

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, 21st June 2012 at 6.00pm

**VENUE – Washington Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord,
Washington, NE38**

Membership

Cllrs B Scaplehorn (Chair), Dianne Snowdon (Vice Chair - Place), L Williams (Vice Chair – People), L Lachlan, David Snowdon, Neville Padgett, Fiona Miller, J Kelly, P Walker, J Fletcher, G Miller, G Thompson, L Farthing, H Trueman, D Trueman.

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* Denotes an item relating to an executive function

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At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE, CONCORD on THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scaplehorn in the Chair

Councillors Fletcher, Kelly, Lauchlan, F. Miller, G. Miller, Padgett, Snowdon, Thompson, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, Walker and Williams.

John Rostron	-	City Services
Brian Hodgkinson	-	City Services
Karen Alexander	-	Chief Executives
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Lorraine Hughes	-	Children's Services/Sunderland PCT
Jim Kennedy	-	Children's Services
Jane Eland	-	Children's Services
Neil Revely	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Andrea Seymour	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
Paul Wood	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
James Third	-	Nexus
Inspector Paul Stewart	-	Police
Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Phil McAloon	-	ODYPP

Members of the Washington Community.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors I. Richardson and Wake. Mike Poulter.

Declarations of Interest

Item 02a – Annual Report

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as her husband was the Education Officer for TWEBLO

Councillor G. Miller declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as Managing Director of TWEBLO.

Councillor F. Miller declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as her husband was the Managing Director of TWEBLO.

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as her husband was the Education and Heritage Officer.

Item 03b – Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) – Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Councillor Kelly declared personal and prejudicial interests in SIB application No 2, as a Board Member of Washington Trust and in the Community Chest item as a member of Usworth Banner Group and left the room during consideration of those items.

Councillor Scaplehorn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Community Chest as a member of Springwell Residents Association and left the room during consideration of the item.

Councillor Snowdon declared personal and prejudicial interests in the Community Chest applications as a Member of Glebe Residents Association and a Governor of Biddick Comprehensive School and left the room during consideration of those items.

Councillor Thompson declared personal and prejudicial interests in SIB Application No 1 as a Local Authority Representative on the Oxclose District Young People's Project Board of Trustees and in the Community Chest item as a member of the North East Goldfish Society and left the room during consideration of those applications.

Councillor Walker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Community Chest as a member of the Washington F Pit Banner Group and left the room during consideration of this item

Councillor Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Community Chest as a governor of Oxclose Community School and left the room during consideration of this item

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in the Community Chest as a member of Glebe Miners Banner Group.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 6th March, 2012

Councillor Snowdon referred to Page 5 Paragraph 8 of the minutes and that it was Councillor G. Miller who provided the update.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 6th March, 2012 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the above amendment.

Community Action in Washington: Annual Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) informing Members that at the June 2011 meeting, the Committee agreed the work plan for 2011/12. It was agreed that the April 2012 meeting would consider the Committee's 'Annual Report'.

The Annual Report provided a snapshot of the Committee's work over the 2011/2012 municipal year. There had been some major achievements and success throughout 2011/2012 and changes implemented in the way the Committee operated with a greater alignment with priorities and a clearer focus on delivery.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Karon Purvis, Area Officer presented the report and introduced Jim Kennedy, Training & Accreditation Officer who updated the Committee on the work carried out in relation to helping local people access employment opportunities with a focus on Washington young people not in Employment Education and Training (NEETs)

Mr Kennedy wished to thank the Area Committee for their continued support, with the work being extremely successful in Washington. The target had been to engage with 250 young people, yet had ended up working with 600 people, involving them in a wide range of activities.

Mr Kennedy advised that the take up for 8-12 year olds had started slowly but through Quarter 4, this began to pick up and by the end of Quarter 4 the target of 107 sessions had been reached and exceeded with 143 sessions held in total.

Mr Kennedy informed of the collaborative work carried out with partners such as Northumbria Police (Operation Choice) and the Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project which has seen a 14% reduction in Anti Social Behaviour.

Mr Kennedy also advised that he would like to see the issue of the media's negativity towards young people to be tackled.

Councillor Kelly wished to congratulate all the groups on the work they had done with the Youths of Washington

The Chairman agreed and also wished to congratulate all groups/officers which had participated in the work carried out.

