

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Main Hall, Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD on Thursday 14th December, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

Membership

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

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* Denotes an item relating to an executive function

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5th December, 2023

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE, THE OVAL, CONCORD, WASHINGTON, on THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 2023 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Warne in the Chair

Councillors Chapman, Fletcher, Guy, F. Miller, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, M. Walker, P. Walker, and Williams

Also in Attendance:-

Pauline Hopper	-	Partnership and Community Resilience Manager (Coalfield), SCC
Sandra Stephenson	-	Partnership and Community Resilience Manager (Washington), SCC
Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Marc Morley	-	, SCC
Sylvia Copley	-	Area Network Representative
Bethan Wilkie	-	Gentoo
Inspector Phil Baker	-	Northumbria Police

And Members of the Press and Public

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Laws and D. E. Snowdon.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29th June 2023

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 29th June, 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

Referring to the feasibility study that was in development at Fatfield Riverside, Councillor Chapman commented that these could be costly and enquired if residents opinions had been sought. Ms Stephenson advised that the preliminary work had been done and this was due to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Councillor F. Miller referred to Page 20 of the agenda and the Warm Spaces-developing Community Hubs Project, informing the Committee she was due to have discussions with Graham Scanlon and a professor about a specialist service where users would only have to speak to one person and suggested this may be worth Area Committee consideration to try and provide a tailor-made service. Ms Stephenson advised that they were potentially looking at creating task and finish groups on these.

In response to Councillor Fletcher advising that Mickey's Place was not mentioned as part of the Food Bank Support Project on page 23, Ms Stephenson advised that they should have been and assured that they would be included in the future reports.

Councillor Williams highlighted that the Bread and Butter Project was also not included. Ms Stephenson commented that this was within a different service area which Officers hadn't received the information on yet but they would keep an eye on this project also.

2. RESOLVED that the Committee

- i) Considered the progress and performance update with regard to Washington Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026; and
- ii) Considered the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

Partner Agency Reports

a) Northumbria Police

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Phil Baker was in attendance and ran through the figures in relation to the Washington area for the 8 week period of 29th June – 30th August 2023 and advised that whilst the figures for ASB were still low they had seen a significant spike of incidents at the Galleries Shopping Centre. They had met with the Centre Management and Go North East Management over Bus Centre issues and extra resource was being allocated to help around this area.

Councillor Williams commented that it was nice to see some successes but added that ASB was a hard issue to crack and she was seeing instances where residents had stopped reporting incidents therefore she was not sure how this could be dealt with, and suggested that a campaign of some sort was needed to tackle the lack of trust within the community and get something positive to move forwards.

Inspector Baker advised of a similar discussion at the Coalfield Area Committee and the Police were to link in with the VCS and partners to use their social media and he was due to attend their next VCS meeting.

Councillor Williams suggested a leaflet drop to those areas most affected advising of what was being done and to request that residents report any incidents.

Ms Pauline Hopper, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager (Coalfield) advised that they were to use the Communities to get the message out via either leaflets or electronic communications and they would discuss this and bring their ideas forward to share.

Councillor Fletcher informed of ASB in Sulgrave with vehicles being driven down paths and would pass on further details if further reports received and requested the Inspector be kept abreast of this.

Full consideration having being given to the report, the Chairman thanked Inspector Baker for his attendance and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

b) TWFRS

The Tyne and Wear Fire Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided performance-monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st June 2023 to 31st August 2023, compared with the same period in 2022

(for copy report – see original minutes)

As there was no representation from the Fire Authority at this meeting, it was agreed to consider a full report at the next meeting.

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

c) Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Sylvia Copley, VCS Representative presented the report on behalf of the Network and advised that they were in the process of recruiting a third VCS Representative and work overall was progressing well so wished to thank Ms Stephenson for her support.

Ms Copley also advised that local people were currently identifying their priorities via the Big Breakfast events.

The Chairman thanked Ms Copley for her report, and it was:-

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

d) Gentoo

Gentoo provided a report to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period June 2023 to September 2023.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Bethan Wilkie, Gentoo presented the report advising that all Members were included in the Invitation from Louise Bassett, CEO of Gentoo Group and the Estate Walks arranged, referred to in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the report.

In relation to Paragraph 3.4 and the intention to recruit 6 Gentoo customers to

the Tenant Committee, Councillor Fletcher enquired if these positions would be from the Washington area or across the City. Ms Wilkie advised that they would be from across the City and it would depend on who applies as to if they were from Washington.

Councillor Fletcher commented that there needed to be a balance across the Committee and it would not be fair if there was no representation from Washington.

Councillor Williams agreed and suggested that there was a need for this discussion at the meeting with Louise Bassett. In relation to the report Councillor Williams commented that there was a lot going on and she looked forward to how Gentoo moved forward in the future.

Councillor G. Miller supported the point made by Councillor Fletcher commenting that the biggest strength Gentoo had, had been their Tenant Boards which were no longer operational and this creation of one singular Tenant Committee was a partial solution but they must have representation that covers all parts of the City and he hoped in future that the number of Committees would increase.

Councillor G. Miller also commented that in terms of interviewing for these posts that he hoped it wouldn't be a corporate exercise as they may miss out on some genuine candidates/residents who could give real insight to the Committee. Ms Wilkie advised that she would feed back the Committees comments and suggestions.

The Chairman thanked Ms Wilkie for the report

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

Washington Area Budget Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Stephenson presented the report, drawing the Committee's attention to the current financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2023/2024 as set out in paragraph 2.1 and 3.2, and the Community Chest approvals in Annex 4.

Councillor M. Walker referred to the Washington Events 23/24 application and requested that there be specific terms for when the applicant put out marketing as previously the publicity put out was really late with a lot of

resident feedback stating that they didn't find out about events until late and requested that this be fed back to the applicant.

Ms Stephenson advised that she would feed this back when she met with the applicant and this could be written into the terms for future. The Chairman supported Councillor M. Walkers comments and suggested that he would like to be part of the discussions with Community Opportunities and would bring back details of these for info.

In relation to Application 1 – Washington 60 Design Challenge, Councillor Williams commented that she was really excited to see this project progress and enquired as to when this would be sent out to Schools. Ms Stephenson advised that the emails were being drafted as they spoke so would be imminent.

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

7. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2 of the report;
- ii) Approved £30,000 of the Neighbourhood Fund for the Washington 60 Design Challenge, as set out in (Application 1) Item 4 Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Approved £70,000 of the Neighbourhood Fund for the Washington Events 23/24, as set out in (Application 2) Item 4 Annex 1 of the report; and
- iv) Noted the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023/2024 as detailed in Item 4 Annex 2 of the report

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st July, 2023 to 23rd August, 2023 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) J. WARNE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Washington area between the following 8-week period (21st September 2023 – 25th November 2023)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall crime Update

Crime: 8-week period to 25-11-23

Crime numbers have reduced in the last 8 weeks, and we sit on a par with crime data from the last 2 years although above 2020. In my last report I did highlight this downward trend which I am pleased to note has continued into this report (albeit with a slight spike in late August early September). The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are violence against the person, theft, and then criminal damage. Which is a change on the last period when theft was top. The area with the most crimes recorded is Sulgrave, The Galleries and then Usworth.

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

Burglary Dwelling.

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes, Washington is still performing very well in this crime category. However, having arrested a spike in offending earlier in the year we are starting to see a slight rise which is putting us above figures for the last few years. Be assured there are several plans in place and additional resources to assist.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. However, we have noted some burglaries to commercial premises and as such I have asked that our designing out crime officers visit to provide advice and guidance to local businesses.

Vehicle crime

This is another area we are noting a spike and as such as with burglary offences we have acquired force resources to try and combat the levels of reporting. It should be noted however that as with Burglary offences we are not anywhere near the levels of reporting of other sectors in the command.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 25-11-23

In this 8-week period there have been 191 ASB incidents, a decrease of 34 incidents from my last report. most of the disorder is around nuisance, bonfire, and fireworks (clearly seasonal) and then neighbour disputes, The most ASB occurred in The Galleries followed by Sulgrave and then Concord.

