

**At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at the MILLENNIUM CENTRE, WASHINGTON on THURSDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Kelly in the Chair

Councillors Chamberlin, Fletcher, Padgett, I. Richardson, Scaplehorn, Snowdon, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, Wake, Walker and Williams.

Mike Poulter	-	City Services
John Rostron	-	City Services
Carol Lewis	-	City Services
Rachel Cowley	-	City Services
Sarah Grey	-	City Services
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executive's
Leanne Davis	-	Chief Executive's
Dave Leonard	-	Chief Executive's
Janet Snaith	-	Chief Executive's
Linder Pott	-	Chief Executive's
Sue Morgan	-	Children's Services
Meg Boustead	-	Children's Services
Sgt Ron Hyde	-	Northumbria Police
PC David Scott	-	Northumbria Police
PC John Robinson	-	Northumbria Police
Neil Revely	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Marion Marshall	-	Office of the Chief Executive
Paul Wood	-	Office of the Chief Executive
Nonnie Crawford	-	Sunderland TPCT
John Chapman	-	Gentoo
Sarann Valentine	-	Sunderland Carers Centre
Phil McAloon	-	Oxclose & District YPP
Jacqui Reeves	-	Washington Mind

Members of the Washington Community.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cuthbert, Miller and Timmins.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Item 3 – Community Action: Reviewing Progress and Agreeing Next Steps

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal and prejudicial interest 1 on the SIB application for the Catch 22 Project as a board member and 2 on the SIP application for the Usworth Colliery Primary School as Vice Chair of Governors and left the room during consideration of these items

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest on the SIB application for the Catch 22 Project as Chair of the Oxclose and District Young People's Project.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2010**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2010 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Community Action: Identifying New Issues and Agreeing Actions**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to ensure that the Area Committee be kept up to date with current events and developments affecting their neighbourhoods via an intelligence hub which had been established to act as a repository for information available and to identify new issues.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

In relation to the issue of planning and open space, sport and recreation, Councillor Wake enquired if low condition land could be earmarked for allotment usage.

Karon Purvis, Area Officer, advised that there was already a review of allotments underway and this could be included as part of the evidence gathering.

In relation to the issues of co-ordination and support available to volunteers in Washington, Councillor Wake enquired as to the Council's responsibility in funding training for the voluntary sector.

The Chairman advised that a great number of organisations did not have the capacity to provide training and CRB checks etc.

John Rostron, Area Community Manager commented that a number of organisations were struggling, with no funding to support and coordinate training. Mr Rostron also advised that due to funding issues they no longer had the capacity for voluntary sector coordinators.

Councillor Williams commented that the volunteering and co-ordination was vital and that it was about getting the right people to help train volunteers so they were not overloaded with information.

The Chairman commented that the number of people who volunteer was high, but there was also a high number of people who leave due to being overwhelmed.

On a separate issue, the Chairman requested officers notify the relevant Ward Members of any petitions received to enable them to feed into any investigations at an early stage.

2. RESOLVED that Members:-

- (i) note the 'next steps' as included in Annex 1, i.e. referring key decisions made at Cabinet to the relevant Task and Finish Groups for consideration;
- (ii) consider leading a two stage approach to refresh the Local Development Framework (LDF) Green Space Topic Paper Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation;
- (iii) recommend Area Committee be consulted with regard to the Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy.

### **Community Action in Washington – Progress Review**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Members with details of issues previously identified through 2009/10 and provided an update with regards to progress or completion. The report also identified any unresolved issues and actions where Area Committee could consider a SIB or SIP application for funding to address their work plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Nonnie Crawford, Director of Public Health, Sunderland PCT, gave a progress report in relation to the Healthy theme and informed the Committee of the two identified proposals to support the reduction of health inequalities in Washington by tackling social determinants of health. The proposals were for Washington Health Champions and Tackling Health with SAFC.

Ms. Crawford advised that work was underway with Adult Services in using a range of partners to deliver services on Health Improvement and that she would like to see a greater roll out of the money management programmes.

Ms. Crawford also advised that SAFC were taking their programmes and enhancing them specifically to the Washington area.

Councillors Chamberlin and Snowdon raised concerns that the Oxclose, Glebe and Biddick areas had not been included in the proposed programmes.

Ms. Crawford advised that the worst areas for health inequalities had been picked to form the proposed programme and whilst extra areas could be included, extra resources would be needed.

Councillor Chamberlin commented that Oxclose was one of the worst areas for health inequalities.

The Chairman commented that further investigations would be made into including Members' suggested areas and the financing involved.

In relation to Annex 1b, Karen Alexander, Acting Employment and Training Manager, presented a report informing Members of the services Job Linkage provided and the Government's plans to radically reform the welfare to work system and the effects this was envisaged to have on Job Linkage.

Councillor Scaplehorn enquired as to how long the gap would be between Job Linkage funding ending to the implementation of the Government's proposals.

Ms. Alexander advised that the Job Linkage funding would end on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 and the Government's Welfare to Work Scheme was not due to start until Summer 2011, but this was not certain.

In response to Councillor Williams' query the Chairman advised that funding proposals would come to the Area Committee for consideration once the Comprehensive Spending Review had been released. The Chairman also enquired if the gap funding required would result in Washington losing one of its two centres.

Ms. Alexander advised that the number of centres would depend on the amount of funding obtained but realistically they would not be able to provide the level of service they currently do.

The Chairman raised concerns that due to contractors being paid on results, that they might only tackle the 'quick wins' and enquired if there was any additional responsibility that could be implemented so that those prime contractors were required to tackle the harder issues.

Ms. Alexander advised that major consideration would be required to ensure everyone received an appropriate level of service.

Councillor Wake referred to paragraph 5.1 of the report and raised concerns that there was a duplication of services.

Ms. Alexander advised that the centre worked with those that had issues around housing etc. to enable them to achieve a level footing and gain employment. The centres were not providing a duplication of service, they provided a signposting to the services already available.

Councillor I. Richardson felt that there was a need to look at a diversity of employment rather than just having a large number of positions in Pizza establishments for example. If we could achieve this, we may be able to capture the imagination of the public in wanting to gain employment.

The Chairman agreed and expressed concern that some jobs did not provide attractive wages resulting in some people potentially being financially better off on benefits and if the area was to lose the Job Linkage service, we would lose another avenue into employment.

Councillor Snowdon commented that the Job Linkage was an essential service in providing advice and she was terrified it could be lost, to be replaced with a token service when there was the possibility of many more people becoming unemployed.

Councillor Chamberlin commented that she felt the Government would have considered all factors when implementing such programmes.

The Chairman commented that the report had been included to make Members aware of the issue and was something to monitor.

Janet Snaith, Head of City Business and Investment Team, briefed the Committee on the work of the Employment and Business Task and Finish Group.

Councillor Wake referred to the paragraph on Washington Workspace and commented that there were a substantial number of vacant premises already in the area and asked if investigations could be made into using those rather than build new premises.

The Chairman advised that initial approaches had been made to the companies who owned the vacant premises and they were not willing to work with the Council. Also the premises came with a 3 year lease which new businesses may find problematic.

The Chairman informed the Committee that these proposals included easy in, easy out leases along with additional support for new businesses.

The Chairman also expressed his approval over the proposals for possible investment in the Washington area.

Councillor Snowdon welcomed the report and commented that she would love to see new start-up businesses in the area.

In relation to the Safe theme, the Chairman commented on the issues Members had in not being able to impose conditions or have input on the saturation of take-away establishments in a particular area.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that he believed a change to the policy which allowed Members to consider how many establishments were already in the area as a material consideration may be introduced in future proposals.

Councillor Scaplehorn advised that the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee were also reviewing the issue.

### Financial Statements and Funding Requests

In relation to the Community Chest funding proposals detailed in Annex 2D of the report, Ms. Purvis informed the Committee that the South Tyneside Mesothelioma Self Help Group contribution from the Washington West ward was £300 and not £500, as stated in the Annex.

In relation to the SIB application from Northumbria Police to implement Operation Horizon, The Police representative responded to Councillor Chamberlin's query that

Members would be given access to the results which would be monitored on a monthly basis.

Councillor Walker welcomed the application and queried if the operation was to focus on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Police representative advised that the operation would mainly focus on Friday and Saturday nights for when the Neighbourhood Teams were directed to other areas such as outside late night off licences.

The Chairman commented that he was aware of the work they were doing with Oxclose Youth Project and hoped this would continue.

Councillor Snowdon commented that this Project was ongoing from a recently funded project through LMAPS, which had achieved great results and it was nice to see this continue.

A member of the public suggested that the project start at the earlier time of 3 o'clock as many of the youths were obtaining alcohol once school had ended.

The Police representative advised that the statistics did identify an issue with the supply of alcohol to the underage, mainly due to parents purchasing alcohol for their children and this was being investigated under a separate programme.

The Police representative also advised that if Operations Horizon's hours were brought forward to 3 o'clock, with the end time remaining till 11 o'clock, this would result in an increase of finance required.

The Chairman commented that he had recently witnessed underage youths drinking alcohol near the skate park, which must have been purchased by adults and was an issue that needed to be addressed.

In relation to the SIB application for the Catch 22 Youth Inclusion Project, the Chairman raised concerns that this organisation had already received funding and the Area Committee had also funded the Police Project to tackle anti social behaviour along with the Oxclose and District Youth project.

Councillor Williams proposed that the application be withdrawn as no hard data on success rates had been provided and there was no representative from the Project to help make an informed decision on the application.

Phil McAloon, Oxclose and District Youth Project, commented that the organisation was capable of providing good quality work in an area where this service was needed, but had concerns over the people they proposed to reach.

Councillor I. Richardson requested that should the application be deferred, that a strong recommendation be made for a representative of the project to attend the Area Committee meeting when the application would be heard.

In relation to the lighting and CCTV at wheeled sports park, Ms. Purvis informed the Committee that the application was for £27,000 funding and not £49,000 as stated in the report.

Councillor I. Richardson queried why the lighting and CCTV had not been included in the original application.

The Chairman commented that the need for lighting had arisen due to the popularity of the site and there were issues of the selling of drugs and alcohol nearby. Initial investigations had been made into providing street lighting on the site of which the Council would have been liable for, which is why floodlights are being sought that could be controlled to set times.

Mr. McAloon commented that the lighting was at young people's request as they wanted to use the actual skate park more and was very popular.

Councillor Williams commented that she fully accepted the need for the lighting, which was vital, but felt the continual costs required should come out of mainstream funding as part of the City's stock and not have to keep being funded by this Area Committee.

The Chairman advised that Carol Lewis, Play Pathfinder Programme Manager, and Rachel Cowley, Senior Project Officer, were working very hard to resolve issues regarding long term revenue costs.

In response to Councillor Chamberlin's comment that the issue of lighting was brought up during the original consideration of the item, Ms. Lewis advised that historically, all other skate parks in Sunderland had not required lighting.

Councillor Snowdon clarified that the application covered the implementation of a pole suitable to house a 3G camera which would be provided through LMAPs.