The Chairman introduced Alan Fletcher, Education Officer for TWEBLO who gave a short presentation on the work carried out and the visits undertaken. Mr Fletcher requested the Area Committees consideration for continued support of the programme to enable it to pursue efforts of achieving sustainability.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that there was a great deal happening in relation to this priority and hoped this would continue.

The Chairman wished to thank Mr Fletcher for the sterling work he had provided throughout the year which the Community Associations had greatly benefited from.

The Chairman also wished to highlight the work of Brian Hodgkinson, Area Response Manager who had been exceedingly good in his role and great for the Washington Area. The Chairman requested that thanks be given to Mr Hodgkinson and his team.

In relation to page 34 of the Agenda and the Monument Park Waiting Restrictions, Councillor Kelly enquired if there were any dates envisaged for completion.

Ms Purvis advised that they were expecting the project to be complete before the summer.

Mr Bill Craddock commented that the report was very good and requested copies be provided for a wider distribution.

2. RESOLVED that Members noted and agreed the content of the Annual Report.

Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) – 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) and Community Chest to support initiatives that would benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

In relation to the Community Chest and the application for Oxclose Community Table Tennis Club, Councillors H. Trueman and Williams advised that the figures should read £500 from both Washington Central and South Wards, with £200 each from Washington East, North and West.

3. RESOLVED that the Committee

- i) Noted the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of the report.
- ii) Agreed the recommendations set out in Annex 1 with reference to the SIB applications
- iii) Approved £9,298 as a contribution from the 2011/12 SIB budget for the Young Peoples Activities Programme;

- iv) Approved £65,000 as a contribution from the 2011/12 SIB budget for the Washington Trust project,
- v) Approved £4,000 as a contribution from the 2011/12 SIB budget for the Pheonix Project
- vi) Agreed the allocation of £100,000 SIB to deliver a programme of work in 2012 which addresses an identified gap with regard to work with schools, training providers and employers (subject to receipt of detailed SIB application, assessment and consultation)
- vii) Approved the 42 proposals for support from the 2012/13 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 3 (amended at meeting).
- viii) Noted the allocation of budget for the Business Breakfast, the 2012 Washington Heritage Festival and the 2012 Concord Illuminations Event as detailed at 2.2.6 and 2.2.7 and Annex 2 of the report.

Influencing Practice, Policy and Strategy

Provision of XL Village Youth Activity

The Executive Director of Children's Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with information on the current position in relation to the XL Youth Village provision both countrywide and specifically in the Washington area. It highlighted proposals for amendments to the delivery model in order to provide better value for money and sought approval for the intended summer sites as proposed by the Washington Task and Finish Group.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Lee Ferry, XLYV Co-ordinator presented a report and powerpoint presentation informing Members of the recommendation to change the model of provision in the Washington area.

Mr Ferry advised that they would like to extend from 3 Blocks to 7 and 192 Youth sessions in the summer.

This would give a total of 280 youth work hours in Washington and Mr Ferry requested the proposed increase be considered and approved by Members for the process to go forward.

Councillor Williams commented that the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee had visited the project and it had been most encouraging to see the children engaged and wished to congratulate the group.

4. RESOLVED that Members
- i) Noted the proposed changes in the delivery model
 - ii) Considered the sites for the XL Village locations for summer 2012 as recommended by the Washington Task and Finish Group
 - iii) Agreed to receive a further report on the progress and outcomes of the project

City of Sunderland Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options and Supporting Evidence Papers

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) and powerpoint presentation offering Members the opportunity to be consulted on plans and strategies relevant to the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Neil Cole, Lead Policy Officer for Planning presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

In response to Councillor H. Trueman's query, Mr Cole advised that the 'mismatch' of Industrial Estates and retail was a big issue which was difficult to address.

Councillor H. Trueman agreed and commented that it would have been good if these industrial estates could have been used for housing.

The Chairman commented that there was not much provision in the Strategy for Housing.

Mr Cole advised that there was considerable green space and employment land in Washington which provided constraints, but the amount of green space was also a reason why Washington was a popular place to live and the 900 houses mentioned in the Strategy would be the minimum figure.

In response to the Chairman's request for considering the dilapidated Industrial Estates for housing, Mr Cole advised that it was an option.

Councillor Kelly commented that he was in favour of retaining the green belt and that executive housing was important but his main concern was in relation to affordable housing and the long waiting list for accommodation.

Councillor Kelly also commented that whilst he did not want to lose the green belt, there did need to be serious consideration given to affordable housing.

