

Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2023 / 2026



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

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

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

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