

Project Performance (People Board report)
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Below is a summary of all SIB and SIP funded projects showing how they have performed against targets and what they have achieved and spent **up until Quarter 4 2014/15**. This report excludes projects that give regular updates to the boards.

Washington Young Peoples Forum Sunderland City Council	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of community or educational events held	1	1		£8,500	£7,105	
<p>This project was funded £8,500 with an aim to encourage young people, with the support of youth workers, to contact other young people throughout Washington and organise themselves into sub-groups that look at different elements of raising the profile and image of young people in Washington. Previous progress included work with Donwell Youth Club, Gentoo, the Police, Councillors, other agencies along with a mediator and local residents, around issues within a grassed area and boundaries. The Washington Youth Council (WYC) became involved and arranged for young people from the Donwell area to attend this meeting to give their views. The WYC arranged meetings to discuss issues such as mental health, transport, education, policing, and facilities for young people in the area e.g. cinema and the new leisure centre costs, drink and drug issues, young people and politics for the Young People's State of Area Debate. The WYC also attended the Washington Heritage Festival, Washington Area Committee Meeting and the Washington working for you Event. It is proposed that the £1,395 underspend at the end of the project will be utilised in establishing the Washington Youth Forum at their new home at Springwell. The young people have identified future plans to raise the profile further, of the WYC through social media, advertising etc.</p> <p>Council members have planned to attend events to promote the work to encourage more young people to become involved in the forum and become members. This will be achieved by engaging young people through small events, and at those events, promoting issues relating to young people in the area. The forum will increase awareness of young people in the Washington area by publishing articles to promote positive images of young people, while working more closely with other organisation to share information. The Washington Youth Forum would like to organise music events for young people in Washington. The Youth Forum is very interested in how they can get involved in the promotion of cycling routes and the Washington Way and in developing a focus on young people's mental health issues working in partnership with organisations to champion the cause of mental health services for young people. WYC will be involved in the Washington Summer Carnival and will have a stall where questionnaires will be carried out continuingly. Carried forward to 2015/16 workplan.</p>						

Washington 50 – Washington School
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The Washington 50 Project awarded nearly £50,000 to deliver various projects to celebrate Washington New Town's 50th birthday and also to create a legacy. A full performance report has been previously submitted and currently there is one live project, Washington School which was funded £2,000 to deliver a Living Witness Project. The project has received an extension until December 2015. A project visit was conducted where progress was reported - the website was under construction, the school are now using Mail Chimp and parents were receiving E bulletins. An extensive marketing team has done work with BBC reporters, with children interviewing. Family links are being built, and life stories are being collated. The website will categorize into family groups. Work has been undertaken with Roseberry Court around Easter. Plaques are hoped to be fitted soon. Karon Purvis (KP) gave links to Jacqui Reeves, W Mind in relation to the Hub / Charter Mark. KP requested links were made to the School Opportunities project. Dr Beverly confirmed he promotes via E Newsletter, and KP suggested link in via Community News. More recent progress includes six weeks of filming undertaken around half term and 13 residents interviewed. The films are currently being edited and pulled together for display on the designated Washington 50 web page. Once completed, the residents who took part will come with their families to view this at a screening event. This will then open the project to the next generation within these families. The school are at the stage of involving the next residential home in the area who wish to engage in the initial stages of the project. A final project evacuation visit will take place when this project concludes on the agreed extended deadline. There is currently no expenditure to report. **Carried forward to 2015/16 workplan.**

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Youth Opportunities	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of people accessing improved advice and support	129	172		£94,829	£94,829	
Number of people receiving job training	102	78				
Number of young people aged 16-19 NEET encouraged into further education and employment	57	73				
Number of people going into employment (FTE)	58	63				

This project was funded **£99,900** in order to enable the introduction of a service for NEET young people resident in Washington. In the 4th quarter the Youth Opportunities project has begun the merger process with the School Opportunities project, in line with the February 2015 Area Committee decision to offer a single project for access to 14 to 19 year olds resident in Washington. SNCBC have been working with a number of young people who are College attendees and are experiencing a range of motivational issues which is impacting on their attendance at studying. Regular interactions with the key worker have led to two young of the people continuing with their study path rather than disengaging which was their intention on contacting the Youth Opportunities service. SNCBC have continued to work closely with Sunderland City College, Usworth Campus and local training and study support providers to maximise progression avenues for the client caseload.

