

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday 26th September 2019 at 6.00pm

VENUE – Washington Millennium Centre (Old Hall)

Membership

Cllrs Lauchlan (Chair), F. Miller (Vice Chair - Place), D. Trueman (Vice Chair – People), Armstrong, Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, G Miller, Scaplehorn, David Snowdon, Dianne Snowdon, T. Taylor, H. Trueman, P. Walker, and Williams

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18th September 2019

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in WASHINGTON MILLENIUM CENTRE, on THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE, 2019 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors Armstrong, Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, F. Miller, G. Miller, Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman and Williams.

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Louise Butler	-	Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Mrs. Karon Purvis	-	Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Jon Ritchie	-	Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Inspector Nick Gjorven	-	Northumbria Police
Mr. Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Ian Warne	-	TWFRS
Members of the Public	-	

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, inviting introductions from those in attendance and advising of the right to record proceedings.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Scaplehorn, D. Snowdon, D.E. Snowdon and P. Walker and also Ms Sylvia Copley,

Declarations of Interest

Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Item 6 – Annex 3 – Phoenix Project (Washington)

Councillor Taylor made an open declaration as Chair of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and left the room during consideration of the application.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st March 2019

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21st March, 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Washington Area Committee Annual Report 2018-19

The Chair of the Washington Area Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Washington Area Committee's Annual Report 2018-19.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

2. RESOLVED that Members noted the Washington Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2018-19

Partner Agency Reports – Washington Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Karon Purvis Area Officer, took the Committee through the report informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

Members having fully considered the report, it was: -

3. RESOLVED that the content of the report and the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police submitted a verbal report and a circulatory report which provided an update on crime and disorder in the Washington area between 1st April 2019 and 15th June, 2019.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Nick Gjorven of Northumbria Police presented the report to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti-social behaviour data and of any on-going issues in the Washington area.

Inspector Gjorven referred to the ASB figures and advised that these were relatively low in comparison to other areas across the city.

In relation to Burglary other than dwellings this was due to sheds and garages being broken into, funding had been provided for shed alarms to be given out so hopefully this would help tackle the issue.

Inspector Gjorven also advised of the work undertaken by the two teams within the area including a drugs warrant within Glebe resulting in over £20,000 of drugs being seized, money being seized and arrests made. This had been a great success all through community intelligence.

The teams had also targeted hot spots, seizing a number of alcohol and worked with licenses premises and schools in the area.

Councillor Williams referred to the Central Wards meeting with Gentoo and the Police to look at potential issues coming up in Glebe and enquired if this would be happening across all of Washington.

Colin McCartney, Gentoo, advised that this was something that could be shared across all areas of Washington and he could explore this further.

In response to Councillor Taylors query, Inspector Gjorven advised that officers were aware of youths congregating at James Steel Park, and also at Princess Anne Park.

Councillor Kelly raised the issue of disability scooters being unable to access underpasses, yet motorbikes could and requested consideration be given on this. Councillor Kelly also enquired if the ultra violet sprays had been useful. Inspector Gjorven advised that the sprays had not been activated yet but he would be able to bring back the figures for the next meeting.

Councillor Armstrong referred to the low figures for hate crimes and enquired if this had been down to a particular piece of work and if so, could this be shared with the rest of the City. Inspector Gjorven advised that they had worked closely with the schools but it could be that the residents of Washington were a more tolerant people.

Members thanked Inspector Gjørven for his informative report and thanked him for his attendance, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2019/2020

The Chairman of the Washington Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to seek the Committees approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2019/20 and to provide an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2019/20.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor D. Trueman presented the report and asked Members for further input and suggestions going forward.

In response to Councillor H. Trueman's call for a Washington State of the Area debate, Mrs Purvis advised that as part of the Area Arrangement Review they were looking at a Community engagement programme.

Councillor Kelly commented that he would be happy to support a Washington State of the Area debate with our key partners to be invited also.

Councillor Farthing suggested that if a debate were to take place it would allow for an opportunity for the Voluntary Sector to put up stalls to show what services were on offer.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the Committee:-
 - (i) Considered and agreed the Washington Area People Board Work Plan and Priorities for 2019/20 attached to the report as Item 4 Annex 1 and in paragraph 3.1 to 3.3 of the main report; and
 - (ii) Noted the Area Governance arrangements for 2019/20 outlined in Section4 of the report and Item 4 Annex 2.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the Washington Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to seek the Committees approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2019/20 and to provide an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2019/20.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor F. Miller presented the report and asked Members for further input and suggestions going forward.

Councillor H. Trueman wished to thank Colin McCartney for the presentation given in relation to the tree management strategy and now they were tagging all trees the information was invaluable.

Councillor Farthing welcomed the introduction of a tree management strategy on the agenda and suggested that this needed to be linked to our Carbon Strategy.

Councillor Kelly advised of the imminent departure of Ms Susan Williams from the Clean and Green Steering Board. Councillor Kelly advised that she had been an absolute asset to the Area and requested that a letter of thanks be sent out to Ms Williams as the Clean and Green work had been fantastic in inspiring lots of people to take pride in their areas.

Councillor G. Miller commented that he fully supported the Place Board proposals and that the Area Committee Report was great, however his concern was that residents never get to read or hear about the work that is carried out and he would like the Place Board to consider a mechanism of communicating what we are doing and focusing on what is being done on residents behalf in Washington.

Councillor G. Miller raised concern that we ran the risk of losing volunteers as we did not raise awareness or raise the profile of the Area Committee and we must tell residents what we are doing and ask them to work with us.

Mrs Purvis advised that they were looking at how they can get better at highlighting what they were working on and how to use our partners better. There was to be a programme of publicity and a communications plan to be added to each work plan.

Ms Margaret Stafford, a resident of Washington, agreed with Councillor G. Miller in relation to communications and that she struggled with the terminology used in the agenda papers. Ms Stafford confirmed that the Gentoo meetings had been very informative and that they needed the Council to get better with including the public.

Ms Stafford also confirmed that Ms Williams had been invaluable through her work on the Clean and Green Project.

Councillor Kelly advised that the North Sunderland Area Committee was working on a similar publication for communication that may be worth looking at and we most likely needed a bi-monthly newsletter.

Councillor Kelly also advised that he was happy to support the much needed Tree Management Strategy and also agreed that the capturing of carbon

needed to be explored in areas such as Princess Anne Park where he would like to see more traditional trees planted.

Councillor Taylor commented that he fully supported the proposals in the report and referred to the Road Safety schemes and enquired as to what had happened with the Community Speed Watch. The Committee was advised that the scheme had been doing well until the loss of 2 officers and it was suggested that the Fire Authority Officers may be able to step in and help with this.

Mrs Purvis advised that the next Place Board in July would be discussing Road Safety and finance proposals.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the Committee:-
 - (i) Considered and agreed the Washington Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2019/20 attached as Item 5 Annex 1 and in paragraph 3.1 to 3.3 of the main report; and
 - (ii) Noted the Area Governance arrangements for 2019/20 outlined in Section 4 of the main report and Annex 2.

Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to a financial statement as an up to date position in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Purvis, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

Councillor Kelly referred to paragraph 2.5 of the report with regards to the grant from Sunderland CCG and commented that he was keen for this to come to the People Board to discuss using the money to support initiatives already running and to add value to what we already have.

Councillor Farthing referred to paragraph 3.2 of the report and in relation to healthy relationships suggested that we speak to Harragate Foundation for input.

Mrs Purvis also advised that the Washington Youth Council had undertaken a survey on a whole range of issues which they could try and build into this.

With regards to paragraph 4.2 of the report and the Usworth Park improvement plan, Councillor Kelly commented that the priority had to be the

locking of the gates and also advised of events taking place in the park which leaflets would be produced and made available for Members.

Having fully discussed the applications and Members having had any questions answered, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in the report be received and noted;
- (ii) £20,000 area funding for youth activity as detailed in Paragraph 2.4 of the report be accepted;
- (iii) £40,000 CCG funding as detailed in Paragraph 2.5 be accepted;
- (iv) approval be given for the award of £20,000 SIB funding from the 2019/20 budget for the Call for Projects and Project Brief for Positive Activities for Children and Young People Holiday Programme as detailed in Annex 1 to the report;
- (v) approval be given for the award of £40,000 SIB funding from the 2018/19 budget for the Call for Projects and Project Brief for the Washington Safe Care Project as detailed in Annex 2 of the report;
- (vi) approval be given for the award of £12,000 SIB funding from the 2019/20 budget for the Phoenix Project as detailed in Annex 3 and Paragraph 3.3 of the report;
- (vii) approval be given for the award of £50,000 SIB funding from the 2019/20 budget for a Washington Road Safety Scheme as detailed in Paragraph 4.1 and Annex 3 of the report;
- (viii) approval be given for the award (amended from report) of £30,000 SIB funding from the 2019/20 budget to deliver the Usworth Park Improvement Plan and agree Place Board to determine the final detail of the Project Brief and Call for Projects as detailed in Annex 4 of the report;
- (ix) the Washington Ward Improvement balances as detailed in Paragraph 5 of the report be noted; and
- (x) the Community Chest balances as detailed in Paragraph 6 and Annex 5 of the report be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st April, 2019 to 20th May, 2019 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

9. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) L. LAUHLAN,
Chairman.

26th September 2019

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Area Arrangements Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Elected Members an update on the outcomes of a recent workshop where the Portfolio Holder and Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture, Area Committee Chairs, and People and Place Board Chairs discussed opportunities to strengthen the Council's Area Arrangements.

2. Background

- 2.1 In July 2019 the Portfolio Holder and Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture, Area Committee Chairs, and People and Place Board Chairs met to discuss opportunities to strengthen the Council's Area Arrangements. Members analysed information in the context of:
- a. Key messages from the most recent Residents' Survey.
 - b. The Corporate Peer Review which took place in April. The review suggested that Area Arrangements could play a much stronger role in re-engaging with residents and shaping a new relationship with the council which is less reliant on traditional methods of service delivery and which has a sharper focus on value for money.
 - c. Consideration as to where Area Committees can influence and support delivery of emerging priorities for the City Plan focussed on the key priorities of Healthy, Vibrant and Dynamic city.
 - d. Changes to the Council's structure and the move away from People and Place Directorates to Neighbourhoods and City Development.
- 2.2 A range of opportunities for improvement were discussed including the role and function of Area Committees and other meetings and boards, area budgets, measuring impact, communications and resident engagement and the Voluntary and Community Sector. As an outcome of those discussions the following was agreed for action.
- #### **3. Agreed Actions**
- 3.1 To increase the number of Area Committee meetings from 3 to 4 per year to support more responsive decision making.
- 3.2 To review the Area Committee Agenda to make best use of the time available. Splitting the agenda into 2 distinct sections to allow enough time for action and discussion items (forward thinking/planning) and a section purely for information (reflection/updates).
- 3.3 Review People and Place Board arrangements to maximise achievement. Ensure the boards are linked to the development and priorities emerging from the Neighbourhood Plans.

