

## Washington Area Committee: Work Plan 2012 -13

## PLACE

BUDGET ALLOCATED £97,000

OUTCOME	ROLE FOR AREA COMMITTEES	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
<b>CORPORATE:</b> An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time  <b>Area:</b> High quality built and natural environments in Washington	<b>Strategic Influencing Role</b>	1. Strategy for dealing with dilapidated industrial estates and applications for changes of use and understand the corporate approach to enforcement in relation to environmental standards on private sector owned industrial estates	Mike Poulter	Addressing dilapidation and environmental standards on industrial estates still requires action. Partnership working to be developed and supported through RLS. Joint working with business partners underway. Proposals to be prioritised and identified under RLS Core Services Programme. <b>ROLL OVER ACTION 2013/14</b>
		2. Influence LDF/Core Strategy - approach to housing numbers and type for Washington, plans for the Ayton Primary School site, proposals for supermarkets.	Neil Cole	Consultation and workshops at an area level to follow Cabinet briefing in April. <b>ROLL OVER 2013/14</b>
		3. Monitor and receive information relating to development of the new Leisure Centre	Julie Gray	Members consulted and involved in proposals for the new £11m Washington Leisure Centre and kept informed of progress. Wheeled Sports Park to be relocated and the current facility to remain operational until new one developed. <b>ROLL OVER MONITORING &amp; INFORMATION TO 2013/14</b>
	<b>Local Action</b>	4. Monitor and receive information relating to development of Washington Managed Workspace	Berni Whitaker	Members consulted and involved in proposed Washington Managed Workspace (£5m). Start on site anticipated May with a 44 week build period with anticipated completion April 2014. Links to be made to ensure local residents and business benefit from local resource - referred to People 2013/14. CLOSED AS A PLACE ACTIVITY - REFERRED TO PEOPLE
		5. Flood Risk Planning	David Laux (Engineers)	Further progress reports and feedback. <b>ROLL OVER MONITORING &amp; INFORMATION TO 2013/14</b>
		6. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward. <b>ONGOING</b>
<b>CORPORATE:</b> A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change	<b>Strategic Influencing Role:</b>	7. To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services which includes graffiti removal, fly tipping, dog fouling, grass cutting, refuse collection, recycling - with the addition of parks repairs and inspections.	Brian Hodgkinson	There are a number of examples where the Washington Place Board has had a key influencing role. This includes addressing illegal dumping of shopping trolleys, influenced solutions re illegal camping/access to Council land, identification of issues and hotspots re safe subways, Green Flag Status park identified for Washington and prioritised shrub bed maintenance and plantations. More recently The Board recommended options to AC with regard to highways maintenance budget. Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area through a Project Matrix presented to Place Board – to be recommend to AC as a programme of work as part of the 2013/14 Place Board workplan. <b>ROLL OVER ACTION 2013/14</b>
		8. Work with the Area VCS Network and the Washington Trust to help increase awareness of the services and support available to people in their community	Area Community Officer	Ongoing through communication and co-ordination with Area Network to continue. Reps continue to attend and report directly to AC. Opportunities for the Voluntary Sector to be actively involved delivering services and the AC priorities and continue to collaborate to be communicated via ACVS Network. Washington Trust currently working to submit a cross cutting funding application to Reaching Communities (Big Lottery), invited to submit Stage 2. SIB funding of £65,000 awarded 2012/13. <b>ONGOING</b>
		9. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward. <b>ONGOING</b>