3. RESOLVED that Members:-

- (i) note the contents of the report and agree next steps and actions detailed in Annex 1a;
- (ii) note the content of the Health Inequalities Task and Finish Group Report and agree to invite a SIB application to deliver the Washington Health Champions and tackling health with SAFC;
- (iii) consider recommendations contained within Annex 1b;
- (iv) Members receive a more detailed presentation with regard to the Sunderland Safer Partnership and Delivery Plan and the Alcohol Strategy Action Plan, to a future meeting.
- (v) consider inviting a SIB application to enhance the Citywide Employer's Survey;
- (vi) note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11;
- (vii) approve £40,150 as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIB budget for the Operation Horizon Project;

- (viii) defer the proposal to contribute £19,000 from the 2010/11 SIB budget to the Catch 22 Project, until a representative of the Project could attend a meeting of the Committee and address Members' concerns;
- (ix) approve £27,000 (amended from report) as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIB budget for the lighting and CCTV @ Wheeled Sports Park Project;
- (x) approve £6,315 as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIP budget for the Safeguarding the School Community and Developing EYFS Outdoor Play Project at John F. Kennedy Primary School;
- (xi) approve £14,632 (amended from report) as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIP budget for the Early Years School and Community Play Facilities Project at Biddick Primary School;
- (xii) approve £11,500 as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIP budget for the Glebe Park Lighting Project;
- (xiii) approve £7,000 (amended from report) as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIP budget for the Wormhill Terrace Fencing Project;
- (xiv) approve £16,000 as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIP budget for the Dropped Crossings Project;
- (xv) approve £1,500 as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIP budget towards the making Children Heard Project;
- (xvi) approve £5,000 as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIP budget towards the Beverly Court Project;
- (xvii) approve £19,220 as a contribution from the 2010/11 SIP budget towards the Bonemill Lane Roundabout Project.

### **Influencing Practice, Policy and Strategy**

The Office of the Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which offered Members the opportunity for consultation on plans and strategies relevant to the Washington area. It also provided information and updates to encourage Members to feed into proposals for service or policy change and facilitate the referral of outcomes of issues previously identified.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Andrew Jackman, Interim Assistant Head of Traffic Road Safety, updated the Committee in respect of progress made regarding the Washington Road Safety Scheme (Annex 1).

The Chairman commented there may need to be a meeting arranged so that Members could discuss in depth Road Safety Issues with Officers of Highways.



Mr. Jackman requested Area Committees' approval to make the experimental Traffic Orders at Dunnock Drive and Parsons Road into permanent Orders, which was duly agreed.

In respect of Brandy Lane, Albany, the Chairman commented that the Ward Councillors had serious concerns over the issue.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that every effort had been made by both Members and Officers to address the issue, yet still problems occurred, therefore, he believed Brandy Lane should be closed.

Councillor Chamberlin enquired if a pedestrian crossing had been considered.

The Chairman advised that speed measures had been implemented yet drivers had ignored them.

Mr. Jackman advised that a pedestrian crossing had been considered but the usage of the area was well below the criteria. It was a possible option but it was Officers' opinion that it would not solve the problem.

Councillor Snowdon agreed with Councillor Trueman's proposal to close Brandy Lane as she too had received many complaints from concerned constituents over possible accidents.

Mr. Lodge, a local resident, advised that 91% of residents in Albany wished for the road to be closed and informed the Committee that the Police had recorded motorists driving up to speeds of 50 mph on the road.

Councillor Williams commented on the need for a consistent approach in dealing with bus lanes.

The Chairman suggested this be discussed in the meeting between Members and Highways Officers and also proposed that Albany Lane be closed.

Mr. Jackman advised that the necessary consultations and due process would have to be carried out before a closure of the road could be implemented.

In response to Councillor Walker's query, Mr. Jackman advised that the consultations would only include the local residents in the area plus the statutory authorities such as Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade. There would also be a public notice published in the local papers.

The Chairman recognised that legally, due process needed to be completed but was concerned at the length of time this issue had gone on for and felt a resolution was needed quickly.

Mr. Jackman proposed that discussion of the accident hotspots also be considered during the proposed meeting between Members and Highways Officers.

### Play and Urban Games Strategy Update

Ms. Lewis and Ms. Cowley presented a report on the Play and Urban Games Strategy (Annex 2) which highlighted the progress achieved against priority actions within the Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) – moving forward 2007-2012. The report outlined the process to be undertaken to review the existing strategy and identified the priorities for investment for the period 2010-2012 for inclusion within an addendum to the strategy.

Councillor Chamberlin commented that the goalposts had been installed at Dunstanburgh and had proven very popular, now a multi use games area was needed.

In response to Councillor Scaplehorn's query over additional funding, Ms. Lewis advised that a number of projects had been priorities and there was funding from sources such as Section 106, but there was a need to look at various resources and identify different funding streams.

Councillor Chamberlin raised concerns that the deadlines to provide costings for possible projects to be funded through SIP had passed.

The Chairman acknowledged that City Services had staffing issues, but Members had wanted to allocate SIP funding and there was a need for Members and Officers to work closer on such projects. The Chairman also appreciated that the directorate had been extremely busy in delivering a number of parks throughout the area and wished to thank Officers for their work but requested conversations between Members and Officers be initiated earlier.

#### Sunderland Volunteering Strategy Draft Action Plan

Ms. Purvis briefed the Committee on the Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan consultation process which was currently ongoing. A draft document had been produced to seek views through a formal consultation process, which was attached as Annex 3 to the report.

#### 4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) Members consider the contents of the report and offer support or otherwise to the proposals of the Executive Director of City Services.
- (ii) The remaining SIP budget of £183,000 is used to complete the bus link removal pilot schemes, the footway links in Ayton Road and Columbian Way and develop schemes for the remaining 12 bus links in the Washington area, subject to satisfactory consultations and the availability of finance.
- (iii) The Executive Director of City Services is requested to make a delegated decision instructing the Council's Chief Solicitor to make the bus link removal schemes in Dunnock Drive and Parsons Road permanent at the earliest opportunity.
- (iv) The bus link removal pilot scheme for Brandy Lane, Albany to be subject of a further public consultation exercise in the autumn at which the following three options would be offered to the residents of Albany:-

- restoration of the bus link;
  - retain bus link removal pilot scheme;
  - full closure of the through traffic route to motorised traffic.
- (v) Permanent schemes to target the remaining bus links in the Washington area be developed and subject to further public consultations in the autumn.
- (vi) The results of the evaluations for the pilot link removal pilot scheme at Brandy Lane, Albany and the 12 remaining bus links in the Washington area be reported to a future meeting of the Washington Area Committee.
- (vii) The Executive Director of City Services be asked to report to a future meeting on the delivery of the 10 schemes to target the accident cluster sites previously identified.
- (viii) A further meeting be set up between Members and Highways Officers to discuss issues.
- (ix) Members consider the recommendations contained within the report on Play and Urban Games Strategy (Annex 2).
- (x) Members consider the Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and participate in the consultation process to ensure that the strategy would effectively address the volunteering needs of the Washington Area (Annex 3).

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

(Signed) J. KELLY,  
Chairman.

4<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### COMMUNITY ACTION IN WASHINTON: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2010/11 WORK PLAN).

#### 1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 To enable the future development of area based working, the Area Committee requires detailed information to be freely available from a number of different sources. An "intelligence hub" has been established that will act as a repository for information available. Officers will have access to relevant up-to-date information required to make effective decision making at an area level, and provide Area Committees with the detailed analysis required to identify key priorities and future waves of Responsive Local Services activity.
- 1.2 Information has been sourced from other Committee meetings, Community Leadership Programme, Responsive Local Services, which includes the Customer Service Network, the Area Co-ordination Team, Members Query Management System, Questions to Area Committee, Safer Communities Team and the Consultation Team, including resident surveys. Additional links have also been made with the Local Multi Agency Problem Solving groups (LMAPs), in particular the Data Analyst Team from Northumbria Police.

#### 2. New Issues identified.

##### 2.1 Forward Planning.

Key decisions included in the Forward Plan which are likely to affect Washington's work plan are as follows:

- Consideration of the outcomes of the public consultation for the Accessible Bus Network. This is currently scheduled to be presented to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet.
- Agreement and approval of options for the ongoing provision of a Council led Employability Service. This is currently scheduled to be presented to the December 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet.
- Approval of a response to the consultation on the Tyne and Wear Local Transport Plan 2011 – 21. This is currently scheduled to be presented to the December 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet.

##### 2.2 Bowes Railway Trust.

Bowes Railway Trust has identified a need for further support to allow the organisation to develop a sustainable business plan which will secure the future for the site. The organisation also requires assistance to identify opportunities to access capital funding to restore one of the oldest and largest buildings on the site, i.e. the Wagon Shed.

##### 2.3 Albany Park.

Recently youth related antisocial behaviour has increased in Albany Park and has resulted in actual attacks on young people. The incidents appear to be related to drinking and to unlit areas.

### **3. Recommendations**

#### **3.1 Members are requested to:**

- Agree to receive updates to future meetings regarding the key decisions taken as outlined in 2.1 and to include those issues in the Area Committee's Work Plan as appropriate.
- Consider supporting the Bowes Railway Trust to develop a Business Plan which will identify a sustainable approach for future working.
- Refer antisocial behaviour problems in Albany Park to LMAPS, Police meetings and the Youth Development Group in order to identify a partnership approach to this problem.

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4<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
COMMUNITY ACTION IN WASHINGTON – PROGRESS REVIEW  
Workplan 2010/11 and Task Group Updates.**

**1. Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides an update on progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2010/11) work plan, **Annex 1a**.

**2 Progress report of the Health and Well Being Task and Finish Group.**

- 2.1 The Health and Well Being Task and Finish Group has now met twice and at the last meeting it confirmed proposals for Washington Health Champions Project as discussed at the last Area Committee in September. The detailed SIB application is being presented to this meeting under Item 3c.
- 2.2 The project will deliver training and upskilling to front line staff and volunteers to build a systematic approach to tackling health inequalities across Washington. The training programme for those workers includes:
- Understanding Health Improvements.
  - Emotional Health and Resilience.
  - Financial Capability.
  - Alcohol Intervention.
  - Smoking Intervention

This is a real opportunity for Washington to lead a new and innovative approach to tackling health inequalities and make a difference at a local level.

**3. Progress Report of the Employment and Business Task and Finish Group**

- 3.1 The Employment and Business Task and Finish Group has now met twice. An action list has been agreed, including gathering further information on the current reviews on Assisting People into Work, Enterprise, City Wide Employers Survey and Working Neighbourhood Strategy Project level evaluation which will provide evidence and highlight models of good practice previously funded. The group has invited an application to enhance the scope of a city wide Employer's Survey to include a specific strand focusing on Washington. The Group will also provide the Area Committee with a further update following the review of Job Linkage and agreement by Cabinet of options for the ongoing provision of a Council led Employability Service.
- 3.2 A further report regarding development of Washington Workspace will be presented to a future meeting.
- 3.3 The City's Economic Masterplan is to be launched October 2010. The Area Committee will be presented with an area specific report at the January 2011 meeting.

### **Recommendations**

Members are requested to:

- Agree to a further report to be presented outlining the project details for the Washington Workspace.
- Agree to a further report to be presented outlining the City's Economic Masterplan's area specific aims, objectives and benefits.

#### **4. Reduce Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)**

- 4.1 Area Committee requested a partnership approach to tackling anti social behaviour through Local Multi Agency Problem Solving Group. A bid for Operation Horizon was approved at the last Area Committee. This project has been delivered across the area and up to the end of September there has been an overall reduction of **23.72 %** in Youth ASB across Washington. This can be attributed in the main to Operation Horizon.

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## Washington Area Committee

4 November 2010

### Report of the Executive Director of City Services

#### Priority: Responsive Local Services (RLS)

RLS is a method of area working designed to:

- Increase levels of resident satisfaction through providing services that are responsive to community needs and effectively communicating improvements
- Tailor services in recognition of differing area/locality circumstances either through local problem solving or adapting service standards
- Recognise and enhance the community leadership role of elected members.

The current scope of RLS covers the service areas of Litter, Graffiti, Refuse, Grass Cutting and Dog Fouling. It also provides the opportunity for a wider range of issues to be considered within a context of local problem solving.

#### Service Requests

The tables below provide a view of the volume of service requests for the services in scope for August and September 2010.