Councillor Snowdon also wished to protect the green belt and raised concerns over what could be done to stop neighbouring authorities such as Gateshead Council from building up to our boundaries.

Councillor Snowdon also commented that in terms of retail, she believed the Galleries Shopping Centre was at full capacity.

Councillor G. Miller commented that there were several issues with housing, including our need to get developers to build where we required them to and not just where they wanted to.

Mr Cole advised that the plan would serve to influence developers on where to build but in terms of viability and in the current economic climate we had to strike a careful balance on the nature of sites we released.

In relation to the Council's duty to co-operate with other authorities, Mr Cole advised that there was more guidance being released and it was a huge issue now as we had to show how we would co-operate to meet the strategic priorities. This was a very long process but they were beginning to 'get to grips' with it and dealing with adjacent authorities.

Councillor Williams commented she was rather surprised by the statement that the Galleries Shopping Centre was 'punching above its weight' and also raised concerns over the issue of the number of school places available for residents when any new homes were built, which needed to be taken into consideration.

Councillor Williams also referred to the high usage of cars in Washington and the major issue of parking problems in the estates.

Mr Cole commented that in relation to school places they did look at infrastructure when considering housing and the Infrastructure Development Plan had been sent out to external utility providers as well as the Councils internal providers such as the Education department.

The next piece of work would focus at a micro level, considering if 900 homes were to be built, where the clusters of growth would be and which schools would come under pressure from this.

Mr Cole also advised that the new Community Infrastructure Levy would allow the authority to tax developers so that they could secure the money required for the infrastructure that could be needed.

Councillor Thompson commented on the road traffic accidents involving cyclists and enquired if there were plans to extend the cycle ways out of town, into Tyneside for example, to link to other authorities.

Mr Cole advised that under the duty to co-operate with other authorities, connecting areas was an issue being looked at.

5. RESOLVED that the Committee had considered the content of the LDF and it's relating documents.

The Chairman wished to draw to the attention of the Committee, the State of the Area Debate due to be held at Washington Multi Purpose Centre, which everyone

was welcome to attend. The Chairman then thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

(Signed) B. SCAPLEHORN,
Chairman.

21st June 2012**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Setting the Scene - Strengthening the Area Governance Arrangements****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To outline improved changes to the City Council's area governance arrangements and supporting practices, as part of the wider review of the Executive and Committee arrangements agreed by Annual Council on 16 May 2012.

2.0 Background

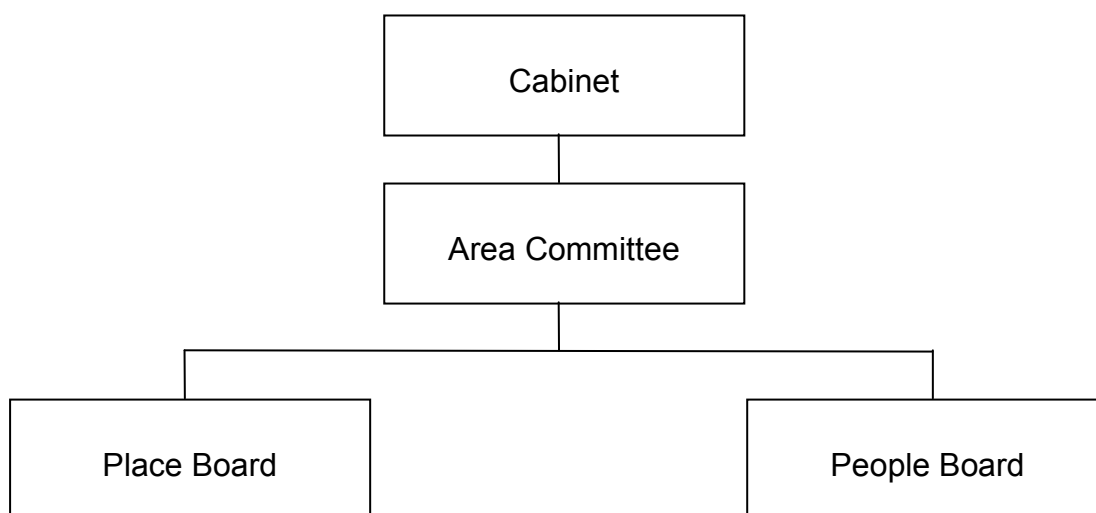
- 2.1 As Members are aware, the Area Committees were established to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of value for money and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making.
- 2.2 For a number of years the Area Committees have achieved this through taking the lead on the development and delivery of Local Area Plans. By working closely with council officers, partners and actively encouraging the participation of local residents the Area Committees have identified all main priorities for the improvement of the area and monitored the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the council and other main providers in the area.
- 2.3 More recently and as part of the restructuring arrangements in the Council the Responsive Local Services Street Scene Service was set up which introduced the delivery of services including graffiti removal, fly tipping, litter, dog fouling, grass cutting and refuse and recycling at a local level and in a way that is responsive to local needs. The Area Committees have worked effectively to date with Street Scene staff to help to influence service delivery in their areas.
- 2.4 It is intended to increase the range of services delivered at a local level and in doing so develop further the role and capacity of Area Committees to support this devolution.
- 2.5 In practice, the Area Committees will have greater influence in the design, delivery and review of services delivered in, and on behalf, of their communities. The Area Committees will be placed at the heart of decision making and improved practical governance arrangements are being introduced, including the introduction of Area Boards for Place and People in each area.
- 2.6 In doing so, the Area Committees will have real, direct influence over local services and clearer, more direct local accountability, with a focus on action to ensure better outcomes for local people.