- 3.4 Rename the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) to Neighbourhood Fund. The funding is awarded by Area Committees to deliver projects at a local level to meet agreed area priorities members agreed it more fitting to re-name to the Neighbourhood Fund a title more in keeping with its purpose.
- 3.5 Review the rules and procedures of the Neighbourhood Fund for improved clarity, consistency and efficiency with the aim of getting things done more quickly.
- 3.6 Re-invigorate the performance management arrangements for action delivered through the Neighbourhood Fund to demonstrate impact and 'you said – we did'.
- 3.7 Produce a Resident Engagement Strategy and ensure linkages to the development of Neighbourhood Plans to include Area Consultation Events and encourage more residents to attend Area Committees.
- 3.8 Develop and manage Area Communication Plans, utilising a package of opportunities that are already available, as well as, Area Committees considering feeding into a 'you said, we did' leaflet for circulation at an area level and including the introduction of Community Facebook Pages for each of the 5 areas in advance of the summer holidays.
- 3.9 Continue to support the Area VCS Networks to reach more groups and widen support.
- 3.10 Develop a volunteering strategy and implementation plan for the Neighbourhood Directorate to try to harness some of those residents who are keen to get involved in Social Action.

4 Summary/progress

- 4.1 Progress has been made in relation to all of the activities described in Section 3 of the report, some of which are detailed in another report on this agenda. Some actions have been fully implemented already e.g. additional Area Committee meeting and area Facebook pages. The Portfolio Holder and Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture, Area Committee Chairs, and People and Place Board Chairs have agreed to meet up again in October to discuss progress on the above actions.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.

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26th September 2019**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE****Neighbourhood Engagement and Investment****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Elected Members an update on Neighbourhood Engagement and the various mechanisms to be adopted which will ensure our residents continue to be at the heart of our service delivery, enabling our communities and neighbourhoods to become actively involved in the delivery of the City Plan and developing Neighbourhood Investment Plans, to ensure long-term community resilience.

2 Background

- 2.1 Following the restructure of the Council in April 2019, the Area Arrangements function of the Council merged with a range of other services as part of the new Community Resilience function within the new Neighbourhood Directorate. The Directorate also includes Environmental Services, Statutory and Public Protection Services and Housing services as well as a range of services which support and promote individual and community resilience. This move is ensuring that all area priorities and improvements moving forward align with the City and Neighbourhood Investment Plans and are delivered and communicated effectively with our residents.
- 2.2 We are reviewing and developing all the services within the Neighbourhoods Directorate to implement a neighbourhood solutions response, which is proactive, efficient and effective and makes best use of our partnerships. These reviews are imperative if we are to address the concerns raised during the 2018 Residents Survey as well as the recent LGA Peer Review.
- 2.3 We need to improve individual and community resilience through engagement, participation and listening. Through the creation of neighbourhood solutions, we hope to create ownership of issues, removing the hands-off mentality, with every service, partner and community playing their part, so we can all say, “you said – we did”.
- 2.4 This report shares updates on the developments to-date relating to the following topics:
- Resident Engagement and Involvement Strategy
 - Neighbourhood Investment Plans
 - Crowdfund Sunderland

3. Resident Engagement and Involvement Strategy

- 3.1 Effective resident engagement and involvement is part of our customer service and it is everyone’s responsibility.
- 3.2 We must change our narrative with residents and start a meaningful, two-way conversation. A Sunderland Engagement and Involvement Strategy has been developed in draft to support our residents and our partners to share information and ideas and to guarantee that Sunderland City Council is transparent and accountable,

encouraging more local people to get involved in shaping their neighbourhoods, council services and the future of the city. We want to start a conversation.

- 3.3 We currently involve and engage our communities through various, inconsistent means either face to face, over the phone or on-line. We also share information during resident meetings, events and through the written word. However, the information gathered, or views received are not always shared directly with the relevant service or partner. Residents are speaking but we are not actively listening. We need to listen.
- 3.4 Most of our partners are also engaging with residents and communities daily. Everyone is gathering information for their own purposes, we need to work in partnership, listen to our residents and customers, hold a joint conversation or at the very least share the information gathered during the conversation to improve our services, our neighbourhoods and our city.
- 3.5 All our Residents, of all ages need to feel valued, involved and able to positively contribute to their community and neighbourhood as well as share their point of view, ideas and concerns. That's why we've established area Facebook pages, we're developing our Community Newsletter / Area Communications offer, and why we need to create spaces for meaningful resident engagement to take place. We've also increased the number of Area Committees per year and we must continue to make engagement easier and more effective.
- 3.6 The key outcomes and the enabling outcome for the Sunderland Engagement and Involvement Strategy are as follows:

Outcome 1 – Communities are directly involved in making Sunderland a great place to live

Outcome 2 – Communities have the power to influence matters that affect them

Outcome 3 – Activities to involve communities are focused and purposeful

Outcome 4 – Sunderland is digitally enabled and active

Sunderland enabling objective - Staff and partners are supported to involve communities effectively in everything they do

See Annex 1 – Infographic Sunderland Engagement and Involvement Strategy

4. Neighbourhood Investment Plans

- 4.1 Sunderland City Council in partnership with the VCS will work with residents and community and business stakeholders to produce aspirational (as well as realistic) Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for the five neighbourhood localities, working in partnership with the Area Arrangements Service and the Area Committees and VCS Networks.
- 4.2 The reason for this approach is to develop new ways for the community/residents to engage in the shaping of their respective neighbourhoods. There are already some established consultative relationships and mechanisms as highlighted above. However, it is clear from the recent Resident Survey, there is a need to engage deeper and earlier, to build more community and partner capacity to deliver the right kind of projects/services to improve our neighbourhoods.

- 4.3 The Neighbourhood Investment Plans will directly align with the Area Committee priorities moving forward, they will be long-term plans, aligned to the timeframe of the City Plan, which will also include focused, 3-5-year delivery blocks, which include capital improvements as well as service/neighbourhood solutions. Residents and partners will be able to easily track progress.
- 4.4 The need is for an all-inclusive approach to regeneration and investment that combines diverse elements, such as housing, skills, health and well-being. Furthermore, if the community is positively engaged in the preparation of the plans, there will be more confidence in the plans and a greater chance of successful regeneration as well as service improvement and partnership working. A key part of the plans will be empowerment and giving a voice to those who do not normally feel they have one.
- 4.5 To develop the five plans there is a need to engage across all neighbourhoods and across communities, generations, representative groups, businesses, and public, private and voluntary sectors. We want to focus on Neighbourhoods as a place, what's good and what needs to change.
- 4.6 To help us achieve our vision we need to work together with communities. We recognise that we need to change the way we behave, to make the vision a reality. We also need to encourage, and support behaviour change in our communities and neighbourhoods.
- 4.7 The timeframe to generate the five Neighbourhood Investment Plans is as follows:
- September to December 2019 – Significant resident and community engagement and consultation which includes re-engagement following initial consultation, to share ideas and ensure ideas and suggestions have been captured correctly.
- January 2020 to February 2020 – Draft strategy developed based upon the engagement and consultation as well as share detail in relation to service issues which have arisen through the consultation and engagement
- March 2020 – Launch Neighbourhood Investment Plans
- April 2020 – Evaluation of consultation and engagement exercise and creation of a simple tracking system to monitor delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans.

5. Crowdfund Sunderland - Spacehive

- 5.1 Sunderland Council is working in partnership with Spacehive to create a Crowdfund platform for Sunderland. Spacehive is an award-winning platform for ideas that bring local civic and community spaces to life. They are a trusted partner of choice for local authorities looking to transform places in a more collaborative, community-centric and efficient way. To date, Spacehive has supported over 650 projects across the Country, to raise over £13 million. They currently work with 40 authorities and have over £5m of additional funding available for projects from their partner funder network.
- 5.2 How Spacehive will work in Sunderland:
- Branded online hub for Crowdfund Sunderland that calls for project ideas – offering pledges to help people deliver them (Linked to Sunderland Council website and local area Facebook pages)
 - Hosting 'Idea Events' – creating ideas within communities which may support Neighbourhood Investment Plans, Area Committee priorities as well as improving

community resilience and participation (referenced within Resident Engagement Strategy)

- Spacehive will work with local businesses, Spacehive's national partners, local community and voluntary organisations, philanthropic grant-makers and local people, attracting even more projects and funding to the programme
- Spacehive will assess all projects in partnership with the Council and Locality, prior to them being allowed to commence crowdfunding activity, ensuring the projects are viable and deliverable and in line with the City's vision and priorities
- Area Committees, Members, VCS Networks, Partners and Officers will champion the programme and support residents to create ideas and projects
- We will be able to measure social and economic impact, as beyond the funds raised, Spacehive projects deliver a range of benefits, such as skills development for project creators, leading to increased capacity for local people to deliver civic projects

- 5.3 Supporting projects alongside the crowd will allow the Council to stretch its funding to projects with genuine community support. Spacehive's partners see on average 300% leverage. It will also help the Council to reach beyond our usual communities and resident groups, typically over 50% of Spacehive's project creators have not been involved in civic projects previously.

6. Summary

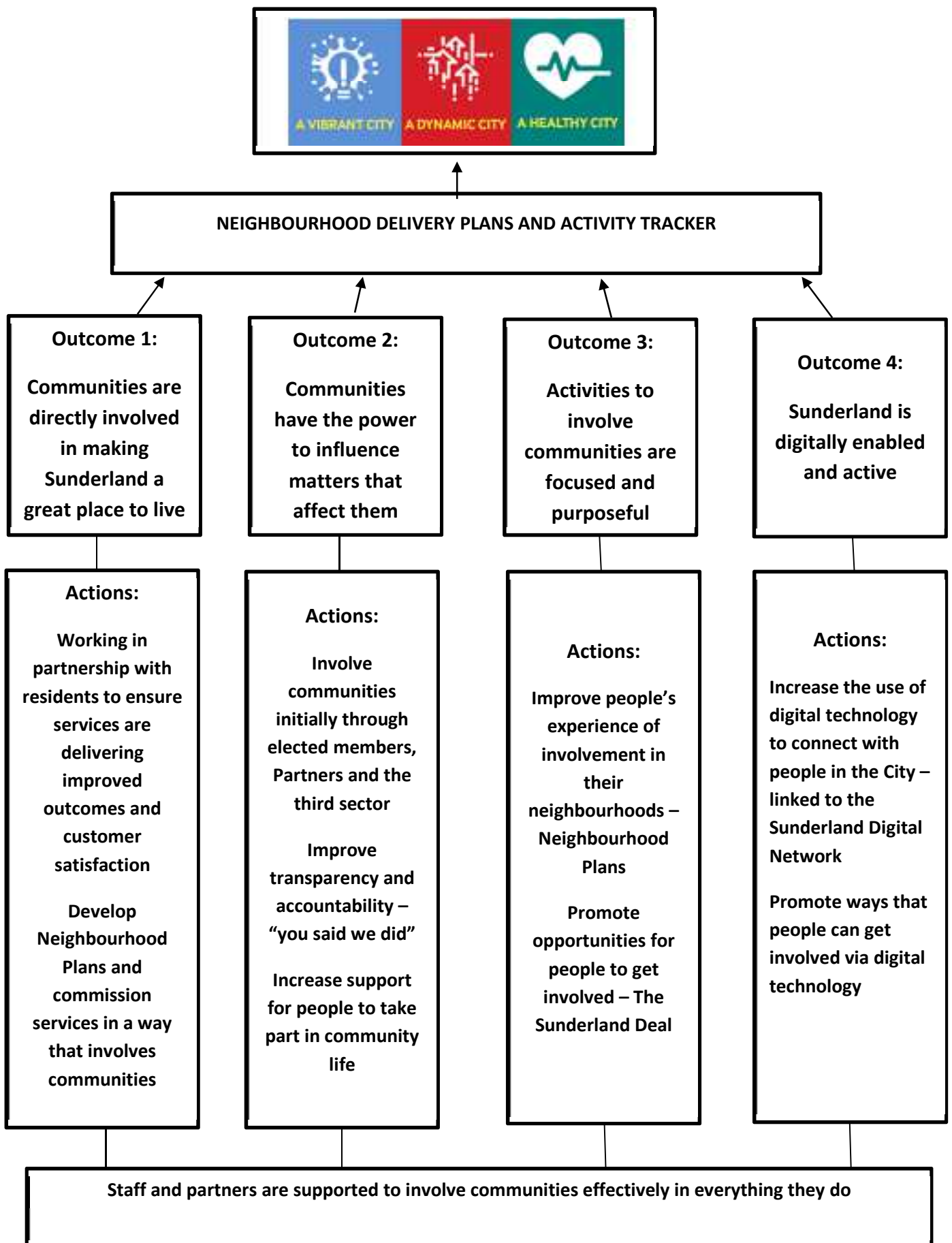
- 6.1 We have a real opportunity to transform our Neighbourhoods, working alongside communities to regenerate and create more resilient communities. Area Committees will be at the heart of this transformation journey, utilising the Resident Engagement Strategy, Neighbourhood Investment Plans and Crowdfunding platform.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 Note the content of the report.
- 7.2 Refer to Area People/Place Board for further discussions on how members would wish to support and monitor delivery of:
- Resident Engagement and Involvement Strategy
 - Neighbourhood Investment Plans
 - Crowdfund Sunderland

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SUNDERLAND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY – HOW WE’LL ACHIEVE OUR OUTCOMES



26th September 2019**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 (2019/20) 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 initiated action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress and performance to date.

