

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday 26th September, 2013 at 6.00pm

VENUE – The Authority Rooms, Washington Fire Station Main Headquarters, Nissan Way, Barmston Mere, SR5 3QY

Membership

Cllrs Scaplehorn (Chair), Dianne Snowdon (Vice Chair - Place), Williams (Vice Chair – People), Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, Lauchlan, F Miller, G Miller, Padgett, David Snowdon, Thompson, D Trueman, H Trueman. Walker,

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ELAINE WAUGH
Head of Law and Governance

18th September, 2013

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE on THURSDAY 20TH JUNE, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scaplehorn in the Chair

Councillors Fletcher, F. Miller, G. Miller, Padgett, D. E. Snowdon, D. Snowdon, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, Walker and Williams.

Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Louise Butler	-	Chief Executives
Paul Wood	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
Jane Eland	-	Children's Services
Lorraine Hughes	-	Children's Services
Alan Caddick	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Tim Ducker	-	Office of the Chief Executive
Jacqui Reeves	-	Washington Mind
Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Karen Mallin	-	SNCBC

Members of the Washington Community.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Farthing, Kelly, Lauchlan and Thompson. Neil Revely, Steve Anderson, Inspector Paul Stewart and John Rostron.

Declarations of Interest

Item 4 Annex 2 – People Board Progress Report – Youth Contract Report

Councillor Williams made an open declaration as a member of the Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 25th April, 2013

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 25th April, 2013 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Setting the Scene for 2013/14

The Chair of the Washington Area Committee provided a powerpoint presentation as a useful opportunity at the beginning of the municipal year to remind Members of the opportunities available to them in terms of areas of influence and funding available.

(For copy of presentation – see original minutes)

Councillor H. Trueman commented that he felt Washington Area Committee was ahead of the game and doing well but there were policies in place connected to the whole of the city and the Crime Commissioner had already released her own intentions on how to tackle Anti Social Behaviour so we had to be aware of the policies in place when considering our role.

The Chairman agreed that there was a certain restriction by Council Policies already in place but we had to try and influence at a local level the best we could, especially as there was a growing list of things that were being devolved down to a local level.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that there needed to be a balance and the Committee had a great set of officers supporting it, so he was sure they could get it right.

2, RESOLVED that the presentation be received and noted

Place Board – Progress Report

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an update of progress against the current years (2013/14) Place Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Dianne Snowdon presented the report and advised of the Governance arrangements expected of the Board and informed of the key areas of influence and achievements up to 31 May 2013.

Councillor Fletcher expressed concern over the make up of the Board and the fact that the Membership was limited, posed problems should there be a clash of meetings.

The Chairman commented that some areas did invite everyone but we took the decision to follow the protocols and keep the attendance to its core membership but all members of the committee would be receiving brief bullet points of the meetings for information in future.

Councillor Walker commented that he was concerned over the restrictions in place in allowing non core Members and the Cabinet Members from attending.

The Chairman advised that it had been his decision for Cabinet Members not to attend as it was felt that they could be an intimidating presence to other Members during the meetings.

Karon Purvis, Area Community Officer advised that technically the Board meetings have always been for the Core Membership but Washington had welcomed other Members to attend if they wished, all that was asked was that Members request to attend via the appropriate Chairman of the Board.

Councillor Walker commented that his concerns were referring more to the issue of other Members wanting to participate and help influence decisions/ recommendations.

The Chairman advised that all Members would be informed of items to be discussed on the Boards agendas and that they could then pass on their contributions to their Ward colleagues for discussion and wished to clarify that no Member was being excluded.

Councillor G. Miller commented that as one of the Cabinet Members he had issues with Boards, which were already placed on record but he did agree that Cabinet Members taking part could be seen as intimidating. However Councillor Walker was right to point out that it was antidemocratic and having to ask the Chairman for permission to attend was wrong.

Councillor G. Miller also commented that with the Boards having five Members plus the Chairman, should some people not be able to attend, this would leave a very small number of people, which we had to be wary of.

The Chairman advised that he had raised concerns with Charlotte Burnham, Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements and with Councillor Gofton and we do want to include all Councillors in the process but we must have a structure in place.

Councillor F. Miller commented that as she was not named on either Board, she could not acquire the time off from work to attend the meetings. The Chairman commented that he was sure the appropriate Boards Chairman could send an email to Councillor Miller's employer requesting the time off should she wish to attend.

Councillor David Snowdon commented that these were new arrangements that had been implemented and we had to give them a chance to work.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon then referred to recommendation 5.3 on page 8 of the agenda and requested Members opinions as to the desired locations for the installation of goalposts.

Councillor G. Miller commented that of the sites proposed, two wards were receiving three sets and he did not believe this was right and felt that Harraton should be considered so that there were a set of goalposts in each of the three wards listed.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon commented that the reasoning for Harratons omission would be double checked and proposed that subject to no viable reason for its

removal, the three locations Members request the Goalposts to be erected would be Albany, Harraton and Princess Anne Park. Members agreed to the proposal.

3. RESOLVED that the Committee

- (i) Approved the membership of the Place Board for 2013/14 as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report
- (ii) Considered the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14
- (iii) Members noted the outcomes of consultation with regard to the options for installation of goalposts at a Ward level, and recommended Albany and Princess Anne Park as well as Harraton (subject to no suitable reason for its omission)
- (iv) Noted the application for SIB for the Community Health and Green Spaces Report as detailed under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals.

People Board – Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an update of progress against the current years (2013/14) People Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Williams presented the report and advised of the Governance arrangements for the Board and informed of the key areas of influence and achievements up to 31 May 2013.

In relation to the Timebank site visit in Gateshead, Alan Caddick, Head of Strategic Housing advised that they had lost their funding and were due to close but Members should still be able to visit and receive advice before it closes.

With regards to action 4 of the People Board Workplan, Lorraine Hughes, Public Health Lead gave an update on the STI treatment services available in Washington, namely the C Card Provision, the Chlamydia Screening Programme, the Genito Urinary Medicine (GUM) and Contraceptive and Sexual Health Services (CaSH).

In reference to GUM, Ms Hughes advised that she was working with them to get a breakdown of activity by locality/gender/age/diagnosis and hoped to provide this in the future, however, GUM was an open access service that people could access anywhere (i.e Q.E) and we were unable to access this data.

In relation to the CaSH clinics, there were six clinics provided in Washington and in terms of clients, Washington has remained steady overall since 2009 (a slight

increase) but we were still waiting for population figures to see what this means and would be happy to share the details once received.

Ms Hughes also gave an update on Mental Health in young people and advised that there was an issue with self harming. Washington Mind was providing a programme called Life Worth Living to try and tackle this and the Health Champion Programme was also starting to focus on young people.

Councillor David Snowdon enquired if there had been an increase in instances of self harm due to the welfare reforms.

Ms Hughes advised that they did not know yet as they were awaiting the figures on referrals and they were hoping to understand the issues of the new services in place.

Councillor David Snowdon commented that we really needed to be made aware of the statistics and to react to the findings.

The Chairman introduced Colin McCartney of Gentoo, who advised of a significant increase in rent arrears and that Gentoo had changed the way they operated and engaged with people so that it was not about enforcement but working with residents and they were using all the tools they had to refer those that were struggling to the relevant agencies in order to help the best they could.

Councillor F. Miller enquired as to the age levels of instances of Self Harm and if they were of school age.

Ms Hughes advised that the Hospital admissions were above the regional and national averages and she had requested further details to break the figures down by locality but we needed to work with people before it got to that stage and she would circulate details to Members once it became available.

Mr Caddick informed the Committee that he was in the process of arranging a session with Social Housing providers in relation to the impact of the Welfare reforms and to discuss the issues arising from these and how we can respond and adapt to them.

Jacqui Reeves, Washington Mind, commented that it was crucial to tackle these issues and requested that the voluntary sector be included in the mapping exercise. Ms Reeves also commented that self harming was a coping strategy and we needed to deal with the stress that was causing the issues.

Councillor G. Miller commented that unfortunately the homelessness issues were increasing and that the health issues were tied into the situation. Councillor Miller also commented that the West Area Committee had produced a very good report on the matter and suggested this Committee may wish to look at it as a framework to possibly adopt in Washington.

Mr McCartney informed the Committee that a meeting on Welfare reforms would be taking place at the Gentoo Galleries office on Thursday 27th July.

In relation to action 12 and 13 of the Work plan, Councillor Miller requested that updates be provided to a future meeting.

Ms Purvis advised that the items had been moved back on the Boards agenda due to large number of business items to discuss but they did intend to get the specific items to the Committee as soon as possible.

In relation to action 18 – Sulgrave Flats – Mr Caddick advised that they were developing a business case now to bring to Area Committee.

4. RESOLVED that the Committee
 - (i) Considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington People Board Work Plan for 2013/2014
 - (ii) Agreed the recommendations for the location of the goalposts with the amendment that Albany, Princess Anne Park and Harraton (subject to finding no reasoning for its exclusion) be used as locations.
 - (iii) Noted the youth contract delivery programme and agreed for two sessions per week per ward and for banked sessions of one per week per ward with the short term proposal to use banked sessions to support the music sessions until July 2013.

Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

In relation to the Community Health and Green Space Project, Tim Ducker, Cycle Network and Public Rights of Way Officer gave a verbal report on the details of the project and was on hand to answer any queries.

The Chairman commented that this project was not just about cycling as it hit all of the Committees health priorities as well as a linkage to schools.

Ms Reeves commented that research had shown that exercise was good for an individual's mental health and outside exercise was even better, therefore she welcomed this proposal.

5. RESOLVED that the Committee:-
 - i) Noted the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2013/2014

- ii) Approved the ring fencing of £50,000 SIB from the 2013/14 budget for the Community Health and Green Spaces Project as detailed in Item 5 Annex 1 of the report
- iii) Approved the allocation of £30,000 for a Call for Projects to address social isolation as detailed in Item 5 Annex 2 of the report
- iv) Noted the 14 approvals supported from 2013/14 Community Chest budget as set out in Item 5 Annex 3 of the report.

Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

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

Ms Reeves provided a verbal presentation to the Committee and advised that it was disappointing to announce that Washington Trust had been unsuccessful in its funding bid.

Ms Reeves wished to stress the importance of working together and that Washington Area Committee and the Voluntary Sector had a strong network and worked well together but still needed to strengthen their relationship.

Ms Reeves also advised the Committee of the good news that they were moving into a new building and all Members would be invited to the opening.

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) B. SCAPLEHORN,
Chairman.

26th September 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year’s (2013/14) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan’s priorities associated with Place were referred to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board has started to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

3. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 August 2013

3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to 31 August 2013.

