approval of this funding will be subject to receipt of detailed SIB appraisal, assessment and consultation exercise, before projects are implemented.**

2.2.5 Projects recommended for approval from the 2012/13 budget as above total **£178,298**. Should Area Committee approve this proposal, the balance for the 2012/13 allocation would be **£110,797**.

2.2.6 A number of priorities have previously been allocated a budget from which projects have been, and are being, developed. **Annex 2** shows budgets agreed, projects proposed or approved and balances remaining for each of these individual budgets.

2.2.7 One such budget is for the Employment Task Group Work Programme. A total of £10,000 was allocated in December 2011 from the 2011/12 budget. Following the receipt and assessment of a detailed SIB application and appraisal Committee are now requested to note the allocation of £1,000 of the budget for the second Washington Business Breakfast to be held April 27th.

2.2.8 In addition, a budget for community and heritage events was approved in December 2011 from the 2011/12 budget. Following the receipt and assessment of a detailed SIB application and appraisal, Committee are now requested to note the allocation of £30,500 of the budget for the Washington 2012 Heritage Festival and £8,606 for the 2012 Concord Illuminations Event.

2.3 Community Chest

2.3.1 The table below details balances remaining following the last meeting in March 2012 together with the new allocation for 2012/13 and grant returned to budget in April 2012. A total of 42 project proposals received are detailed in **Annex 3**

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Proposals	Grant returned April 2012	Balance Remaining
Washington Central	£13,951	£5,542	No return	£ 8,409
Washington East	£10,847	£1,430	No return	£ 9,417
Washington North	£11,587	£3,500	No return	£ 8,087
Washington South	£15,089	£3,150	£18	£11,957
Washington West	£11,849	£3,623	£73	£ 8,299
Total	£63,323	£17,245	£91	£46,169

Recommendations:

Committee is requested to:

1. Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report.
2. Agree the recommendations set out in **Annex 1** with reference to 3 SIB applications.
3. Agree to allocate a budget of **£100,000** to deliver a programme of work in 2012 which addresses an identified gap with regard to work with schools, training providers and employers as detailed in paragraph 2.2.3. (Subject to receipt of detailed SIB application, assessment and consultation).
4. Note the allocation of budget for the Business Breakfast, the 2012 Washington Heritage Festival and the 2012 Concord Illuminations Event as detailed at 2.2.6 and 2.2.7 and **Annex 2**
5. Approve the 42 proposals for support from 2012/13 Community Chest as detailed in **Annex 3**

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Background Papers

SIB Applications: SIB budget previously approved and allocated: Community Chest proposals

SIB Full Applications**SIB Full Application No.1.**

Name of Project	Young People's Activity Programme
Lead Organisation	Youth Development Group (SCC)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£9298	£	£9,298
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	May 2012	August 2012

The Project

This project will allow for further work to be carried out with 13 - 19 year olds during the school holiday breaks, and will support projects across a transitional period leading up to confirmation of the future external funding of projects and initiatives such as Washington Arts Centre's Remix. The funding will allow for exit strategies to be put into place from existing funded projects, while also looking for alternative funding.

In extending the 13 - 19 year old funding, the project aims to offer young people a wider range of positive activities for them to be involved in during the school holiday and beginning of the school summer holidays and will look to build on the exceptional results achieved in the last two holiday periods. Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project will compliment provision in Washington but funding Easter holiday provision from their own funds. The Arts Centre will offer additional 'Remix' activities throughout the summer period. In relation to the 8 - 12 year old stream, further funding will allow more time and scope to engage in providing provision related to the initial bid, which started late and provide opportunities in the two wards which have not yet had any direct 8 - 12 term time provision, to complement work already being undertaken in the current bid and to continue with the development and delivery of the Pic n Mix Project through Arts Centre Washington. Projects will be encouraged to engage young people in positive activities in areas that are identified as 'in need', and increase the number of young people accessing positive activities.