3.0 Area Governance Arrangements – An Enhanced Governance Structure and Improved Ways of Working

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- (a) Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- (b) Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensure maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 The establishment of Place and People Boards in each of the five areas has been introduced to support the Area Committees in delivering against agreed priorities, as illustrated below:-



3.3 Each Board will be chaired by one of the Area Committee's two Vice Chairs and have elected member representation from each of the Area's wards. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that these boards are not decision making bodies and the work / recommendations of the boards will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on those boards for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Place Board Membership	People Board Membership
Councillor Diane Snowdon (Chair)	Councillor Linda Williams (Chair)
Councillor Len Lachlan	Councillor Diane Snowdon
Councillor Neville Padgett	Councillor David Snowdon
Councillor Jill Fletcher	Councillor Peter Walker
Councillor George Thompson	Councillor Louise Farthing
Councillor Bernie Scaplehorn	Councillor Dorothy Trueman

3.4 It is intended, however, that the boards are inclusive and open to any members to attend in a non-voting capacity.

4.0 Influencing the Delivery of Public Services at an Area level

4.1 Wherever possible the Area Committees will take decisions, shape and influence the delivery of public sector services at a very local level. In utilising elected members unique understanding of the communities in which they serve and putting the needs of residents at the forefront of decisions made, the Area Committees will continue to ensure that services delivered at a local level meet the needs of communities and quality standards are maintained.

- 4.2 There are a number of place based services currently delivered at a local level through 'Responsive Local Services – Street Scene' as identified earlier in paragraph 2.3 of this report, which include graffiti removal, fly tipping, litter, dog fouling and grass cutting, refuse collection and recycling, with the addition of parks, repairs and play inspection this year, 80% of place services will be delivered at a local level. The Area Committees will now have much more of an influential role in determining how those services are now delivered through the work of the Place Board.
- 4.3 This change in approach will ensure that the Area Committees are continuing to engage with communities on their behalf and influence decisions on services to meet their needs at a local level, achieving better outcomes for local people with a more responsive approach to service delivery.
- 4.4 The role of people boards is currently being determined and will be introduced from September 2012 onwards.

5.0 Meeting Management - Frequency of Area Committees / Boards

- 5.1 To allow the Area Committees the capacity to meet the challenges of this new way of working it is intended that Area Committees will meet five times a year.
- 5.2 The Area Boards will meet on a monthly basis and as such hold a minimum of two board meetings before each meeting of the Area Committees. The boards will be responding to the priorities referred to them by the Area Committee and in turn updating the Area Committee in relation to progress, requests for decisions / funding and the ability to undertake its influencing role as necessary.

6.0 Support Arrangements

- 6.1 The Area Committees will continue to be supported by Neil Revely , Area Lead Executive and Karon Purvis Area Officer in terms of how it develops and delivers on its area priorities. Area Committee will also be supported by Paul wood in terms of Governance Support arrangements
- 6.2 In the short term, Mike Poulter Head of Service for Commissioning and Change Management in City Services will support the Area Committee in the establishment of the Area Boards.