3. Area Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
 - 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 ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.
- 3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work /recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:

Ward	People Board Membership
Chair	Cllr Dorothy Trueman
Washington Central	Cllr Linda Williams
Washington East	Cllr Fiona Miller
Washington North	Cllr Jill Fletcher
Washington South	Cllr Dom Armstrong
Washington West	Cllr Harry Trueman

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 9th September 2019

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington People Board up to 9th September 2019

Action Taken	Outcome		
Local priority: Health and Well Being			
Time to Care	The Time 2 Care Project (Understanding Self Harm) Evaluation is now completed. Officers are meeting with Simon Marshall and Public Health to consider options for a new approach in terms of mental health and schools		
Healthy Lifestyles	The programme commenced in April 2017 and funding has been agreed to continue to deliver the programme up to March 2020. The following milestones, objectives and goals have been set for the programme up to March 2020:		
	OBJECTIVES AND GOALS	FORECAST DATE	PROGRESS TO DATE
	400 participants enrol on the health and wellbeing project by March 2020 (over 3 years in total)	April 2020	On target 419 applications received 361 started the programme

	250 participants complete a 12week assessment (over 3 years)	April 2020	On target 171 have completed to date
	130 participants complete a 24week assessment (over 3 years)	April 2020	On target 93 have completed to date
Health and Heritage	<p>The project has successfully delivered</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Professional arts carousel in Columbia Grange Primary School where aerial artists Bare Toed Dance came in to the school to deliver inclusive physical, circus carousel and workshops. Each child in the school had the opportunity to take part, along with sensory story-telling and a silent disco, which was a massive success.2. CPD from Tim Webb, previously the Director of award-winning inclusive theatre company Oily Cart. 25 teachers and artists took part in this bespoke training which concentrated on sensory theatre in teaching practise.3. National Theatre company, Bamboozle, worked with a class of pupils from Columbia Grange Primary School. They steered their own theatre performance and the Arts Centre Washington was transformed in to another world to be explored by the pupils. They saw puppets, made and wore theatrical costumes, experienced multi-sensory experiences and worked alongside professional artists and actors to compile a new theatre piece. This was a once in a lifetime experience. Bamboozle theatre also shared their skill and knowledge with staff from Columbia Grange in a CPD session following the residency.4. Arts Centre Washington - Dementia Creative Age Programme The group have worked on large scale self-portraits inspired by the theme of 'identity' and with muse from Andrew Tift Project. The second Creative Age group have been exploring different arts medium and have used projections to make large textile wall hangings.5. One Day You'll Be Older Too - Successful exhibition, praised by public press and public alike. Some 40,000 visitors got to see the exhibition and Washington Health and Heritage was praised publicly for its innovative ways of supporting arts, health and heritage in the area.		
Healthy Action in the Community	<p>The CCG approved £40,000 to Area Committee to encourage funding applications from the VCS to help deliver shared priorities re health and well-being. Following consultation and assessment under the Neighbourhood Fund procedures, recommendations for funding will be presented under Item 6 Finance Statement Executive Summary Annex 1</p>		
Local priority: Adult Social Care and Inclusion			
Washington Individual Support Project (WISP2)	<p>WISP started as a pilot project in Washington November 2017. The project continues to deliver to target with 42 individuals receiving advice and support in the first quarter of 2019/20. WISP is also providing support at the Washington Food Bank Project and is a proactive partner in activity at St. Michael's & All Angels proposed Community Hub.</p>		
Washington Social Isolation	<p>The July Board recommended a Call for Projects/Project Brief for Social Isolation to be considered under Item 6 Finance Statement</p>		
Local priority: Employment, Enterprise and Lifelong Learning			
Washington REACT	<p>32 people have already accessed the new service. Clients/Customers need to be 16+ with training, work placements, volunteering and skills building being on offer to help the hardest to reach unemployed. There is also</p>		

	support for employers, referrals can come from a wide range of partners – posters and leaflets have been widely distributed across the area and Karen is keen to have as many local organisations involved in the project as possible. Support and services are delivered from the Albany Centre. Free training on offer 'Jobs 4U' to consider job options in retail, warehousing, call centres, production, care and security, held at the Albany Centre.
Local priority: Community Inclusion	
Area VCS Network	<p>The VCS Network continues to meet regularly and is working to deliver its work plan objectives. A second Washington Area VCS Area Representative to Area Committee has now been appointed. Shirley Gillum the new VCS Support Project Officer has taken up the position in a 'training' capacity whilst she familiarises herself with the area and the group. In the last 6 months the following schemes, initiatives and information have been presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Prevention Schemes for Washington - SCC/Environment Agency funded schemes • Healthwatch Report & video re Care Home Life • Social Isolation and Loneliness in Sunderland – Public Health Research • CCG Pathway to Excellence • Assistance and Rest Centres (Emergency Centres) • Sunderland Green and Open Spaces forum • Community Reuse Network • Opportunities for volunteering in Washington • NHS Screening Programmes • Funding to deliver CCG priorities via VCS • Lottery Officer – Area Tour • Sunderland Green & Open Spaces Forum
VCS Support Project	<p>The project continues to work across Washington recruiting local volunteers and organisations to manage, support and co-ordinate volunteering. Up to end of June, 28 individual groups have been offered support and there have been 15 volunteering enquiries, 6 of which have progressed to full application and DBS submitted. This project is a key link via Washington REACT, and Clean & Green. Role descriptions are currently under development to be included in the Washington Volunteer Directory. July People Board recommended an extension to the VCS Support Project to deliver a training programme for Washington VCS grassroots organisations, recommended to Area Committee for consideration under Item 6 Finance Statement</p>
Support for Young People	<p>The next round of Can Do was released end of September 2019. Applications will be presenting to the next Board in November. A balance of £2492 remains for this and further invites.</p> <p>The July People Board proposed an extension to the Washington Can Do Project. That extension proposes expanding the project to include Primary school age (£5,000) – with a focus on Clean & Green Environmental Champions as well as extending and adding £10,000 to the 'senior' programme, recommended to Area committee for consideration under Item 6 Finance Statement</p>
Positive Activities for Children and Young	<p>Following consultation with all Washington Members at a Ward level, the following organisations were approved to deliver the Neighbourhood Fund Small Grants Scheme: Positive Activities for Children and Young People Holiday Programme 2019/20:</p> <p><u>8 – 10 years programme</u></p> <p>Washington Central: Sunderland North Community Business Centre Washington East: Sunderland North Community Business Centre Washington North: Keep Active CIC</p>

Community Hubs & Community Engagement	<p>Washington South: Sunderland North Community Business Centre Washington West: Keep Active CIC <u>11 – 19 years programme</u> Washington Central: Oxclose & District Young People's Project Washington East: Keep Active CIC Washington North: Oxclose & District Young People's Project Washington South: Oxclose & District Young People's Project Washington West: Springwell Village Community Venue Area Committee are also requested to consider aligning funding from this year's budget for the Positive Activities Summer Programme 2020 recommended to Area Committee under Item 6 Finance Statement</p> <p>Report re venues/buildings/conditions to next Board</p>
Local Priority: Washington Safe	
Washington Safe: LMAPs camera	June Area Committee approved £10,000 to the Community Partnerships Service for a partnership approach to be developed. The July People Board has recommended up to £2,500 of this budget be utilised to replace one of the Washington LMAPs cameras.
Phoenix Project	The Tyne Wear Fire and Rescue Service is currently in discussions with youth providers and relevant partners with regards to developing local provision.
Washington Safe Care	June Area Committee approved a Project Brief to deliver the Washington Safe Care Project – which proposes activity to address and educate with regards to healthy relationships, support for locality working that delivers a range of Living Skills for young people and improve parenting practices in relation to what is acceptable as the social norm with regards to behaviours and outcomes. Following assessment and consultation under SIB procedures the Officer Recommendation is presented to Area Committee under Item 6 Finance Statement – Executive Summary Annex 1

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington People Board Work Plan for 2019/2020 as detailed in **Annex 1**, and note the items referred to **Item 6** for consideration.

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Washington Area Committee People Board: 2019/20 Work Plan & Priorities

Priority	Activity/Project	Commentary
Health and Well Being	Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project	November Area Committee approved an extension to the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project to deliver the additional outcomes, outputs and milestones. Anticipate completion March 2020. Project exceeding targets and lead reports actively determining sustainability plan. Regular reports via Neighbourhood Fund monitoring and reports to Board
	Health and Heritage	Professional arts carousel in Columbia Grange Primary School where aerial artists Bare Toed Dance came in to the school to deliver inclusive physical, circus carousel and workshops. Each child in the school had the opportunity to take part, along with sensory story-telling and a silent disco, which was a massive success. CPD from Tim Webb, previously the Director of award-winning inclusive theatre company Oily Cart. 25 teachers and artists took part in this bespoke training which concentrated on sensory theatre in teaching practise. National Theatre company, Bamboozle, worked with a class of pupils from Columbia Grange Primary School. They steered their own theatre performance and the Arts Centre Washington was transformed in to another world to be explored by the pupils. They saw puppets, made and wore theatrical costumes, experienced multi-sensory experiences and worked alongside professional artists and actors to compile a new theatre piece. This was a once in a lifetime experience. Bamboozle theatre also shared their skill and knowledge with staff from Columbia Grange in a CPD session following the residency. Arts Centre Washington - Dementia Creative Age Programme The group have worked on large scale self-portraits inspired by the theme of 'identity' and with muse from Andrew Tift Project. The second Creative Age group have been exploring different arts medium and have used projections to make large textile wall hangings. One Day You'll Be Older Too - Successful exhibition, praised by public press and public alike. Some 40,000 visitors got to see the exhibition and Washington Health and Heritage was praised publicly for its innovative ways of supporting arts, health and heritage in the area.
	Healthy Action in the Community	The CCG approved £40,000 to Area Committee to encourage funding applications from the VCS to help deliver shared priorities re health and well-being. Following consultation and assessment under the Neighbourhood Fund procedures, recommendations for funding will be presented to this Committee under Item 6 Finance Statement
Adult Social Care	Crisis Support	Washington Individual Support Project in place until June 2020 – to provide support for people in acute crisis. Phase 2 supports clients suffering from isolation into activities, voluntary projects, volunteering etc. Monitoring and performance reports to every People Board
	Social Isolation	Promotion of Wellbeing Info and SCC Community Hub Info for activities, clubs etc. Provide an overview of what's available. Project Brief and Call for Projects to September AC for agreement, Item 6 Finance Statement.
	Achieve 'Dementia Friendly Community' for Washington	Audit/Charter Mark type project to develop 'dementia friendly' Washington. Neighbourhood Services Officers to report to future Board gaps, needs and options
Community	Washington Area	On-going support and co-ordination via Neighbourhood Services.