Action Taken	Outcome
Local Development Framework (LDF), Core Strategy and associated documents	
Members were consulted on the process for the review of the Core Strategy, sharing views and feeding into the public consultation process	Members to bring local knowledge to inform the development of the future policy. All Members have been sent a copy of the Core Strategy for information. The consultation runs until 27th September 2013 and the document (and supporting documents) can be viewed at www.sunderland.gov.uk/development-plan . A response form is also available on the web site.
Responsive Local Services Streetscene	
Dog Control Orders	
Consultation with Members to identify locations where a Dog Control Order could be implemented.	Using local intelligence received by the Place Board areas were identified, where these controls could be appropriately applied. The Area Response Manager will develop a programme to implement and enforce these controls with updates to Place Board as appropriate.
Deliver Responsive Services through a co-ordinated partnership approach	
Joint working and co-ordinated approach to deliver neighbourhood management and improvements to the area through partnership working.	Details of proposed activities, initiatives and partnership working to deliver neighbourhood improvements was presented to the September Board. A programme of works will be identified in line with current resources and responsibilities and will also identify proposals and opportunities to encourage partners and the voluntary and community sector to engage. This is in line with a review of the existing service scope and reflection as to how members have influenced the service. A full discussion session is proposed for the October Place Board with a view to the Board recommending prioritised activity and work

	programmes for the remainder of the year, which will come forward to January Area Committee
Area Priority: Investment in Washington's built and natural environment	
Considered impact of flooding incidents in Washington and possible solutions	Assistant Head of Service attended June Board to update. Further update to October board. Incidents spread-sheet and report is uploaded onto SharePoint. Annex 2 provides a copy of the report presented to June Place Board for information.
Consultation with Members to locate additional sport and leisure resources across the area – an opportunity to influence the location of three sets of Goalposts was offered to all elected members via the ward bulletins and discussion at June Area Committee.	Members supported proposals for Albany Park, Glebe Park and Princess Anne Park. An additional set of goalposts were purchased using Community Chest funding and placed next to Pitstop.
To monitor and receive information relating to an improvement plan for Princess Anne Park	Funds have been secured and contractors will be in place by December 2013 to undertake the improvements and reinforcement works to the stream bank and bridges, which were damaged by flooding. A re-assessment of a masterplan for the park which was completed some years ago will be undertaken with a view to consider how best to take forward priority activity.
Area Priority: A well connected Washington	
Community Health and Green Spaces Project	Project proposal and the request to ring fence further funding for a broader more co-ordinated approach was agreed at 20 June Area Committee. An Executive Summary is included under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals and Annex 1 of the report to the September meeting.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14.
- 4.2 Members are requested to note the additional installation of goalposts at a Ward level, and recommend sites as detailed in the achievements table above for consideration.
- 4.3 Members are requested to note the Flooding Update as detailed under Annex 2.
- 4.4 Note the Executive Summary in relation to SIB for the Community Health and Green Spaces Report as detailed under Item 5 Financial Statement and Proposals.

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Annex 1: Work plan 2013/14

Annex 2: Flooding Update

PLACE BOARD PRIORITIES - Area specific contribution to Corporate Outcome Framework and the Transformation of Council Services

Influencing Core Services/Activities devolved to Area Committee	Why it is coming to the Board?	When will it come to the Board?	Action Required by the Board	When will Area Committee Decision be required	RAG	Progress	Completed?
1 Responsive Local Services - Streetscene	To influence delivery in the Washington	Monthly basis	Work with Area Response Manager to identify opportunities to influence service; Review existing service scope and re-consider how members can influence future delivery - particularly focusing on agreement of programmed activities and the implementation of Dog Control Orders	As required		(Dave Hardy - Lead Officer). This includes improvements to village centres, addressing environmental issues on industrial estates and proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area. A programme of works will be identified in line with current resources and responsibilities etc and will also identify proposals and opportunities to encourage partners and the voluntary and community sector to engage. This is in line with a review of the existing service scope and reflection as to how members have influenced the service. A full discussion session is proposed for the October Place Board with a view to the Board recommending prioritised activity and work programmes for the remainder of the year, which will come forward to January Area Committee.	
2 Local Development Framework (LDF), Core Strategy and associated documents	Members to be consulted on process for the review of the Strategy, share views and feed into the public consultation process	Jul-13	Members to bring local knowledge to inform the development of the future policy	Not applicable		(Gary Clasper - Lead Officer) All Members have been sent a copy of the Core Strategy for information. The consultation session dates for Washington were also provided to Members. The consultation runs until 27th September 2013 and the document (and supporting documents) can be viewed at www.sunderland.gov.uk/development-plan . A response form is also available on the web site.	
3 Public Protection and Regulatory Services	Consideration to be given to potential alignment of the services with the Board. Services in scope including trading standards, food standards, pollution control, pest control and licensing	Nov-13	Establish understanding of services delivered at a local level; Look to develop early intervention activities which support vulnerable groups within the locality	As required			
4 Highways Maintenance	To influence usage of resources at an area level for inclusion in Capital Programme	Dec-13	Members to reflect upon success and influencing role of 2012/2013 Capital Programme; Members to feed in views to prioritise works for inclusion in the annual Capital Programme;	tbc		(David Laux - Lead Officer)	
5 Play and Urban Games Strategy	Influence the update of the strategy - consider with more relevance to board or ward basis	tbc	tbc	tbc		(Victoria French - Lead Officer)	
6 Section 106	Give consideration to how members can influence the refinement of policy in order that they are involved earlier to influence how S106 could be used and member involvement on individual cases thereafter	tbc	tbc	tbc			
7 Parking Management Schemes	Members to be consulted on Parking Management Schemes should they be proposed for the area	As required	As required	As required		At present, Washington does not have any areas that have been identified for a Parking Management Scheme	
8 Housing Renewal	Consideration to be given to how the board could inform the development of annual delivery plans and identify local hot spots for target action	tbc	tbc	tbc			
Additional Area Priorities							
9 Investment in Washington's built and natural environment	To monitor and receive information relating to the development of the new Washington Leisure Village.	As required	To identify opportunities to enhance and add value	Not applicable		(Links to Princess Anne Park development plans and the Community Health and Green Spaces Project) (Julie Gray - Lead Officer) . Meeting held July 10th where AC received detail of full design proposals/concept for development. Further consultation will continue as planning is submitted and second stage detail is confirmed. Continue to identify opportunities to enhance proposed development.	

10		To receive information relating to flood risk planning.	Oct-13	To monitor progress made	Not applicable		(David Laux - Lead Officer) Monitoring role re impact of flooding and identify appropriate solutions and work with partners to support residents. David Laux attended June Board to update. Further reports to Area Committee. Further update to October board and update re incidents spreadsheet and report uploaded onto SharePoint	
11		To receive appropriate reports of progress plans, policy and strategy relating to Place, e.g. Quality Controlled Contracts	As required	To receive information with potential to add value	Not applicable		Nexus are to hold an information briefing event at Washington Library on Thursday 12th September starting at 9.30am. It is expected to last for about 1½ hours depending on the amount of discussion and questions. Nexus ask that anybody wishing to attend reserves a place either by emailing bus.strategy@nexus.org.uk or phoning Claire Tulley at Nexus on 0191 203 3209. All statutory consultees have been sent the full proposal documentation, which can be found at www.nexus.org.uk/busstrategy.	
12		To receive updates of all 'live' SIB funded projects relating to Place based Priorities	Every quarter next Oct 13	To consider performance reports on a quarterly basis for all SIB funded projects.	As required		(Karon Purvis - Lead Officer) Next performance report to Oct Board	
13	Investment in Washington's built and natural environment and Connecting the Villages of Washington	To consider the Implementation of Community Health and Green Spaces Project	As required	To monitor progress made	As required		(Links to Go Smarter to Work and WLC and Princess Anne Park improvements) (Karon Purvis - Lead Officer) Capital improvements to cycling and walking network and development of integrated links between villages to address health inequalities. Map of initial network links (Phase 1) to be further developed re destinations and projects. SIB Request for further resources to deliver co-ordinated approach approved June 20th AC. ACO to also confirm further match funding to enhance delivery as part of the SIB application process. Further meeting held on 7 August 2013 to determine Phase 1 area and prepare costs, outcomes and timescales for delivery. SIB consultation to be distributed w/c 2.9.13	
14	Investment in Washington's built and natural environment and Development of sustainable and desirable neighbourhoods	To consider and receive information on local initiatives which support pride in the neighbourhood and to receive reports and updates from RLS manager on Improvements to Village Centres	Sep-13	To identify opportunities and consider local initiatives with partners re environmental maintenance, NIB, LWYL, pride in the neighbourhood, improvements to local parks and green spaces – encourage resident and community involvement and to consider and report any recommendation that are made	Jan-14		(David Hardy - Lead Officer). Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area involving local communities and VCS organisations to help deliver AC Place Priorities where appropriate. DH to present summary overview of proposals for local environmental initiatives to September Board. The Project Matrix of initiatives will also be presented at Sept Board and this will identify 12 month programme of works not able to be delivered as part of current responsibilities etc. Will also identify proposals to encourage partners volunteering programme re involvement. Recommendations will be made to AC for work programmes and to prioritise activity across the Project Matrix with project development and action where appropriate. DH to also present summary overview of proposals for improvements to Village Centres to September Board with detailed proposals to October Board.	
15		To monitor and receive information relating to the Park Improvement Plan for Princess Anne Park	tbc	To identify opportunities to enhance and add value	As required		(Links to WLC, CHGSP) Meeting held with Colin Curtis regarding potential improvements to Princess Anne Park. A plan had been developed some time ago detailing sites and areas that may need work undertaken. Due to the time-lapse from the original plan, Colin agreed it was necessary to revisit the park using the original plan as a guide and then produce a more up-to-date assessment of any works identified. Once this has been developed it will be decided how best to take forward an action and delivery plan to address the works. A separate meeting was held with Washington Central Cllrs, the Area Committee Chair and Les Clark with regard to the damage that has occurred in the Park due to flooding. Funds has been secured and it was agreed that contractors will be in place by December 2013 to undertake the improvements and reinforcement works to the stream bank and bridges.	
16	A cultural identity for Washington	To consider how local delivery and initiatives contribute to the City wide / corporate approach to Heritage via the Heritage Forum and proposals for a Heritage Strategy for the City	tbc	To monitor, inform and co-ordinate with the local offer.	As required		(Trina Murphy - Lead Officer). TM to organise Member's workshop to discuss the Washington offer and how it informs and links to the proposed city wide strategy. Also confirmation of which aspects of 'heritage' is likely to remain an Area Committee priority. Workshop proposed October - TM to confirm	
17		To consider heritage and the Washington Offer	As required	Develop projects which use heritage to engage young people in volunteering and cross generational work.	As required		Project development and action where appropriate.	

G	Progressing on target
A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)
R	Not progressing

26th September 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

WASHINGTON AREA PLACE BOARD- June 26th 2013

Flooding Incident Update

Significant locations affected by multiple flooding events.

1 Coverdale Usworth:

Cleansing to both the sewer and highway drainage system has been completed by Northumbrian Water Ltd and SCC respectively. **(SCC/NWL)**

A hydraulic model has been completed by NWL consultants who are now undertaking detailed design for a solution based on a 1 in 40 return storm. NWL have cautioned, that whilst the proposal will reduce the flood risk to properties, it can't guarantee houses won't flood in the future. **(NWL)**

2 Coach Road Estate, Usworth:

New highway drain connection and gullies installed further works to be agreed with colleagues in Children Services, with respect to improvements to school field drainage. **(SCC)**

Existing school field drainage checked and cleared. **(SCC)**

NWL consultants carrying out a drainage area study to identify problems in the public sewer network.