7.0 Impact on the Allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget and Community Chest Grants

- 7.1 The Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) remains unchanged and continues to be a resource made available to the Area Committees' to allocate against agreed area priorities only. It should be noted that SIB city-wide applications are not permitted where they impact upon any more than two areas .
- 7.2 The Community Chest is a grant made available to ward members to allocate to community groups in their own wards, up to maximum of six wards. The three ward members will continue to make the decisions on applications at a ward level.

7.3 As the Area Committees will meet five times a year, a responsive decision making process is to be introduced to ensure where necessary urgent decisions can be made in relation to SIB, Community Chest and Healthy Cities Fund applications.

8.0 Recommendation

8.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee receives the report outlining the improved changes to its operating framework and asks any questions felt appropriate.

9. Background Papers

9.1 No background papers used in the preparation of this report.

10 Recommendations

10.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee

- (a) Receives the report outlining the improved changes to its operating framework and asks any questions felt appropriate; and
- (b) Approves the membership of Place and People boards as outlined in 3.3 of this report

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21ST June 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Determining the Area Committee's Priorities for 2012/13

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To determine the Area Committee's key areas of priority for the year ahead, which will form the basis of the Committee's Local Area Plan for 2012/13.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In 2011 the City Council agreed to refresh the Sunderland Strategy and identify ways in which to strengthen the strategy, both in its delivery and measurement of performance. One of the agreed improvements is the introduction of the City Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework. The Framework identifies how the City Council intends to support the delivery of the city outcomes and specifically focuses on the City Council's unique contribution to delivering those outcomes.
- 2.2 The review of the Local Area Plans and the Area Committees' priorities for 2012/13 is integral to ensuring the delivery of those outcomes at a local level.
- 2.3 At the workshop held in May 2012, Members of the Area Committee considered data relevant to the area circumstances in the context of those emerging Corporate Outcomes. Members also brought to the discussions their own unique understanding of their communities which focused around:-
 - (a) Where the Area Committee could influence how services are delivered at a local level;
 - (b) How the Area Committee could impact upon the delivery of Corporate Outcomes at a local level; and
 - (c) To review the current activity delivered by the Area Committee and to determine whether it remained an area of priority to continue.
- 2.4 The priorities that began to emerge from the workshop were shared with residents at the State of the Area Debate and with Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) partners through the Area Voluntary Community Sector Network (AVCSN). The results of the consultation are outlined later within this report.

3.0 Emerging Priorities

3.1 **Annex 1** identifies the proposed Local Area Plan and Area Priorities for the Area Committee's consideration identifying where the Area Committee proposed it could both influence and have impact on and as such what its priorities for funding might be for the year ahead.

3.2 In summary, proposed priorities for 2012/13 are:-

1. To help local young people to access opportunities for employment, education and attainment.
2. To maintain key partnerships and collaboration for a safe and secure Washington.
3. To ensure investment in high quality built and natural environments of Washington.
4. To support community inclusion and resilience and ensure the right mix of services and facilities for the area through involving and supporting the VCS.

4.0 Consultation Outcomes

4.1 At the State of the Area Debate on 31st May, residents were asked to identify their main priorities for action in the forthcoming year, considering the emerging priorities or whether there were more important issues mattered to them at a local level. Additionally the VCS networks were asked for their views in helping the Area Committee to set their priorities for the coming year.

4.2 The event was an opportunity for residents to engage in discussion with officers, Members and partners about the issues facing them and their area. Washington's State of the Area event was well attended and residents identified a number of key issues:

- A number of concerns were raised with regards to the implementation and development of the Bus Links, pot holes and the condition of roads, speeding and dangerous driving, signage for Oxclose from the main highways, and parking/dropping off at schools.
- Rising costs for community groups to hire room and venues.
- Improvements and refurbishment of Washington Village Cemetery plus the need to identify a site for a new cemetery in Washington.
- Enforcement with regard to litter and dog fouling, need for more litter bins, joint approach by the city and Gentoo with regards to grounds maintenance and grass cutting, and travellers and illegal camping in James Steel Park.
- Land development issues including plans for Ayton Primary School land, and delays re proposals for new supermarkets.

- Local provision of sexual health clinics and advice for young people
- Co-ordination of information for residents and community voluntary sector including a social/event calendar for groups, database of associations, groups etc. to promote, information share and network, and opportunities for partnership working between groups.
- Involving and engaging with older residents, networking and the co-ordination of services for older people and the most vulnerable to address social isolation
- Impact of welfare reform, cuts and women's access to education
- Ensure services, facilities and projects for young people are maintained

4.3 In addition residents and stakeholders identified a Safe and Secure Washington and an Attractive Neighbourhood as the top two key priorities for 2012/13. Members are requested to consider the information above when agreeing the priorities and work plan for 2012/13.