We are currently tracking at reporting levels in the best 2 years and significantly below 2020 figures. The team are working on our Autumn operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

The autumn plan focuses on the galleries and the surrounding area, and we have made several arrests for acquisitive crime offences including burglary, vehicle crime and shop theft.

Autumn plan update

The Autumn plan as can be seen from my above update is working very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gento which has seen a big reduction throughout the target areas.

Winter plans have been prepared and I am advised that all members will receive a redacted version of that document to update on activity.

REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7011 Baker

14th December 2023

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st September 2023 to 25th November 2023, compared with the same period in 2022.

2 Background

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

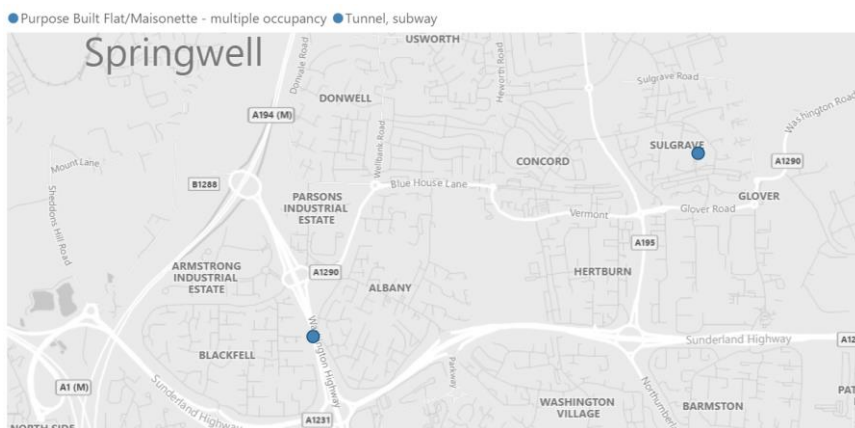
3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

3.1 L.I 02 - Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

2 incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 3 reported incident occurring in the same period during the previous year.



Property Type	Incident Count
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Tunnel, subway	1
Total	2

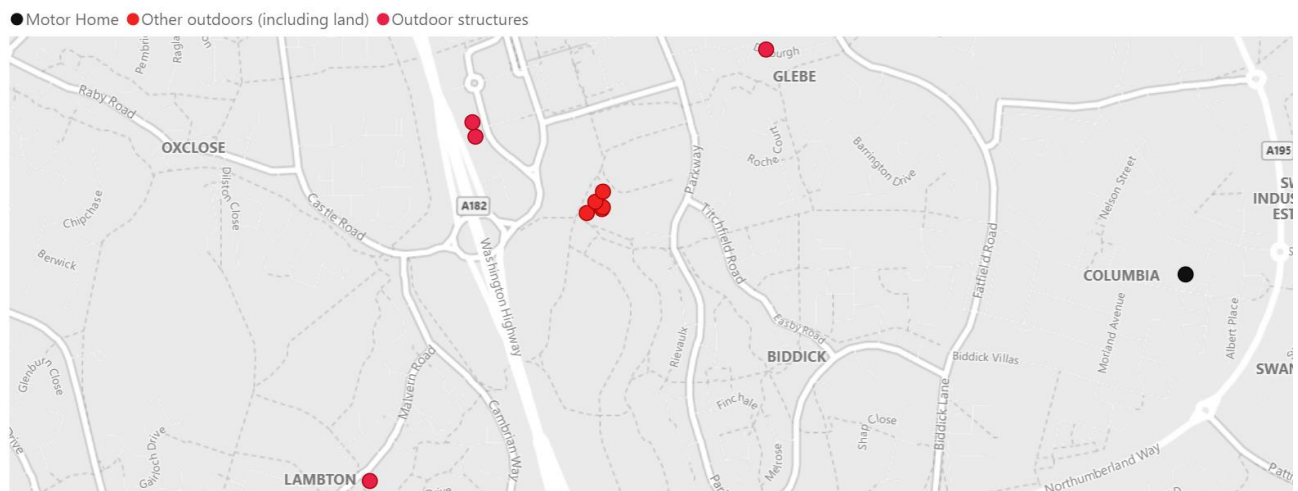
There was 1 incident in Washington North involving a deliberate fire on a flat balcony and 1 in Washington West involving a plastic road warning sign in a subway.

3.3 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

70 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 45 incidents in the previous year.

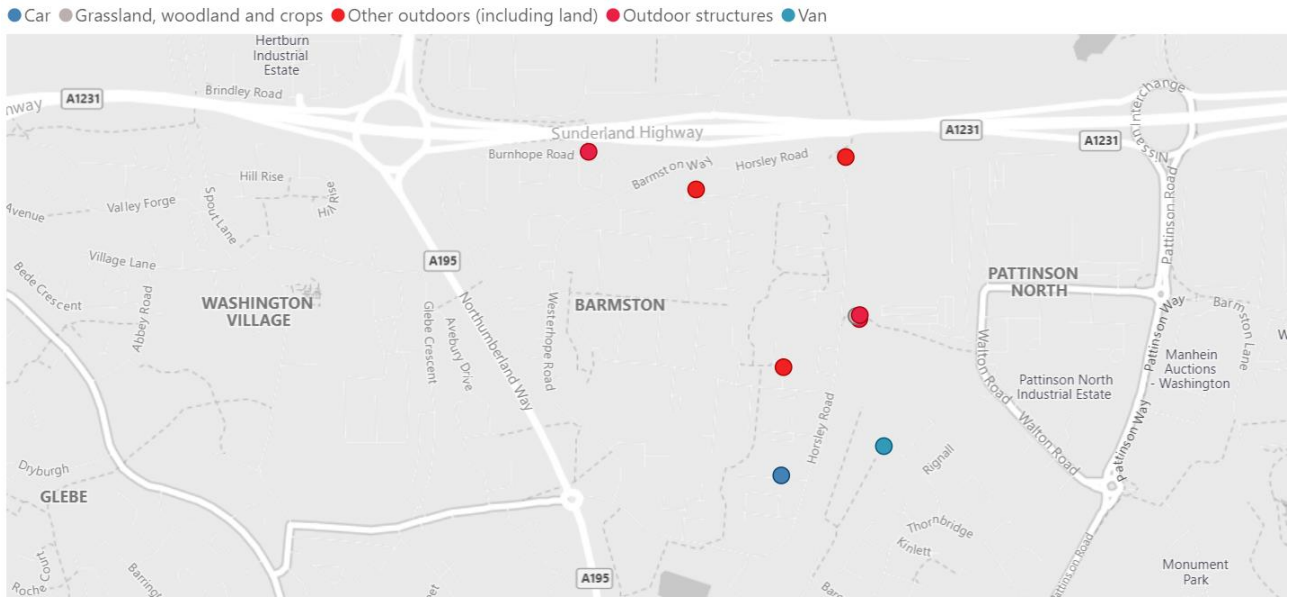
LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)								
Ward	2022				2023			
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Washington Central Ward	3	1	2	6	4	5	1	10
Washington East Ward	5	4	7	16	3	2	4	9
Washington North Ward	3	5	8	16	8	11	6	25
Washington South Ward	1	5	0	6	9	9	1	19
Washington West Ward	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	7
Total	12	15	18	45	24	29	17	70

3.3.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 6 the previous year to 10 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;