Inclusion	<p>Network Ensure WAC works with Washington VCS Network re VCS plans and priorities for the sector 2019/20. Encourage partnership and collaboration</p> <p>Support and co-ordination of volunteers in Washington. Enhance support for volunteers and grassroots organisations.</p> <p>Community Hubs and Community Engagement (Joint People & Place)</p> <p>Enhance and support provision in local community centres. (Joint People & Place)</p> <p>Support for Young People</p>	<p>Monitor and report. Currently working with the Network to deliver the Washington Area Network Plan to support the VCS re challenges and priorities identified in the Washington VCS Network Annual Report presented and agreed at the March 2018 WAC meeting. Good progress made re proposed activities etc. Washington Area Network Mentoring Scheme – recognition that we have a small number of ‘strong’ groups who can lead, mentor and support to encourage collaboration and partnership. Regular reports to Board and WAC</p> <p>VCS Support Project key role to support, develop and co-ordinate volunteers as well as support the organisations using volunteers. Regular reports to Board and WAC. Proposal under Item 6 Finance Statement to approve funding via a Change to Project, for Training Programme for Washington’s VCS grassroots organisations</p> <p>Develop method/route to provide opportunities for local residents to work with SCC to address neighbourhood concerns and issues. Strategic approach – detailed under Items 2 and 3</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services Officer to present report to future Board with regards to gaps, needs and issues re community venues</p> <p>Can Do Round 11 to be launched September 2019. Area Committee to consider application to extend Can do to include a ‘Primary School’ element and to approve further funding for the ‘senior’ fund, under Item 6 Finance Statement.</p> <p>Activities for young people: Summer 2019 Programme awarded March AC. Award of the remaining programme completed September 2019 following assessment and consultation under Neighbourhood Fund Small Grants Procedures. Details included in Project Report. Area Committee to consider model and methodology for Summer 2020 Programme. September AC requested to align funding for the 2020 summer Programme, subject to report re best practice to November Board</p>
Employment Enterprise & Lifelong Learning	<p>REACT Project (CLLD)</p> <p>Apprenticeship scheme for Washington Young People (include specialist scheme to support care leavers)</p>	<p>CLLD match confirmed. Recruitment for all Washington posts complete. Commenced working with residents February 2019. Lead agent currently setting up strategic Steering Group. Project is a 4year project with September 2022 anticipated for completion. Monitoring and performance reports to Board and Area Committee</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services Officers to report to People Board gaps, needs and options</p>
Safer Washington	Continue with established approach re partnership working to address any issues strategically – LMAPs, Joint Meetings, PACT meetings	<p>June Area Committee approved £10,000 to the Community Partnerships Service for a partnership approach to be developed. The July People Board has recommended up to £2,500 of this budget be utilised to replace one of the Washington LMAPs cameras.</p> <p>Washington Fire Angels - Details for the Fire Angels project presented to previous Boards – progress report to Board</p> <p>Phoenix Project – locality approach being developed. The lead agent</p>

	<p>Washington Safe Care Initiative</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Local support to enhance PCC funding to support children who have witnessed DA (Encompass Project).</p>	<p>has contacted local providers in the area and is working with them to establish local provision.</p> <p>June Area Committee approved a Project Brief to deliver the Washington Safe Care Project – which proposes activity to address and educate with regards to healthy relationships, support for locality working that delivers a range of Living Skills for young people and improve parenting practices in relation to what is acceptable as the social norm with regards to behaviours and outcomes. Following assessment and consultation under Neighbourhood Fund procedures the Officer Recommendation is presented to Area Committee under Item 6 Finance Statement.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services Officers reported to People Board re gaps, needs and options, and a comprehensive list of activity already taking place – priority to be reviewed in 6 months</p>
Influencing		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint working with local VCS re priorities and plans – Reports to Board and Area Committee 2. Feedback from Gentoo and other housing providers re future plans – Joint Cllr/Gentoo meetings scheduled 3. Feedback from providers of services for vulnerable people such as Universal Credit, Debt, Crisis, Drugs and alcohol 4. Joint work with Police to address ASB - Joint Cllr Police meetings scheduled

26th September 2019**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 (2019/20) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

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

3. Area Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
 - 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 ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.
- 3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work/recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair	Cllr. F Miller
Central	Cllr Dianne Snowdon
East	Cllr. T Taylor
North	Cllr. J Kelly
South	Cllr. L Farthing
West	Cllr B. Scaplehorn

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 9th September 2019

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to **9th September 2019**

Action Taken	Outcome
Influencing Service Delivery: Local Services	
Following the presentation of the Local Services Area Delivery Plan, Place Board continue to oversee the delivery of the 2019/20 service schedule.	
Influencing Service Delivery: Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2019/2020	
The Place Board receives information on the highways requiring capital maintenance works across the Washington area. The 2019/20 Programme is agreed with regular updates to Board.	
Local Priorities	
Environment and Green Space: Clean and Green	<p>July Place Board agreed the detail of a Project Brief for the Clean and Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme. The Project Brief and Call for Projects is presented for approval under Item 6</p> <p>Finance Decisions and Proposals</p> <p>The Washington Clean & Green Project is currently on target to</p>

	<p>deliver the Plantations Management Programme for 2019/20 as agreed and are working with a number of partners to carry out numerous community clean ups. The last Steering Group meeting held 30th July - Members are asked to note the agreed methodology and referral route for all potential community clean ups. Following the resignation of the Volunteer Co-ordinator, the following was agreed at the Steering Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Hopper will lead the delivery work plan and communications with the Clean and Green Steering Group and Local Cllrs and will supervise and support volunteers • SNCBC will provide 2 additional support roles – providing transport for the volunteers and tools to and from site providing support to Jenny at volunteer sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday • West Clean & Green Volunteer Co-ordinator will provide support on an ad hoc basis, particularly around site surveys • Shirley Gillum the VCS Support Project lead will provide support to engage Clean and Green volunteers <p>This arrangement will remain in place until September/October when a review will take place to understand if the above approach has been successful and what options are most relevant and if a direct recruitment to the original Volunteer Co-ordinator role is required.</p> <p>The PR/Education element of Clean and Green is looking to work with SCC to deliver a fly tipping campaign. The project is still delivering the Reduce Reuse Recycle initiative in Primary Schools and will work with the Road Safety Education Programme recently agreed by Area Committee to fund flyers and a campaign re inconsiderate parking at schools. Report to the Steering Group highlighted 15 Projects completed to date (April – June 2019), 27 active volunteers. More than 900 volunteer hours have been logged across these 15 projects.</p> <p>The Washington Clean and Green ‘Support for Friends Groups’ has reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spend complete re Cranberry Drive ○ Springwell RA supported re plants, transport and support staff ○ Contributed to costs for Usworth Park security ○ KWT support for equipment, campaign and materials ○ Friends of Princess Anne Park Notice Boards. <p>Given the small balance remaining and the approaching 2year deadline for this initiative, Neighbourhood Services Officers are requesting an extension and change to the project under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals</p>
Environment and Green Space: Washington Ward Improvement Project	<p>Following approval of an additional £10,000 per Ward for the Ward to enhance the environment within the neighbourhoods, elected members (per ward) are continuing to identify a range of projects which address local issues and concerns. Projects are coming forward in each of the Wards and the Community Resilience Service is providing to support to aid implementation. Details of all Ward balances are reported to Place Board and are included in Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals</p>
Environment and Green Space: Usworth Park Management Plan	<p>Work is well underway with regards to delivering the first phase of the Usworth Park Development Plan. A detailed report was presented to the last Board and discussions have commenced re community engagement and supporting volunteers. A first ‘Community Meeting’ with a number of volunteers is being organised for October. This will give the local community an</p>

Princess Anne Park	<p>opportunity to find out what's happening in the park, how they can be involved and how they can volunteer.</p> <p>The September Board agreed a proposal to update the original 'Master Plan' (Plan Drawing) for the Park and work with the Friends Group to develop a longer-term approach to developing the park. Area Committee is requested to agree funding under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals</p>
Grounds Maintenance Equipment	<p>Officers have reported on the success of the Gator, purchased via the Neighbourhood Fund last year. It has already had a significant impact. The Board proposes the purchase of a second vehicle plus snow clearance attachments to be considered under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals</p>
Tree Management	<p>Following detailed discussions at the last two Boards, under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals Area Committee is requested to approve a Tree Management Pilot which will focus activity on 3 or 4 pilot areas that fit the remit of SCC 'Plantation Management' and are subject to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Services Officers submitting a specification for what can be carried out throughout this pilot • All proposals to recognise requirements of SCC Carbon Neutrality approach • To note the Capacity of both Arbor teams/Environmental Services -additional resources may need to be procured (in line with SCC Policy for procuring external contractors) • Where possible some of the areas identified may be able to be dealt with via normal grounds maintenance, tree works and response to health & safety (dead/dangerous single trees) • To note the list of dead/dying already logged and waiting for initial inspections (team capacity/limited resources) – only urgent public safety issues will individual trees be dealt with as an emergency • Clean & Greens current Plantation Programme • On-going discussions with the Woodland Trust • Members are also asked to note the requirement to consult with residents and any stakeholders, relevant to each 'pilot' area or site – before any work can be commissioned/carried out. <p>A Sub Group will be set up with relevant Officers and Place Board representation to form a longer-term vision and strategy to address trees and plantation management in Washington</p>
Road Safety	<p>Network Management have been requested to circulate database info to Members, where cameras are, complaints received, speed surveys over last 3 years, plans Highways have for each ward etc. Members would then be able to make an informed decision with regards to proposing new sites for additional and more up to date VAS. Members have also provided 'priority' hotspot schools (Primary) in order to establish and implement a rolling programme of action, with relevant partners, to address inconsiderate parking. Neighbourhood Services Officers will liaise with partners such as enforcement, police and the school to implement a 'Week of Action' regarding the campaign.</p>
Heritage and Culture: Events Programme 2019	<p>The Events 2019 Programme is well underway with both the 1940's Weekend and the Washington Carnival successfully delivered. The Washington Illuminations is 18th November and the Washington Village Christmas Festival 7th December.</p>
Heritage and Culture: Events Programme	<p>Area Committee will be requested to agree a targeted approach with regards to funding and methodology for the Events 2020</p>

2020	Programme - detailed in Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals
Heritage and Culture: Heritage Action Plan	<p>Washington Trust have installed a number of Blue Plaques, the latest being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bobby Thompson ○ Miners Remembrance ○ Glebe Colliery Welfare Hall <p>This makes a total of 6 plaques. Washington Trust are in discussions with HLF regarding future longer-term funding.</p>
Heritage and Culture: Health and Heritage	<p>The project has successfully delivered</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional arts carousel in Columbia Grange Primary School where aerial artists Bare Toed Dance came in to the school to deliver inclusive physical, circus carousel and workshops. Each child in the school had the opportunity to take part, along with sensory story-telling and a silent disco, which was a massive success. 2. CPD from Tim Webb, previously the Director of award winning inclusive theatre company Oily Cart. 25 teachers and artists took part in this bespoke training which concentrated on sensory theatre in teaching practise. 3. National Theatre company, Bamboozle, worked with a class of pupils from Columbia Grange Primary School. They steered their own theatre performance and the Arts Centre Washington was transformed in to another world to be explored by the pupils. They saw puppets, made and wore theatrical costumes, experienced multi sensory experiences and worked alongside professional artists and actors to compile a new theatre piece. This was a once in a lifetime experience. Bamboozle theatre also shared their skill and knowledge with staff from Columbia Grange in a CPD session following the residency. 4. Arts Centre Washington - Dementia Creative Age Programme The group have worked on large scale self-portraits inspired by the theme of 'identity' and with muse from Andrew Tift Project. The second Creative Age group have been exploring different arts medium and have used projections to make large textile wall hangings. 5. One Day You'll Be Older Too - Successful exhibition, praised by public press and public alike. Some 40,000 visitors got to see the exhibition and Washington Health and Heritage was praised publicly for its innovative ways of supporting arts, health and heritage in the area.