Extensive CCTV undertaken and cleansing on sewer line that takes council gullies. Foul line cleansed and placed on monthly Programme of Preventative Maintenance (PPM). **(NWL)**

The surface water storage tank and the Combined Sewer Overflows have been placed on monthly PPM. NWL consultants have recently completed a study of the location. The hydraulic modelling undertaken by the consultants has taken into account the complex flooding mechanism prevalent in the area. Properties in the area are considered at risk and a scheme is to be considered for a funding bid. If scheme bid not successful then property level protection to be offered. **(NWL)**

3 Holley Park (Surrounding Area), Lambton

SCC has carried out some drainage improvements within the park, however to properly understand the sources /mechanisms of the flooding, a study has been commissioned to produce an appraisal report which will contain factual and interpretive information about the possible causes of the flooding and will also provide us with some recommendations. It's anticipated that the report will be completed next month.

4 Princess Anne Park

There has been significant damage to a number of the park's features.

- a) **Culvert Grille**-The culvert grille has been completely flattened by debris washed down the watercourse and will require full replacement.
- b) **South footbridge**: Historically large amounts of debris build up against the bridge which are not removed. This includes large sections of trees, several shopping trolleys and general rubbish. This has increased since the heavy rain. On the upstream side of the bridge the gabions have started to collapse and are falling into the watercourse. The bank on both the upstream and downstream side of the east abutment has collapsed next to the bridge and is starting to threaten the footpath.
- c) **North footbridge**: All of the gabions have fallen into the watercourse leaving the abutments vulnerable to scour. The abutment foundations are becoming exposed at both the front and the sides. The riverbank adjacent to the abutments is collapsing into the watercourse due to its weak granular composition. The footpath hasn't been affected so far.
- d) **West footbridge**: The gabions on the west side of the bridge have collapsed exposing the abutments and banks to the oncoming flow of water. The gabions on the face of the abutments are collapsing and starting to fall away from the front face of the abutments. The gabions on the south east side of the bridge are still in place but are in poor condition whereas on the north east bank the gabions are starting to move. The banks on the west side of the bridge are collapsing. The collapse is very close to the footpath but hasn't affected it so far.
- e) **Stilling Ponds**: The north wall at the bottom of the stilling ponds has partially collapsed damaging the gabions in front of it.
- f) **Embankment support to footpath**: Section of embankment has slipped undermining a localised area of adopted footpath, temporary barriers currently in place however options for its reinstatement are being considered.

A scheme is currently being worked up which will address the damage caused, and mitigate future problems. SCC have had initial discussions with a local sub contractor regarding access arrangements and the selection of suitable equipment. A proposal is expected from the sub contractor next week.

Durham Wildlife Services have been working closely with Highways and Transportation staff to advise on what work can be carried out without a full ecological survey being undertaken. It is anticipated that work in and around the bridge abutments should be free from any environmental constraints. This would allow work to commence at the bridge locations, subject to procurement timescales, during the summer months. The ecological survey along the watercourse would be undertaken at the same time to determine the appropriate timing for the other works.

5 Beech Grove, Springwell

Two residents meetings have been held, hosted by Sharon Hodgson MP and attended by NWL, EA, SCC representatives, the farmer and local ward members.

At the last meeting in May it was agreed that the council would submit a bid for funding to the Environment Agency for both a study and a mitigation scheme. The bid has been submitted and we're likely to receive feedback on how successful it has been in October 2013, for a possible start in 2014-2015. SCC to install a new gully outside of 60 Beech Grove.

6 Albany Estate

A number of streets on the Albany estate suffered flooding in last summer's storms. Following these storms SCC undertook significant gully cleaning and flushing works throughout the estate. In addition NWL removed significant amount of root infestation from their sewers but has also referred the problem in some of the streets to their consultant for further consideration. NWL has not given any indication at this time to when the consultant will provide any further information.

7 South View

The main problem in South View and the adjacent area is that when high tides coincide with heavy rainfalls the river Wear bursts its bank. Although there is a threat of flooding to properties, in recent times flooding has generally affected only the gardens. At those times SCC continually monitor the river conditions and have staff available with sandbags. As a major river, flood risk management is the responsibility of the EA. There are other issues close-by where a local watercourse, which runs into the Wear affects a local resident in "the Larks" where his garage floods. An improved culvert grille is required (owned by the Woodland Trust) which will improve the flow characteristics of the watercourse. SCC are awaiting an application from Woodland Trust for the new grille to consider and approve.

26th September 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2013/14) People Board Work Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the priorities associated with People were referred to the Washington People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board has started to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

3. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 31 August 2013

- 3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington People Board up to 31 August 2013.

Action Taken	Outcome
Area Priority: Early Intervention and Locality Based Services	
Influencing of early intervention and locality services – review and influence service provision within Children's Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board received information on the universal offer within the Children's Centres, the outcomes framework and local need to consider how the universal offer within the Washington can be targeted to address Washington specific issues within the requirements of Ofsted. Members informed the commissioning process with local knowledge and understanding regarding targeted delivery within the universal offer for the Washington.
Area Priority : Libraries	
Transformation of a reading and learning information service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the proposed transformation of library, reading and information services was presented to the People Board and VCS Network to consult and seek feedback for future delivery. Feedback provided included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of volunteers to increase opening hours. - locations for reserve and collect which include Whiteladies Close, Springwell CA, Donwell CA, Albany CA. There are currently a lot of on-going discussions and developments which will be updated on in more detail at future People Board meetings.
Area Priority: Transformation of Adult Social Care	
Raise awareness of services available for Older and vulnerable people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A directory is being developed using information and knowledge from HHAS, public health, elected members, VCS network partners and residents. Members will be consulted and are encouraged to provide further intelligence to assist in the collection of accurate information This directory and work will inform the board of potential additional services / resources for development across the area.
Area Priority: Health and Well Being	
Review and influence health agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship with CCG identified as a key priority. Meeting arranged for 12.11.13 to discuss development of effective links

	between CCG and Area Arrangements
People Board developed a mechanism to provide small SIB grants to local organisations to support older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The People Board has worked to develop a project brief and related process (Call for Projects) to engage local VCS organisations in the delivery of local projects to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing. The Board recommends to Area Committee the successful tenders as detailed in Item 5 Financial Statement and Purposes.
Ensure services addressing young people's mental health issues are provided at a local level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorraine Hughes provided information to September People Board and it was agreed a whole family approach was required and some gaps were identified including: Meeting the need of under 16 year olds; the engagement of those first identifiers of emerging families and the role of the Community Parenting Programme. Further discussion is required to identify how these gaps can be progressed.
Sexual Health Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have been offered the opportunity to influence the future service delivery centrally and via outreach of sexual health services and a decision is required whether the Area Committee wishes to be involved and if so refer to the People Board to action end of October/November.
Integrated Wellness Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A stakeholder event is being arranged for November 2013 and as such it is proposed that the item is discussed at the October People Board meeting allowing members time to discuss and feed in views via Area Chair and People Board Chair who will in turn invited to the stakeholder event.
Area Priority: Active, Educated and Access to Employment	
Continue to improve and / or increase levels of skills, attainment and participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berni Whitaker to provide an update on the Managed Workspace Project

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington People Board Work Plan for 2013/2014
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the People Board recommendations in relation to the successful applicants to take forward the Addressing Social Isolation Project for Older People as detailed under Item 5 Financial Statement and Purposes.

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Annex 1 – People work plan 2013/14

Annex 2 – Project for Older People to address Social Isolation Summary

PEOPLE BOARD PRIORITIES - Area specific contribution to Corporate Outcome Framework and the Transformation of Council Services

Influencing Core Services/Activities devolved to Area Committee	Why it is coming to the Board?	When will it come to the Board?	Action Required by the Board	When will Area Committee Decision be required	RAG	Progress	Completed?
1 Early Years Intervention and Locality Services	To influence service delivery in the Washington	Monthly basis	Work with Locality Manager to identify opportunities to influence services; Specifically monitor and influence the delivery of activities for young people	As required		(Lead Officer - Jane Eland) . Quarterly reporting to identify opportunities to influence key service delivery at a local level.	
2 Library Services	Stage 2 consultation - opportunity for members to influence transformation of a reading and learning information service	Jun-13	Members to feed in potential venues in the area for Community Book collections and reservations, outreach programmes and use of buildings	September 2013 (update only)		Can confirm that sites put forward by Washington Councillors included Whiteladies Court, Springwell CA, Albany CA, Donwell CA and a number of other sites. Following confirmation of the Cabinet decision these will now be explored. There are ongoing discussions and programmes being developed. Library Services will attend a future board (possibly October) to update in more detail	
3 Re-commissioning services in Children's Centres for 2014	To influence service provision in the Washington as of April 2014	Jul-13	Bring unique understanding of communities to identify options for future delivery	Sept 2013 (update only)		(Lead Officer - Jane Eland) . Number of comments at previous meeting in relation to the data collated including hospital admission figures which need further clarity; this is currently being explored. It was agreed that referral statistics from CAF and Family Focus will be brought back to a future meeting. Jane also provided feedback as to the general themes from Member feedback which will be used in the re-commissioning process; which includes Ensuring support for families with financial difficulties/poverty; supporting families into employment; Ensuring links to strengthening families and improving health outcomes e.g. breastfeeding, obesity, healthy eating etc.	
4 Influencing re-commissioning of Youth Contracts for 2015	Influence Youth Contract Provision from April 2015	July 2014 (tbc)	tbc	September 2014 (tbc)		(Lead Officer - Jane Eland) . Next quarterly update due at October's Board. This will include gender and age as well as outcomes.	
10 Intergrated Wellness Service Review	To input into forthcoming review	Oct-13	A stakeholder event is being arranged for November 2013 and as such it is proposed that the item is discussed at the October People Board meeting allowing members time to discuss and feed in views via Area Chair and People Board Chair who will in turn invited to the stakeholder event	tbc			
12 Welfare Reform	Consideration to be given to how the board could influence/take actions	Oct-13	Members to feed in potential requests for information in order to determine any actions required	As required		Fiona Brown to present a Welfare Reform report to October's People Board	
5 LMAP's - review and links with Area Arrangements	To ensure the board understand the outcome of the review and the impact on linkages with Area Arrangements	tbc	tbc	tbc			
6 Lifelong Learning	Consideration to be given to the benefits of lifelong learning being influenced at a local level	Nov 2013 for initial discussions	To consider how Members can influence the commissioning of activity utilising Family Adult and Community Learning Funding (FACL) available in 2014/2015	tbc			
7 HHA Commissioned Grant	Consideration to be given to how the board could influence the annual commissioning process	Jan 2014 for initial discussions	To work with Board during 2014/2015 to contribute to the commissioning approach which will take place Sept - March 2014/2015 (to influence 2015/2016 allocation)	tbc			
8 Child Health/Obesity	Consideration to be given to opportunities where members/officers/relevant partners can work together to understand the local context and how community leadership can help reduce obesity	tbc	tbc	tbc			
9 Health Funding - £20k per area	To allocate against Health priorities	tbc	tbc	tbc			
11 Strengthening Families - Family Focus	Consideration to be given to how the board could influence the Strengthening Families - Family Focus	tbc	tbc	tbc			
Anti-social Behaviour	Consideration being given to how members can influence a more bespoke approach to ASB	tbc	tbc	tbc			
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	Influencing Core Services/Activities devolved to Area Committee	Area Outcome - A healthy Washington: Contribute to ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles and Area Outcome - Cared for in Washington: Contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Washington's most vulnerable						
14	Support the Delivery of the Health and Well Being Strategy: Transformation of Adult Social Care	To influence how services might be delivered in the future and influence development and delivery of the Health and Well-being Strategy	Jun-13	Contribute to developing a local vision with regards to Public Health and identify those most in need to identify local priorities and actions, particularly for the transformation of Adult Social Care services. Develop community directory; Identify gaps and opportunities to enhance community provision; Consider potential to develop Dementia Cafés.	September 2013 for Call 4 Projects		<p>(Lead Officer - Alan Caddick) Area Committee consulted on the Health and Well-being Strategy. Reports received regarding the public's health in Washinton. Ensure that local communities and the VCS are facilitated to deliver services for the most vulnerable.</p> <p>i) Raise awareness of services available and establish Community links - Community Directory currently being developed.</p> <p>ii) Increase social wellbeing by reducing social isolation - a Call for Projects for the VCS to deliver and enhance current provision was approved at June Area Committee. The deadline for applications was 2.9.13 with recommendations made to Area Committee in respect of the successful delivery organisations.</p> <p>iii) Support communities to cope with dementia</p>	Information requested re STD treatment options and localities for Washington Young People. Positive report to June AC re services and number of young people accessing services across Washington. Update report uploaded.
Additional Area Priorities								
15	Area Outcome - A healthy Washington: Contribute to ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles	Influence GP Clinical Commissioning Group at an area level	Nov-13	To evolve a relationship and joint working practices with the Clinical Commissioning Group	tbc		The meeting of 28.10.13 has been rearranged to 12.11.13. The purpose of the meeting is to consider how to develop effective links and a joined up approach between the CCG and Area Arrangements, particularly where there are shared outcomes.	
16		Ensure services addressing young people's mental health issues are provided at a local level	Sep-13	To analyse Washington's statistics and data	tbc		(Lead Officer - Lorraine Hughes) Lorraine Hughes provided information to September People Board and it was agreed a whole family approach was required and some gaps were identified including: Meeting the need of under 16 year olds; the engagement of those first identifiers of emerging families and the role of the Community Parenting Programme. Further discussion is required to identify how these gaps can be progressed	
18		To receive appropriate reports of progress plans, policy and strategy relating to People	as required	To receive information with potential to add value	not applicable			