Service Area – August 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Animal Fouling	14	14	13	5	8
Grass Cutting	1	0	6	2	4
Graffiti	3	5	6	12	9
Rubbish and Litter	93	81	94	98	68
Refuse and recycling	184	223	157	197	170

Service Area – Sept 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Animal Fouling	17	6	4	1	14
Grass Cutting	1	2	0	1	8
Graffiti	3	6	8	7	13
Rubbish and Litter	48	37	48	79	79
Refuse and recycling	116	189	129	102	98

#### What does the analysis tell us?

- The most significant numbers of requests relate to both 'refuse and recycling' and 'rubbish and litter' which is reflected across all areas. This pattern is consistent with previous months and although the numbers regarding refuse are higher than others, when represented as a percentage of total bins collected (less than 0.01%), the service standard is being consistently applied.
- The analysis regarding rubbish and litter relates to individual service requests. A further analysis has been undertaken to identify any specific areas to consider. In this respect there has been one specific area identified – Edith Avenue Chapel landscaping which is being addressed by the Street Scene service.
- The volume of requests has reduced in the highlighted areas from August to September. In respect of refuse this relates to the introduction of the blue bin scheme and the



expected increase in customer queries during the transitional period. The high levels of garden refuse have also impacted upon service requests although this is a seasonal issue with an expected decrease in requests.

- It is also clear that from the requests received a high percentage of the requests are staff reported, demonstrating that our frontline staff are reporting and addressing these key issues before they become a problem for residents.

## EXTENDING THE RLS SERVICE SCOPE

An analysis of all service requests and staff reported intelligence, not limited to the scope of RLS, has shown that service requests for enforcement (dumping of waste), noise and street lighting are also relatively high – refer to the tables below. In this respect it is recommended the scope of RLS be widened to include the three additional service areas.

<b>Service Area – August 2010</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Coalfield</b>
Dumping of Waste	170	173	108	111	80
Noise	38	27	27	27	31
Street Lighting	18	34	10	20	28

<b>Service Area – Sept 2010</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Coalfield</b>
Dumping of Waste	58	58	34	101	26
Noise	17	38	20	23	21
Street Lighting	27	25	13	19	32

The highlighted areas of the analysis are demonstrating a trend showing a reduction in service requests for the ‘dumping of waste’ from August – September. Although this is a positive trend the reasons for it occurring are not immediately apparent and further analysis is being undertaken in this respect.

Some specific examples of enforcement activity in the Washington area to address the dumping of waste are detailed below:

**Washington Road fly-tip** – Kitchen units and related waste found on site. Investigations are ongoing.

**Fly tip – James Steel Park** – house clearance items and decorating items. Investigations are ongoing.

**Washington Road fly tip** – Plasterboard and building waste fly tip on grassed area just off main road. Case file for prosecution currently with legal services, awaiting court date.

**Wildfowl Park house clearance waste** – House clearance items found relating to resident who has since moved into care. Solicitors arranged the clearance via a private company, who then fly tipped the waste – case file for prosecution is currently being prepared.

**Wear Industrial Estate - fly-tip** Items found from house a clearance. Evidence supplied by home owners and case file currently with legal for prosecution against waste transporter. Court date pending.

**Washington Road – large fly-tip** o/s Aircraft museum - investigations ongoing.

**Commercial Waste fly-tip - Northern Area Playing Fields** – Evidence traced back to business - interview conducted – enquiries ongoing.

**Waterloo Road, High Usworth – fly-tip** – comprising of doors, boxes and bathroom fittings. Evidence traced to a person who confirms that waste was removed by a contact given by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. – investigation ongoing

## **INTELLIGENCE GROUP**

A partnership group has been established to share information and intelligence relative to each area committee's geographical boundaries with a view to identify any service issues and interventions. The group consists of representatives from the Council, the Police and Gentoo who will meet prior to each area committee cycle. The first meeting of the group occurred in early October and some of the issues regarding the 'dumping of waste' are highlighted above.

Any significant issues identified by the group will be brought forward to area committees in a report that will explain the issue/s and also provide options for a service response. Members can then debate options and provide recommendations.

The main issues relating to the Washington Area, as discussed at the October Intelligence Group were focused upon dumping of waste and littering. Data relating to customer requests for these services is currently being reviewed and a discussion paper will be presented at the Area committee meeting on 4 November 2010 to agree a way forward.

## **CITY SERVICES – AREA RESPONSE MANAGERS**

The new structure for Streetscene includes six Area Response Managers, one for each area of the City and one for the City Centre. It is anticipated that these will be appointed by December 2010.

These Area Response Managers will lead locality based teams delivering Responsive Local Services that are aligned to local conditions and priorities. The Area Response Managers will work with the Area Committees, Area Regeneration Officers, partners and residents to identify and tackle key issues.

## **RECOGNITION FOR ACTION**

There is now a dedicated section on the Council's intranet to enable staff to post good news stories which can be publicised to demonstrate that the Council and partners are addressing local issues.

The RLS intranet URL is below.

<http://cityweb/directorates/chief-executive/corporate-communications/responsivelocalservices/default.shtm>

There is also a dedicated email address which is [responsivelocalservices@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:responsivelocalservices@sunderland.gov.uk), enabling staff to post stories for the media team to respond too and publicise as appropriate.

The Staff Reporting Line is also being used to report good news stories and the Communications Team are collating the stories to share with the media and include within the Community Newsletters.

## **WINTER MAINTENANCE**

Following the severe weather experienced during the winter of 2009/2010 all Area Committees requested some additional information to be made available, for residents and members, regarding the approach to winter maintenance.

In response additional information has been prepared and is now available on the Sunderland.gov website via a dedicated 'Winter Maintenance' page which highlights the gritting routes and the location of salt/grit bins.

In addition an article on Winter Maintenance will be included within the November issue of Sunrise.

Also additional training has been delivered to employees working in the Contact Centre in relation to winter maintenance services enquiries and the Street Scene winter maintenance teams are now able to communicate more effectively via mobile phones to coordinate activity and report any service issues.

### **Recommendation**

1. Members are requested to note the report and receive further updates regarding any issues arising from the intelligence.

**Community Action: Review Progress**

Priority	Issue	Date	Evidence and/or Data Source	Next steps/Options	Funding Request	Lead Agent	RAG
<b>Health</b>							
Provide support to improve healthy lifestyles and wellness (including mental wellbeing). 1. Reduce under age alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancies, and residents smoking. 2. Address emotional health and wellbeing	Support the reduction of health inequalities in Washington by tackling social determinants of health	May 2010	Mosaic Data TPCT. Director of Public Health Report. Ward Visits, Issues Log & 2009/10 Work Plan. LMAPS. IMD.	Agree proposed approach re Washington Health Champions and SAFC Tackling Health Inequalities through Football & Leisure.	SIB bid to re a targeted approach to health improvements. Proposals include Washington Health Champions & Tackling Health through Sport/SAFC. Costs are estimated at £128,680 with £79,650 match funding already identified. SIB request proposed £49,030. See Item 3c Annex 1b for application. SIB bid Bowling Club equipment £9,000	Gillian Gibson (TPCT)	
<b>Prosperity</b>							
Help local people to access employment opportunities	Provision of employability services in Washington	Dec 2009	Scrutiny Policy Review. Working Neighbourhood Strategy Review	Referred to Washington Employment and Business Task and Finish Group. Report presented to September Area Committee. Further report to January or March 2011 meeting following Cabinet Report in December regarding review of Job Linkage including agreement of options for the ongoing provision of a Council led Employability Service	Nil	Karen Alexander (SCC)	
Help local people to access employment opportunities	Identify what the skills gaps are for Employers to employ local people.	May 2010	Area Committee Scrutiny Policy Review	Referred to Washington Employment and Business Task and Finish Group. Conduct an Employers Skills Gap survey with employers and present results to Committee.  Economic Masterplan to be launched October 18 <sup>th</sup> . Area specific report re aims, objectives and benefits to be presented to January 2011 Committee.	SIB bid to November Area Committee to consider funding enhancing Employers Skills Gap survey with employers, to include a specific strand focusing on Washington. Total costs £50,000. WNF £40,000 confirmed. SIB requested £10,000. See Item 3c Annex 1b for application	Andrew Perkin (SCC)	

Priority	Issue	Date	Evidence and/or Data Source	Next steps/Options	Funding Request	Lead Agent	RAG
Develop infrastructure to support business and enterprise in Washington	Improve the Business Offer in Washington	Dec 2009	Scrutiny Policy Review. Working Neighbourhood Strategy Review	Referred to Washington Employment and Business Task and Finish Group Update report re Washington Workspace presented to September Area Committee. Next steps to seek Cabinet approval for development and business case re ERDF application. Audit of Industrial sites completed. Draft Economic Masterplan to Cabinet September 2010 and Full Council October 2010. Update to future Area Committee possibly Jan2011. Align and co-ordinate activity in line with recommendations from Prosperous Scrutiny Committee Policy Review	Area Committee to consider funding activity to bring local benefit	Janet Snaith (SCC)	
More support for 14-19 year olds regarding employability skills and target people and young people who are NEET into education and employment	Improve employability of local young people	Jan 2010	Hanlon Data (WNF) 2. TWRI 3. Connexions	1. Oxclose and District Young People Project hold the contract for the delivery of GO4IT (11-19yrs) (targeted provision for young people at risk of or currently Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET) 2. Washington North Youth Inclusion Project are working closely with local comprehensive schools to Identify young people at risk of becoming NEET 3. Receive an update from Sunderland Partnership 14 – 19 Delivery Group with regard to research into apprenticeship opportunities.	Nil	Andrew Carlton (Sunderland NEET Consortium)  David Barber (14 – 19 Delivery Group)	
Deliver lifelong learning courses locally	Learning opportunities	Dec 2009	1. Members queries 2. AC Issues Log & 2009/10 Work Plan	Agreement has been reached on a new procurement process that will enable more local VCS providers to deliver adult learning. Meetings with VCS Networks in Sept/Oct to progress.	Nil	Sandra Kenny (SCC)	
<b>Safe</b>							
Tackle antisocial behaviour & misuse of alcohol	Address antisocial behaviour including alcohol related incidents with young people	Nov 2009	N'Bria Police Members Queries Issues Log & 2009/10 Work Plan Local Confidence Survey Scrutiny Policy Review	Licensed premises should be encouraged to sign up to 21+ scheme Community Police – patrols Trading Standards carrying out a number of initiatives Advisory visits to premises, test purchases. Update to future Area Committee re Community & Safer City Scrutiny Committee Policy Review recommendations, ASB Strategy and Delivery Plan, Alcohol Strategy Action Plan	SIB bid Catch 22 target behaviour of top 50 at risk of offending/offending £19,000 SIP bid Graffiti Project £1,337. SIP bid Usworth School CCTV £5,000. SIP bid Oxclose Play £16,512 SIP bid Blackfell Play £16,906	Tom Terrett (Trading standards SCC)  Stuart Douglas (SSP)	