Need for Project

Previous research carried out by Area Committee, the Washington Task and Finish group and LMAPs, all identified activities for young people as a priority. This was reinforced during the Christmas holiday period and the February half term holiday projects involved engaged with lots of young people making both pieces of work very successful. The Young People's Task Group has recognised the importance of the successful collaborative working that has been developed and has impacted on youth related asb and engagement of Washington's young people. Young people and children in the Washington wards will benefit from a wider choice of positive activities, with success being measured on those young people and children taking part and being engaged

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
L1	No. new clubs 8 – 12 year olds established	6
L2	No. additional children 8 – 12 participating	60
L3	No. holiday activities	180

Key Milestones for the Project

8 – 12 work programme planned	April 2012
13 – 19 work programme planned	April 2012
8 – 12 work programme commence delivery	April 2012
13 – 19 holiday activities 1 st programme commence delivery	June 2012
13 – 19 holiday activities 2 nd programme commence delivery	July 2012
13 – 19 holiday activities 3 rd programme commence delivery	August 2012

Recommendation: Approve. This project meets the Area Committee’s Equality, Inclusion and Engagement Priority and the Activities to Engage Young People Priority of the 2011/12 Work Plan.

SIB Full Application No.2.

Name of Project	Washington Trust Partnership Project
Lead Organisation	Washington Trust

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£65,000	£0	£65,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	May 2012	April 2014

The Project

The project will work with all VCS groups in Washington, supporting them to identify funding streams, by using Grant Finder and other funding websites so that the sector and the Trust can work collaboratively and prepare bids or support bids to funding bodies and organisations.

The Washington Trust objects are “to support the VCS and partner organisations in Washington and adjacent areas to work collaboratively to develop and enhance Community Cohesion, training and employment support, health and wellbeing of individuals and communities and developing community resilience. “ It is proposed the Trust will

- Work with its partners to bid for funding to enable the Trust and its partners to deliver services that the residents of Washington have said they want.
- Work with its partners to improve training and employment opportunities for the people of Washington especially the young people.
- Support organisations that offer Information, Advice & Guidance to help residents improve their lives.
- Work with partners to enhance community cohesion in Washington and will seek to strengthen communities.
- Work with Statutory partners to engage residents in decision making and strengthen community resilience.
- Aspire through work with partners to develop the Pride the people of Washington have in their local community and to celebrate the history of the villages that make up the new town of Washington.
- Support its partners to work with the most vulnerable in society to ensure equality of opportunity to all.
- Promote the voluntary and community sector in Washington and all the good work they do and it will seek to ease the burden on small VCS groups to support them with funding applications so that they can develop the activities and services they offer.
- Encourage the sector to value the work of volunteers and support volunteering activities in Washington.

A number of the voluntary and community sector organisations partners are already committed to supporting and working with the Trust and have agreed that the Trust will be well placed to lead on collaborative working so that the organisations can focus on their core activities of servicing the needs of the residents.

To facilitate bids, partners will identify a need, and through consultation it is what residents tell us they want. Washington Trust will support this work to ease the pressure on groups that are already struggling by engaging individuals who are able to write the bids and present the business case on a project by project basis. By taking this approach overheads and costs will be kept to a minimum ensuring that funding is targeted to project delivery. The seed funding will be used as a contribution to the matched funding that funders require and will be used to lever in funding that supports the priorities of Area Committee and issues identified in the work plan. In addition the Trust and the support structure of partner VCS organisations will create opportunities for the VCS in Washington to work more smartly and collaboratively, to apply for funding streams that support the organisations and their objectives, the Committee's priorities and the Trusts objectives. The VCS will then deliver services or programmes which will impact on several of the priorities listed above as the objects of the Trust mirror the priorities of Area Committee and encompass the broader community needs identified by the ward IMD scores. Funding will be used to fund some of the bid writing as well as be used as a seed fund as mentioned earlier.

It is anticipated that success will be measured in the first year of the project by achieving 2 successful funding bids and supporting at least 2 VCS groups or organisations. At the end of the project we will measure the amount of funding levered into the area and expect this to be at least £250,000. This is based on research of suitable opportunities - Reaching Communities (Lottery) and Coalfields Regeneration Trust. Partner organisations have indicated a commitment to go forward with bids. Some success is anticipated as a justification of the figures above.

Need for the Project

Washington Area Committee Work Plan has an outstanding issue of support for the voluntary sector as they have identified a capacity issue and this project will address that priority. Partners at the Bridge Project, Carers Centre, Washington Mind and some of the smaller organisations have been consulted and all support the project and wish to be part of it. In addition Trust members attended the Area VCS Network meetings and shared the proposed objects of the Trust with the network members and all agreed with the objects and the formation of the Washington Trust and looked forward to working with it and developing bids that delivered services to Washington residents.