CORPORATE: A well connected city  AREA: A well connected Washington	Strategic Influencing Role	10. Influence LDF/Core Strategy - sustainable transport options for Washington	Neil Cole	Consultation and workshops at an area level to follow Cabinet briefing in April. GO SMARTER TO WORK PROJECT now underway. <b>CLOSED</b>
		11. Area committee to be consulted on quality contract scheme (QCS)	Nexus - Claire Fisher	The QCS proposal has now been submitted to the ITA by Nexus. Decision by the ITA June - to be brought to future Boards and Area Network. <b>ROLL OVER MONITORING &amp; INFORMATION TO 2013/14</b>
	Local Action	12. Development of integrated network, promotion of walks and races to link villages	Brian Hodgkinson	£50,000 SIB budget approved Jan Meeting. The Community Health and Green Spaces Project meets a number of the key priorities of the Area Committee including ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles, investing in built and natural environment as well as a connected Washington through the development of an integrated cycle network, improvements to green spaces, and the promotion of events to link villages. Year 1 will address and deliver some outcomes and link some villages but not all. Retained as a priority 2013/14 work plan. <b>ROLL OVER ACTION 2013/14</b>
		13. Investigate options for improved broadband provision in Washington	Karon Purvis	Diane Downey (Head ICT) confirmed last year BT made a commitment to introduce super fast broadband connectivity to all the households in Sunderland. Briefing note to be circulated to Members. <b>NO FURTHER ACTION - CLOSED</b>
		14. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward <b>ONGOING</b>
CORPORATE: A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction  AREA: Washington's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Washington's culture and identity.	Strategic Influencing Role	15. Influencing role with City Services to determine future strategy for managing local events and celebrations.	Karon Purvis	Report presented to Cabinet to establish Sunderland Events Management Company from April 2013. Progress to be reported as part of 2013/14 work plan and options for how local events are managed and delivered to be confirmed. Local events and celebrations funded through SIB include £26k for Heritage Festival 2013 and £8k for the Washington Illuminations 2013. <b>NO FURTHER ACTION - CLOSED</b>
		16. Receive report updating WAC on progress Washington Heritage Offer Feasibility Study recommendations.	Karon Purvis	Consider how local delivery and initiatives contribute to the City wide/ corporate approach to Heritage via the Sunderland Heritage Forum and proposals for a Heritage Strategy for the city discussed at March Board. Further investment in the heritage sector through volunteering and skills building to be identified. £15k SIB approved 2-12/13 for Heritage Banners for Schools and £13k SIB for a new access road at the Aircraft Museum. The new Museums and Heritage Service to work with the Committee 2013/14 to identify options for Washington. <b>ROLL OVER ACTION 2013/14</b>
<b>G</b>	Progressing on target			
<b>A</b>	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)			
<b>R</b>	Not progressing			
<b>CLOSED ACTIVITY &amp; ISSUES (following consideration and investigation by Place Board)</b>				
	To investigate the feasibility of CCTV networking for Washington.		<b>Mike Poulter</b>	Consider options and need for Washington CCTV Network - police stats, identify what's currently in place gaps and costs. A number of cameras already in operation across the area. Very few requests to redeploy LMAP resources. Costs prohibitive re new networked and monitored cameras -unable to fund from AC resources. Agreed to update AC and close this item.
	Investigate feasibility and identify need for dropped kerbs and pavements programme across Washington.		<b>Richard Irving/ Terry Hutchinson</b>	Reactive programming in place at city level
	Flood Risk Planning		<b>C.Mordecia</b>	Service Directory updated to include Northumbria Water emergency numbers and emergency centre numbers (out of hours).
	Investigate how to achieve safer subways, walkways, parks and green spaces (include lighting)		<b>Brian Hodgkinson</b>	Members to provide particular hotspots for Subways and Walkways. Audit already underway. Graffiti removal ongoing and pruning around subways underway. Some graffiti art work underway through Operation Lantern @ Albany subway. Extra support in place via Community Payback scheme. Linked to proposals being considered for improvements to cycleways, green spaces and parks
	Influence strategic approach to parking and highways issues		<b>Highways</b>	Issues raised re bus links being dealt with and responded to by appropriate agencies and departments.

	Established Officer Working Group to develop proposals for Area Committee consideration	<b>Mike Poulter</b>	Officer Working Group established to consider how Members influencing role is further developed and to look at ways to help deliver responsive services through partnership working, co-ordination and collaboration. . Members to access Service Directory to obtain appropriate contacts for requests. BH to liaise with Area Officer on engaging residents and organisations in the upkeep and improvement of their local area using LWYL campaign.
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