19	Area Outcome - Active, educated and access to employment in Washington: Continue to improve lifelong learning, volunteering and participation opportunities	To continue to improve and / or increase levels of skills, attainment and participation	as required	Monitor 3 commissioned initiatives funded by Area Committee which work with young people to stimulate opportunities in education, training and employment.	As required	(Lead Officer - Karen Mallin, SNCBC) Continued monitoring role. Investigate more appropriate mechanisms re referrals for Enterprise Grants.	
20			as required	Consider a report on options to support employer engagement through a Washington Business Forum		(Lead Officer - Karen Alexander) Board to consider options for employer engagement building on business breakfasts held 2012/13 - identify what local employers need, what's being delivered across the city and where are the opportunities to co-ordinate resources and projects are.	
21			as required	Consider a report investigating the opportunities to support local people into enterprise and entrepreneurship	As required	(Lead Officer - Berni Whitaker) Continued monitoring role. BW to present at Area Committee an update and photographs of the work underway and attend future Board meetings where necessary to provide updates on build work progress and how local organisations will be supported to benefit from new Washington Managed Workspace.	
22	Area Outcome - A Safer Washington: Maintain key partnerships and collaboration for a safe and secure Washington	To influence and input into partnership working which will make Washington feel safer and more secure	as required	Continue to work in partnership through Boards, LMAPs, Young People's Group, PACT meetings	As required	(Lead Officer - Karon Purvis) . Continued monitoring role. Members provided with the referral form for the Respect Young People Programme.	
23			as required	Influence mainstream resources & partnerships to ensure the continued collaboration to deliver targeted work which impacts on identified problems, e.g. youth related ASB and positive activities for children and young people.	As required	(Lead Officer - Karon Purvis) . Continued monitoring role	
24				Co-ordinated approach to developing and delivering positive youth work in Washington		(Lead Officer - Karon Purvis) Continue to co-ordinate opportunities and collaboration via Youth Working Group - report to People board. Ensure joint working between Area Committee and the new Washington Young People's Forum. Elected members are to be invited to a briefing in mid-December.	
25				Monitor action plan to address issues at Sulgrave Flats		(Lead Officer - Alan Caddick) Continued monitoring role. HHAS and police to present options for schemes to manage landlords, e.g. Selective Licensing, and present to future Board for consideration.	
26	Area Outcome - Cared for in Washington: Contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Washington's most vulnerable	to ensure people are able to look after themselves	as required	Improve access to advice, information and guidance at a local level to help people look after themselves.		Washington Trust Reaching communities BLF bid unsuccessful. Ensure VCS organisations supported where appropriate to deliver shared priorities.	
27	Area Outcome - Community Inclusion and Support.	to ensure all actions contribute to supporting devolved and agreed area outcomes and priorities		Area Committee to support the VCS to build capacity, engage and support local organisations to develop and deliver services based on local need.		(Lead Officer - Karon Purvis) . Further work to collaborate with the local VCS to build capacity to contribute to delivering the AC priorities. Ongoing communication and coordination through Area Network. Need to ensure joined up with the sector to identify joint priorities and where working together will enhance delivery of services for local residents.	Kasia Kurowska from Age UK was appointed as the 3rd Washington VCS representative at the last VCS meeting held 9 July 2013

G	Progressing on target
A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)
R	Not progressing

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
26th September 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Healthy City Investment Funds that will benefit the area.

This report denotes an item relating to an executive function

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

- **Note** the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2013/2014.
- **Approve** the SIB project applications listed in Annex 1
 - Community Transport Support Project: ELCAP: £3,000
 - Golden Age People: Springwell Village Community Venue: £4,000
 - Well Being in Mind: Washington MIND: £4,314
 - Capacity Building Washington Social Clubs: Age UK Sunderland: £5,000
 - PSO – Offering range of options to older victims domestic violence of: £4,460
- **Approve** the £50,000 SIB ring fenced from the 2013/14 budget for the Community Health and Green Spaces Project and £50,000 ring fenced from the 2012/13 budget as detailed in Item 5 Annex 2
- **Note** the 19 approvals supported from 2013/14 Community Chest budget as set out in Item 5 Annex 3.

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

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Each Area Committee has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

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

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No
Is it included in the Forward Plan?
 No

Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

26th September 2013

Report of the Chief Executive.

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Healthy City Investment Fund and Community Chest - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources**1. Purpose of the Report**

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

2. Strategic Initiatives Budget: Financial statement and proposals

2.1 The table below shows the position at the start of the new financial year for 2013 -14 and following the last Area Committee meeting held June 2013.

	Committee Date	Allocated	Approvals	Balance
The allocation for 2013/14 is £287,261 (subject to approval), with an under spend of £8,874 from 2012/13 this totals £296,135				
				£296,135
Project Name				-
Green Spaces		20.06.2013	£50,000	£246,135
Addressing Social Isolation		20.06.2013	£30,000	£216,135
Washington Heritage Festival RETURN £5,164				£221,299
Houghton Feast 2012 RETURN £113				£221,412
North East Aircraft Museum –Access Road RETURN £163				£221,575
New Balance				£221,575

The current balance of the 2013/14 SIB budget is **£221,575**. There are no new applications to this Area Committee.

2.2 Call for Projects (SIB): Addressing social isolation and support for older people

2.2.1 Following a Call for Projects to address social isolation and support for older people, 5 applications have been received and are detailed in **Annex 1**, including amount of funding requested and project assessment score (SIB assessment procedures and protocols).

2.2.2 The following applications have been received:

1. Community Transport Support Project: ELCAP: £3,000
2. Golden Age People: Springwell Village Community Venue: £4,000
3. Well Being in Mind: Washington MIND: £4,314
4. Capacity Building Washington Social Clubs: Age UK Sunderland: £5,000
5. PSO – Offering range of options to older victims domestic violence of: £4,460

A total of **£20,774** SIB has been requested from an allocated budget of £30,000.

2.2.3 Following assessment against set criteria for SIB and the Area Committee's priorities, all 5 projects applications are recommended for approval.

2.2.4 Can Members also note the governance and monitoring procedures which will be implemented with regards to ensuring effective delivery - detailed in **Annex 1 Paragraph 1.3**

2.3 Community Health and Green Spaces Project

2.3.1 Members will recall approving a total of £100,000 for the Community Health and Green Spaces Project – subject to SIB assessment and consultation. £50,000 was ring fenced from the 2012/13 SIB budget and £50,000 from the 2013/14 SIB budget.

2.3.2 Consultation and assessment has now been carried and the executive summary which includes the project's detailed work programme, milestones and outputs is attached as **Annex 2**. Members are asked to note the positive support for this project, which will report regularly through the Place Board and Area Committee.

3.0 Healthy City Investment Fund: Financial statement and proposals

3.1 The table below show the position following the June 2013 meeting.

	Committee Date	Allocated	Approvals	Balance
Healthy City Investment Fund (approved to AC to award)	31.03.12			£31,413
Project Name	-		-	-
Well Men Partnership	27.09.12		£31,000	£413
New Balance			£31,000	£413

3.2 **£413 Healthy City Investment Fund** also remains to be allocated to specific initiatives as agreed at the Area Committee meeting held 31st March. There are no applications to be considered at this meeting.

4.0 **Community Chest: Financial statement and proposals**

4.1 The table below details balances remaining following the last Area Committee meeting in June 2013 and project approvals as detailed in **Annex 3**.

Ward	Budget	Agreed	Balance
Washington Central	£9,340	£1,866	£7,474
Washington East	£10,167	£1,593	£8,574
Washington North	£8,150	£3,530	£4,620
Washington South	£15,897	£5,749	£10,148
Washington West	£12,137	£2,671	£9,466
Balance	£55,691	£15,409	£40,282

5.0 **Recommendations:**

Members are requested to

5.1 **Note** the financial statements set out in this report.

5.2 **Approve** the SIB Call for projects applications as detailed under Paragraph 2.2.1 and **Annex 1** totalling £20,774

5.3 **Approve** the £50,000 SIB ring fenced from the 2013/14 budget for the Community Health and Green Spaces Project and £50,000 ring fenced from the 2012/13 budget as detailed in **Annex 2**

5.4 **Note** the 19 applications for Community Chest agreed and supported from the 2013/14 allocation, between June-September 2013 as set out in **Annex 3**.

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Annex 1: Call for Projects - SIB summary and recommendations

Annex 2: Community Health and Green Spaces Project – SIB summary and recommendation

Annex 3: Community Chest grants agreed June - September 2013

**Washington Area Committee SIB Call for Projects
Addressing Social Isolation and support for older people**

Project Summaries and Recommendations

1.1 Background

Following a Call for Projects to address social isolation and support for older people, 5 applications have been received and are detailed under paragraph 1.2 below, including amount of funding requested and project assessment score (SIB assessment procedures and protocols). A total of £20,774 SIB has been requested from an allocated budget of £30,000.

1.2 Summary of applications

Community Transport Support Project – Easington Lane Community Access Point

The project will enable a community shopper transport bus to be available to residents in all of the Washington wards. The project will enable those who are socially isolated to visit shops, attend events and to be more socially active, and to make new social contacts. The aim is to work in partnership with Springwell Community Venue to deliver this service and also to map what currently exists and identify gaps. The project will be delivered 4 hours a week for 50 weeks and the funding will pay for the driver’s hours, management costs and marketing and promotion of the service.