Priority	Issue	Date	Evidence and/or Data Source	Next steps/Options	Funding Request	Lead Agent	RAG
Improve and increase the variety of youth services and provision available across Washington	Co-ordinated delivery of initiatives to address ASB in young people	Oct 2010	1. Police Stats 2. Customer Insight 3. Issues Log & 2009/10 Work Plan 4. Members queries	1. Meeting Oct re ODYPP, Washington Millennium Centre, Councillors, LMAPS  Oxclose and District Young People's Project (ODYPP) contracted to deliver services across area. XL Villages successful. Still issues at sites and venues re ASB. Proposals for more targeted approach, e.g. through Operation Horizon.	SIP Bid: Springwell School Garden and IT facilities £5,000	Phil McAloon (ODYPP) + Children's Services	
<b>Attractive and Inclusive</b>							
To make the streets more attractive, landscaping rundown areas, removing litter and graffiti.	Planning for open space, sport and recreation.	Sept 2010	Local Development Framework.	As part of the evidence gathering for the draft LDF Core Strategy Topic Papers, there is a need to revisit the green space survey from 2002. First workshop held October 25 <sup>th</sup> to confirm identified spaces, designation and any issues with usage. Voluntary Sector, Members and Partners invited. Further workshop to be held January 2011.		Clive Greenwodd (OCE) Karon Purvis (OCE) John Rostron (City Services) /AVCS Network	
Make estates/residential areas more attractive & accessible and address neighbourhood issues re litter, environmental, dog fouling etc	Make area more attractive and accessible	Nov 2009	Ward Visits Members queries Issues Log & 2009/10 Work Plan Traffic Log	Area Committee to consider receiving applications for SIP or SIB funding to enable current outstanding highway and carriageway requests to be completed. Responsive Local Services present service performance information for neighbourhood service standards to Area Committee. Implement 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage Responsive Local Services Project Environment & Attractive City Scrutiny Policy Review re 20mph zones to July Cabinet – update to future Area Committee  Receive further updates re Washington Road Safety Scheme – proposals for further consultation re Brandy Lane, complete footways/subway works, report to AC re proposals for Accident cluster schemes	SIP Bids: Coverdale Barriers & Lighting (North) £3,332. Removal of planters and reinstatement High Rd £1,000 (North). Manor View East Drainage £2,350. high row Lighting £2,000. Monument Park Waiting Restrictions £2,492	Craig Wilkinson (City Services)  Mike Poulter (City Services)	

Priority	Issue	Date	Evidence and/or Data Source	Next steps/Options	Funding Request	Lead Agent	
Make estates/residential areas more attractive & accessible and address neighbourhood issues re litter, environmental, dog fouling etc	Make area more attractive and accessible	Nov 2009	Ward Visits Members queries Issues Log & 2009/10 Work Plan	Area Committee to identify initiatives to deliver community benefit and support inclusion	SIB Bids: Christmas Illuminations and Event @ Concord £19,400.	City Services & Children's Services	
Develop a safe environment and healthy living, educating people on neighbourhood management	Attractive and Inclusive	Feb 2010	Ward Visits, Issues Log & 2009/10 Work Plan LMAPS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Neighbourhood Housing Managers are proactive in inspecting estates through the Neighbourhood Plans</li> <li>2. Enforcement teams in CCS being developed.</li> <li>3. LA working with schools to develop environmental activity in parks.</li> <li>4. Groundwork operating community allotment in Washington funded through TPCT.</li> <li>5. Gentoo's Eco Programme with schools.</li> </ol>		City Services	
Community Inclusion	Lack of co-ordination and support available to volunteers in Washington.	July 2010	Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network	1. Members consulted and contribute to the draft Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy. Agreement and approval to be presented to January Cabinet. Further report to Area Committee	Potential SIB bid – all Area Committees	City Services	

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Financial Statements and Funding Request.

**Author(s):**

Office of the Chief Executive.

**Purpose of Report:**

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

**This report denotes an item relating to an executive function.**

**Description of Decision:**

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

- Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11 as detailed in Item 3a.
- Annex 1a: Approve 34 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest.
- Annex 1b: i) Approve 5 proposals from the 2010/11 SIB budget totalling £106,430 as follows:

	<b>2010/11</b>
1. Catch 22	£19,000
2. Washington Health Champions	£49,030
3. Employers Demand Survey	£10,000
4. Christmas Illuminations	£19,400
5. Washington Bowls Club	£ 9,000

ii) Approve 10 proposals from the 2010/11 SIP allocation:

Washington Central: £1,337 Graffiti Subway Project

Washington East: £2,492 Monument Park Waiting Restrictions

Washington North: £3,332 Coverdale Lights and Barriers; £2,000 High Row Reinstatement; £2,350 Manor View East Drainage; £1,300 High Row Lighting; £5,000 Usworth Primary School.

Washington South: £16,512 Oxclose Play

Washington West: £13,073 Springwell Village School; £16,906 Blackfell Play.

**Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

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.

SIP was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was an additional one-off allocation of £1.426m to Area Committees. The amount allocated to each Area Committee was the same as SIB allocation for 2008-09. SIP can only be used to deliver capital projects, deliver key priorities identified in the LAP with its main purpose to attract other funding into the area.

**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 Review Committee:**

**Regeneration Review Committee.  
Management Scrutiny Committee.**



4<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

## Report of the Chief Executive.

**Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) - 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, 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, SIP and Community Chest.

**2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FUNDING STREAMS 2010-2011 AS AT 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

<b><u>Community Chest</u></b>			
	<b>Community Chest Budget</b>	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Available Funding 2010/11*</b>			
Central	£10,355	£1,340	£9,015
East	£16,495	£9,058	£7,437
North	£10,903	£1,390	£9,513
South	£10,633	£5,157	£5,476
West	£14,333	£2,825	£11,508
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£62,719</b>	<b>£19,770</b>	<b>£42,949</b>

<b><u>SIB: Washington SIB Statement September 2010</u></b>			
* £287,261 was allocated for 2010/11, £126,070 was carried over from 2009-10. Balance £413,331			
	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>SIB Fund Approvals</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Available Funding 2010/11*</b>	01.07.10	£413,331	£413,331
Project Name	-	-	-
Washington Glebe Banner	01.07.10	£10,000	£403,331
Washington Mind Operation	01.07.10	£14,770	£388,561
Horizons	09.09.10	£40,150	£348,411
Washington Wheeled Sports Park	09.09.10	£27,000	£321,411
<b>Total allocated</b>		<b>£91,920</b>	
<b>New Balance</b>			<b>£321,411</b>

<b>SIP: Washington SIP Statement September 2010</b>				
	<b>SIP Budget</b>	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
<b>Available Funding 2010/11*</b>	<b>£146,498</b>			
Central	£33,784	£32,447	£1,337	
East	£25,492	£23,000	£2,492	
North	£21,511	£6,500	£15,011	
South	£35,732	£19,220	£16,512	
West	£29,979	£0	£29,979	
<i>NB:-£2,279 was recouped from Lighting to Blackfell MUGA</i>				
<i>NB:- £1336.50 was recouped from Columbia CA Toilet Refurb</i>				
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£146,498</b>	<b>£81,167</b>	<b>£65,331</b>	

## 2.2 Community Chest

2.2.1 The table below details the balances remaining to be allocated following the last meeting. A total of 34 project proposals received are set out in **Annex 1a**, together with remaining balances should those proposals be approved.

Table 1

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Budget Remaining</b>	<b>Project Proposals</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
Washington Central	£9,015	£ 700	£8,315
Washington East	£7,437	£2,531	£4,906
Washington North	£9,513	£3,010	£6,503
Washington South	£5,476	£1,101	£4,375
Washington West	£11,508	£3,475	£8,033
<b>Total</b>	<b>£42,949</b>	<b>£10,871</b>	<b>£32,132</b>

## 2.3 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.3.1 Following the September 2010 Area Committee meeting, a balance of £321,411 remains to be allocated this financial year.

2.3.2 Since September 2010 two emergency multi area SIB application bids were approved through delegated powers. These were £1,000 to support a City wide angling competition in December 2010 delivered by the Angling Trust and £1,675 to contribute towards development of Grace House North East Children's Hospice from the 2010-11 SIB budget. This leaves a final balance of £318,736 to be allocated during 2010-11, with two further meetings remaining.

2.3.3 The following 5 projects detailed in **Annex 1b** are recommended for approval, as follows:

1. Catch 22	<u>2010/11</u> £19,000	Approve
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2. Washington Health Champions	£49,030	Approve
3. Employer's Demand Survey	£10,000	Approve
4. Christmas Lights	£19,400	Approve
5. Washington Bowls Club	£ 9,000	Approve

2.3.4 Projects recommended for approval from the 2010/11 budget total £106,430. Should Area Committee approve this proposal the remaining balance for the 2010/11 allocation would be £212,306.

## 2.4 Strategic Investment Plan

2.4.1 The table below details SIP balances remaining to be allocated following the last meeting September 2010. A total of 10 project proposals received are detailed together with balances remaining should those proposals be approved.

Ward	Balance at September 2010	Project proposals	SIP Balance
Washington Central	£ 1,337	£ 1,337	£ 0
Washington East	£ 2,492	£ 2,492	£ 0
Washington North	£15,011	£ 13,982	£ 1,029
Washington South	£16,512	£ 16,512	£ 0
Washington West	£29,979	£ 29,979	£ 0

2.4.2 The following 10 projects detailed in **Annex 1b** are recommended for approval, as follows:

	<u>2010/11</u>	
1. Graffiti Subway Project (Central)	£ 1,337	Approve
2. Monument Park Restrictions (East)	£ 2,492	Approve
3. Coverdale Barriers & Lighting (North)	£ 3,332	Approve
4. High Row Reinstatement (North)	£ 2,000	Approve
5. Manor View East (North)	£ 2,350	Approve
6. High Row Lighting (North)	£ 1,300	Approve
7. Usworth Primary School	£ 5,000	Approve
8. Oxclose Play	£16,512	Approve
9. Springwell Village School	£13,073	Approve
10. Blackfell Play	£16,906	Approve

2.4.3 The projects recommended for approval from the 2010/11 budget total £64,302. A balance of £1,029 remains in the Washington North allocation.

### Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report.
- Approve the 28 proposals for support from 2010/11 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 1a**.
- Agree the recommendations set out in **Annex 1b** with reference to the SIB and SIP applications.

**COMMUNITY CHEST 2010/2011 WASHINGTON AREA  
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2010/2011	PROJECT PROPOSALS	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
<b>Central</b>	<b>Washington History Society</b> – Purchase of projector and laptop.	150				
	<b>Washington &amp; Houghton Trefoil Guild</b> – Contribution towards start up costs, room hire, equipment, stationery etc.,	150				
	<b>Washington Volunteer Celebration Group</b> – Contribution towards celebration of volunteers who have been nominated by their group.	200				
	<b>Apollo Trampoline Club</b> – Purchase of leotards and sweatshirts.	200				
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>10,355</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>8,315</b>
<b>East</b>	<b>Washington History Society</b> – Purchase of projector and laptop.	150				
	<b>Washington &amp; Houghton Trefoil Guild</b> – Contribution towards start up costs, room hire, equipment, stationery etc.,	150				
	<b>Washington Volunteer Celebration Group</b> – Contribution towards celebration of volunteers who have been nominated by their group.	200				
	<b>Apollo Trampoline Club</b> – Purchase of leotards and sweatshirts.	200				
	<b>Monument Park ‘No Waiting’ Sign</b> – Contribution towards introduction of waiting restrictions.	708				
	<b>Shepherd Way Allotment Society</b> – Purchase of wood burning stove.	300				
	<b>JW Community Fitness Club</b> – Purchase of equipment.	223				
	<b>Barmston Village Primary School</b> – Purchase of equipment for ‘Reflective Garden’ project.	600				
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>16,495</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>9,058</b>	<b>4,906</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>Washington History Society</b> – Purchase of projector and laptop.	150				