Consultation with some of the local CA's in Washington has identified they do not have either the time or skills and capacity to develop and write funding bids, as they are predominately run by volunteers and they welcome the support this project can bring. The Trust will work to facilitate building the capacity of the CA volunteers in partnership with the larger organisations signed up as partners. Business planning and future proofing of the VCS organisations at all levels is vital if the sector is to succeed and deliver services and activities to meet Washington resident's needs

As bids are developed, partners of the Trust will sign up to be a delivery partner or a lead agent for a specific area of work or initiative, and an appropriate and relevant management agreement will be put in place with all involved. At this time it is difficult to say who will be involved in each proposal, however a range of partners are already committed and the Trust wishes to encourage and ensure that all VCS organisations in Washington can benefit from the new funding this project will generate.

Washington Trust is a long term project and it will work with and support the VCS in Washington for as long as the need and demand is there, given the current economic climate it is expected the need will remain for at least the next 10 years. Income generation and sustainability of the Trust will be a measure of its success. An Evaluation of the project is built in within the first 12 months.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. improved community facilities	1
A3	No. community/voluntary groups supported	10
H1	No. programmes tackling health inequalities	2

Key Milestones for the Project

Office/Base in place	June 2012
First successful bid submitted	Dec 2012
First partnership project commences	March 2013
Evaluation	June 2013

Recommendation: Approve. This project meets the Area Committee's Equality, Inclusion and Engagement Priority of the 2011/12 Work Plan.

SIB Full Application No.3

Name of Project	The Phoenix Project
Lead Organisation	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£40,000	£20,000	£4,000 per Area (Total £20,000)
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	May 2012	April 2013

The Project

The project is to provide a year's funding for the 'Advanced' and 'Respect' courses of the Phoenix Project, whilst new service and funding arrangements are established, from 2014. The Phoenix Project is a successful, nationally acclaimed partnership project between the City Council and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), which has proved a success in reducing re-offending amongst young people and in changing offending behaviour. The overall Phoenix Project consists of three course levels: Phoenix, Advanced and Respect. The core costs of the project are funded by TWFRS and the City Council, including the costs of running the 1st tier Phoenix course. The council's contribution is £32,000 from the Youth Offending Service (YOS) and TWFRS's contribution is core staffing and operating costs. The council's five Area Committee's have over the last two years, funded the 'Respect' and 'Advance' courses, which have made the most positive impact on offending behaviour. From 2014, the Phoenix Project, and its three course levels, will be incorporated into a new service 'umbrella' of a Whole Family Programme within Children's Services, which will evolve from the existing Family Intervention Programme. Existing funding will be consolidated and additional funding will be sourced from the government's 'Troubled Families' initiative. In addition, Phoenix will be incorporated into the work of the Additional Educational Needs Service, which will provide additional income to the Project.

Match funding of £10,000 from Children's Services and £10,000 from the Safer Sunderland Partnership has been confirmed. All Area Committees are being requested to commit £4,000.

Need for Project

The original Phoenix course is a four day course which encourages discipline, self discipline, confidence, self esteem, leadership, communication, team work, practical skills and knowledge by engaging in training and activities based on Fire fighting skills and practical procedures. ASB, hoax calls, fire safety in the home, driving standards and knife crime are also included in the course. Students are motivated, confident and enthusiastic following the completion of the Phoenix project. Evaluation has demonstrated that 48% of students do not re-offend up to 12 months following the course.

The Respect course is a two day follow up course solely for students who have completed the original Phoenix and have not offended, have maintained behaviour levels, both at school and at home for a minimum period of 3 months. The course delivers more advanced activities and practical tasks based on fire fighting skills, such as working with ladders and fire extinguisher training. The purpose of offering this course is to encourage and motivate the students to achieve the above criteria to attend. Evaluation of 4 pilot courses in 2007 demonstrated that, given the incentive of the second course, 85% of students attending the original Phoenix desisted from offending for a minimum of 3 months and up to 12 months to meet the criteria.