The total funding requested is **£3,000** – the project scored 48 out of a total 50 points available

Golden Age People -Springwell Village Community Venue

This project would be overseen by a part time co-ordinator in in order to deliver a service to older people by offering sessions and events that promote and enhance social intervention and to improve health and wellbeing. Sessions include DIY, IT support, cake decorating, health awareness, card making as well as a number of events planned including links in to International Men’s Day etc. Partnership working with various organisations, including Age UK, will offer support and advice on issues such as benefit rights and fuel poverty etc. The funding would pay for session workers including event session workers, guest speakers at events, advertising, project materials and event refreshments.

The total requested is **£4,000** – the project scored 42 out of a total 50 points available

Wellbeing in Mind- Washington Mind

The Wellbeing in Mind project would aim to deliver a wellbeing resource ‘The Life House’ which would increase current activities and offer a holistic approach to health and

wellbeing. Within this there would be recruitment and training of volunteers to deliver a range of taster sessions and pilot courses, which upon evaluation, would be indicative of those that generate the most interest. Sessions would include 'Get better stay well' sessions and podiatry sessions and the overall project would increase volunteer opportunity. Complimentary therapies such as massage, reiki and shiatsu would be offered as well as tai chi, yoga, zumba and salsa. Funding for this project would pay for volunteer expenses, mentoring training (delivered by Aspire), overheads and wellbeing sessions. Also podiatry sessions, provided by JR Podiatry and 'Get better stay well sessions' delivered by HOPS.

The total requested is **£4,314** - the project scored 46 out of a total of 50 points available.

Capacity Building for Washington Social Clubs – Age UK Sunderland

This project would run for 6 months from October 2013 to March 2014 to respond to a demand for social activities for older people by establishing a weekly luncheon club to offer lunch, support and social opportunities in each area. The project would also hold an induction, training and promotional drive for volunteers as well as a consultation day to identify leisure activities and interests of clubs. Working with GP's and the local ASDA, an leaflet drop and newsletter would be produced and circulated to target hotspots of social isolation, with the assistance from the Youth Offending Service. The project outcomes would be to increase the emotional and mental wellbeing of social isolated older people and to inform their carers etc. of the support services available in Washington. The funding would pay for equipment for the lunch clubs, activity resources for both clubs, volunteer expenses, open days, leaflet and newsletter production and printing, volunteer recruitment induction and training. The funds would also pay for a Day Club Co-ordinator who would work 7 hours a week over 6 months to support the set-up, development and sustainability of 2 new clubs as well as building upon partnerships in the area to further develop new additional clubs. This project would seek to enhance existing provision and to identify gaps.

The total requested is **£5,000** – the project scored 47 out of a total of 50 points available.

Praying, Staying and Obeying –Offering A Greater Range of Options to older people of domestic violence – Wearside Women in Need

This project would seek to address social isolation by delivering an awareness campaign, programme pack and promotion of services available to older victims of domestic violence. The awareness campaign will be evidenced via a log of TV/Radio coverage and a local poster/ leaflet campaign. A peer support group will be set up, evidenced by register to encourage more disclosures by older victims. WWIN are hoping to work with Safer Sunderland Partnership to develop a programme of city wide multi agency staff training on recognising and responding to the needs of older victims of domestic violence. If successful, this will build upon this piece of work and be made available to public, private and voluntary staff in the Washington area. The funding for this project would pay for the development, design, printing and distribution of leaflet's and posters. It would also fund the programme pack development -18 sessions at £120 per session (8 hours) and the programme pack production.

The total requested is **£4,460** – the project scored 47 out of a total of 50 points available.

1.3 Project Monitoring Procedures

Given this new approach adopts some of the principles for governance and monitoring from both the SIB and the more recently approved responsive protocols governing Community Chest, the following monitoring procedures will be implemented with regard to all approved projects:

- On approval the Community Chest governance protocols will be implemented – all lead agents will receive an offer letter, terms and conditions etc. which will include reference to the processes re claiming the first £1,000 of the grant.
- On receipt of the first claim and terms and conditions, the Area Community Officer will visit the project to ensure delivery, outcomes etc. are being achieved in line with the approved project application. It is this monitoring visit which will agree payment of grant in line with the offer of grant – the project will need to be able to provide relevant evidence of project delivery.
- The Area Community Officer can request further evaluation and performance information at any time.
- The Area Community Officer can carry out further monitoring and evaluation visits as required.
- The project is required to submit a detailed project evaluation at the end of the project.

1.4 Recommendation

Members are requested to approve the following application:

- 1.4.1 Community Transport Support Project: ELCAP: £3,000
- 1.4.2 Golden Age People: Springwell Village Community Venue: £4,000
- 1.4.3 Well Being in Mind: Washington MIND: £4,314
- 1.4.4 Capacity Building Washington Social Clubs: Age UK Sunderland: £5,000
- 1.4.5 PSO – Offering range of options to older victims of domestic violence: £4,460

SIB Application: Consultation and Assessment

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Washington Community Health & Green Spaces project (CHGS)
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£160,000	£60,000	£100,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	September 2013	July 2015

The Project

The project will improve and develop shared pedestrian/cycle routes linking across the area. In particular the routes will link residential areas to green spaces with enhanced quality routes. The network and green space developments will attract and enable higher levels of physical activity for recreation and routine travel needs. The project will be complemented by a number of sport, physical activity, wellness and play related programmes of works organised by the Council, as part of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy programme and the Play and Urban Games Delivery Plan.

The project works will comprise:

- Access route infrastructure adaptations to develop a Washington Cycle Network, principally in conjunction with existing routes but also with some new and widened facilities. Costs of these are anticipated to amount to £130,000. This is anticipated to attend to works at 200 path junctions, and 15 road crossings. Route signing will serve to elevate the profile of cycling and active travel routes to destinations.
- Survey undertaken by RLS has highlighted that immediate works required will be capital expenditure of approximately £30,000 depending on further estimates.
- Complementary play area development and refurbishment work as part of Play and Urban Games Delivery plan 2013- 2015 - £125,000 Play Area to be developed and improved.

<i>Item / Description</i>	<i>Total Costs</i>	<i>SIB contribution</i>
Access route infrastructure adaptation to develop Washington Cycle Network	£120,000	£60,000

Soft landscape improvements to route sides and open spaces	£20,000	£20,000
Community engagement, marketing and branding	£20,000	£20,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>£160,000</i>	<i>£100,000</i>

Before December 2013

Holly Park Play Area (Wash South) – improvement to existing play area

April – September 2014

Seldom Seen Play Area - -Wash West- - improvements to existing play area

September 2014 – March 2015

Princess Ann Park Play Area - (Wash Central) - development on new play area

North Avenue Play Area - Wash North- improvements to existing play area

Albany Park Play Area - (Wash North) - improvement to existing play area

- Local Transport Plan associated Washington accessibility development works to a value of c. £60,000

The Need for the Project

The need for the project is presented by growing expressed and latent demand for active travel routes and spaces to support increasing physical activity for health, travel and accessibility, combined with a historic lack shortfall of cycle routes in Washington. Expressed demand presents in the rapid growth in cycling in recent years, and latent demand is provided by Council/Health Authority aspirations for increased levels of physical activity pursuant to better health and well being.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Improved and enhanced access routes	1 network
A2	Improved sand enhanced green spaces / corridors	1 network
A3	Complementary associated events and play area improvements completed in tandem with but independent of the project.	No. TBC
A4	Enhanced access routes and green spaces to support wellness, increased physical activity and to build on the 2012 Programme	1 network
A5	Providing enhanced infrastructure to support physical activity to contribute to tackling health inequalities	1 network

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
1. Improved and enhanced access routes phase 1	July 2014
2. Improved and enhanced green spaces	July 2014
3. Usworth Park awarded Green Flag status	Achieved 2013

The application supports the priorities of:

- Ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles.
- Investment in built and natural environment and involvement of local residents and organisations in improving the local area.

- A well connected Washington through the development of an integrated network, improvements to green spaces, and the promotion of events to link villages.

Recommendation: Following positive support across the Council and with partners, the project meets a number of the Area Committee priorities and is recommended for approval

COMMUNITY CHEST 2013/2014 WASHINGTON AREA PROJECTS AGREED: FOR INFORMATION

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2013/2014	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
Central					
	Glebe Methodist Church: Painting of hall and purchase of tables	£580			
	Washington Judo Club: Minibus hire, trip and fees for championship	£119			
	Sunderland City Council: Installation of two 5 a side goal posts near to Pit Stop	£667			
	Washington Village in Bloom Society: Manufacture of tree cages for installation at Washington Village	£500			
	Totals (4)	£1,866	£16,024	£6,684	£7,474
East					
	Harraton Community Association: Replacement of 6 water heaters in the toilets	£1,000			
	Washington Judo Club: Minibus hire, trip and fees for championship	£593			
	Totals (2)	£1,593	£18,799	£8,632	£8,574
North					
	St Bede's Ladies Friendship Club: Trip to Harrogate, high tea, entertainment and trip to Knaresborough	£450			
	Usworth Grange Primary School: Trip for 165 children to pantomime	£1,000			
	3rd Washington Scouts: Branding for scout trailer and purchase of flags	£330			
	Zero Nine Art Group: Room hire for exhibition and arts materials-watercolours and oils	£350			
	Millie's Mini's: Purchase of safety mats, soft play and toys for toddler group	£1,000			
	Millennium Centre Friends: Lunch at the Red Lion, Chester Le Street for group members	£400			
	Totals (6)	£3,530	£13,230	£5,080	£4,620
South					
	Rickleton Residents Association: Purchase of metal benches, turf and bulbs	£2,800			

	Rickleton Primary School: Extension of Wi-Fi system	£2,500			
	Washington Scout Group: Branding for scout trailer and purchase of flags	£330			
	Washington Judo Club: Minibus hire, trip and fees for championship	£119			
	Totals (4)	£5,749	£21,093	£5,196	£10,148
West	Springwell Village Primary School: Refurbish community lounge, re-plaster walls	£980			
	Albany Village Primary School: Purchase of plastic bottle greenhouse	£1,572			
	Washington Judo Club: Minibus hire, trip and fees for championship	£119			
	Totals (3)	£2,671	£12,337	£200	£9,466
Totals	19 applications agreed	£15,409	£81,483	£25,792	£40,282

26th September 2013

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

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

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

The Washington ACVSN has met twice since the last Area Committee in June.

- VCS Network will continue to work on developing and supporting the VCS re collaboration, communications, intelligence and mapping.
- VCS Reps are to give both oral and written updates to the Area Committee and the Boards of Network developments, as requested.
- The Network has been invited to contribute to discussions with regards to the City Council's VCS Relationship Transition Project. The project will consider how best the council can work with the sector to achieve joint objectives and priorities going forward. A special meeting of the VCS Network was held on the 26th June. Members in attendance gave their views and input to the discussion and outcomes from this meeting were taken forward by the VCS Network representatives to a meeting held on 16th September. Further updates will be presented to the next Area Network meeting.
- Kasia Kurowska, Partnership Manager, Age UK was appointed as the third Washington VCS Representative at the July 2013 meeting of the Network.
- The Network has discussed the 'One Directory' being developed as part of Area Committee's Adult Social Care priority. The Network wish to be involved in the development of the directory and ask that consideration is made to the format of the directory, ensuring it is accessible to all sectors of the community. The Network agrees that the production of a directory is a positive development and recommend that existing resources such as the directories developed and maintained by Washington Mind and Age UK are considered and utilised as part of this work.
- There is funding available through Sunderland Carers Centre to give unpaid carers a break from their caring role. People can be referred from any organisation or self-refer and up to £500 is available. Information leaflets are being produced and will be circulated once available. In the meantime Area Committee members can call Karen Bailey on 0191 549 3768 for more information.
- The VCS Network welcome the SIB 'Call for Projects' process used to develop services and activities to reduce social isolation. This funding opportunity was given to all members of the Network and the outcome will be discussed by the Network at their next meeting.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

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

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Area Committee – 26th September 2013.