4.4 The Washington AVCSN met on May 31st to consider and comment on the emerging priorities. The main issues and comments raised were;

- Better use of local intelligence and interpretation, utilising the VCS and partners to inform, influence and impact on local service delivery. Also, a need to recognise and value the qualitative work of the sector and understand the impact on services if the VCS is not supported and sustained
- Need to recognise the need for early interventions at a local level particularly for health services. The VCS in Washington plays a major role in service delivery and intervention.
- In response to education, attainment and employment, the VCS highlighted the need to focus on upskilling and retraining to support the family and to ensure volunteering is valued and linked to skills development and employment opportunities. Social enterprise, entrepreneurship and self employment also needs support in Washington
- Mental health and emotional well being, especially for young people and needs of young carers was highlighted. Young people in particular often need transitional support to re-enter the world of work, build self esteem and experience positive life changes.
- The network also asked Area Committee to note that the provision of Information, Advice and Guidance Services (IAG) on line only and utilising a 'self service' approach is not always appropriate for some sectors of the community.

4.5 The Area Committee is asked to note the information outlined in paragraphs 4.2 to 4.4 and consider those issues raised, when determining the priorities for the year ahead and the Local Area Plan.

5.0 Next steps

5.1 Following agreement of the priorities at tonight's meeting, the Area Committee will then be requested to determine the detail of the Local Area Plan's work plan for 2012/13. It is anticipated a further workshop will be held with all Members of the Committee to confirm activity and actions to be referred to the relevant Place and People Boards as part of the strengthened area governance arrangements. Area Committee will also consider whether the Committee wishes to ring fence funding to support agreed priorities, actions and activity.

6.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Committee is requested to:-

(a) Consider the issues raised by residents at the State of the Area Debate and the VCS Network and agree the priorities for 2012/13 year ahead, which will form the basis of their Local Area Plan and

(b) Agree to hold a further workshop to determine the detailed Washington Area Committee LAP work plan for 2012/13, as referred to in paragraph 5.1.

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PEOPLE
Washington Local Plan 2012/13

Corporate Outcomes Framework & Area Outcomes	What will Area Committee do?		Role for Area Committee
	Influencing role	Local Action	
<p>Corporate: A City where everyone is as healthy as they can be and enjoys a good standard of well being</p> <p>Area: A Healthy Washington: Contribute to ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles.</p>	<p>Influence GP Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) at an area level.</p> <p>Receive reports and information to influence plans, policy and strategy via the People Board</p>	<p>Area representation at CCG and potential links to People Board in each of the 5 areas.</p> <p>Commissioning of projects through the Healthy City Investment Fund</p> <p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing role</p>
<p>Corporate: A City with high levels of skills, educational attainment and participation</p> <p>Area: Education and attainment in Washington: Continue to support working to help local young people to access opportunities</p>	<p>Influencing role re Strengthening Families agenda</p> <p>Through the People Board, ensure engagement of partners to improve resident's job and career prospects.</p> <p>Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the People Board</p>	<p>Monitor current initiatives funded by Area Committee which work with young people to stimulate opportunities in education, training and employment</p> <p>Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	<p>Support young people to access opportunities IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY FOR LOCAL ACTION</p> <p>Strategic Influencing role</p>
<p>Corporate : A City which is and feels even safer and more secure</p> <p>Area: A Safer Washington: Continue to ensure key partnerships and collaboration maintains the good results achieved.</p>	<p>Influence mainstream resources & partnerships ensuring continued collaboration</p> <p>Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the Place Board and the People Board</p>	<p>Working through LMAPS ensure local issues and problems are addressed.</p> <p>Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	<p>Maintain key partnerships and collaboration for a safe and secure Washington IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY FOR LOCAL ACTION</p> <p>Strategic Influencing role</p>
<p>Corporate: Ensures people are able to look after themselves</p> <p>Area: Cared for in Washington: Contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Washington's most vulnerable.</p>	<p>Influencing role through the Health and Well Being Board and the Strengthening Families Agenda</p> <p>Understand the impact of Welfare Reform</p> <p>Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the People Board</p>	<p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing role</p>