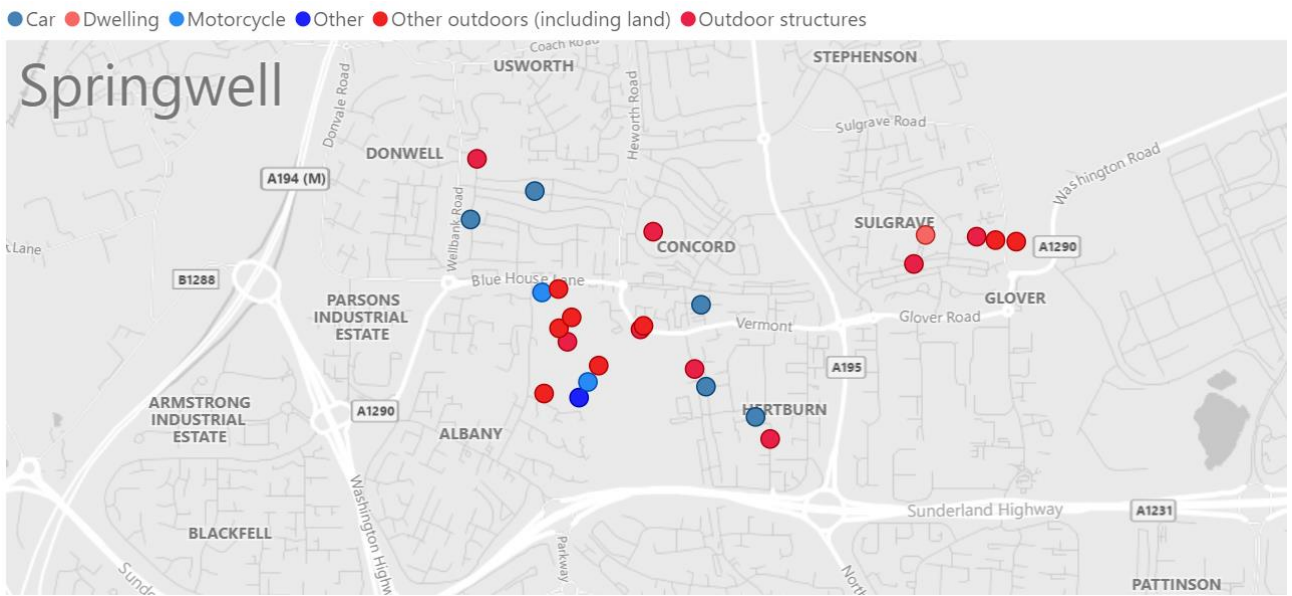


The main issues were in October in the Washington Skate Park / Leisure Centre area with 5 incidents in this location

3.3.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 16 the previous year to 9 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

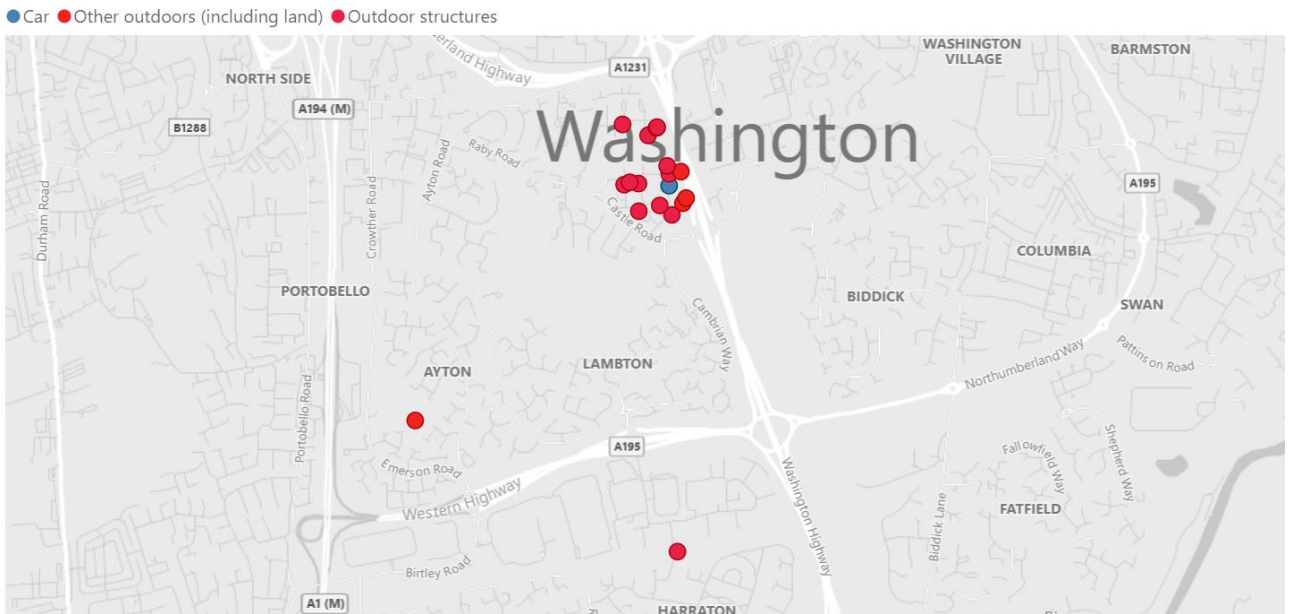


3.3.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 16 the previous year to 25 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



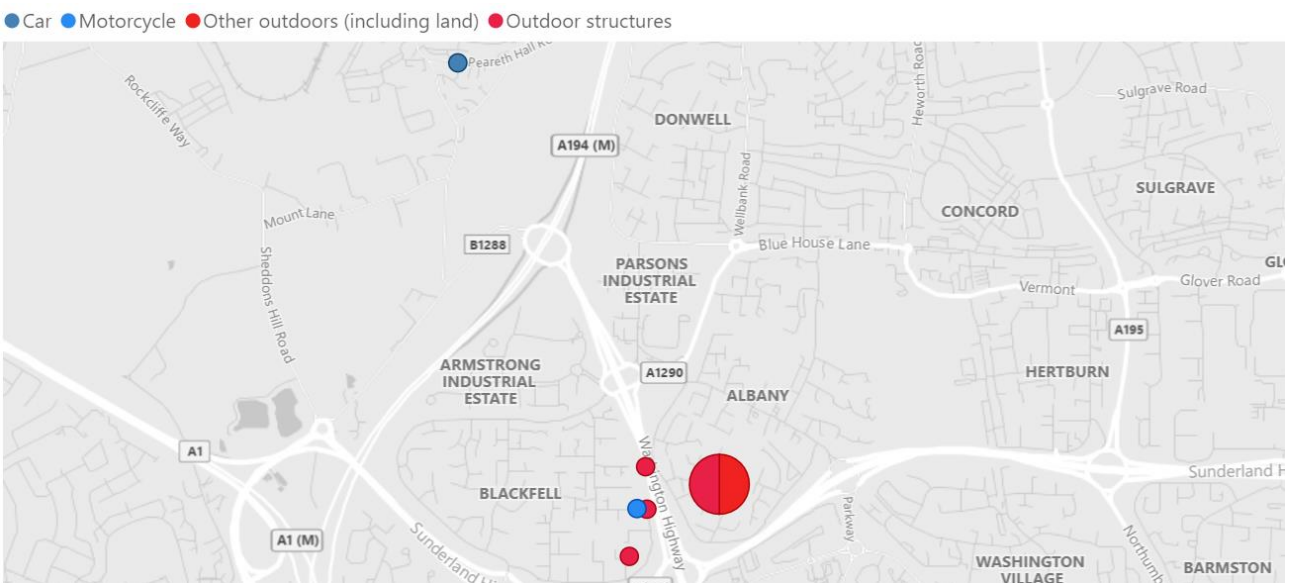
The main issues were in the Albany Park area with 11 incidents in this location. TWFRS targeted the streets around Albany Park carrying out Safe and Well visits and delivering FireStoppers leaflets. There has been only 1 incident in November.

3.3.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 6 the previous year to 19 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



The area around Lumley Close, Dunstanburgh Close, Warkworth Close and the footpath running alongside A182 has seen 17 incidents for this reporting period. 9 of these incidents occurred on the same dates with some only minutes apart – 3 x 12/09/23, 3 x 14/09/23 & 3 x 14/10/23. TWFRS targeted this area and with collaboration with partners we have seen a drop in the number of incidents again with only 1 incident in November.

3.3.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 1 the previous year to 7 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



The large red icon is due to 2 incidents of rubbish on fire at the same location at the junction of Boystones Court and Rosegill.

4 **Fire Stoppers Hotline**

4.1 It is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

5 **Summary**

5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively.

6 **Recommendations**

6.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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14th December 2023

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Washington Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.
- 2.3 The Washington VCS Network is made up of over 70 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin distributed via the Sunderland VS Alliance.