Washington Police Mid Year Performance Report

Data taken from 12th August 2013

Figures are a direct comparison to last years performance.

Total Crime – **Down by 6%** (Equates to 58 less crimes)

Total ASB – **Down by 26%** (Equates to 317 less reports)

ASB

Youth Related - **Down 37%** (165 less incidents)

Non Youth Related - **Down 20%** (152 less incidents)

CRIME

Violence related crime – Up 11% (21 more crimes)

- This year has seen an increase directly attributable to improved weather and higher footfall levels and engagement in social drinking increasing levels of alcohol related violence. The main increases are from non injury offences such as public disorder.

Sexual Offences – Up 43% (6 more crimes)

- Reduction last year was high at 37.8% making further level sustainability a challenge. The small increases are attributed to offences reported between persons known to each other.

House Burglary – Down 32% (14 less crimes)

Other Burglary – Down 19% (15 more crimes)

Vehicle Crime – Up 14% (8 more crimes)

Small increase with no significant pattern. Large reduction last year of 34%.

Criminal damage – Down 22% (46 less crimes)

Retail Theft – Up 16% (14 more crimes)

Small increase due to challenges from 38% reduction last year.

Other theft – Down 23% (33 less crimes)

Drug Crime – Down 16% (10 less offences identified)



Washington Area LI Comparisons

01 Jan 2012 – 31 July 2012 & 01 Jan 2013 – 31 July 2013

Data and Information Team

Author: Steve Webb

Report Date: 28 August 2013

Version: 1.0

LI 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

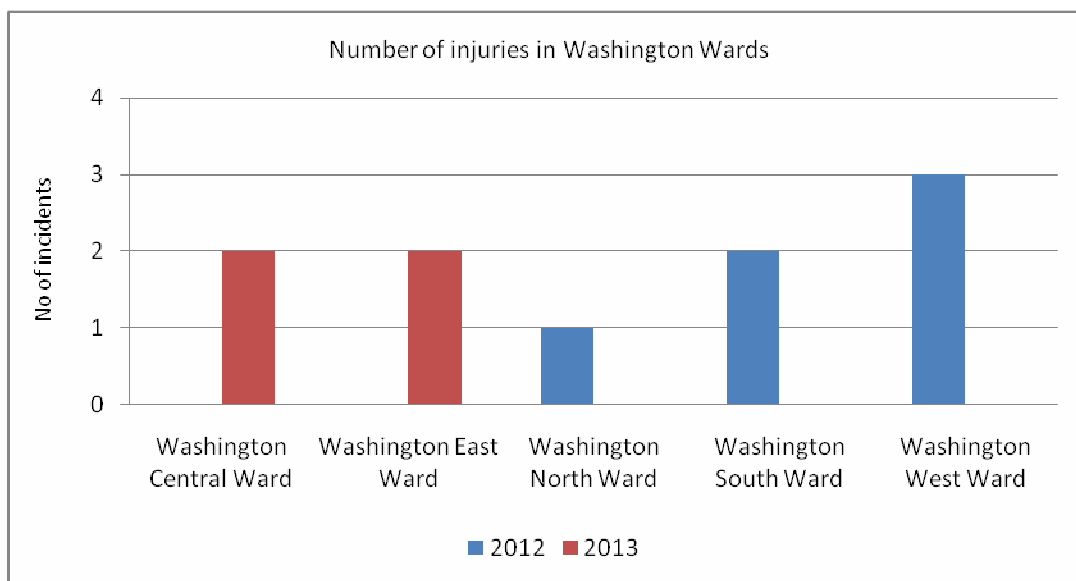
Washington wards have repeated the successful performance of 2012 with no deaths from accidental fires in dwellings in 2013 in the time frame of this report.

LI 4 Injuries from accidental dwelling fires

	Washington Central Ward	Washington East Ward	Washington North Ward	Washington South Ward	Washington West Ward	Grand Total
2012						
Feb				2		2
May					2	2
Jun					1	1
Jul			1			1
2013						
Feb		1				1
Jun	2					2
Jul		1				1
Grand Total	2	2	1	2	3	10

The Washington wards noted a 33% reduction in injuries from accidental fires. However Central (2) & East (2) recorded injuries in 2013 against none respectively in 2012.

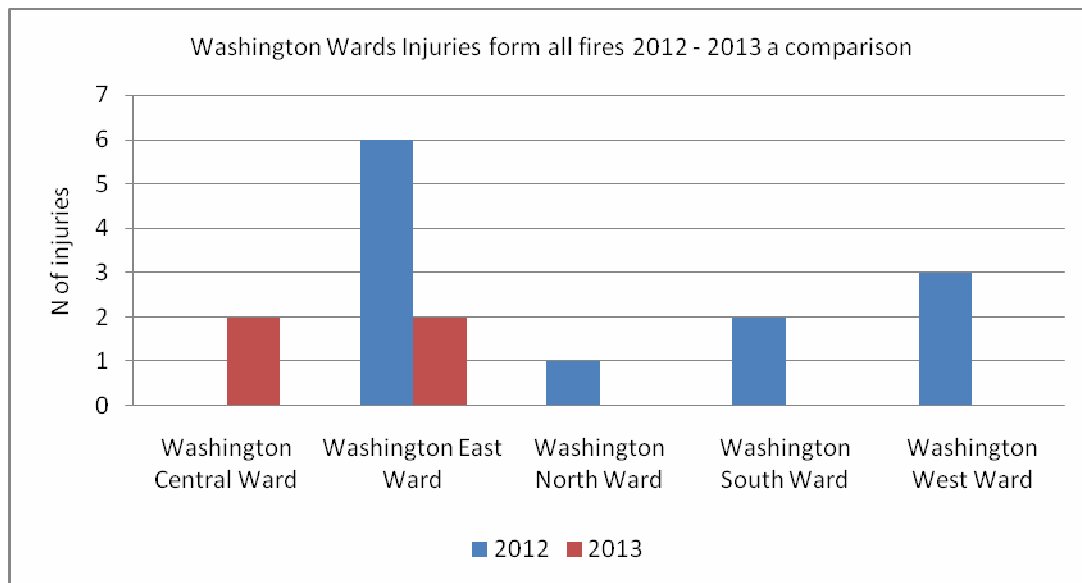
The overall comparison is:



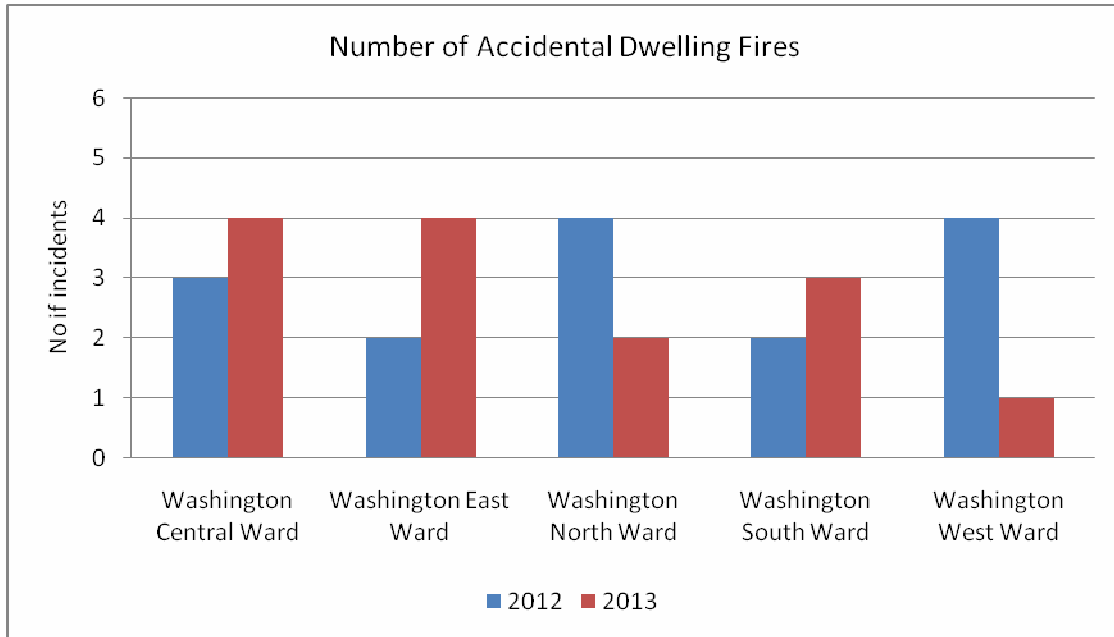
LI 5 Injuries from all fires

Row Labels	Washington Central Ward	Washington East Ward	Washington North Ward	Washington South Ward	Washington West Ward	Grand Total
2012						
Feb				2		2
May					2	2
Jun		6			1	7
Jul			1			1
2013						
Feb		1				1
Jun	2					2
Jul		1				1
Grand Total	2	8	1	2	3	16

Washington wards have seen a 66% reduction in injuries from all fires in the report time frame. Noted is the 1 incident in Jun 2012 – Washington East, which saw 6 persons injured. The overall comparison is:



LI 8 Number of accidental fires in dwellings



Washington Central, East & South have all seen a slight increase in incidents compared to the same period last year.

Washington West has seen a 75% reduction & North a 50% reduction.

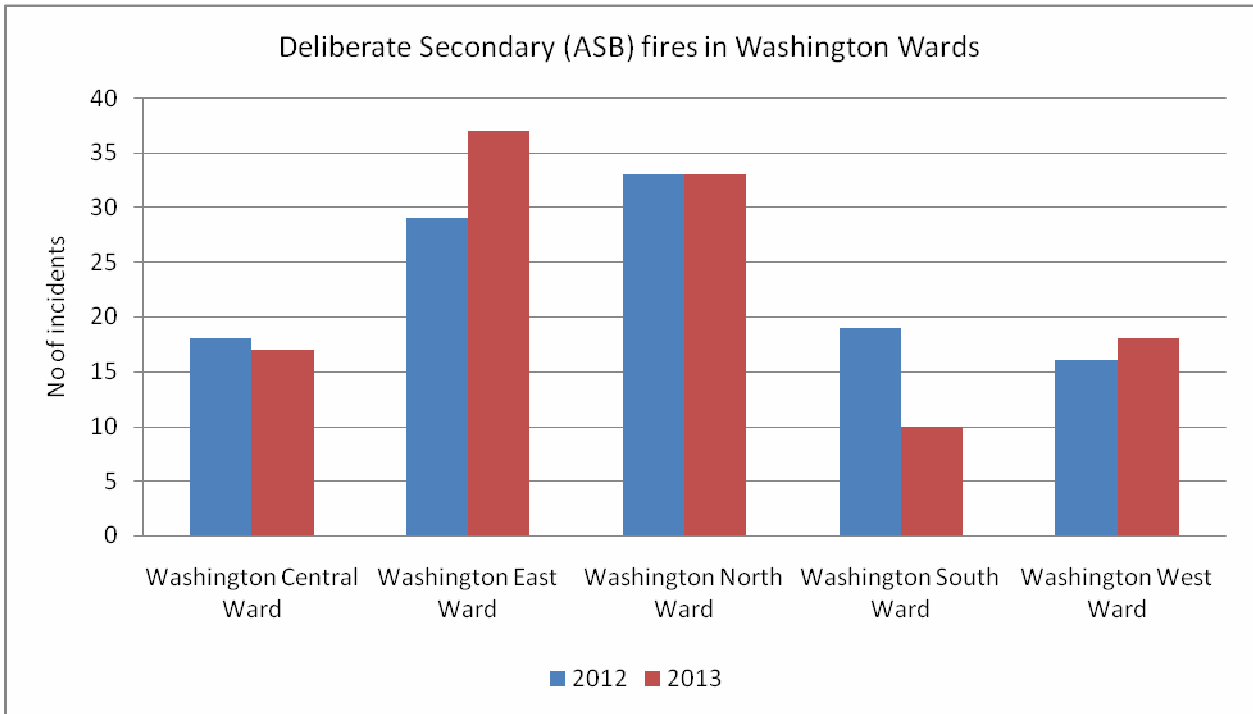
Where in dwellings did the accidental fires start?