The Advanced course is 3 days and is the third course in the “package” for students who have completed the first two courses and have not offended and maintained behaviour levels for a further 6 months following the Respect course. The first day of the course recaps on activities from the first two courses with day 2 and 3 being spent at an outdoor activity centre with an overnight stay. Teambuilding, leadership, communications skills, confidence building and motivation are the main purpose of the challenges and activities, which include mid ropes course, high walk, assault course, zip wire, night line tunnels and many others. Current evaluation figures have shown that 92% of students completing the whole programme desist from offending for at least 12 months following their completion. Research demonstrates if a person refrains from re-offending for 12 months, this is a change of behaviour that affects their life opportunities.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
S3	Number of programmes/activities to reduce ASB	15
L8	Number of young people engaged and participating in youth provision	120

Key Milestones for the Project

3 Respect and 2 Advanced courses	June 2012
2 Respect and 2 Advanced courses	Sept 2012
2 Respect and 1 Advanced courses	Dec 2012
2 Respect and 1 Advanced courses	March 2012

Recommendation: Approve. This project meets the Area Committee’s priority with regard to Activities to Engage Young People and addressing ASB as detailed in the 2011/12 Work Plan.

SIB Budget approvedBudget approved 01.12.11 **£10,000**

Priority	Project	Date	Funding approved
Employment Programme	Business Breakfast 2012	01.12.11	£1,000
Remaining Balance			£9,000

Budget approved 01.12.11 **£40,000**

Priority	Project	Date	Funding approved
Community Inclusion	Washington Heritage Festival 2012	01.12.11	£30,500
Community Inclusion	Concord Illuminations	01.12.11	£8,606
Remaining Balance			£ 894

**COMMUNITY CHEST 2012/2013 WASHINGTON AREA
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2012/2013	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
Central	Tyne and Wear Federation of Womens Institutes: Purchase of story boards and digital recorder for Washington Heritage Day and Washington Village Christmas Fair	£485			
	Glebe Methodist Church/ Community Hall : Purchase of tables and chairs for community hall	£477			
	Glebe Residents Association : Room hire and purchase of 10 fruit trees and wild flower seeds for jubilee	£500			
	Washington Glebe Bowling Club: Minibus hire for 6 matches.	£450			
	Family Justice Adoption Fund : Adoption gift to signify new start in life for children	£ 20			
	Biddick School Community Basketball : Basketball fees, court hire and registration	£400			
	Biddick Comprehensive School : Contribution for installation costs for play equipment-Unity Centre	£100			
	North Eastern Electrical Trust : Relocation of transport vehicles and trams	£700			
	Oxclose Community Table Tennis Club: Purchase of table tennis equipment	£500			
	Sunderland Remembrance Parade: Various costs of remembrance parade 2012 inc transport, wreaths and accommodation	£ 60			
	Washington Glebe Miners Banner Group : Travel and refreshments to Durham Miners Gala	£500			
	Girl Guides: Golden Jubilee Event	£450			
	Totals (12)	£5,542	£13,951	Nil	£9,309
East	Family Justice Adoption Fund : Adoption gift to signify new start in life for children	£ 20			
	Sunderland Remembrance Parade : Various costs of remembrance parade 2012 inc transport, wreaths and	£ 60			

	accommodation				
	North Eastern Electrical Trust: Relocation of transport vehicles and trams	£700			
	Girl Guides : Golden Jubilee Event	£450			
	Oxclose Community Table Tennis Club : Purchase of table tennis equipment	£200			
	Totals (5)	£1,430	£10,847	Nil	£9,417
North	Family Justice Adoption Fund : Adoption gift to signify new start in life for children	£ 20			
	Usworth Banner Group : Miners Gala	£ 500			
	North Eastern Electrical Trust: Relocation of transport vehicles and trams	£1500			
	Sunderland Remembrance Parade : Various costs of remembrance parade 2012 inc transport, wreaths and accommodation	£ 60			
	Concord Childcare Centre : Storage units, waterproofs and wellies for children	£ 270			
	Washington F Pit Banner : Miners Gala	£ 500			
	Girl Guides : Golden Jubilee Event	£ 450			
	Oxclose Community Table Tennis Club : Purchase of table tennis equipment	£ 200			
	Totals (8)	£ 3,500	£11,587	Nil	£8,087
South	Family Justice Adoption Fund : Adoption gift to signify new start in life for children	£ 20			
	North Eastern Electrical Trust : Relocation of transport vehicles and trams	£700			
	Ayton Allotments Association : Purchase of Weatherproof notice board. and painting costs of metal on site storage containers	£770			
	Sunderland City Council : Material and refurbishment costs for Low Oxclose play area	£400			
	Oxclose Community Table Tennis Club : Purchase of table tennis equipment	£700			
	Sunderland Remembrance Parade : Various costs of	£60			