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

- 3.1 The Washington VCS Network met in person in September, October and December 2023
- 3.2 The September meeting included the following agenda items:

- Summer holiday recap and learning opportunities
- Washington VCS Rep Vacancy
- Network and Information Share Opportunities

The October meeting included the following agenda items:

- Washington VCS Rep Vacancy
- Go Online Sunderland
- Real Living Wage
- Mackem Money
- Network and Information Share Opportunities

The December meeting included the following agenda items:

- Digital Update - Good Things Foundation
- Network and Information Share Opportunities

- 3.3 At the October meeting the network were reminded of the vacant role for a Washington VCS Network Rep and a member organisation expressed an interest in the role.

- 3.4 Members of the network who signed the pledge for Links for Life were thanked for applying for the new call for projects. The programme follows on the learning from the warm and welcoming spaces, ensuring we are able to offer services and support within our communities – support and activities which bring residents together, enable active engagement and improve health, wellbeing and financial resilience. Successful projects will deliver Links for Life from January 2024.
- 3.5 Members of the Network received information on the free membership scheme with Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA) and were also invited to attend ‘Let’s Communicate’ online event with SVSA in November 2023.
- 3.6 The Network received an update on progress made on the staff recruitment for SVSA, they also received information on the support offered to the sector. Information was also received on the Social Value and volunteering opportunities support offered.
- 3.7 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

4. Recommendations

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

5. VCS Rep Contact

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14 December 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee for the period September to December 2023.

2 Background

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

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

3.1 **Allocations**, Gentoo is the largest social landlord within the City and responsible for the management of almost 30,000 properties. We work closely with Sunderland City Council, who have statutory (or legal) duties for housing in Sunderland, for example, the responsibility for the prevention of homelessness and assistance for those who are homeless. We recognise that the way homes are allocated is a matter of real importance to people. The demand for social housing in Sunderland far outstrips supply and therefore we seek to allocate homes in a way which primarily houses people with the greatest need.

Gentoo operates a banding system for letting their empty homes, Customers will be placed in a band, which is appropriate to their current circumstances.

Band 1+ Applicants living in renewal area

Band 1 Statutory or Urgent Social Housing Need - applicants who have an immediate need to move, some examples include homeless applicants, applicants with severe mobility issues, Gentoo customers who are experiencing severe harassment and assessed as being at risk if not rehoused (included victims of domestic abuse).

Band 2 High Housing need - applicants who have a priority housing need, some examples include applicants at risk of homelessness, applicants needing to move on from supported accommodation, Gentoo customers who are under or over occupying their current home, Gentoo customers who have children in flats, Gentoo customers who need to move for financial hardship, or applicants who have a mobility or disability and rehousing would support them.

Band 3 General Need - Open to all applicants

Our register on 31 October 2023 shows the current banding position of applicants:

There are 30,519 live applicants registered for housing on our allocations register. Of these 148 applicants are Band 1 (urgent housing need), 304 applicants are Band 2 (high housing need), and 30,067 applicants are in Band 3 (general needs).

We have allocated 1203 new homes since April 2023, 493 were applicants with a priority need.

- 3.2 **Estate walks**, invites will be sent during December for the quarterly estate walks that are due to take place in January 2024, these are a great opportunity to identify estate improvements, gather feedback from partners, and for the residents in the area to see collaborative working across the agencies.
- 3.3 **Bonfire Night**, over the weekend of 5 November 2023, our Grounds Maintenance Team worked in partnership with Sunderland City Council to help keep our communities safe by patrolling the city to identify any illegal bonfires. The team successfully removed **15 tonnes of rubbish** that was destined for a bonfire.
- 3.4 **Gentoo Christmas Campaign** 🎄🎁, to help support customers and families who may struggle over the festive period, we've launched our annual Christmas campaign with three themes that include, a Christmas dinner (delivered on 22 December), a Christmas gift from a secret Santa or a Theatre visit to see the pantomime (Saturday 9 December).

4. **Investment & Renewal**

Albany, internal scheme is ongoing with customers benefiting from kitchens, rewires and new combi boilers

Double Glazing, Sekura are on site renewing single to double glazing.

Loft insulation top ups, Regen are our contractor to carry out loft insulation top ups to 151 properties within Washington. This scheme has now started.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

Contact Officer

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14th December 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2023-2024.

2. Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 3.1 November Board received a report to commence the process for the development of the 2024-2025 Highways Maintenance Programme and were updated on the 2023 – 2024 scheme progress.
- 3.2 November Board received feedback from Marion Dixon, Assistant Director of Regulatory Services, who also updated on behalf of Craig Mordue, Assistant Director of Transport and Infrastructure for their service areas.
- 3.3 Attached as **Annex 1** is the Washington Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.4 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress for information purposes only.

4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:

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

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Sandra Stephenson, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager

Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2023 / 2026



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

Vibrant Smart City - Priorities and Actions 2023-26	
Action	Update
A plantation and tree management programme	Ongoing
Washington Clean and Green project	Project extension agreed at Area Committee in June 23 to 2025 Q2 update shared with members 3/11/23. 17 litter picks completed this quarter, 178 bags of waste cleared and 453 volunteer hours delivered.
Support for VCS organisations and community hubs	
Community events	Project agreed at September Area Committee, programme of delivery has begun for 2023/24 with the Summer Carnival, Christmas light switch on and fireworks at Concord both being well attended.
A Heritage and Culture strategy/programme	Ongoing project, quarter 2 update provided to members 3/11/23. A networking event took place which was well attended, small grants funding launched, attended Summer Carnival. Heavily involved in Washington 60 events planning.
The Washington Ward Improvement Programme	Remaining balances returned to Neighbourhood Fund
A road safety and VAS programme	Ongoing project due to end at the end of 2023. There are currently 40 locations and 10 signs, which are rotated on a quarterly basis. Quarter 2 update provided to members 3/11/23. Project extension request taken to November Neighbourhood and Community Board, 2 years extension to project being considered at December Area Committee

Public artwork & celebrations for Washington 60 / Galleries 50	MOBIE Washington Design Challenge approved at September Area Committee, live launch of the project took place on 30/11/23 in The Galleries, extremely well attended by Members, x4 Secondary school students and George Clarke. Steering group to meet in December.
A Washington volunteer recognition project	Clean and Green Steering group have discussed a recognition presentation for volunteers to be held in December.
Signage at Fatfield Riverside to incorporate the heritage and ecology of the area	
A feasibility study for the vision of Fatfield Riverside development	Proposed feasibility study presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board in November to be discussed in December Area Committee
Healthy Smart City - Priorities and Actions 2023-26	
Action	Update
A programme of outreach youth provision	Update shared with members 15/8/23, project now complete. New youth project ideas to be considered in the new year.
Neighbourhood management and enforcement	Project ongoing and funded until March 2024. Outcomes continue to be positive, residents engaged regarding bin presentation and improvements have been noted. High visibility patrols continue. Proposal for 2 year extension to project presented to November N&C being taken to December Area Committee
Investment in parks and play areas	Recent update to members on Playzone, location agreed
Positive activities for young people during school holidays	Young people aged 8-10 and 11-19 years holiday activity projects funded for 23/24, update for quarter 2 shared with members 3/11/23. After consulting with young people we developed an exciting and varied summer activities programme. We promoted the activities on offer in our youth clubs, through detached youth workers and on our Facebook page. The use of Facebook helped us to attract new young people that were not previously known to the project.
Diversionary activities for young people	Proposed TWFRS Phoenix project presented to members at November N&C to be taken to December Area Committee for approval. Proposal for x4 Secondary and x5 Primary schools to partake, each with 10 identified students – 90 across the year.
Contributed to the development of the Links for Life programme	