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Washington Area Committee Place Board: Work plan 2019/20

Priority	Activity/Project	Commentary
Environment and Green Space	Washington Clean & Green 2	Steering Group meetings scheduled to ensure co-ordinated management of 2 key workstreams. Methodology briefing circulated to Members. Regular updates provided in addition to monitoring and performance via Board
	Washington Clean & Green Support for Friends and Education/PR	Support for Friends and Education/PR work streams to continue under current offer. Change of Project for 'Support for Friends' to be presented to September AC under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals
	Washington Clean and Green Small Grants Scheme: Green Washington Local Action to support and enhance work in Washington Parks and Green Spaces	Small grants scheme to aid 'Local Action'. Project Brief to be presented to September AC for agreement to deliver a Small Grants Scheme under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals
	Usworth Park Management Plan	Work is well underway with regards to delivering the first phase of the Usworth Park Development Plan. A detailed report was presented to the last Board and discussions have commenced re community engagement and supporting volunteers. A first 'Community Meeting' with a number of volunteers is being organised for October. This will give the local community an opportunity to find out what's happening in the park, how they can be involved and how they can volunteer.
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	Grounds Maintenance	Officers have reported on the success of the Gator, purchased via the Neighbourhood Fund last year. It has already had a significant impact. The Board proposes the purchase of a second vehicle plus snow clearance attachments to be considered under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals
	Tree Management Strategy for Washington	Following detailed discussions at the last two Boards, under Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals Area Committee is requested to approve a Tree Management Pilot which will focus activity on 3 or 4 pilot areas that fit the remit of SCC 'Plantation Management' and are subject to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Services Officers submitting a specification for what can be carried out throughout this pilot

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	Community Hubs (local base) for residents to interact with SCC and local Cllrs, and other statutory partners (Joint People & Place)	<p>Develop method/route to provide opportunities for local residents to work with SCC to address neighbourhood concerns and issues. Strategic approach – Items 2 and 3</p>
	Enhance and support provision in local community centres. (Joint People & Place)	<p>Support community groups for building improvements, SLA type costs, training, improve digital inclusion. Neighbourhood Services Officer to present report to Board with regards to gaps, needs and issues.</p>
Heritage and Culture: Washington Heritage Strategy	Deliver Washington Heritage Strategy	<p>Washington Trust have installed a number of Blue Plaques, the latest being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bobby Thompson

	Bowes Railway Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miners Remembrance ○ Glebe Colliery Welfare Hall <p>This makes a total of 6 plaques. Washington Trust are in discussions with HLF regarding future longer-term funding.</p> <p>Area Committee funding was awarded to support Bowes to deliver</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting continued development opportunities for Bowes Railway Museum 2. Much Improved visitor numbers 3. Heritage which is better understood and enjoyed 4. Improved engagement and learning, promoting health, wellbeing and learning opportunities 5. Integrated Neighbourhoods 6. Enhanced access to Collections and Archives <p>A full evaluation will be presented to the next board in November</p>
Heritage and Culture: Events	<p>Events 2019</p> <p>Events 2020</p>	<p>The Events 2019 Programme is well underway with both the 1940's Weekend and the Washington Carnival successfully delivered. The Washington Illuminations is 18th November and the Washington Village Christmas Festival 7th December.</p> <p>Area Committee will be requested to agree a targeted approach with regards to funding and methodology for the Events 2020 Programme - detailed in Item 6 Finance Decisions and Proposals</p>
Heritage and Culture: to contribute to delivering other AC priorities	Health and Heritage	<p>Professional arts carousel in Columbia Grange Primary School where aerial artists Bare Toed Dance came in to the school to deliver inclusive physical, circus carousel and workshops. Each child in the school had the opportunity to take part, along with sensory story-telling and a silent disco, which was a massive success. CPD from Tim Webb, previously the Director of award-winning inclusive theatre company Oily Cart. 25 teachers and artists took part in this bespoke training which concentrated on sensory theatre in teaching practise. National Theatre company, Bamboozle, worked with a class of pupils from Columbia Grange Primary School. They steered their own theatre performance and the Arts Centre Washington was transformed in to another world to be explored by the pupils. They saw puppets, made and wore theatrical costumes, experienced multi-sensory experiences and worked alongside professional artists and actors to compile a new theatre piece. This was a once in a lifetime experience. Bamboozle theatre also shared their skill and knowledge with staff from Columbia Grange in a CPD session following the residency. Arts Centre Washington - Dementia Creative Age Programme The group have worked on large scale self-portraits inspired by the theme of 'identity' and with muse from Andrew Tift Project. The second Creative Age group have been exploring different arts medium and have used projections to make large textile wall</p>

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Influencing		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback from Gentoo and other housing providers re future plans – Joint Cllr/Gentoo meetings scheduled 2. Joint work with Police to address ASB - Joint Cllr Police meetings scheduled 3. Street lighting and security. 4. Highways Maintenance Programming – 2019/20 programming agreed March Area Committee 5. Local Services Scheduling - 2019/20 programming agreed March Area Committee 6. Community: Joint working with local VCS re Place priorities and plans

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 26th September 2019 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Neighbourhood Fund (NF) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources	
Author(s): Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Directorate	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 updated position on progress in relation to allocating the Neighbourhood Fund, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: The Area Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statement set out in the report (b) Consider and award £15,220 NF 2019/20 and £40,000 (CCG funding) for 6 applications for Healthy Action in the Community as presented in Annex 1 (c) Consider and award £40,000 NF (2018/19 previously aligned) to Washington Mind for the Washington Safe Care Project as presented in Annex 1 (d) Consider and approve £50,000 NF 2019/20 for the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Washington Social Isolation Project (Small Grants) as set out in Annex 2 (e) Consider and approve £10,000 NF 2019/20 for the Washington VCS Support Project as detailed in Annex 3 (f) Consider and approve £15,000 NF 2019/20 to extend the Washington Young Peoples Can Do fund as set out in Paragraph 3.4 (g) Consider and align £28,114 to develop a new approach to delivering young people's activities programmes as set out in Paragraph 3.5 (h) Consider and approve £10,000 NF 2019/20 for the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Washington Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) as set out in Annex 4 (i) Consider and approve the Change of Project for the 'Support for Friends Project' as detailed in Annex 5 (j) Consider and approve £5,000 NF 2019/20 to Environmental Services to update the Princess Anne Park Master Plan as detailed in Paragraph 4.3 (k) Consider and approve £20,800 NF 2019/20 to Environmental Services to purchase additional grounds maintenance equipment for Washington as detailed in Annex 6 (l) Consider and approve £30,000 NF 2019/20 to Environmental Services for the Tree Management Project as detailed in Annex 7 (m) Consider and approve £45,000 NF 2019/20 for the Events 2020 programme as detailed in Paragraph 4.6 (n) Note the Washington Ward Improvement balances as detailed in Paragraph 5 (o) Note the Community Chest balances as detailed in Paragraph 6 and Annex 8 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision:	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:	
Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan?	

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD DIRECTORATE

The Neighbourhood Fund (NF), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 the Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Neighbourhood Fund (NF)

The table below shows the financial position of the Neighbourhood Fund for 2019/2020:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total NF available at the beginning of municipal year 2019/2020 is £452,860. This includes new allocation of £387,261 plus 'returned to budget' funds of £2,534 and £757 and unspent budget from 2018/19 of £2,308. Also added to the balance is £20,000 proposed for Activities for children and young people and £40,000 proposed CCG funding				
Project Name				
Opening balance 2019/20				£452,860
Positive Activities 2019/20	June 2019		20,000	£432,860
Washington Safe Care (previously aligned 2018/19 budget)	June 2019		40,000	£432,860
Phoenix Project	June 2019		12,000	£420,860
Washington Road Safety	June 2019		50,000	£370,860
Usworth Park	June 2019		30,000	£340,860
Balance				£340,860

- 2.1 Members are therefore asked to note the available balance of **£340,860** as detailed in the table above

3. People based priorities

Priority: Health & Well Being

- 3.1 Healthy Action in the Community

June Area Committee accepted **£40,000** CCG funding to support VCS led activities which meet local health outcomes. The Call for Projects was released July. Six Small Grants (£5,000 and under) and four Full Neighbourhood Fund application (over £5,000) packs were requested. Three Small Grants applications and Three Full Neighbourhood Fund applications were received back by the deadline of 9th August. Following Neighbourhood Fund procedures and protocols, all applications have been assessed and consulted on, and the Officer recommendation is presented in **Annex 1 Neighbourhood Fund Executive Summary**. Given the results of the scoring and assessments (CCG and SCC), breadth of reach, variety and range of proposals and the number of VCS organisations applying, the Joint People and Place Board held 9th September recommends Area Committee approve the Officer recommendation as detailed in **Annex 1** and agree an additional **£15,220** from the 2019/20 Neighbourhood Fund budget, to support more projects.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£285,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

Priority: Adult Social Care

3.2 Addressing Social Isolation

The July People Board recommended a Call for Projects for Social Isolation. This will be rolled out as a Small Grants Scheme. A draft Project Brief is attached as **Annex 2**. Members are requested to consider and agree **£50,000** and invite applications from local VCS organisations via an open Call for Projects, for bids not exceeding £5,000 (1 application per organisation).