	<b>Washington &amp; Houghton Trefoil Guild</b> – Contribution towards start up costs, room hire, equipment, stationery etc.,	150				
	<b>Washington Volunteer Celebration Group</b> – Contribution towards celebration of volunteers who have been nominated by their group.	200				
	<b>Apollo Trampoline Club</b> – Purchase of leotards and sweatshirts.	200				
	<b>St. Bede's R.C. Primary School</b> – Contribution towards trip to Beamish.	1150				
	<b>Pensioner No. 2 Club</b> – Contribution towards Christmas lunch, raffles, gifts etc.,	400				
	<b>Usworth Colliery Nursery School</b> – Contribution towards water play area.	460				
	<b>Usworth Grange Primary School</b> – Contribution towards trip to Beamish.	150				
	<b>Usworth Colliery Primary School</b> – Contribution towards trip to Beamish.	150				
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>10,903</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>6,503</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>Washington History Society</b> – Purchase of projector and laptop.	329				
	<b>Washington &amp; Houghton Trefoil Guild</b> – Contribution towards start up costs, room hire, equipment, stationery etc.,	150				
	<b>Apollo Trampoline Club</b> – Purchase of leotards and sweatshirts.	200				
	<b>Washington Volunteer Celebration Group</b> – Contribution towards celebration of volunteers who have been nominated by their group.	200				
	<b>JW Community Fitness Club</b> – Purchase of equipment.	222				
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>10,633</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>5,157</b>	<b>4,375</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>Washington History Society</b> – Purchase of projector and laptop.	150				
	<b>Washington &amp; Houghton Trefoil Guild</b> – Contribution towards start up costs, room hire, equipment, stationery etc.,	150				
	<b>Apollo Trampoline Club</b> – Purchase of leotards and sweatshirts.	200				

	<b>Washington Volunteer Celebration Group</b> – Contribution towards celebration of volunteers who have been nominated by their group.	200				
	<b>Blackfell Village Neighbourhood Watch</b> – Contribution towards Christmas party.	600				
	<b>St. Bede's R.C. Primary School</b> – Contribution towards trip to Beamish.	1000				
	<b>Springwell Village</b> – Contribution towards repairs to Christmas lights.	1025				
	<b>Springwell Primary School</b> – Contribution towards trip to Beamish.	150				
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>14,333</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>8,033</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>62,719</b>	<b>10,817</b>	<b>19,770</b>	<b>32,132</b>

**SIB and SIP funding applications : Summary Document.****SIB Application No.1.**

<b>Name of Project.</b>	<b>Catch 22</b>
<b>Lead Organisation.</b>	Youth Inclusion Project

<b>Total cost of Project.</b>	<b>Total Match Funding.</b>	<b>Total SIB requested.</b>
£125,000	£106,000	£19,000
<b>Project Duration.</b>	<b>Start Date.</b>	<b>End Date.</b>
12 months	September 2010	August 2011

**The Project.**

The Project aims to work with those young people who find themselves excluded from mainstream provision. These young people rarely attend open access youth services and fail to utilise existing provision. This leads them into social isolation contributing towards a multitude of problems. Once engaged those excluded young people will be offered constructive activities that will be appropriate to their age environment and wishes. By working in partnership with local providers we also plan to signpost and guide them to existing youth provision. This will ensure the City Council are reaching out to all young people and none are falling through the net. We will be working in partnership with the Community Space Challenge (CSC) who has match funded the project. CSC supports young people to take a leading role in transforming the environment where they live. This includes creating community gardens, replacing graffiti with art murals, building new nature trails, establishing new allotment sites, and cleaning up "grot spots". CSC Projects are delivered by organisations who work with young people to provide positive alternatives to getting involved in antisocial behaviour and crime.

The project targets the 50 most disaffected young people aged 13 – 16 years in Washington. The SIB funding will allow the project to provide additional provision to those most in need and divert them away from crime. The project provides one to one engagement with both the identified young people and their families, most especially those that do not normally engage with agencies and projects. We not only work persistently with those young people, we also work with them to understand the consequences of their behaviour and proactively intervene - the key workers use persistence and an assertive working style to ensure the clients (both the young people and their families where this is appropriate) stick to an agreed contract which sets out changes expected, support, incentives for achieving goals, and consequences. This project builds on successful Youth Inclusion Project (YIP) work with young people that has made significant headway in reducing re-offending and will work in partnership with LMAPS and Operation Horizon and will ensure no duplication re activity. The service delivery will be spread across the week and all holiday periods ensuring we meet the needs of service users when they most need support. Our approach will ensure that we are utilising our resources most efficiently but also maximising our chances of delivering the broadest positive impact possible on young people at risk of offending and anti social behaviour.

**Need for Project.**

The Sunderland Fear of Crime survey states residents in Washington consider the main areas of anti social behaviour are: people dealing drugs, TEENAGERS HANGING AROUND THE STREETS, rubbish or litter lying around, vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage

to property or vehicles. Catch22 will continue to ensure the YIP will remain in a high crime and antisocial behaviour location by regularly receiving crime and disorder statistics from partnerships built up with Northumbria Police and have a clear communication exchange with the Youth Offending Service ensuring at least 20 young people on the top 50 list have an arrest history thus ensuring the relevancy of the project.

At this moment in time Washington YIP are the only service who offer targeted provision in Washington of this kind. **We work in partnership with the Police, Connexions, Children's Services, Youth Offending Service, Youth Service, and Gentoo.** The additional funding through SIB would increase the numbers of young people who could benefit from our services across a wider area, increase the range of activities we can offer and enhance our existing partnership arrangements. We will communicate fully with our partners to ensure there is no duplication of work and ensure all young people are catered for. Our partnership work with police and LMAPS allows us to identify "hot spots" of youth disorder, meaning we are constantly at the forefront of the community.

### Outputs of the Project.

Output Code	Description	Number
P3	Number of people employed in voluntary work	12
A4	Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	12
S5	Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	60
S6	Number of additional young people engaged in youth activities	20

### Key Milestones for the Project.

Identify qualified and trained sessional staff to deliver work.	Sept 2010
Identify young people and hot spots in partnership with LMAPS	Oct 2010
Undertake survey from young people about what activities we can engage them in	Oct 2010
Commence delivery to young people.	Nov 2010

This project meets priorities identified in the Safe theme of the Washington Area Plan and meets the Area Committee's 2010 – 11 Work Plan priority of reducing anti social behaviour.

### **This project was deferred from the previous Area Committee held 9<sup>th</sup> of September for the following reasons:**

1. The project will provide evidence that Catch 22 will work with additional young people to those identified through Operation Horizon and programmes delivered across Washington by Oxclose and District Young People's Project.
2. The project provides detailed proposals of how it will work in partnership with LMAPS and Operation Horizon and not duplicate service provision.
3. The project will evidence the target outputs of 60 x young people benefiting and 20 x additional young people engaged.
4. The project will evidence how it is to be delivered across the whole of the Washington area.

**Recommendation: Approve subject to the evidence outlined above being presented to Area Committee.**



## SIB Application No.2.

<b>Name of Project.</b>	<b>Washington Health Champions.</b>
<b>Lead Organisation.</b>	Teaching Primary Care Trust

<b>Total cost of Project.</b>	<b>Total Match Funding.</b>	<b>Total SIB requested.</b>
£128,680	£79,650	£49,030
<b>Project Duration.</b>	<b>Start Date.</b>	<b>End Date.</b>
6 months	October 2010	March 2011

### **The Project.**

Two proposals were identified by the task and finish group to tackle health inequalities: -

- Washington Health Champions
- Tackling Health with SAFC Foundation: Washington

### Washington Health Champions

This element aims to provide training in Washington to front-line Council staff, front-line workers in partner agencies and volunteers. The training comprises 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. By delivering this training we can begin to build a systematic approach to tackling health inequalities in Washington. We can ensure that we maximise the potential people have to adopt healthier lifestyles by assisting to remove the barriers to making lifestyle changes. In addition front line staff and volunteers will be able to provide basic interventions and signposting to help them take the first steps towards healthier lives.

This training will benefit not only clients of those who participate but also the participants themselves and their own families and communities. As more people become trained then there is the potential for more healthy behaviours to replace some of the less healthy behaviours that are currently the norm in some communities and so reduce health inequalities. This is an ambitious approach but radical action is required if health inequalities are to be addressed locally. Overall the training lasts 3.5 days with each module standing alone. Maximum benefit will be achieved when people attend all elements of the training but these elements can be undertaken at different times to maximise use of the available training capacity and minimise disruption to frontline services.

### Tackling Health with SAFC

This element of the project will encourage healthy behaviours in children and families. This project brings together two programmes and a major resource from SAFC Foundation to be deployed in Washington in a condensed and strategic manner in order to provide a prolonged and sustained programme of activities over a 12 month period in the Washington area.

- Family Learning through Football Fitness programme
- Fit For Football programme
- The Active Bus

It aims to improve skills and relationships in the family, create a culture of learning for life, enable safe and healthy choices, divert young people from anti-social behaviour, promote integration and inclusion in the community and encourage active citizenship.

The proposals for both these elements have been developed by a number of partners. Potential training providers for the components of the training are detailed below.

Understanding Health Improvement	Bridge, Washington
Emotional Health and Resilience Workshops	Washington Mind
Introduction to Financial Capability	Citizen's Advice, Washington
Alcohol Brief Intervention	North East Council on Addictions (NECA)
Smoking Brief Intervention	Continuum/NECA

This project focuses on all members of the community in Washington. Neighbourhoods of poor life expectancy and low paid staff will be prioritised.

### Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
L4	No. of adults gaining qualifications (accredited)	250
L5	No. of adults gaining qualifications (non-accredited)	250
HI	No. of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	1018

### Key Milestones for the Project

Training programme 2010/11 finalised	November 2010
Training commenced	November 2010
Fit for Football and Family Learning through Football Fitness commences	January 2011
Washington Health Champions training completed	September 2011
Fit for Football and family Learning through Football Fitness completed	December 2011

### Recommendation: Approve.

This project meets the priorities identified in the Health theme of the Washington Area Plan and also meets the Area Committee's 2010 – 11 Work Plan priority of addressing health inequalities. The project promotes a partnership approach, brings a high level of financial commitment from those partners and offers a real opportunity for Washington to lead a new and innovative approach to tackling health inequalities and make a difference at a local level.

### SIB Application No.3

<b>Name of Project</b>	Employers Demand Survey
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£50,000	£40,000	£10,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
5 months	November 2010	March 2011

### The Project

The project will provide improved knowledge and information relating to the demand for employment and skills in the Washington area, and enable future activities to be targeted towards the needs of local employers. By understanding employment and skills demand, services can be targeted to increase skills attainment in sectors where employment opportunities exist.

The purpose of Employment and Skills Research is to provide data and information on the demand-side aspects of the local employment market in order to inform the development and implementation of the Sunderland Skills Strategy under Aim 4 of the Economic Masterplan. The Vision of the Skills Strategy is “Delivering 21st Century skills for 21st Century Sunderland”. This application will enhance the wider survey work currently being undertaken across the City and funded from the Working Neighbourhood Strategy and provide a comprehensive and thorough analysis of the opportunities in the Washington area. This work will be developed in collaboration between Sunderland Learning Partnership and Prosperous City Delivery Partnerships and appropriately identified external agencies

### Need for Project

The City’s future depends on educated, enterprising and inspirational people with the right skills to contribute towards the city’s economy. This work will provide an evidence base that will influence future support and activities that will;

- Gain a thorough understanding of the training and development needs of actual and potential labour force and ensure identified needs are met
- Provide children, young people and adults with the skills required to underwrite current and prospective industries that will shape the city’s economy, which accommodates general growth and recovery needs.
- Through local communities, schools, colleges and the university, provide the skills base necessary that will contribute towards an evolving entrepreneurial city.

### Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A5	Study completed	1

### Key Milestones for the Project

Agree Terms of Reference for Washington Research	November 2010
Data Collection and Analysis	January 2011
Draft Report	February 2011
Final Report	March 2011

### Recommendation: Approve

This project meets the Area Committee’s 2010 – 11 Work Plan priority of helping local people access employment opportunities and the Prosperous priorities identified in the Washington Area Plan. The project will help gain an improved understanding of the position of local employers and will help analyse local employer needs. A more detailed analysis of demand should result in a more realistic and focussed approach to getting people into employment, and with an increased focus on the Washington area, and giving a comprehensive detailed analysis of the needs of local employers.