Improved access to allotments and community gardens	Relevant service lead attended the November Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to update on continued work in and around allotments.
A considered approach to park development, including ecological impact	
Dynamic Smart City – Priorities and Actions 2023-26	
Action	Update
Supporting people into work via REACT	Ongoing, quarter 2 update shared with members 3/11/23. The REACT project has continued to be delivered through the Neighbourhood Fund element of the service with two part-time staff providing access to the service for residents across four days per week. An additional 17 residents have engaged with the service during the period and six residents have moved into employment, one into education and one into training.
Developing skills of young people via CAN DO	Residual remaining balance brought back into Neighbourhood Fund
Supporting young people to be more financially resilient via Youth Money Matters	Ongoing, quarter 2 update shared with members 3/11/23. The project continues to expand, in quarter 2, two new groups started, one of which started at Ayton Community Centre hosting three young people whom completed eight sessions focusing on finance, with sessions delivered by staff from Sharp and Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project as well as outside agencies. Young people actively participated in group discussions and learning activities on a range of subjects including essential and non-essential spending, online scams, apprenticeship and living wage and cost of living crisis and how to save money in the home and deductions from wages for tax and national insurance contributions.
Providing individual welfare and financial support via WISP	Ongoing, quarter 2 update shared with members 3/11/23. In quarter 2, in July we supported 21 people with a range of issues but majority of those presenting have been adversely effected by the impact of Cost of Living relating to Fuel Poverty and Benefit Sanctions. In August, we supported 20 people with both months showing a drop due to School Holidays and people accessing the Holiday Activity Fun. Then in September we saw an increase in the number of people presenting up to 37 which were all supported with a wide range of issues from Section 21 Housing, Compliance with benefit regulations, Sanctions and UC problems. In total we have supported 78 clients across quarter 2.
Develop approach to consultation with communities/resident	

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

ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Washington Old School	In partnership with Strategic Housing, development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	7/22	11/23	Phased approach undertaken with 14 units now occupied. Final incoming tenant moving in w/b 21/11/23. Service will be fully operational at this point.
Washington Community Resource Centre	Redevelopment of building-based day care services	4/23	TBC	<p>Building surveys have been undertaken by Property Services and improvement works have been identified. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the implementation of the improvement works.</p> <p>Due to the implications around Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and the immediate need for SCC to prioritise surveys/inspections across the Councils building assets in the short term, Property Services are unable to take forward the required works in the day centres. As a consequence, we are in discussion with SCC on options that can support Commissioning to take development work forward.</p>
Moor Way	Development of extra care accommodation provision for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs, with partnership with the Housing provider	1/24	Completion early 2026	Planning permission has been obtained. Building work will start beginning of Jan 2024 with completion anticipated early 2026. Ongoing meetings TBA with the support provider which will involve Adult Social Care reps.

CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Arts Centre Washington improvement works	Improvement works funded through the capital programme	4/23	3/24	Internal improvements completed to Low Barn, Granary, Theatre and Foyer including improved bar facilities, new lighting, M&E improvements, flooring and decoration throughout. New accessible lift installed to access Granary and operational. External improvements to commence January 2024 to external courtyard including new paving, and landscape works. Improvements to car park completed.
Washington library improvements	Improvement works funded through the capital programme	4/23	3/24	Washington Library will close on Saturday 11th November – The decant of all internal furniture will take place in the weeks following ready for construction work to begin on site WC Monday 4 th December 2023. Alternative provision in Washington will be provided during this time including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click and collect service from Connections (opposite the library) • Pop up library delivered from The Building Blocks Centre. • Extended Books at home provision
North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood & Community Boards	9/23	3/24	Individual planting schemes developed in further detail, with some requiring further consultation before the overall programme is finalised. Seven sites currently have in-principle funding approval: Holmeside Phase 2 (East); Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North), Silksworth Ski Slope and Pit Wheel (West); Doxford Park (East); Ryhope Junior School (East). An additional 3-4 sites are also being considered and are currently at the feasibility stage.

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include implementation within individual Area Committee areas			<p>Additional green-infrastructure projects (over and above NE Community Forest activity) include 'Tiny Forests' schemes to be planted at Sandhill View Academy (West) and Hudson Road Primary (East) subject to feasibility and final approvals; Link Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 has been submitted – if successful it will support greenspace uplift to 13 sites across the Coalfield.</p> <p>Sunderland City Council is working in partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.On on the current phase of Energy Company Obligation (ECO4), which requires energy suppliers to implement energy efficiency improvements in residents' homes. The scheme is aimed at lower income and/or vulnerable households and less energy efficient properties with the aims of tackling fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions from the domestic sector and improving thermal comfort. The ECO4 scheme was launched in October and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (city-wide). Utilita will include a particular focus on engaging with residents in Southwick (North) and E.On with residents in Hendon (East) during Nov/Dec to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits to residents. Eco-4 will run to 2026 across the city.</p>

CITY DEVELOPMENT: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Enforcement Project (currently AC funded)	<p>1 x Enforcement Officer <i>Enforcement Signage</i> <i>Replacement of wheellied bins/equipment in residential multi occupied properties</i> <i>10 Streetwatch cameras</i></p> <p>Proactive approach to complement and add value to the current Sunderland City Council and Gentoo provision and allow for the flexibility to respond to Councillors requests and reporting of incidents as well as forging relationships with, working in partnership with and supporting other current initiatives such as Clean and Green and Together Clean and Green.</p>	04/21	03/24	<p>AC update submitted October 2023 via agreed reporting</p> <p>Paper will go to Novembers Board meeting outlining the new Motorcycle Disorder team and the ask of AC.</p>

CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com In addition, Digital Dashboards have been produced for every ward detailing the existing digital provision, challenges, and potential opportunities for consideration. Each digital dashboard follows at the end of this document.
Washington 60	Inclusion of some form of interactive event	4/23		The team are happy to support ideas for this event once planning is underway.
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23		Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expend. by	Area Committee quarterly update
<p>Cemetery Improvements</p>	<p>Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand</p>	<p>June 22</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As part of the ongoing cemetery improvement works led by the Cemetery Improvement Boards, work is advancing on the enforcement of cemetery regulations relating to unauthorised items and enclosures on lawn section graves. In the coming week, signage will be installed in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items on lawn section graves, following written notice of the requirements to remove items sent to each grave owner concerned. Following the initial removal works, operations will temporarily cease for the Christmas period and resume in January, continuing until complete.</p> <p>As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safety audits have now been conducted and we are awaiting the findings from our consultants. Further updates will follow as the findings are available.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board meetings will continue to convene on a bi-monthly basis and have been instrumental in developing the process for the regulatory implementation. As regulatory enforcement becomes part of business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific action plans will be introduced to identify and deliver on improvement works specific to each cemetery dependant on local requirements and need. In addition to the regulatory enforcement and MST programme, the board are currently reviewing options to improve cemetery maintenance including the sowing of low cover and slow growing clover seed in older sections as an alternative to grass, as well as increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 st April 2023	September 2023	The further targeted trials which started in April have continued into November 2023. The detailed trial will provide clear evidence to review, enabling consideration of the available options, cost and resource implications for each method tested. The results of the trial will inform the appropriate next steps.
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	As of 9 th of November 9,353 trees have been surveyed. East and West area street trees are now complete, with the current focus being on the Green Flag parks situated within these areas.
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing of various options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	Following the recent trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city, the detailed findings of the trial have enabled the Environmental Services Winter Maintenance Team, to further improve the planning for the essential replacement of the city's Vaisala weather station network and ensure that the positioning of the new equipment is optimised in response to the current and future development of new key

				routes and any road network changes across the city. With the new installations of modern Vaisala equipment occurring from May 2024, the road users of Sunderland can be assured the city will have some of the most advanced weather monitoring and forecasting equipment available, provided and supported by one of the market leaders in the industry.
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned community support services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	UKSPF funds secured to support VCS in Sunderland to deliver 12 months of community support across the city. VCS providers will support the establishment of the Links for Life social prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB.
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	Continue to use household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform Support offer available within communities, working closely with partners including the voluntary sector. The UKSPF community support offer is supporting residents to become financially resilient and forms a core part of the wider Links for Life service offer. The team continues to talk to residents in communities about their experience and report on issues and themes from the conversations.

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				<p>The work is facilitated by excellent relationships already established with local VCS organisations.</p> <p>We are combining quantitative and qualitative data to provide context and a deeper understanding of the Lived experience of residents.</p> <p>We are currently refining a recording and reporting system to manage both statistical and anecdotal information so that if a service or partner organisation requires some contextual information we can find and provide it.</p>

Area Committee Update: LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND



Links for Life is Sunderland's approach to social prescribing; working with our partners to help people live the best life they can by linking them to community level services and support to make a lasting difference to their health and wellbeing.