School Opportunities SNCBC	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of people accessing improved advice and support	31	41		£78,274	£78,274	
Number of people receiving job training	12	40				
Number of people going into employment	0	0				

This project was to enable work to be carried out with young people prior to them entering the youth service at 16. This project was awarded **£99,982**. Progress as above regarding merger into School Opportunities Project.

Washington Way to Wellbeing Call for Projects

A Call for Projects was made to develop opportunities to help residents become more active and address health issues. A Small grant fund was made available for Go Washington Way: Grow Our Space: Get Outdoors. A call was then also made for a Charter Mark and Physical Hub. £25,000 was awarded for the hub and £15,000 for the Charter Mark. Washington Mind in partnership with Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project will deliver both elements.

The small grants fund to date has awarded a total of £10,594 between 4 grants as follows:

- Sunderland City Council Sport and Leisure £4,500 Be Active in Our Green Space. This will provide a range of marked out routes (suitable for walking, jogging, running).
- Springwell VRA Active Travel Gateway £1,964. This project will create a gateway for cyclists, pedestrians and walkers and provide secure cycle parking facilities so that cyclists, walkers and local people can start or finish their journey from the Springwell area of Washington.
- Washington Mind £2,000 to deliver Washington Way to Wellbeing which consists of 25 Walk to Jog Sessions, 5 Live Well Sessions, 20 group outdoor fitness sessions to work with people with mental health problems or illness, unemployed, single parents/carers, older people, economically disadvantaged families and young people.
- St Bedes Primary School £2,130 for a Forest School to include parents, grandparents, extended families, church, and local residents. Also to develop local gardening club with volunteers.

Whilst progress is not due until Q1, Washington Mind have provided an initial update as follows; The project has started and is engaging with 27 local people, who are signed up for the Walk to Jog Sessions. An open day will be held on the 15th May 2015 at the Life House in partnership with other organisations for Mental Health Awareness Week. Positive feedback was received from those engaging in outdoor exercise, stating they have gained confidence and made new friends. The Live Well course will commence in June, with 7 people currently on the waiting list. The equipment has been purchased and people are now more aware of the Greenspaces in Washington. People have expressed concern over areas that were once nice and are now overgrown or have litter problems. This has been fed back and linked to the Love Where You Live Campaign. The Washington Mind centre setting has been positive for groups and there have been referrals via this method. Participant questionnaires have been set up to monitor and evaluate the services offered and there are guidance leaflets and information displayed throughout the centre.

Washington VCS Support Project Washington Trust	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of community / voluntary groups supported	6	7		£17,452	£17,452	
Number of people volunteering	100	30				

This project was awarded to £74,850 to employ a development worker, Bryan Beverley who started his role on the 1st October 2014.

Progress includes support and community development activity:

Springwell VCV- CVDO is helping organisation with regards to implementing roof repairs. The CVDO is continuing to identify potential funding opportunities to apply to and possible corporate sponsorship. The CVDO supported £1500 of successful grant aid applications made in name of Ladybird Group from Gentoo and Robertson Fund. **Harraton & District Community Association** Currently the CVDO is supporting a sub-group of the management committee to work with the city council to resolve some extremely complex land/building lease and ownership issues. CVDO has facilitated meeting between management committee and external consultant to conduct building condition survey in March. In April the CVDO facilitated a tour where the management group visited a range of community facilities to explore different business, management, governance and programming models. Ward members have shown a keen interest in the situation at this facility and in this regard asked to meet with the CVDO so that they could be given a detailed account of the work undertaken with this group and the progress made. **Woodridge Gardens Residents Association** As this organisation continues to operate without a management group therefore support is being limited by the CVDO though the individual resident trying to re-establish the group is in regular contact with the project.

Washington Village Community Association As part of the initial round of CA visits, the CVDO conducted an initial SWOT analysis at this facility. It was agreed the facility would not be part of phase one of the project as the viability of the centre was still in question. Recently ward members have asked to meet with the CVDO regarding the possibility of increasing the levels of support to this organisation. **Washington Food Project.** The work associated with this organisation's safeguarding policies and procedures is almost complete. As the management group are predominately professionals working in the area, it is suggested that this group does not require an on-going support plan. **Rickleton (RA).** A meeting took place between the CVDO and representatives of Rickleton RA. The group has requested support to look at several internal procedures and to advise upon the possibility of the group taking over some land currently in city council control. The CVDO has been invited to the next group meeting.