	remembrance parade 2012 inc transport, wreaths and accommodation				
	North East Goldfish Society : Midas Training for driver to self drive community minibus to take members to National Events	£50			
	Girl Guides : Golden Jubilee Event	£450			
	Totals (8)	£3,150	£15,107*	Nil	£11,957
West	Family Justice Adoption Fund : Adoption gift to signify new start in life for children	£ 20			
	Springwell Residents Association : Purchase of laptop, accessories and 2 year warranty	£495			
	Albany Care Home Residents : Community jubilee street party inc banners, bunting, face painter and accessories	£498			
	Albany Village Primary School : Purchase of shed and garden equipment	£700			
	Sunderland Remembrance Parade : Various costs of remembrance parade 2012 inc transport, wreaths and accommodation	£ 60			
	North Eastern Electrical Trust : Relocation of transport vehicles and trams	£700			
	Oxclose Community Table Tennis Club : Purchase of table tennis equipment	£700			
	Girl Guides : Golden Jubilee Event	£450			
	Totals (7)	£3,623	£11,922*	Nil	£8,299
Totals		£17,245	£63,414		£46,169

* Includes grant returned

26th April 2012

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN SERVICES

PROVISION OF XL VILLAGE YOUTH ACTIVITY

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 This report provides information on the current position in relation to the XL Youth Village provision both citywide and specifically in the Washington Area. It highlights proposals for amendment to the delivery model in order to provide better value for money and seeks approval for the intended summer sites as proposed by the Washington Task and Finish Group.

2. Background:

2.1 The Sunderland Fear of Crime Survey (March 2008) found that the 5th most important priority for residents to feeling safer was 'more activities/facilities for young people'. For the last four years, the survey has also found residents greatest perceived problem was young people "hanging around". Local Multi-Agency Problem Solving Groups (LMAPs), regularly identify tackling youth disorder as a top priority, particularly relating to the consumption of alcohol.

Additionally there is an increasing awareness of the public's concern regarding young people in local neighbourhoods being involved in anti social behaviour especially at weekends and a commitment by the Council to provide more 'things to do' for young people at weekends to address this.

2.2 Sunderland's 'Positive Activities for Young People' pilot in 2008 was established in response to the Governments '**Aiming High Strategy**': to engage young people in constructive activities in their leisure time. As part of this the Youth Development Group developed a pilot project with the voluntary sector to engage young people into positive youth work activities at weekends and deter them from anti social behaviour. This was a pilot concept of the XL Youth Village and was delivered in the West area from July to September 2008 in partnership with A690 Youth Initiative. The project was an overwhelming success engaging over 200 young people every Friday and Saturday night in areas which had had high levels of youths causing annoyance.

The pilot delivered a police reported 34.4% decrease in youth disorder, compared to the same period the previous year, with a major impact on minimising alcohol consumption of young people and encouraging community cohesion.

2.3 Following the success of the pilot, Sunderland City Council created Sunderland XL programme, employing its own team of youth workers to deliver the project. The provision engages young people at weekends, and complements existing provision/facilities. The programme was developed in partnership with Gentoo, Northumbria Police, A690 Youth Initiative, Northumbria Water and Nike who provided equipment, uniform, staffing support and resources. These partners remain involved with the programme and are part of the City Wide Steering Group.

2.4 The XL Village model has been recognised locally, regionally and nationally as a model of good practice both for the extent of partnership working and the innovative approach to youth engagement. Most recently it was the winner in the Partnership Category at the Regional Youth Work Awards in March.

2.5 The XL Youth Village aims to provide:

- Highly visible, safe and attractive places for young people to go in their leisure time, where they can get involved in a wide range of positive activities
- More young people having the opportunity to participate in activities that support their personal and social development and achieve positive outcomes
- More young people with access to Information Advice and Support from places they feel comfortable
- A reduction in young people being involved in anti- social behaviour;
- Health advice, including sexual health screening and drug and alcohol issue based work