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£235,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

Priority: Community Inclusion

3.3 VCS Support: VCS Training Programme

The July Board recommended an extension to the VCS Support Project to deliver a training programme for Washington VCS grassroots organisations. Organisations have identified a range of courses/programmes they would like to see and a 'Change of Project' request is attached as **Annex 3**. Members are requested to consider and agree **£10,000** from the 2019/20 budget to support the delivery of a Training Programme for smaller, grassroots organisation.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£225,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

3.4 Washington Young Peoples Can Do Fund

The July Board proposed an extension to the Washington Can Do Project. That extension will include an additional **£5,000** to expand the project to include primary school aged groups, asking for projects with a focus on Clean & Green Environmental Champions (up to £500 per application), as well as extending and adding an additional **£10,000** to the 'senior' programme. The current methodology and model will remain in place. It is proposed the next invite/Call, to be released October 2019 with a view to presenting applications to November People Board.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£210,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

3.5 Positive Activities/Summer 2020 Programme

Following the approval of the October 2019 – Easter 2020 programme, detailed under **Item 4 People Board Progress Report**, the September Joint Board agreed to recommend the balance of **£3,114** be carried forward to fund the Summer 2020 Programme. The Board also agreed to request Area Committee to align **£25,000 SIB** and for November Board to receive a report from Officers identifying alternative models and best practise from other areas. A total of £28,114 would be available for the Summer 2020 programme

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£185,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

Priorities: Washington Safe

3.6 Washington Safe Care

June Area Committee approved a Project Brief to deliver the Washington Safe Care Project – which proposes activity to address and educate with regards to healthy relationships, support for locality working that delivers a range of Living Skills for young people and improve parenting practices in relation to what is acceptable as the social norm with regards to 'behaviours' and 'outcomes'. Two application packs were requested. Two applications were then received and under the Neighbourhood Fund procedures and protocols, assessment and consultation was completed. An Executive Summary and Officer Recommendation is presented in **Annex 1** and Area Committee is requested to approve **£40,000** (previously aligned) to deliver the Washington Safe Care/YAIC Project as detailed in Annex 1.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£185,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4. Place based priorities

Priority: Environment & Green Space

4.1 Washington Clean & Green: Local Action

July People Board recommended a Call for Projects for Clean & Green Local Action Project to encourage smaller grassroots organisations to be more involved in caring for the local environment and neighbourhoods. This will be rolled out as a SIB Small Grants Scheme. A draft Project Brief is attached as **Annex 4**. Members are requested to consider and agree **£10,000** and invite applications from local VCS organisations via an open Call for Projects, for bids not exceeding £500 (1 application per organisation).

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£175,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4.2 Washington Support for Friends

This project has reported the following support has been delivered:

- Cranberry Drive
- Springwell RA supported re plants, transport and support staff
- Contributed to costs for Usworth Park security
- KWT support for equipment, campaign and materials
- Friends of Princess Anne Park Notice Boards – agreed but not accrued.

This project is now approaching 2year deadline for this initiative, and a proposed 'Change to Project' request is attached as **Annex 5**. The proposal is that the current project is closed and the balance of **£10,531** be transferred to Community Resilience to develop a support package/programme for the emerging 'Friends of Usworth Park' and to further support 'Friends of Princess Anne Park' with regards to proposals to update the Master Plan (as detailed in Annex 6 of this report)

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£175,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4.3 Princess Anne Park

Following discussions at both the July Place board and September Joint Board to produce a Development Plan for Princess Anne Park, Area Committee is recommended to approve **£5,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20 budget**, to Environmental Services to deliver an update of the 'original' Princess Anne Park Master Plan. Officers will report to November board to confirm specification and timescales.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£170,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4.4 Following a report to July Board with regards to the success and positive outcomes from a Gator purchased via Area Committee funding last year, the September Joint Board is recommending to Area Committee the purchase of a 2nd vehicle plus snow clearing attachments. The proposal is attached as **Annex 6**. Members are requested to approve **£20,800 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20 budget** to purchase additional Grounds Maintenance equipment as presented.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£149,840** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4.5 Washington Tree Management Strategy

The Joint Board held in April 2019 identified the provision of a Tree Management Strategy/Plan for Washington as a new priority. Following further discussions at both July Place Board and September Joint Board, Area Committee is requested to agree to fund a pilot to deliver local activity as a priority, dealing with problematic areas, overgrown and unmanaged plantation areas, and addressing both Ward Members and resident's concerns. The proposed approach is detailed under **Annex 7** and Area Committee is requested to approve **£30,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20 budget**.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£119,840** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

Priority: Heritage and Culture

4.6 Events Programme 2020

The Joint September Board recommends Area Committee agree a targeted approach to develop and deliver the Washington Events Programme for 2020. Building on the previous successful delivery of the last 3 programmes by SNCBC, the proposal is that SNCBC are invited to submit a full SIB application to deliver the following:

1. Miners Event/Picnic Usworth Park
2. Washington Family Carnival
3. Washington Illuminations
4. Washington Community Christmas Festival (enhanced via Community Chest if required).
5. Springwell Village 1940s event (enhanced via Community Chest if required)
6. Road closures – Durham Miners Gala plus Remembrance - via multi ward Community Chest
7. Durham Miners Gala Band and Bus – via multi ward Community Chest.

The Board recommends **£45,000** be approved from the **2019/20 budget** and SNCBC be invited to submit a full application via Neighbourhood Fund procedures and protocols. Officer recommendation would be presented at the next available Area Committee meeting December 2019 following assessment and consultation.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£74,840** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

5. Washington Ward Improvement Project

The table below details the Washington Ward Improvement Balances to date:

Ward	Allocation approved	Project spend	Allocated	Balance
Washington Central	£20,000	£9,032	£3,734	£ 7,234
Washington East	£20,000	£9,258		£10,742
Washington North	£20,000	£9,317	£7,434	£ 3,249
Washington South	£20,000	£9,285	£ 450	£10,265
Washington West	£20,000	£2,763	£2,986	£14,251
Total	£100,000	£39,655	£14,604	£45,741

6. Community Chest

The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances for 2019/2020. **Annex 8** shows approvals to the end of August 2019.

Ward	Starting Balance 2019/2020	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£10,000	£6,609.94	£174.28	£3,564.34
Washington East	£10,000	£4,765	£0	£5,235
Washington North	£12,718	£5,759	£0	£6,959
Washington South	£15,005	£2,965	£0	£12,040
Washington West	£11,348	£1,965	£0	£9,383
Total	£59,071	£22,063.94	£174.28	£37,181.34

7. Recommendations: Members are requested to:

7.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report under paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2

7.2 Consider and award **£15,220** Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20 and **£40,000** CCG funding for applications for Healthy Action in the Community as presented in **Annex 1**

- 7.3 Consider and award **£40,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2018/19)** to Washington MIND for the Washington Safe Care Project as presented in **Annex 1**
- 7.4 Consider and approve **£50,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20** for the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Washington Social Isolation Project (Small Grants) as set out in **Annex 2**
- 7.5 Consider approve **£10,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20** for the Washington VCS Support Project as detailed in **Annex 3**
- 7.6 Consider and approve **£15,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20** to extend the Washington Young Peoples Can Do Fund as set out in **Paragraph 3.4**
- 7.7 Consider and align **£28,114 Neighbourhood Fund** to develop a new approach to delivering young people's activities programmes as set out in **Paragraph 3.5**
- 7.8 Consider and approve **£10,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20** for the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Washington Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) as set out in **Annex 4**
- 7.9 Consider and approve the Change of Project for the 'Support for Friends Project' as detailed in **Annex 5**
- 7.10 Consider and approve **£5,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20** to Environmental Services to update the Princess Anne Park Master Plan as detailed in **Paragraph 4.3**
- 7.11 Consider and approve **£20,800 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20** to Environmental Services to purchase additional grounds maintenance equipment for Washington as detailed in **Annex 6**
- 7.12 Consider and approve **£30,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20** to Environmental Services for the Tree Management Project as detailed in **Annex 7**
- 7.13 Consider and approve **£45,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20** for the Events 2020 programme as detailed in **Paragraph 4.6**
- 7.14 Note the Washington Ward Improvement balances as detailed in **Paragraph 5**
- 7.15 Note the Community Chest balances as detailed in **Paragraph 6** and **Annex 8**

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Annex 1: Neighbourhood Fund Executive Summary: Neighbourhood Fund Applications

Annex 2: Project Brief Social Isolation

Annex 3: VCS Support: VCS Training Programme

Annex 4: Clean and Green: Local Action Project Brief

Annex 5: Support for Friends Groups

Annex 6: Grounds Maintenance Equipment

Annex 7: Washington Tree Management

Annex 8: 2019/20 Community Chest

Executive Summary
Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund applications

Applications for Healthy Action in the Community

Project Brief
CALL FOR PROJECTS

Washington Area Committee would like to invite Washington based Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups to submit an application to deliver the Washington Healthy Action in the Community Project.

Washington Area Committee wishes to see proposals which address the Area Committee's priority of Health and Well Being as well the CCG Health priorities. Applications will be considered from VCS groups who have a Management Committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories. VCS groups must adhere to accounting requirements in accordance with the Companies Act.

Introduction and Background

June Area Committee accepted £40,000 CCG funding to support VCS led activities which meet local health outcomes. Washington Area Committee's priority setting for 2019/20 has also identified health and well-being including mental health and social care. The Area Committee has also recently received the Adult Lifestyle survey which has identified key health inequalities at a Ward level.

CCG priorities for this Voluntary Sector/Community led Scheme include the following:

- Early prevention
- Social prescribing
- Social isolation and loneliness
- Mental health (including young people)
- Obesity
- Smoking
- Physical activity
- Sexual health
- Early diagnosis of cancer

Project Outcomes

Washington Area Committee is seeking applications which will:

- Enhance work and programmes already identified as meeting local health inequalities
- Encourages collaboration and partnership working
- Meets the shared priorities as identified above
- Builds on best practice and learning from previous initiatives and programmes
- Be innovative
- Be sustainable
- Meets an evidence-based need re health outcomes for Washington

Budget: The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£40,000**.

Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria. The results of that assessment and Neighbourhood Fund consultation will be presented to the next available Area Committee who will determine successful applications.

Executive Summary
Application No.1

Name of Project	Mickey's Place
Lead Organisation	ShARP & St Michaels' & All Angels

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£4,750	In kind/support staff	£4,750
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	September 2019	October 2020

Project Proposal

To support local vulnerable residents in crisis, volunteers at St Michael's open the church building every Monday and Wednesday 10 – 12 to offer a safe space for local people to come together for friendship and support. This support has been crucial to helping through the provision of a foodbank to vulnerable people presenting at the point of crisis. The St Michael's foodbank has also drawn together a number of organisations including the church and its volunteers, ShARP (WISP), GENTOO and Age UK who have established a good partnership working together to address the urgent issues causing hardship to local people who often find it difficult to engage and maintain contact with any service. Having consulted with local people levels of loneliness, social isolation and mental health problems have been identified leading to a plan to develop the current venue into Mickey's Place a Community Resource Hub and this new project will be the start of that. The project will build on the existing partnership and the support currently offered but will also offer a range of new activities which will complement the existing foodbank whilst being separate to that. Mickey's Place will be open 10 -2.00pm every Monday and Wednesday (including school holidays) and will;

- Offer free/low cost healthy breakfast (10.00 -12.00)
- Offer free/low cost healthy lunch (12.30 – 2.00pm)
- Provide Community Cooking together sessions as social learning experiences
- Use shared mealtimes to encourage healthy eating
- Use shared mealtimes to reduce isolation and build friendships
- Provide local people with the opportunities to volunteer and access training/ personal development

The activities delivered in Mickey's Place will work with 20 – 30 local people each session to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness and will help people address their health and wellbeing needs including mental health and social care

Mickey's Place will help community cohesion as people develop a sense of place which will, in turn, generate a feeling of belonging as they enjoy positive experiences together and will engage with local people to improve their sense of wellbeing, reduce loneliness and help them access support in a safe place. As people grow in confidence they will be supported to access other community - based opportunities e.g. volunteering or training. A Management Committee is forming made up of local people and partners with an interest in supporting this development to take forward further development. ShARP will act as the Lead to administer this grant and support operations as the project establishes itself.

Partnership

Mickey's Place will work in partnership with members of the Washington VCS Network. The core partners at the moment are St Michael and All Angels Church which will be the venue for Mickey's Place; ShARP who provide advice on welfare rights, benefit and debt advice through WISP into the foodbank – WISP will remain as part of foodbank delivery but additional Advice Worker time will be given to Mickey's Place; Gentoo who will provide specialist advice on housing, homelessness, making on line housing applications, checking criteria and requirements for Gentoo tenants; Age UK will work with those people over 50 assisting with advice on aging well, disability, home adaptations, community activities to reduce loneliness/social isolation.