Partners recognise that without growth of the service offer in the community we will not reduce health inequalities. Effort has gone into building support for voluntary and community groups who are delivering vital services within our communities.

WHAT IS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING?

Factors such as stress, unemployment, debt and loneliness can affect our health.¹ Also, one in five GP appointments are about issues wider than health, especially for people living in areas of high deprivation.²

Social Prescribing is about connecting people with activities and services that improve their physical and mental health, and wellbeing. It supports people to identify and discuss their own support needs, giving them time to focus on 'what matters to them' and taking a holistic approach to their health and wellbeing.

¹ [Social determinants of health \(who.int\)](http://www.who.int)

² NHS England » Social prescribing as a way of tackling health inequalities in all health settings

Supporting residents to improve their health and wellbeing through self-help and connections to community-based support services, often provided by our VCS services, is vital to support our residents with the range of social issues which drive up health inequalities in our city. Key benefits can include improved social connections, improvement in the management of health and health status, improvement in mental health and wellbeing and life enrichment.³

LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

To build on all the positive work that already happens in Sunderland, partners are working on developing a model, called Links for Life Sunderland, which will be launched in April 2024.

Links for Life Sunderland will bring together people within communities, supporting everyone to have healthy, happy lives, with no one left behind.

A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here [Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40](https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40)

What are the aims:

- Residents and partners will be able to easily find information, including community-based services, to make better informed choices to help their health and wellbeing.
- People will recognise Links for Life Sunderland and will associate it with quality, accessibility and connectiveness.
- Residents will be able to get support through more community-based partners, including VCS, through improved promotion, collaboration and demonstration of their impact.
- Links for Life Sunderland will be developed on evidence-based practice and evaluation.
- Investment will be targeted and driven by local data, intelligence and knowledge from the system.

What are we doing:

- Creating the Links for Life Sunderland brand, informed by the views of residents and making sure it is recognised and visible across the city.
- Developing a ‘digital community support platform’, to make sure people can find the information and help they need.
- Mapping our community buildings and services to understand and help address gaps, making sure we focus our efforts on people and places that can’t access services.

³ Bild, E and Pachana, N,A, Social prescribing: A narrative review on how community engagement can improve wellbeing in later life, Oct 2022.

- Supporting the voluntary sector to grow the Links for Life offer within community settings. Including the provision of Community grant schemes to support voluntary sector organisations in developing Links for Life delivery centres within communities and ensure the difference their work makes to the lives of residents, is recognised and supported by all partners.
- Creating a charter that makes sure we have shared behaviours and values and everyone receives a good quality service that meets expectations
- Working alongside the community wealth building strategy / social value initiatives in the city to financially support our voluntary sector as well as support much needed improvements within our community facilities.

HEALTH, HOUSING & COMMUNITIES: Housing Development

<p>Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams:</p> <p>Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported - 171</p>	<p>Washington Empty Homes - 32 Bungalows - 19 Supported - 25</p>	<p>Feb 2020</p>	<p>March 2026</p>	<p>Due to the current financial and economic position with increased inflationary pressures, increasing borrowing rates, increasing build costs and no growth in Homes England grant, properties linked to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) activities are suspended until the economic climate changes to enable the viability of the HRA in the future. Some non-HRA activity including supported accommodation which does not sit within the HRA will continue.</p> <p>Empty Homes - 8 Bungalows - 4 Supported – 18</p>
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
<p>The following ward shows a high prevalence of empty properties: <i>Washington North</i> The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.</p>	<p>This is not a specific project</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>Initial presentation complete Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</p>	<p>A presentation on Empty Properties has been delivered to all Area Committees. This showed the data relating to area, Ward and across the City. An Empty Homes Report is being developed following the views and questions provided as part of the Area Committee discussions. This report will be presented to Area Committees quarterly</p>

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

<p>Foodbank Support</p>	<p>Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all area of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Service is currently collating foodbank usage in each local area to understand gaps in provision and issues within communities. Service also supporting foodbanks to receive donations ahead of the Christmas period. Information continues to be made available for residents to access via website and also voluntary sector and partners such as housing, health, etc.</p>
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks tennis court programme	Refurbish tennis courts in Usworth Park	5/23	7/23	Complete and operational
Parks tennis court programme	Develop tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete – taking place
Regular physical activity opportunity	Consultation and development of bid for Playzone in Washington – location tbc	7/23	10/23	Engagement session in member diary 11/9/23 Additional Detailed supplied to ward members 3/11/23
Weight management service	Establish 1 delivery site for targeted offer	5/23	12/23	Complete and operational - taking place at Washington Millennium Centre

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Development of Social Prescribing hubs	To deliver Social Prescribing “hub” to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Progressing model development
Stop Smoking Clinics	To deliver stop smoking clinics in the wards with the highest smoking rates	4/23	12/12	Galleries Health Centre – established The Millennium Centre – planned to start mid September

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Family Hub	<p>The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</p> <p>The aim of Family Hubs is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. To bring services together and make them more accessible, improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and put relationships at the heart of family support.</p> <p>Following a competitive bidding process, 14 trailblazers were selected and awarded additional funding to go further and faster in delivering some or all of the Start for Life services funded by the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme – peri-natal mental health and parent-infant relationships, infant feeding, and parenting support. Sunderland were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The Early Help workers</p>	2022	2025	<p>Rainbow Family Hub</p> <p>Rainbow was launched as a Family hub in May 2023 offering a number of groups for early years, a stay and play, play space and sensory room.</p> <p>Co-Delivery with ante-natal services is well underway. Early years CAMH’s worker sits within the hubs. A SALT will be working from the hubs in the new year.</p> <p>The health room for booking in of pregnancies has recently been completed and is now functional for these appointments.</p> <p>Registrar service sits at Rainbow on a weekly basis so parents are able to register their baby’s birth within the hub.</p> <p>The Rainbow hub hosts the weekly Bread and Butter Thing offer.</p>

	<p>complete a robust assessment and plan, provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p> <p>https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</p>			
Digital Family Hub – My Best Life	<p>The face to face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources.</p> <p>MBL is not the finished article. The platform is being co-produced with young people, parent/carers and professionals across the city.</p> <p>MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home.</p>			<p>Family Hub activities have been added to MBL.</p> <p>Co-production sessions have been carried out in November by the MBL team with;</p> <p>Young people Parent and Carer via Family Hub panels. Parent/Carer Forum Professionals from Family Hubs, Health, Early Help, SEND, council, public health etc.</p> <p>Communications around launch are currently in development with review of launching end of Nov 23.</p> <p>The platform will be updated and added to over the coming months.</p>
Supporting Families	<p>The Supporting Families: early help system guide outlines a national vision and descriptors for a mature early help system that is shared by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Department for Education.</p> <p>It has been widely consulted upon across other government departments and local areas and is based on what is working around the country.</p>	Apr 22	Mar 25	<p>Three priorities have been identified as part of our Early Help System Self-Assessment.</p> <p>Our Key Priorities have been identified for varied reasons:</p> <p>7.2 Community - Our relationship with community groups and voluntary organisations * This activity matured from 1 - 2 in the</p>

				<p>past 12 months. We feel concentrating on the actions within this priority will benefit the residents of Sunderland greatly.</p> <p>8.3 Partners have agreed a shared set of measures which collectively represent the effectiveness of the Early Help System *This activity remained at a maturity score of 3 in the past 12 months. Although this activity is more mature than others, we expect to improve the maturity of a number of other activities by delivering the actions relating 8.3 (especially less mature activities such as 8.4 & 8.5)</p> <p>9.3 Our case management system allows us to record all issues affecting the family and outcomes * As our least mature activity (scoring 1) we have devised a robust plan to improve this activity.</p>
Holiday Activity & Food	<p>Together for Children and Health, Housing and Communities have worked together to continue to extend HAF provision to the additional two holiday periods on 2023/2024 (Oct 23 and Feb 24) and extend the current HAF offer (Winter 23) to children in households on universal credit and struggling with the cost of living but not eligible for means tested free school meals.</p> <p>To ensure no duplication of funding the following formula has been agreed;</p>	Easter 2021	March 2025	HAF has been delivered over October half term funded fully by Public Health and will also fund Feb 2024.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DfE pay for full session including food for Means tested FSM and 15% vulnerable (of our total number of sessions offered).• Public Health would pay for the session without food for vulnerable children over the DFE 15% allowance and those struggling with the cost of living of our total number of sessions offered, plus food for sessions where it is offered but they don't show (HSF can only pay for an actual meal taken).• HSF would pay for the meals taken at £5 per head for the total number that has attended a session for vulnerable children over the DFE 15% allowance and those struggling with the cost of living of our total number of sessions offered. This would be a reconciliation process. <p>In addition, HSF would offer vouchers for means tested families over Winter 2023</p>			
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Population

10851

Child Poverty

317

Unemployed

2.5%

Older People in Poverty

15.5%

Older People Living Alone

30.9%

Can not Speak English

0.3%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

17

IMD Score

22.90

Income Deprivation

14.4%

Ave. Download Speed

77.61

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

1.84

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

W. Central

Existing Digital Provision

Wessington and St Joesph's RC Primaries are members of the NCCE.