PLACE
Washington Local Plan 2012/13

Corporate Outcomes Framework & Area Outcomes	What will Area Committee do?		Role for Area Committee
	Influencing role	Local Action	
<p>Corporate: An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time</p> <p>Area: High quality built and natural environments in Washington: Influence investment in Washington.</p>	<p>Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the Place Board</p> <p>Influencing Core Strategy outcomes for Washington – WAC consulted as part of statutory consultation processes.</p>	<p>Monitor and receive information relating to development of Washington Managed Workspace and the new Leisure Centre</p> <p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	<p>Investment in the built & natural environment IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY FOR LOCAL ACTION</p> <p>Strategic Influencing role</p>
<p>Corporate: A responsible, well looked after city that is adaptable to change</p> <p>Area: A Washington adaptable to change and with a strong sense of community: Continue to support the significant partnership working, influencing the redesign of services and development of facilities, and support community resilience and inclusion and involvement.</p>	<p>Through the Place Board facilitate and influence service redesign and delivery and look to expanding a more responsive and locality based approach to delivering services</p> <p>Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the Place Board</p> <p>Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the Place Board</p>	<p>Continue to refer local issues to Area Response Team and Place Board</p> <p>Engage residents, organisations in the upkeep and improvement of their local area and work with VCS partners to help increase awareness of services and support available to in the community.</p> <p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	<p>Community support, resilience and inclusion And attractive neighbourhood & improved services and facilities IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY FOR LOCAL ACTION</p> <p>Strategic Influencing role</p>
<p>Corporate: A well connected City</p> <p>Area: A well connected Washington: Continue to promote accessibility across Washington and ensure transport networks meet local needs.</p>	<p>Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the Place Board</p> <p>Influence development of sustainable transport options through consultation of the Core Strategy. Include view re Metro extension and consultation with Nexus re Quality Contracts</p>	<p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing role</p>
<p>Corporate: A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction</p> <p>Area: Washington's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Washington's culture and identity.</p>	<p>Influencing role with City Services to determine future strategy for managing local events and celebrations.</p> <p>Receive report from the Place Board updating WAC on progress following Washington Heritage Offer Feasibility Study</p>	<p>Continue to monitor and receive information relating to celebrations, events and activities taking place throughout 2012.</p> <p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing role</p>

ECONOMY
Washington Local Plan 2012/13

Corporate Outcomes Framework & Area Outcomes	What will Area Committee do?		Role for Area Committee
	Influencing role	Local Action	
<p>Corporate: An inclusive economy for all</p> <p>Area: Washington's inclusive economy: Contribute to getting local people of all ages into work, providing them with the skills to help them access opportunities, and supporting young people to work, live and stay in the area.</p>	<p>Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the People Board. Through the People Board, ensure engagement of partners to improve resident's job and career prospects.</p> <p>Influencing role through partnership working ensuring accessibility & transport networks in place to employment sites</p> <p>Influencing Core Strategy outcomes for Washington re employment sites</p>	<p>Continue to monitor and receive information relating to current initiatives and activities supporting residents and young people into employment, training or further education.</p> <p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	Strategic Influencing role
<p>Corporate: A new kind of university City</p> <p>Area: Washington as part of the University City: Promote Washington and ensure links established.</p>	<p>Influencing role with regard to local 'badging' and joint working with the University</p> <p>Ensure access for local people to emerging opportunities in health and social care</p> <p>Influencing role to ensure accessibility and transport networks in place to higher education sites</p>	<p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	Strategic Influencing role
<p>Corporate: A National Hub of the Low Carbon Economy</p> <p>Area: Washington as a hub of the low carbon economy: Continue to engage with relevant partners and business</p>	<p>Influencing role with the sector continuing to engage and stimulate opportunities for local residents.</p> <p>Through the People Board continue to engage with the sector to provide relevant support re the impacts of government led change.</p>	<p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	Strategic Influencing role
<p>Corporate: A Prosperous and Well Connected Waterfront City Centre</p>	<p>Receive appropriate reports of progress, plans, policy or strategy from the Place Board, which are relevant to Washington</p>	<p>Monitoring and receiving information in recognition of any new issue being raised from influencing role/reporting</p>	Strategic Influencing role

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
21st June 2012
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Community Chest, and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) - 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 Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

1. Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report
2. Approve the 16 proposals totalling **£5,135** for support from 2012/13 Community Chest as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 1**

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Washington LAP. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area. The Area Committee has been allocated a budget of £287,261 for 2012/13. £1,834 has been carried forward from 2011/12 giving the Area Committee a budget of £289,095 for 2012/13.