### SIB Application No.4

<b>Name of Project</b>	Washington Illuminations
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£19,400	£0	£19,400
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 month	November 2010	December 2010

## The Project

The project seeks to enhance the provisions of Christmas Illuminations in Concord, with the organisation of a distinct launch event, including a fireworks display, creating a focus for the start of the Christmas festive period in Washington.

The project will compliment and build upon the success of the provision of Christmas Illuminations in Sunderland City Centre.

## Need for Project

The need has been identified by Ward Councillors in Washington. The provision of an enhanced scheme of Christmas illuminations will compliment the work of charitable organisations such as the Rotary Club and Lions and enable them to hold special activities/collections at the launch/switch on event and throughout the period up to Christmas. Residents, shoppers, traders and visitors to Concord will all benefit from the increase in attractiveness of the centre brought about through the improved illuminations scheme and a resultant improvement in their sense of well being.

## Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. of improved community facilities or equipment	1

## Key Milestones for the Project

Installation of lighting	November 2010
Illumination switch on	November 2010

## Recommendation : Approve

This project meets the priorities of the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the Washington Local Area Plan.

### SIB Application No. 5.

<b>Name of Project</b>	Bowls Club Equipment
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Washington & District Indoor Bowling Club

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£9,000	£0	£9,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 months	November 2010	January 2011

## The Project

The purpose of the project is to purchase a new carpet for the indoor bowling green to replace the current damaged and worn carpet which is beyond repair and no longer fit for purpose. The current carpet, which has been in use for over 10 years, is in such a state of disrepair that members are starting to leave the club, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract new members to join. The project will help support older people in the community by encouraging them to have a healthier lifestyle.

The project will contribute to the Health theme, and specifically the priority of supporting older people. The club caters for residents of the Washington area aged 60+ and currently has 85 members. While the club has capacity for almost 200 members in total, there has

been a recent decline in numbers due to the poor conditions of the equipment and facilities. The club currently operates for 18 hours per week. It is anticipated that the new carpet will encourage new members to join, thereby providing improved support for older people and encouraging a greater number of older people to participate in a healthier lifestyle leading to longer and healthier lives. As membership increases, the club will be able to open for longer each week to accommodate growing demand.

### **Need for Project**

Need for the new carpet has been identified by consultation with our existing 85 members during club opening times and at our regular committee meetings. It has also been identified by staff of the leisure centre as being essential to ensure the sustainability of the club. The new carpet will provide a significantly improved environment for current members, partners of the indoor bowling league who often play competitions in our club, and will help to attract new members in future.

### **Outputs of the Project**

Output Code	Description	Number
H3	Number of older people receiving support	85

### **Key Milestones for the Project**

Purchase of equipment	November 2010
Installation of equipment	December 2010

### **Recommendation : Approve.**

This project meets priorities identified in the Health theme of the Washington Area Plan and meets the Area Committee's 2010 – 11 Work Plan priority of addressing health inequalities.

## SIP Applications.

### SIP Application No.1 (Washington Central).

<b>Name of Project</b>	Glebe Subway Graffiti Project
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Glebe Residents Association

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£1,337	£663	£1,337
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 months	November 2010	December 2010

#### **The Project**

The project will work with local community, schools, youth organisation and potential offenders to create and paint a graffiti art mural to aid tackling anti social behaviour and community cohesion. Earlier this year the subway from Glebe to Washington Village was painted as part of a graffiti project (Northumbria Police – Pitstop Graft Club). This subway had often been targeted with antisocial messages, foul and abusive language and drawings. The residents noticed that when the subway was painted with legal graffiti the illegal graffiti stopped. The young people seemed to take ownership of the area and the leave of antisocial behaviour in this area has decreased. All the feedback from this subway has been positive.

The residents group want to tackle the same issues in the subway leading from Glebe to the Galleries shopping centre. It is planned that residents, children and young people will all work on the design based on tackling anti social behaviour, this could be fly tipping, not taking trolleys back, underage drinking, bullying, the final design will be approved by the residents group at an official meeting. The young people who attend the 'Graft Club' at Pitstop will help with the design and they will paint the subway under supervision of qualified youth workers and community police. This will help the young people develop communication skills, teamwork, confidence and make them feel valued by the community. Glebe Residents Group are supported by Gentoo and work with ALL residents living in Glebe.

#### **Need for Project**

Glebe residents group meet monthly and also do regular walkabout of the estate with Gentoo Hosing officers, police, enforcement and local councillors. This second subway has been identified following on from the success of the project at the subway from Glebe to Washington Village. This project will tidy up the main subway between Washington Galleries and Glebe Village, it will send a positive image to young and old alike that the community of Glebe will not tolerate antisocial behaviour and are willing to work together for the best of the local community. Approval has been granted from the council's structures & new works team, who are responsible for subways, they have agreed to pay for the subway to be treated with a protective coating if needed.

#### **Outputs of the Project**

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	No. of programmes of work to improve the appearance of streets	1

#### **Key Milestones for the Project**

Contractor appointed	Nov 2010
Works commence	Dec 2010
Works complete	Dec 2010

**Recommendation: Approve.**

This project meets priorities identified in the Safe and the Attractive and Inclusive themes within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

**SIP Application No.2 (Washington East).**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Monument Park Waiting Restrictions
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£3,200	£708	£2,492
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
5 months	November 2010	April 2011

**The Project**

The project will tailor services, dealing with local problems creating a responsive local service. Under the Safe priority in the Local Area Plan, there is a need to target crime hotspots. This is further clarified in the action plan, to tailor services to the needs of an area.

The Council are seeking to implement a scheme to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Waiting and Loading Restrictions. The TRO is intended to help reduce the likelihood of obstructive and inconsiderate parking within this area. The proposed 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 (PCN's) to offenders.

There are two target audiences:

- Audience one: drivers who are parking in an obstructive and inconsiderate manner This audience will be targeted as the TRO is visually accessible to this group as there are yellow lines have marked on the carriageway throughout the proposed locality.
- Audience two: local residents and businesses, will see benefits in accessibility to the road network infrastructure

We will use our own marketing specialist, as well as support from the Sunderland Safer Partnership, who are fully aware of the need to comply with all DDA and Equal Opportunities regulations relating to information being available in different languages, in different sources, (leaflet, text alerts, website, etc), font size, recommended colour of text (red is hard to see by people who are colour blind), etc.

**Need for Project**

This area has been identified for the implementation of a TRO after local residents and businesses contacted the local authority on numerous occasions, regarding the obstructive and inconsiderate parking behaviour experienced in and around the Industrial Estates and Business Parks situated in this locality. The implementation of a TRO is subject to a statutory consultation process involving consultation with local councillors and portfolio holder, key partners, such as the emergency services and NEXUS, and the businesses and residences directly affected by the proposals.

Local residents and businesses directly affected will benefit and there will be a reduced number of complaints.

### Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	No. of programmes of work to improve area	3

### Key Milestones for the Project

Consultation	November 2010
Delegated Decision	December 2010
Detailed Design	January 2011
Implementation	March 2011

### Recommendation: Approve.

This project meets priorities identified in the Attractive and Inclusive theme within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

### SIP Application No.3 (Washington North)

<b>Name of Project</b>	Coverdale Barriers and Lighting
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£3,332	£0	£3,332
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 months	October 2010	November 2010

### The Project

The project will provide lighting to a 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 will provide street lighting to currently unlit sections of footpath. The pedestrian barriers to footpaths will deter motor bikes riding through. The project will add significant value to the street scene and amenity value in the Washington Area. Aurora the council's Street Lighting and Highway Signs PFI contractor will be supplying and installing lighting equipment, the Council's Streetscene Operations team will be installing barriers.

### Need for Project

Need identified by Ward Councillors following representations from residents. Residents, businesses and visitors to the ward areas will be the beneficiaries.

### Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Provide and erect lighting columns .	1
A4	Provide and erect pedestrian barriers	14m

### Recommendation: Approve.

This project meets priorities identified in the Attractive and Inclusive theme within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).



### **SIP Application No.4 (Washington North)**

<b>Name of Project</b>	High Row Reinstatement Works (Planters)
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£2,000	£0	£2,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 month	November 2010	December 2010

#### **The Project**

This project will deliver the aims of the LAP theme, attractive and inclusive, to make the streets more attractive etc, as well as safer for the local residents/community.

Currently in High Row there are five 'planters' in the footway that are disused and untidy. Footway space is limited in the street and with these planters it is less than ideal. If funding is secured for the proposed scheme these planters will be removed and replaced with tarmac to increase the area of pedestrian footway. This would create a sense of more space and a more attractive street scene. This project will not only improve the visual appearance of the street, it will also facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians along High Row.

#### **Need for Project**

The issue has been highlighted by the residents and road users through the Ward Members who see this as a local priority for the Washington North Area. Residents and visitors using the street will benefit from the works and through member feedback we will be able to assess its success.

#### **Outputs of the Project**

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. of improved facilities or equipment	1

#### **Key Milestones for the Project**

Commence Carry out works to footway in High Row, 5 'Planters'	November 2010
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#### **Recommendation: Approve.**

This project meets priorities identified in the Attractive and Inclusive theme within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

### **SIP Application No.5 (Washington North)**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Manor View East
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£2,350	£0	£2,350
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 month	November 2010	December 2010

#### **The Project**

This project will deliver the aims of the LAP theme, attractive and inclusive: to make the streets more attractive etc, as well as safer for the local residents/community.

Currently there is a problem at the rear of Manor View East with a local mini bus, used by the disabled, not being able to negotiate the existing hammer head without damaging the rear loading ramp. The area for the bus to negotiate is less than ideal. If funding is secured for the proposed scheme, an area of land can be reconstructed and utilised to facilitate the turning of vehicles without causing damage to the vehicle and provide improved comfort for the driver and passengers.

There is currently a problem with vehicles reversing into the frontage of No.5 Hall Road causing damage to the property. It is proposed that by raising the height of the current kerblines/footway that this may provide an indicator and barrier to vehicles carrying out a reversing manoeuvre before contact is made with the property. These projects will not only improve the visual appearance of the street, it will also assist the safe movement of vehicles along Manor View East and Hall Road. The target group are residents and other road users wishing to gain access and egress to Manor View East and residents of Hall Road.

### Need for Project

The issue has been highlighted by the residents and road users through the Ward Members who see this as a local priority for the Washington North Area. Residents and visitors using the street will benefit from the works and through member feedback we will be able to assess its success.

### Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. of improved facilities or equipment	1

### Key Milestones for the Project

Commence works	November 2010
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### Recommendation: Approve.

This project meets priorities identified in the Attractive and Inclusive theme within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

### SIP Application No.6 (Washington North)

<b>Name of Project</b>	High Row Lighting
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£1,300	£0	£1,300
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 months	November 2010	December 2010

### The Project

The project will provide lighting to a currently unlit open space and create a more attractive environment with added benefit of perception of increased safety for residents and visitors. The project will improve the street scene and amenity value in the Washington Area. Equipment will be incorporated into the City's street lighting stock and maintained through the Street Lighting PFI by Aurora.

## Need for Project

Need identified by Ward Councillors through their walk around with Gentoo the police and residents. Residents, businesses and visitors to the ward areas will be the beneficiaries.

## Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Programme of work to improve appearance of street	1

## Key Milestones for the Project

Start works	November 2010
Complete works	December 2010

## Recommendation: Approve.

This project meets priorities identified in the Attractive and Inclusive theme within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

### SIP Application No.7 (Washington North)

<b>Name of Project</b>	CCTV and IT
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Usworth Primary School

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£12,500	£7,500	£5,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 months	November 2010	December 2010

## The Project

The project will

1) Upgrade and extend the CCTV coverage of our school premises. In previous acts of vandalism on school premises the poor quality of our current CCTV has been inadmissible in court. The safety of pupils, staff and premises are of paramount importance to Usworth Grange. This project will address crime and antisocial behaviour.