Columbia CA, Washington Library and Washington Community Food project offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access drop in sessions.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications.

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available.

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that limited digital connectivity; low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

In the top six wards registered on the Digital Exclusion Risk Index.

Top 10 wards registered as having limited broadband, via the DERI.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support i.e. House of Density, Columbia CA.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Biddick Primary and Secondary and Columbia Grange School.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme.

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards).

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Princess Anne Park.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused.

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households.

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Population

11701

Child Poverty

442

Unemployed

2.6%

Older People in Poverty

13.8%

Older People Living Alone

27.9%

Can not Speak English

0.2%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

19

IMD Score

20.70

Income Deprivation

13.2%

Ave. Download Speed

90.59

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

2.14

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

W. East

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Old Barmston Nursery site, to improve connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

Barmston Village and Fatfield Primaries are members of the NCCE.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications.

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Higher levels of children living in poverty.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support i.e. Harraton CA, St George's Community Hall

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at St Roberts.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Riverside

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners

Population

10537

Child Poverty

686

Unemployed

4.6%

Older People in Poverty

22.7%

Older People Living Alone

35.0%

Can not Speak English

0.3%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

7

IMD Score

37.60

Income Deprivation

23.9%

Ave. Download Speed

125.76

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.67

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

W. North

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Building Blocks Day Centre and Mickey's Place improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce/volunteers.

St Bedes and Marlborough are members of the NCCE.

Building Blocks Day Centre and Millennium Centre offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications.

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available.

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind .

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Higher number of older people living alone, which may contribute towards loneliness and social isolation.

Highest number of children and older people living in poverty, unemployment and income deprivation in Washington.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces to access face to face digital support i.e. Millennium Centre, Concord Front Street/Shopping Centre.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Washington Academy and Usworth Colliery Primary.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme.

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards).

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Albany Park, Usworth Recreational Park.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused.

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households.

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Population

9848

Child Poverty

290

Unemployed

2.7%

Older People in Poverty

12.8%

Older People Living Alone

27.8%

Can not Speak English

0.3%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

19

IMD Score

20.70

Income Deprivation

12.7%

Ave. Download Speed

121.45

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.07

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

W. South

Existing Digital Provision

Oxclose, St John Boste and Rickleton Primaries are all members of the NCCE.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that access to digital devices and lack of digital skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Oxclose Academy.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Holly Park

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Population

11390

Child Poverty

377

Unemployed

2.7%

Older People in Poverty

15.1%

Older People Living Alone

29.3%

Can not Speak English

0.2%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

18

IMD Score

20.90

Income Deprivation

13.2%

Ave. Download Speed

127.11

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.19

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

W. West

Existing Digital Provision

Albany Village Primary are a member of the NCCE.

Community Opportunities at the Albany Centre offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications.

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available.

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that access to digital devices and lack of digital skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support i.e. Albany Centre, Springwell CA.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Blackfell, Springwell Village and George Washington Primaries.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme.

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households.

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused.

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 14 December 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director Housing and Communities	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: Committee are requested to: (a) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2 (b) Approve the 5 Neighbourhood Fund applications as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 (c) Note the Community Chest approvals supported to date from 2023/2024 as detailed in Item 4 Annex 2	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £423,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2023/2024	
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	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Washington Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

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

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024					£
This includes the Neighbourhood Fund allocation of £423,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2023/2024					
Washington C&G	29.6.23			£60,000	£363,242
WISP	29.6.23			£15,000	£348,242
Holiday Activities 11-19 years	29.6.23			£40,000	£308,242
Holiday Activities 8-10 years	29.6.23			£19,628	£288,614
Washington 60 Design Challenge	21.09.23			£30,000	£258,614
Washington events 2023/2024	21.09.23			£70,000	£188,614
Can Do Programme	28.09.21	£9,888			£198,502
Washington Clean & Green Comms and Education	28.09.21	£7,315			£205,817
Clean & Green Local Action	28.09.21	£15,208			£221,025
Ward Improvements Programme	24.09.20	£21,201			£242,226
Total Balance					£242,226

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

- 2.2 There are five applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration and approval as below and detailed in Annex 1:

Project	Applicant	Amount
Enforcement & Streetwatch	Sunderland City Council	£95,320
VAS	Sunderland City Council	£21,500
Washington Feasibility	Sunderland City Council	£4,350
ASB officer	Sunderland City Council	£20,000
Phoenix Project	Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service	£55,500

2.3 Total Neighbourhood Fund recommended for approval is **£196,670**. If approved the remaining balance will be **£45,556**.

3. Community Chest

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

3.2 The table below details of the Community Chest approvals supported April 2023 to October 2023, and the balance remaining.

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£5456	£4544
East	£10,000	£0	£8497	£1503
North	£10,000	£0	£4298	£5702
South	£10,000	£0	£2278	£7722
West	£10,000	£0	£1250	£8750
Total	£50,000	£0	£21,779	£28,221

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

4. Recommendations:

Committee are requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.2.
- b) Approve the 2 Neighbourhood Fund applications as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 1**
- c) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023/2024 as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 2**

Annexes

Annex 1

Neighbourhood Fund applications

Annex 2

Community Chest Approvals 2023/24

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Applications for Washington Neighbourhood Fund**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Enforcement/Streetwatch cameras
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£116,900	£21,580	£95,320
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	April 2024	March 2026

Project Description:

To extend current Environmental Enforcement Officer and street watch camera moves for 2 years April 2024 – March 2026. Expansion of current neighbourhood enforcement project which includes Environmental Enforcement Officer and x 10 streetwatch cameras. The project has proven to be very effective re enforcement action and resident engagement in targeted neighbourhoods. All targets have been over-achieved and the project reports activity to each board via quarterly monthly reports. Since the start of the project March 2021 we have carried out a total of 4240 enforcement actions, including issuing of 29 Fixed Penalty Notices, 270 environmental crime investigations, 2393 written warnings, 315 Section 46 notices and 204 environmental signs erected. Additional partnerships are established with key partners Gentoo, Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade as part of this project management.

This extension will now manage the Together Clean & Green Partnership Group as a Project Management Steering Group for NMEP. The project will now liaise directly with Cllrs regarding redeployment of the street cams and identifying any new 'hotspots' for the project to target.

This additional funding will extend the project to March 2026 and allow the officer to roll out activities to other areas in Washington.

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?		
£95,320		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Environmental Enforcement Officer 2 yrs	£91,000	£91,000
Camera Moves 2 yrs	£4,320	£4,320
Project Management Costs 2 yrs	£21,580	Nil
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
£21,580 match from SCC		

Output	Target
Total Number of Enforcement Actions	1467

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Plan Priority – Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement.

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Vehicle Activated Signage - Washington
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£21,500	-	£21,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	January 2024	December 2025

Project Description:

There are currently 10 portable signs with 43 rotational locations, signs are moved quarterly, 4 permanent signs at Heworth Road, Station Road and x 2 Springwell Road.