Row Labels	Washington Central Ward	Washington East Ward	Washington North Ward	Washington South Ward	Washington West Ward
2012					
Bedroom	1				
Corridor/Hall			1		
Kitchen	2	2	2	1	
Living room				1	
Roof			1		
2013					
External fittings				1	
External Structures		1			
Kitchen	4	3	2	1	
Roof space				1	
Grand Total	7	6	6	5	

71% of incidents occurred in the 'Kitchen' location. This location has remained as the highest risk area in a dwelling from an accidental fire.

LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires (ASB fires)

The number of deliberate secondary fires has remained static at 115 incidents in 2012 and the same number in 2013.

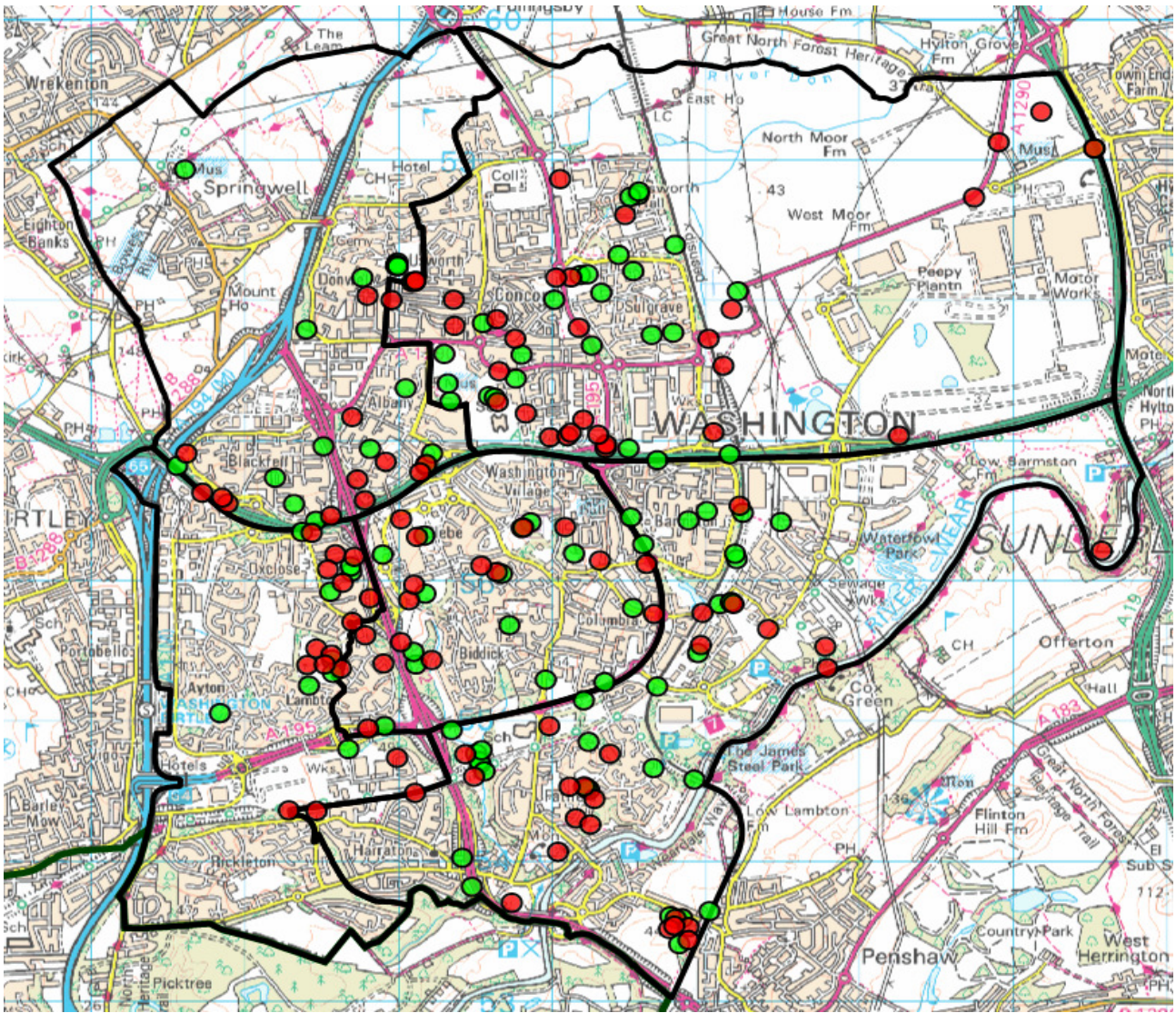


April – July has seen a worse performance for incidents than the same time in 2012 with a 31.4% increase (86 incidents compared to 59).

Washington East overall is up by 27.6% and Washington South is down by 47.3%

In both time frames 'Loose Refuse' was by far the main factor in deliberate fires, 56% & 48.7% of all secondary fires.

	Washington Central Ward	Washington East Ward	Washington North Ward	Washington South Ward	Washington West Ward	Total
2012						
Jan	3		5	1	2	11
Feb	2	1	2	1	3	9
Mar	8	13	4	6	5	36
Apr	1	6	7	5		19
May		1	8	1		10
Jun	1	7	5	3	4	20
Jul	3	1	2	2	2	10
	18	29	33	19	16	115
2013						
Jan		4				4
Feb		7	1	1	1	10
Mar	2	4	7		2	15
Apr	5	9	7	3	2	26
May	4	4	3	2	1	14
Jun	4	4	5	2	4	19
Jul	2	5	10	2	8	27
	17	37	33	10	18	115

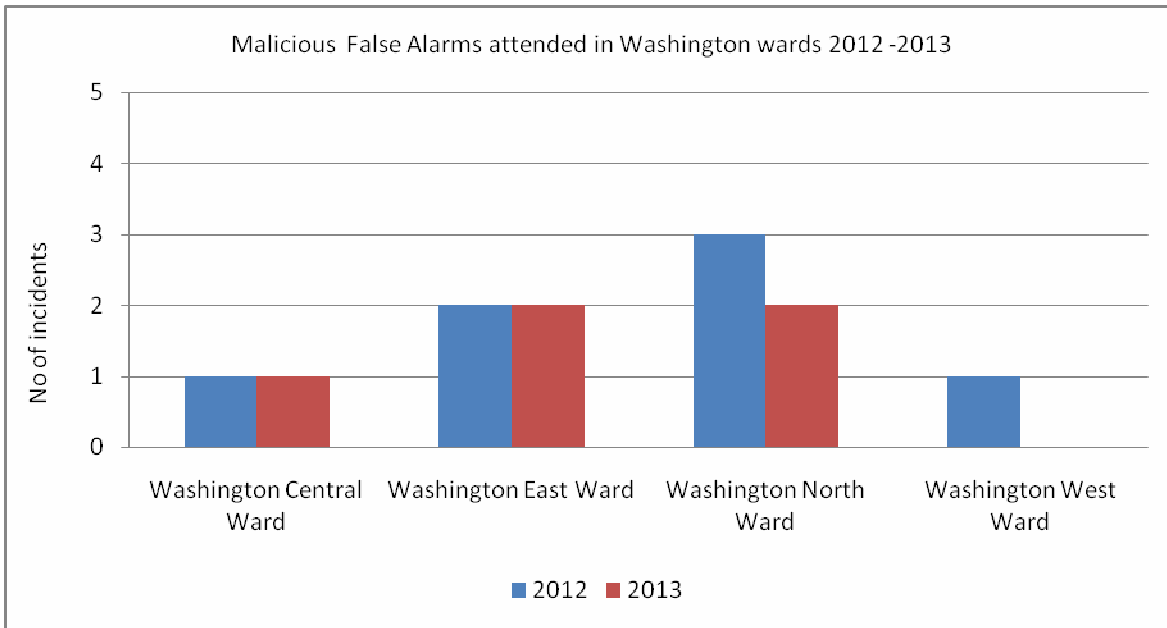


Washington Wards Deliberate secondary Fires HotSpot map comparison

Green = 2013 Red = 2012

Overview of how incident areas have remained static / moved. An example are the incidents in the Sulgrave area this year compared to 2012.

LI 21 Number of malicious false alarms attended



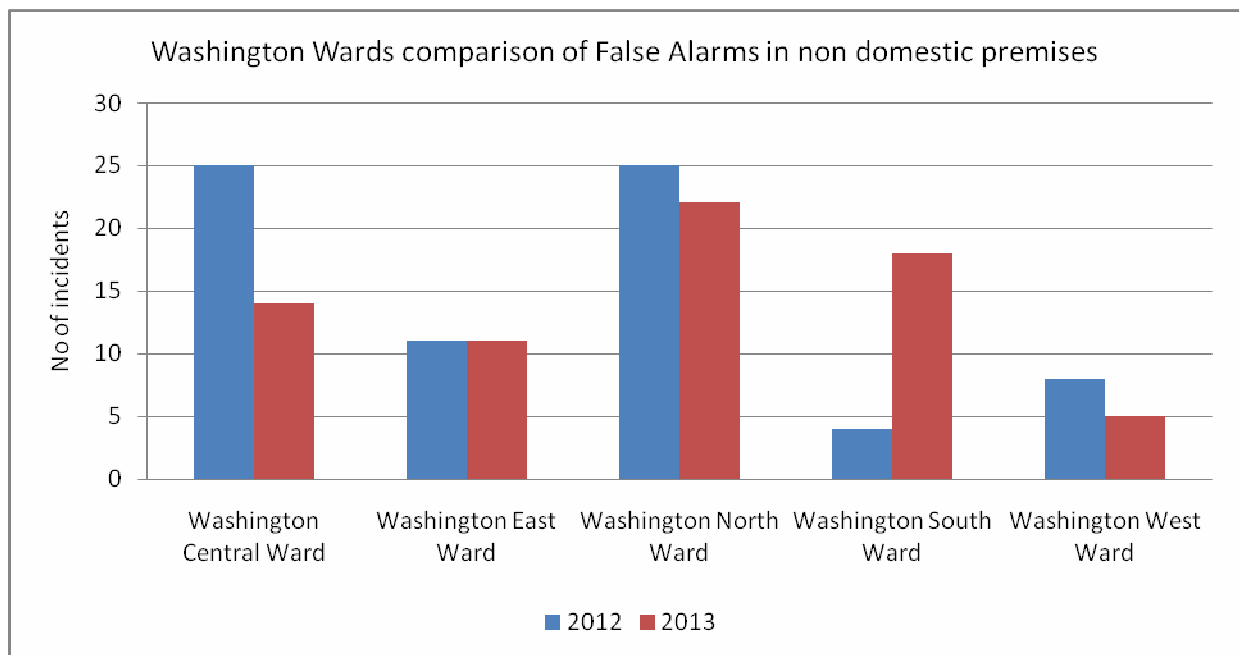
The figures have stabilised with 7 incidents in 2012 against 5 in 2013.