The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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 Committees:

Regeneration Review Committee.
Management Scrutiny Committee.

21st June 2012

Report of the Chief Executive.

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) 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 up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest.

2.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENT WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FUNDING STREAMS 2012-2013 as at 21st June 2012

2.1. The tables below show the position following the April 2012 meeting.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
The allocation for 2012/13 is £287,261 (subject to approval), with the under spend of £1,834 from 2011/12 this totals £289,095				
				£289,095
Project Name	-		-	-
Young People's Activities	26.04.12		£9,298	£279,797
Washington Trust	26.04.12		£65,000	£214,797
The Phoenix Project	26.04.12		£4,000	£210,797
School Opportunities	26.04.12	£100,000		£110,797
Healthy City Investment Fund (approved to AC to award)	31.03.12	£31,079 (Awarded from PCT)		£141,876
New Balance		£131,079	£78,298	£141,876

Community Chest

Available Funding 2012/13 includes the 2012/13 allocation of £10,000 per ward and £13,323 unclaimed or unallocated from 2011/ 2012.

	Community Chest Budget	Approvals	Balance
Central	£13,951	£5,542	£ 8,409
East	£10,847	£1,430	£ 9,417
North	£11,587	£3,500	£ 8,087

South	£15,089	£2,950	£12,139
West	£11,849	£3,123	£ 8,726
Balance	£63,323	£16,545	£46,778

2.2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.2.1 Following the April 2012 Area Committee meeting, a balance of **£110,797 SIB** remains to be allocated from the 2012/13 budget. **£31,079 Healthy City Investment Fund** also remains to be allocated to specific initiatives as agreed at the Area Committee meeting held 31st March. This leaves a total of £141,876 to be allocated in 2012/13.

2.2.2 There are no SIB applications submitted to this meeting for approval.

2.3 Community Chest

2.3.1 The table below details balances remaining following the last meeting in April 2012 and grant returned to budget since the April meeting. A total of 16 project proposals received are detailed in **Annex 1**

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Proposals	Grant returned June 2012	Balance Remaining
Washington Central	£ 8,409	£ 380	£541	£ 8,570
Washington East	£ 9,417	£ 927	£440	£ 8,930
Washington North	£ 8,087	£2,704	£ 31	£ 5,414
Washington South	£12,139	£ 994	£ 61	£11,206
Washington West	£ 8,726	£ 130	£128	£ 8,724
Total	£46,778	£5,135	£1,201	£42,844

Recommendations:

Committee is requested to:

1. Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report.
2. Approve the 16 proposals for support from 2012/13 Community Chest as detailed in **Annex 1**

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COMMUNITY CHEST 2012/2013 WASHINGTON AREA PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2012/2013	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
Central	Lambton Lions Jnr FC (u9): Equipment	£ 250			
	Miners Banner Parade: Road Traffic Management	£ 130			
	Totals (2)	£ 380	14,492	5,542	£8,570
East	Columbia Pie & Pea Lunch Club: Christmas lunch for elderly residents	£ 400			
	Miners Banner Parade: Road Traffic Management	£ 130			
	Barmston & District Community Forum: Office equipment, printer and paper	£ 397			
	Totals (3)	£ 927	11,287	1,430	£8,930
North	Millennium Centre Friends: Trip & Lunch for Group	£ 500			
	Crafty Hands : Sewing Machine	£ 99			
	Washington NPT: Durham Aged Miners Homes – 12 x Guard Cam CCTV Lights	£ 475			
	Usworth Grange Primary School: Transport costs for school trip to Seaburn + picnic (3 coaches)	£ 500			
	The Family Group: Pantomime and trip	£ 1000			
	Miners Banner Parade: Road Traffic Management	£ 130			
	Totals (6)	£ 2,704	11,618	3,500	£5,414
South	Tyne and Wear All stars: Football equipment	£ 364			
	Oxclose church Luncheon club: volunteers food Hygiene Course	£ 250			
	Lambton Lions Jnr FC (u9): Equipment	£ 250			
	Miners Banner Parade: Road Traffic Management	£ 130			
	Totals (4)	£ 994	15,150	2,950	£11,206
West	Miners Banner Parade: Road Traffic Management	£ 130			
	Totals (1)	£ 130	11,977	3,123	£8,724
Totals	16 applications	£5,135	£64,524	£16,545	£42,844