Funding is to extend the current project (with no additional purchase of signs) for a further two years and will require Neighbourhood Funding of £21,500 for rotation and maintenance of current VAS signs across location above.

Outputs	<i>Code</i>	<i>Target</i>
Number of safety measures installed/delivered to improve Neighbourhoods	303	10

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?		
£21,500		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Rotation and maintenance of current VAS signs across location above	£21,500	£21,500

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Plan Priority – VAS programme and road safety

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Washington Feasibility Study - Riverside
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£4,350	-	£4,350
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	December 23	December 24

Project Description:

1. Provide 2 costed options for a public realm scheme for the Washington Riverside area (Fatfield). This would be 1 full option and 1 more 'budget' option
2. Seek input from Flooding and Drainage
3. Seek input from licencing team
4. Seek input from Local Services
5. Present Options to Members and Area Arrangements

To deliver the above we will:

- undertake discussions with colleagues as appropriate
- produce 2 sketch design coloured plans for presentation (RIBA Stage 2)
- prepare short accompanying report setting out relevant considerations/issues

The fee to undertake this initial work will be **£4,350**. This includes for 1no revision following the presentation. It does not include for any detailed design work, tender, procurement, construction etc. All of this would be subject to additional fees.

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?		
£4,350		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Provide x2 costed options as per above detail	£4,350	£4,350
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
-		

Output	<i>Code</i>	<i>Target</i>
Number of highway, cycle, pathway's, greenspace improved by area (m2)	208	1

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Plan Priority – Carry out a Feasibility Study regarding the vision for Fatfield Riverside Development.

Application No. 4

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce Pilot
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
TBC	TBC	£20,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	December 2023	December 2024

Project Description:

The Council in partnership with Northumbria Police will pilot a motorcycle disorder taskforce commencing in the autumn to provide a dedicated response to any antisocial or criminal use of motorcycles or e-bikes across South Tyneside and Sunderland.

The proposed initial resourcing for the taskforce is 1x Sgt, 8x PCs & 1 PCSO and 1x ASB Officer from Sunderland and 1x ASB from South Tyneside. The team will be co-located at Washington Police Station.

Draft terms of reference have been prepared and a performance and evaluation framework will be devised prior to implementation to ensure the success of the taskforce is monitored throughout the pilot period. Regular updates can be provided to Neighbourhood & Community Boards.

The team will work both proactively and reactively on a range of preventative, educational, disruption and enforcement tactics.

At the beginning of the pilot, two dedicated training days will take place to ensure the taskforce staff have the requisite capability to achieve their objectives. This will include, but is not limited to training on legislation, ASB Powers, Crimestoppers intelligence programmes, drone capability etc.

We look to seek agreement from all 5 Neighbourhood Community Boards to jointly fund the ASB Officer dedicated to this new team. **The contribution to this post would be £10K per Neighbourhood & Community Board.**

The dedicated ASB Officer will be a pivotal role into the team. The officer will support Northumbria Police on enforcement tactics utilising all powers available but will also drive forward the education and prevention strand of the Partnership action plan.

Boards are also asked to consider whether they would like to identify an area-based pot of money for any design out works/preventive measures to hot spot locations within their areas. **It is recommended the Washington pot be £10,000, subject to approval by Area Committee before implementation.**

Through data analysis and intelligence, the anti-social behaviour officer will look to identify the most problematic locations across the 5 regeneration areas and with specialist advice from crime prevention officer's and relevant teams determine if any appropriate and cost effective 'design out' actions can be carried out e.g. the installation of boulders, camera installation etc. Regular updates will be provided to all Boards.

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?		
£20,000		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
TBC		
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
£TBC		

Output	Target
Number of safety measures installed/delivered to improve neighbourhoods	Tbc
Number of Enforcement actions	Tbc

Recommendation – Approve

- The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Plan Priority – Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement

Application No. 5

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Phoenix / Spark Project
Lead Organisation	Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£TBC	£TBC	£55,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	December 2023	December 2024

Project Description:

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATION

Proposed PHOENIX Project:

- It is proposed to deliver 4 full PHOENIX programmes and 5 SPARK programmes across the Washington area as shown in the table below:

Programme	No. Courses	Target Group	Learners per Course	Total Learners	Delivery Start Date	End Date
PHOENIX	4	Secondary School Key Stage 3	10	40	Feb 2024	Feb 2025
SPARK	5	Primary School Key Stage 2	10	50	Feb 2024	Feb 2025
Total:	9			90		

- TWFRS are able to match-fund a proportion of the total cost of these programmes. As a result 42% of the total cost of each PHOENIX programmes will be met by TWFRS. The costs below represent the cost to a commissioning partner for each programme.

- The costs of the proposed programmes would be:

Programme	Cost per course to partners	Number of Courses	Total Cost to partners
PHOENIX	£8,250	4	£33,000
SPARK	£4,500	5	£22,500
			£55,500

- The costs for each programme include lunch and refreshments for young people and minibus transport to the Phoenix Building in central Sunderland.
- The Washington Phoenix Project 2024 programmes will be focussed around each of the schools in the Washington area.

6. The 4 Phoenix programmes will be based around each of the secondary schools and the 5 SPARK programmes will be focussed around primary school areas.
7. All programmes run during term time with schools marking participants as 'educated off site' in registers to avoid attendance issues. It is hoped that investing young people's time on the programme will result in more effective engagement and attendance in the future as they employ the skills learned during their Phoenix experience.
8. The young people will be selected for the programme through discussions between local community policing teams, local authority services and schools. Schools will also be able to recommend additional young people who into the cohorts that they may feel are at risk of disengaging from education up to the maximum number of course participants.
9. All children and young people enrolling on the programme will have completed permission forms, medical information, individual education plans and media permission forms all under and appropriate data protection framework.
10. TWFRS will act as the commissioning partner for this project and will provide relevant service level agreements and invoice arrangements as required.

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?		
£55,500		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Transport, equipment, resources, outdoor activities, specialist facilities, food/refreshments, staffing	TBC	£55,500
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
£TBC		

Output	<i>Code</i>	<i>Target</i>
Number of new children and young people benefitting from this project	205	90
Number of individual children and young people benefitting from this project FOOTFALL	206	90

Recommendation – Approve

- The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Plan Priority – Diversionary Activities for Young People

Washington Area Committee

14th December 2023
**Sunderland
City Council**

Community Chest Awards April 2023 to October 2024

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Melrose resurfacing Works	20.04.23	-	£931
Friends Of Washington Old Hall	20.04.23	-	£500
Wessington School	20.04.23	-	£628
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	26.06.23	-	£400
Wessington School	26.06.23	-	£743
Columbia CA	31.07.23	-	£784
KWT	31.07.23	-	£300
Washington Miners and Community Heritae Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Washington Village In Bloom	25.09.2023	-	£600
St Josephs R C Primary School	25.09.2023	-	£500
Remaining balance		-	£4,544
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
5th Washington Donwell Brownies	01.05.23	-	£1,300
Harry Watts Academy	09.06.23	-	£1,521
Hangar 1914	09.06.23	-	£538
Choice Wellbeing CIC	04.07.23	-	£215
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	04.07.23	-	£400
Harraton & District Community Centre	31.07.23	-	£1,488
KWT	25.08.23	-	£300
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
North East Restoration Club	29.09.2023	-	£2,665
Remaining balance		-	£1,503
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Washington Millenium Centre	21.07.23	-	£500
MULTIx5 Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	26.07.23	-	£400
Washington F Pit Banner Group	26.07.23	-	£500
Washington Athletic YFC	25.08.23	-	£1,000
KWT	25.08.23	-	£300
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Washington U3A	25.09.2023	-	£330

2214 Usworth Sqn ATC	25.09.2023	-	£698
Adventure Into Art	25.10.2023	-	£500
Remaining balance		-	£5,702
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hope Family Church	24.05.23	-	£930
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	26.06.23	-	£400
KWT	21.07.23	-	£300
Oxclose RA	25.08.23	-	£578
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Remaining balance		-	£7,722
Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Springwell village methodist chapel	16.05.23	-	£480
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	26.06.23	-	£400
KWT	21.07.23	-	£300
Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group	25.09.2023	-	£70
Remaining balance		-	£8,750