LI 22 Number of false alarm calls due to automatic fire alarms from non-domestic premises

As with LI 21 incidents, we note a level performance with 73 incidents in 2012 compared to 70 incidents in 2013.

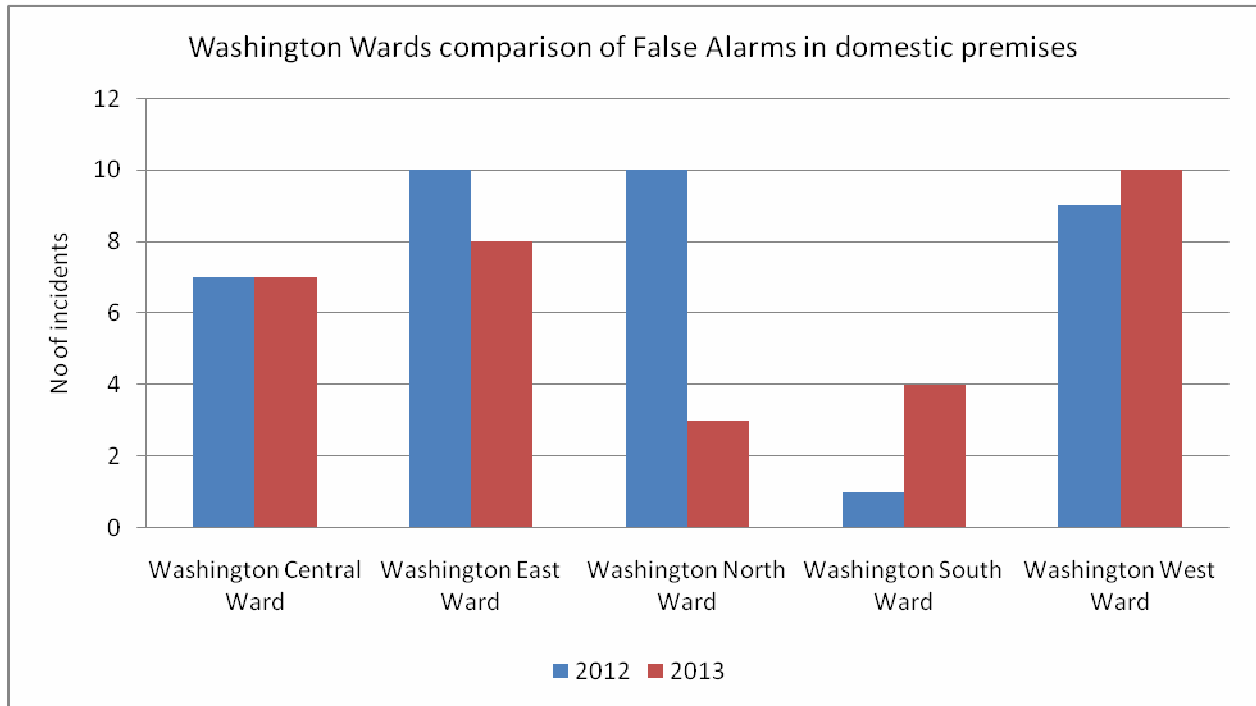
2 wards have had the highest number of incidents, Central and North Ward areas.

	Washington Central Ward	Washington East Ward	Washington North Ward	Washington South Ward	Washington West Ward	Grand Total
2012						
Jan	4	1	1		3	9
Feb	5	2	3		2	12
Mar	6	2	2	1		11
Apr	3		9			12
May	2	3	2	1		8
Jun	3	2	5	1	1	12
Jul	2	1	3	1	2	9
2013						
Jan	1		5	5		11
Feb	2	1	2	2	2	9
Mar			4	1		5
Apr	2	3	2	1		8
May	5		3	1	1	10
Jun	3	4	3	1		11
Jul	1	3	3	7	2	16
Grand Total	39	22	47	22	13	143



LI 23 Number of false alarm calls due to automatic fire detection from domestic premises

Washington North has seen a 70% improvement in false alarms. South has seen an increase from 1 to 4



Cooking / Burnt Toast & Faulty are the 2 highest reasons for the false alarms.

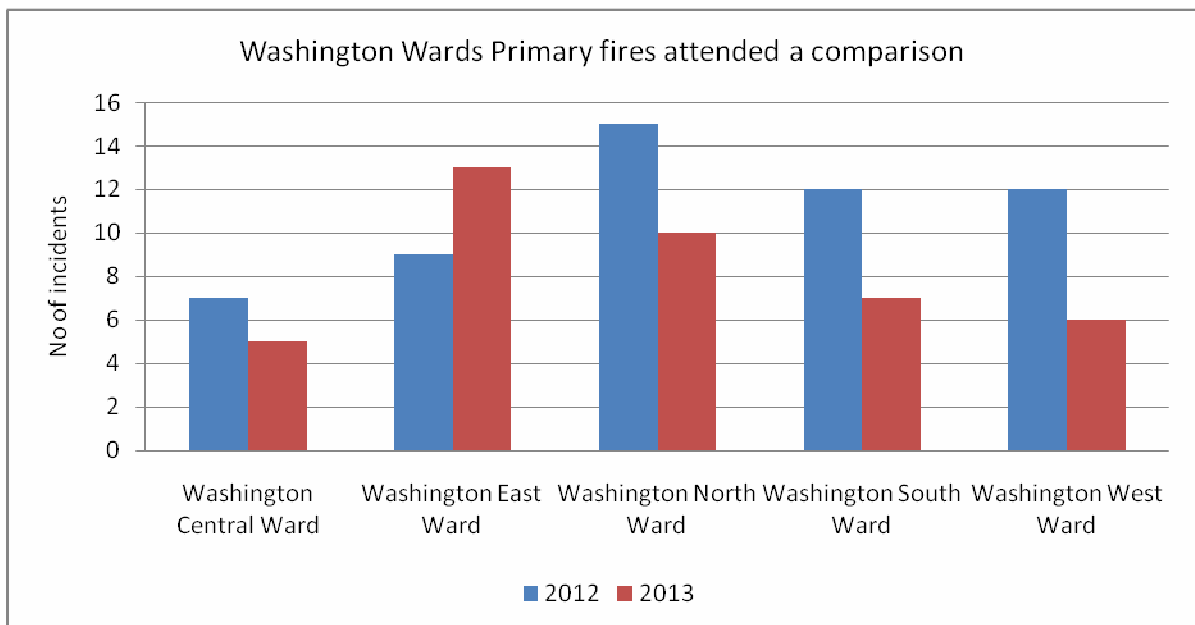
By property type we note :

Row Labels	Washington Central Ward	Washington East Ward	Washington North Ward	Washington South Ward	Washington West Ward	Grand Total
2012						
Bungalow - single occupancy	3	4			6	13
House - single occupancy	1	1	4		2	8
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy		4		1		5
Self contained Sheltered Housing	3	1	6		1	11
2013						
Bungalow - single occupancy	1	4		3	8	16
Converted Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy		1				1
House - single occupancy	5	3	2		2	12
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy				1		1
Self contained Sheltered Housing	1		1			2
Grand Total	14	18	13	5	19	69

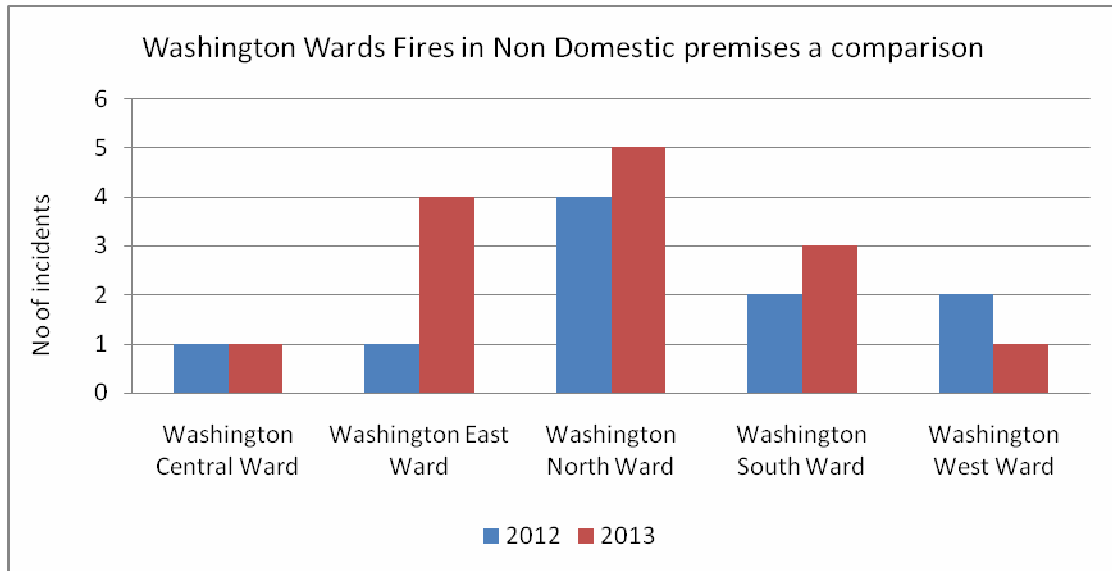
LI 29 Number of primary fires attended

Year	Date	Washington Central Ward	Washington East Ward	Washington North Ward	Washington South Ward	Washington West Ward	Grand Total
2012	Jan			4	2	1	7
	Feb	1		2	3	1	7
	Mar	2	6	2	2	2	14
	Apr	1	1	1	3	1	7
	May	1		1		3	5
	Jun	1	1	4	2	2	10
	Jul	1	1	1		2	5
2013	Jan	1	1		3		5
	Feb		2				2
	Mar	1		3	1	1	6
	Apr		3	3	1	1	8
	May	1	2		1		4
	Jun	1	2	2			5
	Jul	1	3	2	1	4	11
Grand Total		12	22	25	19	18	96

Washington East has seen an increase from 9 to 13 (30.7%), the other ward areas have seen an improvement in the number of primary fires attended.



LI 35 Number of fires in non-domestic properties



Row Labels	Washington Central Ward	Washington East Ward	Washington North Ward	Washington South Ward	Washington West Ward
2012					
Jan					
Feb			2		
Mar	1	1		1	
Jun			2	1	
2013					
Jan				1	
Feb		1			
Mar			2		
Apr		1	1	1	
May				1	
Jun		1	1		
Jul	1	1	1		
Grand Total	2	5	9	5	

The table above informs the number of incidents by ward and by month. Washington East has seen the highest increase in incidents this year as compared to 2012.