Washington Volunteer Project will provide support to DBS checks and provide advice so that volunteers can access a range of training, support and development. Links will be made with community cafés and food redistribution projects so that advice and support is available to cook and share healthy breakfast and lunch at Mickey's Place. The project will seek to strengthen partnerships with other organisations including MIND, WEA, Sunderland Carers and WWIN.

Objectives and Outputs and Milestones

The project will open end of September/beginning of October and will be closely monitored with regards to

- Number of people attending Mickey's Place each session (Breakfast/Lunch)
- Number of Community Cooking sessions
- Number of meals provided
- Plan and publish a schedule of activities/sessions
- Number and type of support to sessions or activities provided by other partners eg ShARP Advice/Budgeting, TWFR Home Safety, Washington Mind, Age UK, WEA etc
- Mickey's Place will work with 20 – 30 local people each session

How much NF funding is requested?		
£4,750		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	NF Contribution
Microwave oven	80.00	80.00
2x Toaster (4 slice)	40.00	40.00
Freezer	270.00	270.00
Misc Kitchen equipment	100.00	100.00
Room hire @ £80pw x 48 wks	3,840.00	3,840.00
Activities	220.00	220.00
Man & Admin (Finance)	200.00	200.00
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
This is a new project so no formal match funding has been secured yet. However, the partners will help Mickey's Place to fundraise as well as identify potential funders.		

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's SIB procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is [129/140 \(Average of SCC \(Weighted\) & CCG Scoring\)](#)

This application:

1. [Evidences a good track record of successful delivery and previous experience](#) of similar projects in the application. The proposal is clear with regards to what it will deliver and how. Project delivery will be in Washington out of St Michael's Church in Sulgrave. Project Management and monitoring systems through ShARP are robust and clearly explained with examples given. Milestones realistic, time lines and activity clear and relevant. Progress to be measured.
2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington Area committee as well as CCG and strategic approach. [Addresses a number of priorities](#) and addresses loneliness, social isolation and mental health as well as health and wellbeing
3. This proposal has [evidenced good partnership working](#) and is committed to further developing those partnerships.
4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:

- Enhance work and programmes already identified as meeting local health inequalities and Builds on best practice and learning from previous initiatives – **Fully meets an identified need. New initiative but builds on previous activity**
- Encourages collaboration and partnership working – **Meets - comprehensive partnership working identified.**
- Meets the shared priorities as identified above – **Fully meets**
- Be innovative – **Relatively new activity but not innovative**
- Evidences how it will be sustained post funding – **dependent on future bids and fund raising. St Michaels will become a constituted community hub.**
- Meets an evidence-based need re health outcomes for Washington – **Fully Meets – evidence and consultation included in the application**

5. Added value and value for money

- Builds on existing provision and adds value
- Project will be based in Washington
- Provides access to other services and support including financial, social and health issues
- Expects to engage new local beneficiaries

Consultation comments:

- They have a great holistic approach to their aim of helping people of Washington. Benefit/Money advice is a very important addition to food banks etc. to ensure people don't just get a temporary fix but the service enables help to the person to fix the problem permanently. It is great Churches are involved in this type of community work and this should be seen as good practice for the whole of the City.
- Plans for future bids but no guarantees re suitability.
- Not a lot of detail re reaching new beneficiaries but strong links with others who are supporting

Application No.2

Name of Project	Washington Healthy Lifestyles
Lead Organisation	Washington Millennium Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£40,412	£20,412	£20,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	April 1 st 2020	March 31 st 2021

Project Proposal

This proposal will continue the Healthy Lifestyles Project delivery currently being funded jointly by Area Committee and the Millennium Centre. The project offers a community led, personalised approach to encourage and support people to live healthier lifestyles and improve their health and wellbeing through making positive lifestyle changes, including increasing physical activity, healthy eating, reducing alcohol intake and stopping smoking through advice, information and support. The project will be delivered at WMC by trained staff (2 staff members) supported by the gym staff and is aimed at residents 40years+ who are at risk of or have suffered from medical conditions. Health education and encouraging lifestyle changes are the key strands of work, to help reduce the impact these illnesses can have on individuals and on the NHS. The project aims to help people help themselves. Regular physical activity can help maintain cognitive function, reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, help maintain the ability to carry out daily living activities, reduce the risk of falls, and improves mood and self-esteem. The work addresses both Area Committee outcomes (**Health & Well Being**) and some of the CCG outcomes (**Early prevention, Obesity, and Physical activity**). This proposal will expand the current offer to new residents by reducing the eligibility age down to 40 and to a lower age limit re obesity and diabetics and pre-diabetics of 18, to improve the offer and broaden the reach. These strands will be managed by staff currently completing a level 4 obesity and diabetes qualification

as an extension to his exercise referral qualification. Good referral mechanisms in place - to GPs for specialist support or referred to the programme by their GP, Practice Nurse or other healthcare professional if they believe that a programme of physical activity would be of benefit to the individual.

A 12week physical activity programme is designed specifically for those 40 years+, are inactive and have a health need. This will include 1:1 gym-sessions and an exercise programme, Easyline low intensity/impact circuits, Pilates, and Move to Improve with regular reviews. On completion of the 12week programme a review will be provided with the opportunity to continue to be physically active and/or continue other lifestyle improvements. Options will include mainstream activities within the Centre, Sunderland Walking for Health programme, activities as on the Wellbeing site. A 24week review is an option for those with those still using the centre and who choose to continue. The first 12 weeks will be at no cost to the participant and to encourage and support them to continue with the activities and lifestyle changes they will be offered the opportunity to continue to be part of the project at a reduced cost (50%) when compared with the regular centre charges for a further 12 weeks. Monthly healthy lifestyle/health promotion messages will be promoted on site in the centre, on the centre Facebook and wellbeing.org pages, and display boards and pop ups will be placed in centre to support the CCG's full priority list, promoting health advice and messages. We have a high footfall in the centre covering all age groups due to the range of activities on offer, the soft play facilities, gym and the use of the centre by Oxclose Youth Project.

Partnership

The Millennium Centre has a good track record of working in partnership and not duplicating the work of others. The offer will not duplicate the NHS offer and will focus on education and tier 1 support exercise referral and higher need individuals will be signposted to specialist services provided by the NHS as it would be the GP who would be the lead to refer into these specialist services. Staff working on the project will develop new links as appropriate and as opportunities arise. Other partners identified in the application include **Washington MIND, Slimming World, Active Sunderland Walking for Health programme, NHS STEPS to Health, Health Centres and GP Surgeries, Sunderland GP Alliance (Washington Area), Oxclose Youth Project, NHS Screening Services Co-ordinator and Sunderland College**

Objectives and Outputs and Milestones

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
New leaflet produced and circulated	28/4/20
Diabetic and pre-diabetic support pathway established	30/6/20
Obesity support pathway established	30/6/20
6 health promotion displays in centre	30/3/21
12 health posts on social media platforms	30/3/21
90 residents complete 12week reviews	30/3/21

Output Code	Target 2019/2020				Target 2020/2021				Target 2021/2022			
Beneficiaries					30	30	30	30				
Health programmes					1							

120 new beneficiaries for 2020/2021 is projected to be those who participate directly in the 12week project. There will be over 5,000 beneficiaries who will see the health promotion advice and guidance displayed in the centre or through one of our partners. This figure is on the low side as our social media page currently reaches over 3,000 people and when they share or depending on their page settings can then reach over 10,000 - though not all of them will be Washington residents. Add those figures to our average monthly footfall and 5,000 is not unrealistic.

Budget and Funding

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
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96 hours of fitness classes	£2400	£400	£2000
Gym staff 1300 hours	£15,080	£9080	£6000
Gym Memberships	£9000	£3000	£6000
Admin support	£1000	£1000	NIL
Publicity	£500	£0	£500
Room hire	£4440	£2440	£2000
Project manager 312 hours	£4992	£1992	£3000
Management Fee	£2000	£1500	£500
Equipment	£1000	£1000	NIL
Total	£40412	£20412	£20000

Project Management & Monitoring & Systems

The Millennium Centre has robust policies and procedures (including financial) in place and all staff are trained to an appropriate level to ensure they are qualified to deliver the centre's offer, which includes this project. Financial Management Systems are reviewed every three years to ensure good practice and meet all charity law requirements. The project will be monitored in a range of ways - the manager provides regular reports to the Washington Millennium Centre Trustees, Project staff's operational activity is aligned to the outcomes and milestones contained within the application, Staff are managed by the Centre Manager and they meet regularly to monitor progress and ensure targets, milestones and outputs are achieved. The manager and Advisor to the Trust meet regularly to review the project and they will complete monitoring returns in line with the requirements of the grant. Any lack of progress against targets will be reported and steps to resolve the situation will be included within the reports. Any budget deviations will be reported and explain in the QMR return re individual clients

A robust screening and monitoring system is established and will be used to monitor, assess and evaluate the health improvements of residents engaged on the programme. Case studies will be produced where appropriate (with agreement from individuals) to demonstrate their progress and the quality and value of the project.

Monitoring and evaluation will also include a customer satisfaction survey which will give users the opportunity to feed back their opinions of the project. This information will be used to inform the ongoing development and improvement of the project.

Sustainability

The expectation is more people will self-refer rather than be referred from their GP or health professional. This is based on current experience, how we continue to promote the project and the impact the healthy lifestyle strand will have along with the number of people coming into the centre to talk about health issues. Currently more residents are sent to their GP practice to get their screening PAR Q signed off saying they are fit to exercise than we get residents saying their GP or health professional has sent them to do the exercise referral programme. Based on experience we believe the split will be around 70-30 in favour of self-referral.

The referral pathway set up 2 years ago shows how the project links to other services like Move to Improve and specialist provision, which is now NHS Steps to Health, as we mention in the application the GP is the professional who is at the heart of the referral process. The current arrangement with the local practices will continue and we hope through our work with the Sunderland GP Alliance and Susan Currien more referrals will be made by the local practices. This project offers patients an exit route from NHS STEPS to Health (and our lead Christine meets with Gavin Cogden the service manager several times a year to keep him updated) or from a specialist service, so extends the period of support someone will have to help them recover or improve their health. Those who wish, will have the opportunity to continue after the 12 weeks at a subsidised rate and will continue to receive support and advice from staff. Activity can take place at the Millennium Centre. This project will refer into other initiatives, e.g. Washington Mind who can provide counseling and psychological support for those people who might self-refer but are dealing with issues that impact on their ability to make lifestyle changes. The Centre is committed to using this project as a pilot to facilitate a funding bid to one of the larger funds as that is the best way to sustain the work in the longer term and have the biggest impact. We will continue to support residents through exercise referral

after the life of the project but some elements may need to have a charge attached to it, which will be discussed with trustees to ascertain elements of the project could be embedded in the centre offer.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's SIB procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is 104/140 (Average of SCC & CCG Scoring)

1. **Evidences a good track record of successful delivery and previous experience** of similar projects in the application. The proposal is clear with regards to what it will deliver and how. Project delivery will be in Washington predominantly out of the Washington Millennium Centre. Project Management and monitoring systems robust and clearly explained with examples given. Milestones realistic, time lines and activity clear and relevant. Potential risks identified

2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington Area committee as well as CCG and strategic approach. **Addresses a number of priorities**

3. This proposal has **evidenced good partnership working** and is committed to further developing those partnerships. Long list of proactive partners identified in the application.