2) There are currently no laptops in classrooms for children to use. They have to re-locate to the computer suite which is at the far end of the school and is in need of being updated in the near future. As IT is a vital part of the curriculum we need to give our pupils the very best provision we can in their own classroom without the disruption of spending lesson time walking to the computer suite. This project will provide multiple laptops for children to use in a classroom setting.

## Need for Project

1) Police have previously had to discount CCTV evidence as clarity of picture is unsuitable for submission. Police have advised on an upgrade.

2) At present children have to go to the computer suite situated at the top end of the school to use computers. This uses up lesson time and therefore a bank of laptops would enable children to be taught in their classroom environment for longer.

Overall the children of the school and the local community will benefit and there will be a reduction in vandalism to school premises which will have a positive impact on the school budget. Pupils and staff will have a more secure environment and children will be able to enhance their learning in their classroom environment.

### Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. of improved community facilities and equipment	1
A2	No. of people using new or improved community facilities and equipment	360
S1	No. of community facilities with improved security	1

### Key Milestones for the Project

Place Order for Laptops/Trolley	November 2010
Place order for CCTV Upgrade	November 2010
Schools Technician to set up	December 2010
Engineers on site to complete work	December 2010

### Recommendation: Approve.

This project meets priorities identified in the Safe theme within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

### SIP Application No.8 (Washington South)

<b>Name of Project</b>	Oxclose MUGA
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£41,000	£24,488 (SIB)	£16,512
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
5 months	November 2010	March 2011

### The Project

The project will provide play opportunities within the Oxclose area. The facility will provide more opportunities for young people and the community to play informally participate in positive activities and be physically active. The development will make the local area more attractive.

### Need for Project

This priority was identified ward councillors and agreed as part of a recommended action during the consultation on the PUGS Addendum. This is a priority, which was identified in the Play and Urban games strategy 2007 – 2012. The project will improve the area greatly and encourage the community to use it in a positive way.

### Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. of new or improved community facility	1

### Key Milestones for the Project

Equipment options identified	November 2010
Consult with C & YP on options	November 2010
Agree options with elected members	November 2010
Procure works	November 2010
Commence on site	January 2011

**Recommendation: Approve.**

This project meets priorities identified in the Safe and the Attractive and Inclusive themes within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

Note: Subject to progression and approval of SIB application for match funding of £24,228.

**SIP Application No.9 (Washington West)**

<b>Name of Project</b>	A New Curriculum
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Springwell Village Primary School

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£23,073	£10,000	£13,073
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
8 months	November 2010	July 2011

**The Project**

The project will give children the skills required for lifelong learning and success. We want the children to connect with their environment and the community it supports so that they understand their role and potential impact within it.

It is also an ideal vehicle for providing opportunities for parents and members of the community to be involved in school based learning and become more aware of environmental issues, increase ICT skills etc alongside their child. The project includes the design and installation of a sustainable garden and outside learning area. This will enable us to teach the children in more varied ways and maximise every child's learning potential. We will also be able to study eco issues, how they can make an impact etc. The garden will also have a heavy emphasis on health and be used to grow vegetables to support our cookery club and parent sessions. We also want to invite local residents and senior citizens to become involved in using/working in the garden so that they can also practice healthy hobbies, learn skills and build greater links with our children to foster and build on community spirit.

We will also increase the focus on quality ICT teaching and learning to provide our pupils and parents with the skills required in tomorrow's workplace by extending ICT to enable us to teach more appropriate IT skills to both the children and their families. We want to personalise it to the needs of the school and community, focus more on relevant skills and issues, and most importantly ensure it meets the children's needs to prepare them for the future and develop an enthusiasm of learning. The project provides real opportunities for the community to work together and foster a love of learning and partnership and to promote and support all aspects of health and good choices for our children and their families. It will make the school a real hub for community links and support, provide learning opportunities for local residents and teach the school community about the important issue of sustainability and their impact on the environment around them.

**Need for Project**

As part of our work on producing a shared vision for the school, we have consulted with parents, school governors, the local Chapel, The Community Venue, pupils and our School Council, the LA and our SIP. We used meetings, informal forums, suggestion boxes, questionnaires and discussion.

All parties have said that they would like to build links and develop community cohesion. The curriculum was highlighted as being in need of a re-vamp so that it could be made more skills based, enjoyable and relevant. Parents are very keen to be more involved and would like the

chance to increase their own personal skills so that they can better support their child. The opportunity to use the outside environment was also repeatedly requested as we currently have no available resource for this despite having a huge field that sits most of the year not being used. Members of the Community Venue have also made it clear that they would like to be able to use our field for holiday activities. Within our Ofsted SEF, we have areas of ICT, sustainability and outside learning highlighted as in need of development.

### Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. of new or improved community facility	1
HI		400

### Key Milestones for the Project

Y5 and 6 curriculum launched and resourced	November 2010
Y3 and 4 curriculum launched and resourced	January 2011
New ICT equipment in school and staff trained. ICT being used in clubs and lessons.	January 2011 onwards
Y1 and 2 curriculum launched and resourced	April 2011
Community meetings to recruit support and volunteers and sustainable garden and outside area completed	April 2011
Sustainable garden and curriculum in full use and vegetables all planted with taster sessions planned	July 2011

### Recommendation: Approve.

This project meets priorities identified in the Learning and Attractive and Inclusive themes within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

### SIP Application No.10 (Washington West)

<b>Name of Project</b>	Blackfell Play
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	City of Sunderland Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIP requested</b>
£16,906	£0	£16,906
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
3 months	January 2011	March 2011

### The Project

The project will make the local area more attractive with landscaping and more natural areas. The facility will provide more opportunities for young people and the community to play informally participate in positive activities and be physically active. The project will enhance the play provision which is currently provided for the younger age group in the area. The new project will deliver an exciting and stimulating play area providing outdoor opportunities free of charge for the young people aged 0 - 19 of the local area. Improvements will be made to existing play equipment and the general area improved. New equipment will also be introduced for the older age range which will compliment the existing MUGA. The new facility will serve all of the local residents in the area.

### Need for Project

This is a priority, which was identified in the Play and Urban games strategy 2007 – 2012.

The project will improve the area greatly and encourage the community to use it in a positive way. There are no other organisations in the area delivering a similar project.

**Outputs of the Project**

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. of new or improved community facility	1
A2	No. of people using new or improved community facility	616

**Key Milestones for the Project**

Equipment options identified	November 2010
Consult with C & YP on options	November 2010
Agree options with elected members	November 2010
Procure works	November 2010
Commence on site	January 2011

**Recommendation: Approve.**

This project meets priorities identified in the Safe and Attractive and Inclusive themes within the Washington Local Area Plan (LAP).

## WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## Interim Report

## 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, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area.

1.2 In May the Area Committee agreed the Washington Work Plan Strategic Priorities for 2010/11:-

- Reduce health inequalities
- Help local people access employment opportunities and improve the business offer in Washington
- Address Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).
- Responsive local services (RLS).

1.3 In order that the Area Committee can be kept informed of progress on projects the following interim report have been produced to detail how the Area Committee has allocated its resources to date (April 2010 – September 2010) and consider how those initiatives are performing against agreed objectives.

1.4 The report outlines the performance on all projects which delivered activity during quarter one and quarter two of the financial year, and are aligned to the key strategic priorities outlined above.

**Priority: Reduce health inequalities**

Recovery Support Washington MIND	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of people employed in voluntary work	10	12		£3,695	£3,695	
No. of jobs safeguarded	1	1				
No. of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	5	113				
Revenue funding awarded to help Washington Mind develop and deliver its Drop-in services and social inclusion programme. A worker supports and facilitates the formation and thriving of user-led groups. The project meets an identified need by providing support for people experiencing emotional distress as well as a diagnosed mental health problem which is unique to the area. The project is successfully and has exceeded its original output targets in relation to the number of people accessing the services due to a significant increase in referrals to the service. Project is on target.						

**Priority: Help local people access employment opportunities and improve the business offer in Washington**

Military Display Building Military Vehicle Museum Ltd.	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. young people aged 16 – 19years NEET and encouraged into education and employment	4	0		£9,000	£0	



No. of people receiving job training	150	0			
No. of new/improved community facilities	2	0			
<p>Capital funding awarded by both North Area Committee and Washington to provide a suitable building allowing the public access to exhibits which would secure the future of the collection alongside the North East Aircraft Museum in Washington as a key visitor attraction. The project intends to provide facilities for volunteers to gain experience in both restoration and administration, vehicle maintenance and museum management to aid access to full time employment and to provide placements for students work experience, in particular history and museum management.</p> <p>Building control problems and adverse wet weather conditions have delayed the project, potentially pushing the project into winter weather. Original target date for erecting the building was August 2010. Lead agent now forecasting February 2011. Area Officer maintaining close monitoring of the project.</p>					

**Priority: Address Anti Social Behaviour.**

Operation Horizon Northumbria Police/LMAPS	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
% reduction ASB		24%				
<p>Capital and revenue funding awarded to address ASB across the area. This project is not required to report and spend across Q2 however the first 2 months of the project have delivered an overall reduction in ASB of 24%. This project is proving to be successful and on target to achieve all outputs.</p>						

Blackfell MUGA Lighting City of Sunderland Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	6	0				
<p>Capital funding £8,000 awarded to provide lighting to a currently unlit footpath and create a more attractive environment with added benefit of perception of increased safety for residents and visitors next to the Blackfell MUGA. Order issued, expected on site w/c 18<sup>th</sup> October. Project on target to complete Q3.</p>						

Lambton Village Sign City of Sunderland Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1	1				
<p>Capital funding of £2,000 to install signage which will welcome visitors and will highlight the village and its association with the Washington family and America. Project has been delayed due to repairs required to the 'Lambton Worm' and the capacity and workload of the contractor to carry out those repairs. Sign is now installed and project completed.</p>						

Light at Albany Village Centre City of Sunderland Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of new/improved community facilities	1	1		£1,657	£0	
<p>Capital funding of £1,657 to install one column at Albany Village Centre. Delays re claiming spend as error on invoice from Aurora. Works completed. Funding to be claimed Q3.</p>						

Goalposts Oxclose City of Sunderland Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of youth services provided	1	1		£650	£650	
<p>Capital funding of £650 for the installation of goalposts on open space to address anti social behaviour. Project completed to target deadline and spend achieved Q2.</p>						

Ground Development Washington Cricket Club	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of new/improved community facilities	1	1		£11,809	£11,809	
<p>Capital funding of £11,809 to install security fencing and permanent covers to protect the playing service. Project completed.</p>						

<b>Sulgrave Play Area City of Sunderland Council</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. people using new/improved community facility	100	1000		£15,000	£15,000	
Capital funding to enhance play provision for the 0-5 age group. The new facilities will provide a multi use games area, fixed climbing and exploring play equipment for older children and young people and landscaped play features featuring long grassed area, tree planting mounds to encourage biodiversity and provide flexible exploratory play, natural enclosures and viewing opportunities. Project exceeded expectations. Well used facility. All milestones hit on target.. Project complete.						

<b>Wheeled Sports Park City of Sunderland Council</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. of people engaged in sport activities	100	200		£15,000	£15,000	
Capital funding of £15,000 to deliver a concrete wheeled sports park at Princess Anne Park in Washington that will be free to access and will be situated on the site on the disused 'Crocodile Pond'. The project provides the only wheeled sports park in Washington and services the whole of the Washington area. The location of the facility is central to Washington and was chosen through extensive consultation with Washington residents as it is accessibility and due to its close proximity to bus routes, local amenities and a police station. Community Police Officers would be able to redirect young people to a safe and appropriate environment to play away from residential areas. Project completed on target Q1.						