3 **Current Position**

- 3.1 The Youth Development Group currently delivers XL Youth Villages working in partnership with A690 Youth Initiative. The model has offered provision of 110 summer youth villages, and 50 winter youth villages - a total of 160 youth villages per annum offered City wide. This in addition to the 3 ward based youth sessions which take place each week and the additional provision in school holidays and for 8-12 year olds which has recently been agreed with voluntary sector providers.
- 3.2 The XL project is currently governed by a City Wide Steering Group which meets to discuss the overarching project City wide and the model of delivery. Five operational groups, one in each area of the City, determine at a local level, where to site the youth villages . These groups meet on a monthly basis.
- 3.3 The model of delivery in 2010 and 2011 proved to be very successful engaging over 3000 young people into positive youth work activities. As the project developed it became apparent that some of the youth village sites that were identified by the operational groups were less successful due to the location within the community and the demographics of youth population in the area and that the model of delivery needed to be more flexible to meet the different needs, and youth cultures in different communities..
- 3.4 In response, a new winter delivery model was piloted in 2011/12. This involved a significant change in the way the programme was delivered to young people, moving from a static provision to a more mobile/responsive provision to meet the needs, not only of the young people who are at the forefront and main focus of the delivery, but also responding to the needs of the local community. An Intelligence and Tasking ASB Group, which considers real time intelligence to ensure resources are deployed in areas of greatest need, currently influence this new XL Village Model where delivery is based on an outreach model, allowing staff to complete reconnaissance of an area initially engaging the young people via detached youth work methods, then identifying provision that meets their needs.
- 3.5 This model is currently in its infancy, but in the short term of delivery it has had an impact within communities, not only accommodating the young people needs, but addressing the issues raised by residents within the community. ASB related behaviour has fallen in the areas where there has been provision. Information on the Northumbria Police website from February 2012 substantiates these findings, identifying that there has been “79 fewer youth related anti-social behaviour incidents reported to police between November 2011 and January 2012, in the 12

areas the initiative has been piloted, compared to the same period in 2010/11, this is down by a third”.

4 Proposed Future Delivery Model

- 4.1 The pilot XL Outreach has identified that by delivering provision which meets the needs of young people at an area level and having real time intelligence, it has helped to positively engage more young people and direct the work to areas that have the greatest need for positive youth engagement. Having reviewed the delivery model, the Strategic XL Group have proposed that a new delivery model for the XL Youth Village be adopted that would encompass all of the learning to make a more effective and efficient model of delivery.
- 4.2 Developing the winter model would see XL Youth Village events increasing in size incorporating all of the equipment to give the young people access to more activities and resources. This would involve merging the marquees to make one big festival style event, with live bands, DJ's, trailers with a recording studio, and cinema room, climbing wall, football cage, and areas with information and refreshments. The youth bus will provide advice, information and guidance and there will be a welfare unit offering sexual health information,. This model was piloted at the end of summer 2011 programme with overwhelming success at the Hylton Castle venue, where over 200 young people were attending regularly each week.
The second XL Youth Bus will be deployed to another area of the City, to engage young people into youth work who do not normally have access to youth provision. The main focus of this activity will be developing links with the young people who reside in the area, in anticipation of the XL Youth Village arriving in the forthcoming weeks.
- 4.3 XL Outreach model will continue to work with real time intelligence to help engage young people that may be causing anti social behaviour and this will inform the area Operational Groups to help them direct the delivery.
- 4.4 Additional to this, there will be an XL detached youth work team. This will establish working relations in the area and ultimately develop the continuity work with the young people. The detached teams will also support the local community and residents as well as the voluntary sector; it will also compliment the mobile youth provision, which is delivered across the city on weekdays.
- 4.5 The year will be divided into 7 blocks of delivery. This will cover 42 weeks of the year. Each block will be 6 to 7 weeks long and involve a minimum of 60 youth work sessions city wide (including sessions delivered by our partner the A690 Youth Initiative who have secured additional National Lottery funding to support this programme).
- 4.6 In Washington this will mean a minimum of 84 sessions per annum (12 per block) with every Friday and Saturday covered for 42 weeks of the year. This will involve a significant increase in face to face youth work hours. Our staff team will get to know the areas much better and forge meaningful relationships with Young People in their neighbourhoods. Additional to this there will be capacity on specific weekends to support local community events.
- 4.7 A verbal update will be presented at the meeting following the meeting of the Task and Finish group. This update will offer more detail on the proposed timetable of

activities and potential delivery sites, currently suggested as Albany with suggestions for further exploration being, The Rock, Skate Park and a site near Oxclose School

Recommendation

Members are requested to:

- Note the proposed changes in the delivery model
- Consider the sites for the XL Village locations for summer 2012 as recommended by the Washington Task and Finish Group.
- Agree to receive a further report on the progress and outcomes of the project.