Holy Trinity Community Group The CVDO met with Jean Dodds and Revd. Wing from Holy Trinity Church. The church and community area are in need of significant and on-going repair. Whilst the church has been able to attract some limited external funding it is still facing a significant shortfall in terms of its on-going R+M and internal improvements plan. High numbers of people using the community hall attached to the main church groups, parent and toddler, arts and crafts other interest groups. The church has agreed to receive a community development plan developed by the CVDO in partnership with Jean and other volunteers. **Donwell Community Association** Whilst no tangible progress has been made following the support given in December, in terms of engaging this organisation in sufficient depth to address the range of issues the CVDO identified in the latter part of 2014 the group do continue to communicate with the project. **Columbia Community Association** Engagement with the management group continues to be a challenge, though there is regular contact with the Chair. Volunteers have attended to install curtain rails at the chairs request. Ward members have been kept informed and an up-date meeting was held 22nd April. A further meeting will take place at the end of May 2015 with the Area Coordinator.

Top Club Family Group CVDO met with the Top Club Family Group in March. The group historically have organised family discos, trips and sporting events. The CVDO has helped the group develop a governing document, safeguarding policy and has agreed, upon the consent of the Washington Trust Board, to support the group to establish itself as a VCSO. This would include safeguarding training, disclosure and barring and a range of other internal procedures such as money management. The group have asked the CVDO to support them through the process of planning and delivering an open public meeting at which the committee would be elected and the constitution be adopted. **Volunteering Activity** As mentioned in December report the volunteering activity of the project has increased in 2015. The Washington Volunteer Steering Group (WVSG), which is facilitated and lead by the project had a very productive second meeting on 20th February. The group of partners now includes Sunderland Volunteer Centre. The group have begun the process of developing the Washington Volunteer Plan, a strategic cross sector developed document, which will be agreed by the partners which form the WVSG once it is completed. The Volunteer plan will work towards five strategic objectives. The project has worked with the other partners which form the WVSG and have identified a wide range of actions that are needed to deliver the Washington Volunteering Plan. A key element of the volunteering plan is better volunteer management and practice across all VCS organisations in Washington.

Community Volunteers (litter Picking) CVDO supported a volunteer litter pick in Blackfell where 26 bin bags of litter were removed. Further litter picks are planned for Blackfell, Fatfield and other areas of Washington. Ayton have quite a long history of volunteers picking litter and have received support from Litter Action. There are a lot of people in Washington interested in volunteering litter picking but require more support that Litter action can provide both in terms of advice/assistance and practical support such as access to equipment etc. To help facilitate community litter picking events the CVDO, supported by Sunderland City Council, has created a small store of litter picking equipment such as pickers, gloves and tabards. On behalf of the Washington Trust the CVDO has arranged a meeting of services and local people who are interested in volunteer litter picking both from established and potentially new groups. This meeting took place on the 14th April and will be attended by the Sunderland City Council; Northumbria Police who will help set the strategic position. The aim of this meeting is to support volunteers and to explore the potential of establishing a town wide group which could take on larger projects within Washington. In addition to the service providers in attendance representative from 8 litter picking groups.

Individual Volunteering Over the past two months there has been steady increase in the numbers of Washington residents, who have not volunteered historically, approaching the project for advice and referral to volunteer opportunities. Since February the project has helped 10 individual residents to secure volunteering opportunities within Washington across a range of organisations and roles. One volunteer has received first aid at work training paid for by the project and another is enrolled on the mentoring course at Mind, a third volunteer is waiting to hear if they will be enrolled on the mentoring course too. The training is provided at no cost to the project. Two volunteers are now working with Oxclose Youth Project and a couple are with Washington Mind, others will work with the Trust to support the project.

Supporting Corporate Volunteering The project is currently supporting KAI Cleaning Ltd, based in Washington, to explore the possibility of creating a “cleaning for a reason” organisation based upon the successful American model where cleaning companies (usually described as maid services) provide cleaning services to cancer patients on a voluntary basis. The company has found it difficult to engage potential partners who are already supporting cancer patients.

Summer Events 2015

A Call for Projects was made to appoint an organisation to deliver a Summer event in 2015. A £15,000 SIB grant has been awarded to Northern Events Company CIC and a Washington Carnival will be held on the 12th September 2015. Further details will follow on future performance reports, after the event.