<b>Remix Washington Arts Centre</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. additional young people engaged in activities	44	171		£9,092	£7,832	
No. young people benefiting diversion projects	7	7				
No additional young people engaged and participating	37	171				
No. additional youth sessions	4	9				
Revenue funding to provide out of schools arts activities for young people throughout the year. REMIX will be Arts Centre Washington's youth arts programme designed to provide out of school/college arts activities in a welcoming, safe and creative environment. Project is performing well and on target although some underspend in Q2 due to ODYPP delivering music elements which were expected to be funded through Remix.						

<b>Kickz Sunderland Association Football Club</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. additional young people engaged in youth activities	74	363		£8,611	£9,222	
No. young people benefiting diversion projects	7	7				
No additional young people engaged and participating	37	167				
No. additional youth sessions	2	2				
No. 16 – 19 yo NEET encouraged into education and employment	8	30				
No. people engaged in sports activities	74	287				
Revenue funding to start a dedicated Kickz programme in the Concord area of Washington (classified as Washington North). The programme will fund a full time specialist member of staff, who together with existing staff, trainees and volunteers will run three evening sessions per week for 48 weeks of the year, a total of 288 two-hour sessions over the course of the project. These sessions will be run at times appropriate to issues eg a Friday night. The project has proven very successful with all sessions heavily subscribed. The project will run until March 2011 and is a great example of a partnership approach delivering real benefits.						

**Priority: Responsive local services.**

<b>Blackhams Hill Hauler House Bowes Railway Trust Ltd.</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Non standard outputs/milestones achieved				£20,000	£14,216	
<p>Capital funding was awarded for emergency repairs to the roof of the Hauler House which contains the winding engine. The project would also provide funding for re-pointing of the building. This project has generated a further £58,000 with total expenditure expected to be in the region of £78,872.</p> <p>The project is mostly completed with the final invoice from the contractor anticipated soon. Full spend will be achieved by Q3 other than the 5% retention fee which will be claimed Q4.</p>						

<b>Community Wing Barmston Primary School</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. facilities with improved security	1	1			£5,242	
No. people accessing improved support	400	350				
No. community/voluntary groups supported	5	4				
No. new/improved facilities/equipment	1	1				
<p>Capital funding of £14,500 was awarded to convert two empty classrooms into a purpose built community wing. Project underway and on target to complete. No problems with this project.</p>						

<b>Layby @ Inkerman Rd City of Sunderland Council</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1	0		£7,500	£0	
<p>Capital funding for the installation of a layby. Delays due to issue with works order not being processed. Works now programmed to be completed by early October. Project expected to complete Q3.</p>						

<b>Pattinson's Signs Washington History Society</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	2	0		£0	£0	
<p>Capital funding to replace and refurbish the Pattinson Industrial signs. The improvement will contribute to the area's sense of identity linking the past with the present. The restored signs will convey pride in the Pattinson name and his association with Washington. Aurora identified to carry out works. Orders to be instructed early October. Delays have been caused through the availability of Aurora to confirm programme. Project expected to complete November. Spend not profiled until Q3.</p>						

<b>Albany Family Centre Bridge Training and Education Centre</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. of new/improved facilities	1	1		£7,411	£7,411	
No. of people using new/improved facilities	50	502				
<p>Capital funding to revitalise the Albany Family Centre to create a welcoming and safe place for residents to take advantage of the training and education opportunities available there. Over the past few years the building has become somewhat of an eyesore.</p> <p>Full spend achieved in Q1. This project has been very successful with more than 10 x users anticipated accessing the new and welcoming building. Project complete.</p>						

<b>Lambton Footway Improvements City of Sunderland Council</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. of new/improved facilities	1	0		£801	£0	
<p>Capital funding of £801 for works to address a neglected and unattractive area of soft landscaping adjacent to The Highwayman Public House. The works will provide continuation to block paving either side of the area that will be easy to maintain and enhance the look of the immediate area. Delay with order. Works to be issued immediately and expected completion Q3.</p>						

<b>Cumberland &amp; Coverdale Lighting City of Sunderland Council</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1	0		£10,981	£0	
Capital funding of £10,981 to provide lighting to a currently unlit footpath and create a more attractive environment. Installation of columns completed. Awaiting NEDL to connect supply. Completion and spend forecast for Q3.						

<b>Columbia CA Refurbishment Columbia CA</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. community/voluntary groups supported	10	11		£9973	£8,637	
No. people using new/improved community facilities	60	200				
No. new/improved community facility	2	2				
Capital funding of £9973 to refurbish toilets providing better access and transforming the current ladies toilet into a multiuse disabled toilet compliant with DDA requirements including a drop down baby changing area. Refitting the current men's toilet will also take place. Project completed on time under budget. Project now complete						

<b>Marlborough Park Play Marlborough Park Residents Association</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
No. new/improved community facilities	1	1		£3,000	£3,000	
No. people using new/improved facilities	100	300				
Capital funding of £ 3,000 to improve a grassed area and provide play and leisure facilities for young people. The project will develop and improve an area of spare land currently underused. This will provide safe facilities for the playing of 5 a side football and netball, thus encouraging children, particularly the under 12's to participate in healthy outdoor activities in an area of medium / high density flat dwellings which currently offer very limited opportunities for this kind of play provision. Project complete. All milestones achieved.						

## Workplan (2009/10) priorities : Learning

<b>Centenary Project Washington School</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Non standard outputs/milestones achieved				£16,000	£16,000	
Revenue funding awarded for a year of events in commemoration of the school's centenary. This included research and development work by teaching staff within the Year Seven team based around technology heritage, local natural resources, culture, food and fashion, a creative Textiles Project based around the understanding of local history and their depiction in banners with the textile Artist Barbara Reed, a creative Food Project (Year 10-11 pupils) looking at food from each of the past ten decades and a community Variety Show involving music, dance and drama from each decade over the past 100 years. The project is now completed achieving full spend to target dates.						

<b>Community E Hub Washington Millennium Centre</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Non standard outputs/milestones achieved				15,000	13,016	
Capital funding to establish the Millennium Centre as a community wireless hub which will provide free wireless internet access for community groups and organisations, members of the public and students. The equipment to be purchased will include wireless laptops (IBM & Apple Mac), software, printers and scanners so that groups can produce their own newsletters and posters, residents will be able to access the internet and pay bills, order goods and services etc thus bringing them the same level of access that residents with home broadband have. This will be the first community wireless hub in Washington and potentially the first in Sunderland. It will extend and enhance the City's E reputation and supports the government's agenda to empower and engage residents in decision making and service delivery. The project also includes the purchase of workstations, chairs and interactive whiteboards. Remaining batch of PCs to be installed by end of October. Balance of grant to be claimed Q3. Project is on target.						

## Workplan (2009/10) priorities : Attractive and Inclusive

Washington Glebe Banner Glebe Banner Group	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of people employed in voluntary work	4	0		£0	£500	
No. community or educational events	0	0				
No. new/improved community facility or equipment	1	0				
Capital funding of £10,000 to provide a new banner and to work with schools re coal mining projects, school visits etc. The project has spent £500 in Q2 with remaining balance expected to be spent Q3. JFK Years 3 carrying out Coal Mining project.. Slight delays incurred re sourcing materials fir Banner therefore delay in target dates although education programme ongoing.						

Heritage Feasibility Study City of Sunderland Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of feasibility studies funded	1	1		£7,500	£5,000	
Revenue funding of £15,000 to commission a Feasibility Study to consider the potential of a heritage centre and to assess the current offer in Washington. Tender awarded July to NE Civic Trust. Consultation and research carried out September. Draft report expected January 2011. Some underspend in Q2.						

Heritage Gala City of Sunderland Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. community or educational events	1	1		£15,000	£16,679	
Revenue funding of £35,000 to hold a heritage event and to deliver education programmes with schools re history and heritage. The event held September 18 <sup>th</sup> extremely successful with over 3000 visitors.						

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## Washington Area Committee

4th November 2010

### Report of the City Services Directorate

#### Influencing Practice, Policy and Strategy

##### 1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1. This report offers Members the opportunity for consultation on plans and strategies relevant to Washington. It also provides information and updates which will encourage Members to feed into proposals for service or policy change.

##### 2. Purpose and objective of the consultation

2.1 Sunderland City Council is currently consulting with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) on the Draft Community Assets Policy in order to receive their comments on a Council policy which has a direct impact on them.

2.2 The Draft Policy takes into account National and Local Policy providing clear guidelines for VCS organisations and details on the framework for the decision making processes necessary for a transfer of a council owned asset e.g. community building.

2.3 The draft policy sets out a three stage approach to a transfer of a council owned asset to the VCS. Evidence of need is the first stage of the policy and consideration needs to be made of:

- a) Existing provision in the area (either VCS, Council or other public or private sector) that meet the proposal
- b) Taking into account (a) whether there is identified need for this proposal
- c) Whether the proposal meets strategic and council priorities
- d) Whether the proposal allows for co-location of services
- e) Whether the proposal requires a specific facility or can it be supported in an existing facility
- f) Whether there is evidence of partnership working.
- g) Identification of financial support including external funding and volunteer time

To summarise there need to be a clear evidence of need in the local area and following that there needs to be a robust and sustainable business plan in place.

The second stage of the policy involves reviewing governance arrangements. A "Community Asset Readiness Assessment Tool" (CARAT) has been developed by the Council using guidelines from the Charity Commission to assess building and governance capacity of VCS organisations. This considers a range of indicators including assessment of staff and volunteer policies, management committee skills, legal, financial and legislation compliance.

Alongside the CARAT a full evaluation of the asset management information will be provided such as a condition survey, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance, market value, potential rental value and compliance with statute.

The final stage of any assessment of transfer is the requirement for the VCS organisation to provide information on how they will sustain the management of the building which includes:

- Financial – funding in place for revenue to support the building and ongoing maintenance plan
- Programme – Evidence of local support and need for the proposed programme
- Governance – Skills of management committee and volunteers including premises management experience
- Partnerships – Letters of support and identified partners, being a signatory to the Sunderland Compact
- Community Need – Evidence of local community consultation
- Sunderland Strategic Priorities – Programme delivery meeting partnership and Council strategic objectives

2.4 Members of Area Committee have an active involvement with VCS organisations within their area and through the Area VCS Networks. The Policy has an impact on the assets currently occupied by the VCS and VCS organisations within all Area Committee areas. This impact is explained in the first stage of the transfer where co-location and partnership working with existing organisations will be explored. This will enable promotion of co-location, sharing of resources, volunteer support and usage of under utilised buildings.

2.5 In addition any new requests received by members from VCS organisations for access to council owned buildings can be directed through the stages of the Policy. The Policy states the support which the Council will provide and the necessary steps a VCS organisation must take to ensure they are delivering to key priorities and are able to sustain a building.

2.6 Area Committee member knowledge and experience can be fed into responses to consultation questions which are detailed throughout the Draft Community Assets Policy and can be downloaded from [www.sunderland.gov.uk/communitydevelopment](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/communitydevelopment) Alternatively copies are available by contacting the Community Development Team on 561 5002 or emailing [communitydevelopment@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@sunderland.gov.uk)

2.7 The Council has 85 assets occupied by the VCS and 16 of them are in the Washington Area, which are shown on the attached map.

### **3. Timescale of exercise and feedback**

3.1 The consultation period ends at 4.45p.m. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010, following which all comments will be addressed and the Policy will be submitted to DLT 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010, EMT on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Portfolio Holder Briefing 31st January 2011 and presented to Cabinet for approval on 2nd February 2011. .

### **4. Recommendation(s)**

Members are requested to consider the draft Community Assets Policy which is currently subject to consultation and to participate in the consultation process to ensure that the strategy will effectively address the requirements of the Voluntary and Community Sector in the Washington area of the City.

Annex 1: Washington Area Map

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