Background papers

- **SROI of youth villages**

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WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
26th April 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CITY OF SUNDERLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK : CORE STRATEGY REVISED PREFERRED OPTIONS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE PAPERS.

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1. This report offers Members the opportunity to be consulted on plans and strategies relevant to the area.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 The Core Strategy lies at the heart of the Local Development Framework (LDF). It will set out the overarching strategic planning framework for the development of the city for the next 20 years and draw from other strategies of the City Council (such as the Sunderland Strategy and Economic Masterplan) and other organisations. Apart from the allocation of "Strategic Sites", the Core Strategy will otherwise not be site specific and will only indicate the broad locations for delivering new development such as housing, employment and transport. Once the Core Strategy is adopted, all other Development Plan Documents (DPD's) (including the Allocations Plan and Hetton Downs Area Action Plan) must conform to the broad requirements of the Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy, like all statutory documents contained within the LDF must pass through the following statutory and non-statutory stages :

- Issues and Options (consultation completed between November 2005 and February 2006);
- Preferred Options Draft and (consultation completed in between December 2007 and February 2008);
- Publication Draft including public consultation (programmed for November 2012);
- Submission Draft to the Secretary of State (programmed for April 2013);
- Public Examination before an independent Inspector (programmed for July 2013);
- Adoption (programmed for February 2014).

3. THE EMERGING CORE STRATEGY - PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 The first formal Core Strategy stage began with consultation on the Issues and Options between November 2005 and February 2006. The Preferred Options Draft was consulted upon between December 2007 and February 2008. However, given the availability of new evidence, regulatory changes during 2008 and 2009, and the need for transparency that all options have been fully considered, it was deemed prudent to review the Preferred Options draft prior to advancing its next formal stage, the Publication Draft.

3.2 During late 2009, the Council developed and consulted upon four realistic alternative approaches regarding the overall spatial distribution of development across the city which included :

- Approach A ~ Focussing Development on the Conurbation
- Approach B ~ Proportional Distribution of Development
- Approach C ~ Focus Development within the Current Urban Area
- Approach D ~ Meeting Sub-Area Spatial Requirements - a Hybrid of Approaches A-C

3.3 Ten strategic sites were also identified and proposed for consultation.

3.4 Some 150 responses were received showing that Approach D was the preferred option favoured by residents and stakeholders which was corroborated by the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal. The number of Strategic Sites was also reduced from ten to two – namely Vaux / Farringdon Row and land to the north of Nissan. These proposals were accepted by Cabinet and Council in March 2010.

3.5 The Revised Preferred Options Draft was subsequently approved by Council in March 2010 for consultation purposes. Given the then impending national elections, the formal consultation of the Revised Preferred Options draft was deferred in response to the range of sweeping changes introduced by the new Coalition Government which is discussed.

4. Next steps

4.1 The Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options requires formal endorsement by Council (in July 2012) prior to its formal publication and consultation. It is therefore proposed that 'informal' consultations / briefings will be made.

4.2 Feedback including any further modifications would inform the basis of the Core Strategy to be presented to Cabinet on 22 June and Council on 20 July 2012.

4.3 After approval by the Council the Revised Preferred Options, (along with its supplementary reports), will be published, advertised and placed on the Sunderland website for consultation. The consultation will cover the requisite minimum period of 6 weeks during July / August / September 2012 and will be undertaken entirely in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

4.4 Whilst consultation at the Preferred Options stage is no longer a statutory requirement, it was considered prudent to continue with both the preparation and consultation of this Revised Preferred Option Draft of the Core Strategy. The introduction of locally derived information will provide the first formal opportunity for residents and stakeholders to consider the policies and the evidence that underpins the conclusions. In effect, consultation at this stage would be a test bed to agree as far as possible, proposals for locally derived land requirements. This would offer time savings prior to moving to the next statutory stage (the Publication Draft).

4.5 Subsequent to the close of consultation, responses will be collated and a summary of the main issues emerging prepared for the agreement of Cabinet. The Core Strategy will be amended as necessary to take account of the results of the consultation and other more up to date information.

4.6 The subsequent statutory versions of the Core Strategy will be delivered as outlined at paragraph 4.2.

5 Recommendation(s)

5.1 Committee is requested to consider the content of the LDF and its relating documents from

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