4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:

- Enhance work and programmes already identified as meeting local health inequalities and Builds on best practice and learning from previous initiatives – **Fully meets - identifies existing programmes and how will enhance; learning from previous initiatives e.g. lowering eligible age**
- Encourages collaboration and partnership working – **Meets. And comprehensive partnership working identified**
- Meets the shared priorities as identified above – **Fully meets**
- Be innovative - **Not new or innovative but uses a range of methods**
- Evidences how it will be sustained post funding - **Charges introduced and mention of future longer-term plan. Recording outcomes and gathering evidence to inform future longer-term bids for funding. Some case studies already evidence change in lifestyle and clients able to self help and refer re further activity**
- Meets an evidence-based need re health outcomes for Washington – **Meets – evidence focused on Washington North Ward**

5. Added value and value for money

- Project will be based across Washington with 2 dedicated posts
- Expects to engage/beneficiaries - **Many methods of reaching beneficiaries including partners, VCSN, Facebook, users of the Centre, referrals. Adds value to existing users**
- Match funding – good levels of Match funding – more than 50%

Consultation comments:

- Plans for future bids but no guarantees re suitability.
- Could strength links with GP practices?
- CCG concern raised re possible duplication with free NHSE Programme that also deals with health lifestyles

Application No.3

Name of Project	Healthy Washington
Lead Organisation	Bowes Railway Museum

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£7972.60	£2974.40	£4998.20
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
10 – 12 months	October 2019	Summer 2020

Project proposal

BRC will engage local residents in social activities to enable them to progress into volunteering in Washington. This will address the CCG priorities of social isolation, loneliness and improving health through companionship and increasing physical activity and the Area Committee priorities of health and well-being and social isolation. The target group is likely, but not exclusively, to be the elderly, retired and those who are unemployed and/or suffered health issues. We will develop an early intervention project with local young people - who are congregating in relatively large numbers around the Bowes site in Springwell and displaying anti-social behaviour, and from discarded items found it appears they are experimenting with alcohol and drugs. The project will initially be based within the facilities at Bowes Railway site in Springwell and will adopt a social subscribing model as part of its engagement model but also in its delivery, in that the sessions will be delivered over a number of weeks to have lasting impact on the people who attend and allowing time to build confidence and progression at a rate appropriate to each individual. The social activities developed will be easy access with 'come for a cuppa' sessions or a luncheon club and then more specific sessions will be developed to respond to the interests of those engaged and may include art sessions such as textiles, drawing, woodwork, blacksmith skills, wreath making. We will develop games/sports sessions which may include dominoes afternoon, card games, yoga and relaxation sessions through to outside activities such as developing walking routes, gardening or nature club. We will encourage participants to buddy new members and extend social circles and use local transport to improve confidence and extend their social experiences. We will work with our existing volunteer base to develop their skills and confidence, to buddy other residents to attend the Healthy Washington project. As participants progress they will be made aware of services for their benefit and supported to engage with those services. The project will build on best practice and learning from previous delivery and will respond to the findings of the Adult Lifestyle Survey 2017 by encouraging moderate physical activity, improving wellbeing through social interaction and exploring new activities and targeting residents who have lower life expectancy than other Washington wards.

Partnership

BRC have developed links with social care providers of services for young people with autism and individuals experiencing mental health difficulties - this offer has only been accessed by services in Gateshead and Durham and we would use the Healthy Washington Project to encourage access by groups from the Washington area. The project will work in close partnership with the Washington VCS support project, Clean and Green environmental volunteering project, Washington Mental Health Men's Group and will actively refer to services offered by Washington MIND and Millennium Centre. BRC have actively pursued a partnership approach to working over the last 3 years, working with Springwell Residents Association, Springwell Village Community Venue, and regularly attend the Washington VCS network and Sunderland Heritage Network forum. We will work with local GPs and health centres and Washington Trust, Washington Old hall, Washington VCS Project, Clean and Green and Washington Arts centre to share information and receive referrals. We work with the Little Onions Club, Washington Mental Health Men's group and anticipate that they may be an onward referral for some of our participants.

Objectives and Outputs and Milestones

The project will open October and will

- Work with 30 people - 8 will progress into volunteering and 12 will participate in support services additional to the Healthy Washington Project. We will train 6 buddies who will contribute to the future sustainment of the project and will also work to maintain the viability of Bowes Railway activities or Washington Clean and Green Project, lead walking routes or contribute to gardening projects. Opportunities will also be developed with local Community Centres to offer luncheon clubs, play activities, working with the Washington VCS Project, Keep Washington Tidy project etc.
- Engage participants in other services - such as the Health Champions and smoking cessation support provided by our partner SNCBC, weight management and healthy eating support at our onsite tearooms and engaging with active Sunderland
- 25% of participants will progress into a volunteering opportunity which may include moderate physical activity in environmental works at the Bowes site

How much NF funding is requested?		
£4998.20		
What will it be spent on? (budget headings/totals)		
Please provide detailed costs of each item/activity and the amount you are requesting. Please include quantity and the description of goods		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	NF Contribution
Staff – average 12 hours per week @ £15.15 per hour inc. on-costs for support worker or senior youth worker or specialist workshop staff - 32 weeks of delivery across 9month period	£5817.60	£4363.20
Activity Resources and equipment	£1235.00	£635
Insurance, management, utilities contribution	£920.00	£0
Totals	£7972.60	£4998.20
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
Match funding has been secured from Bowes Railway Company reserves - £1454.40 towards salary costs and in-kind costs from utilising site equipment, resources, group meeting space and insurance for activity costs		

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's SIB procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is **103/140 (Average of SCC (Weighted) & CCG Scoring)**

This application:

1. Evidences a good track record of successful delivery and previous experience of similar projects in the application.
2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington Area committee as well as CCG and strategic approach. **Addresses a number of priorities** including loneliness, social isolation and mental health as well as health and wellbeing, volunteering/social prescribing, and physical activities
3. This proposal has **evidenced good partnership working** and committed to further developing partnerships
4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:
 - Enhance work already identified as meeting local health inequalities and builds on best practice and learning from previous initiatives – **Meets**
 - Encourages collaboration and partnership working – **Meets - comprehensive partnership working identified.**
 - Meets the shared priorities as identified above – **Fully meets**
 - Be innovative – **Not innovative**
 - Evidences how it will be sustained post funding – **dependent on referring to other services.**
 - Meets an evidence-based need re health outcomes for Washington – **Fully Meets – evidence included in the application**
6. Added value and value for money
 - Addresses youth related antisocial behaviour
 - Project will be based in Washington
 - Provides access to other services

Consultation comments:

- Could be more focused with regards to targets v activities – trying to be all things to everyone
- No connection between older and younger target groups – missed opportunity re intergenerational work?

Application No.4

Name of Project	Movers on the Move
Lead Organisation	Sunderland Empire Creative Learning

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£6,350	£1,350 In kind/staff	£5,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
30 weeks	November 2019	May 2020

Project Proposal The project will look to establish a weekly group open to all adults and over 60s living in the Washington area and will offer 15 free taster sessions followed by a free set of 15 Core Movers sessions to increase opportunities for people of Washington to take part in physical exercise. Sessions will involve a 2hour dance session which hones-in on both ballet and contemporary dance techniques. Each session will aim to engage between **15 - 20 participants**. The group will be responsive to the locality profile of Washington and reflective of the Area Committee priorities to combat social isolation and loneliness and provide further opportunities for physical activity within the area. The sessions will be accessible for a range of abilities and can be tailored to complete beginner level through to the more experienced. Whilst focused on exercise, our sessions are also designed to increase confidence whilst allowing the opportunity to learn a new skill. The sessions are structured as follows:

- 1 hr: Ballet techniques focusing on developing core strength and balance. Comprising of gentle stretches and toning exercises for arms, hips, legs and feet. This also includes a full warm up for the class. This activity is done using chairs to support balance.
- 15 minutes: Break with tea and coffee. We use this time in the sessions as an opportunity for the group to bond and socialise with others in the group to develop new friendships.
- 45 minutes: Contemporary choreography: participants will learn a phrase of movement to a piece of music. This activity encourages participants to move freely whilst remembering choreography to support memory and co-ordination.

2 qualified CLCP staff members will lead the sessions. Both practitioners have extensive experience in dance as well as working with a wide range of adult participants and older people.

Outcomes: increase confidence through physical activity, positively impact social isolation, increase possibilities for arts engagement with the view to encouraging friendships through our project. We will complete a series of qualitative and quantitative data collections throughout the project, for example, participants confidence, physical and mental improvements will be measured at the start of the project, using self-assessment questionnaires and throughout the project as well as collating group feedback after each taster session. Evaluations of the sessions will also be captured through an evaluation form created by Creative Learning & Community Partnerships. We hope to develop a core group who will want to continue the group after the project end where we will look to introduce a small and appropriate nominal fee to ensure the sustainability of future sessions. We would like to ensure that this activity can continue in Washington.

Partnership

The project will seek to establish and nurture partnerships between CLCP Sunderland Empire Theatre and community venues in Washington. We will consult within community venues in Washington and hope to increase engagement with the arts in these venues whilst reducing social isolation for participants. We will be sign posting members of the group to supportive and wellbeing organisations within the locality. We would like to collaborate with Arts Centre Washington as a potential venue for Movers whilst increasing community engagement at their venue also. We will also be liaising with health groups including Washington Mind to ensure that we continue to provide suitable provision for our participants who may be experiencing social isolation and/ loneliness as well as other health issues.

How much NF funding is requested?
£5000

What will it be spent on? (budget headings/totals)		
Please provide detailed costs of each item/activity and the amount you are requesting. Please include quantity and the description of goods		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	SIB Contribution
15 x Taster Sessions (including practitioner, prep and delivery)	£2400	£2400
15 x Core Sessions (including practitioner, prep and delivery)	£2400	£2400
Refreshments	£60	£60
Portable Speaker	£75	£75
Promotion	£130	£65
Travel	£100	£0
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
Creative Learning & Community Partnerships would be providing project coordination time to the value of £1350 over 30 weeks of the project IN KIND.		

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's SIB procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is [102/140 \(Average of SCC \(Weighted\) & CCG Scoring\)](#)

This application:

1. **Evidences previous experience** and delivery of a similar projects (Coalfields).
2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington Area committee as well as CCG and strategic approach. **Addresses a number of priorities** including loneliness, social isolation and as well as health and wellbeing and physical activity
3. This proposal **has does not evidenced knowledge of local partners** although does intend to liaise with local community venues and Arts Centre Washington
4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:
 - Enhance work already identified as meeting local health inequalities and builds on best practice and learning from previous initiatives – **Partially Meets**
 - Encourages collaboration and partnership working – **Partially Meets** - intend to liaise with local community venues and Arts Centre Washington. Limited evidence of knowledge of partners in area.
 - Meets the shared priorities as identified above – **Fully meets**
 - Be innovative – **Innovative** A different type of activity for older people not usually on offer.
 - Evidences how it will be sustained post funding – will introduce a charge to ensure sustainability.
 - Meets an evidence-based need re health outcomes for Washington – **Fully Meets – evidence included in the application**
7. Added value and value for money
 - Project will be based in Washington

Consultation comments:

- Mentions Arts Centre but no other venues identified yet – will it be the same venue each time? Same 30 participants? Are costs of venue hire included in the cost breakdown? Confirmation of venues caused significant delays in delivery in the Coalfields.

Application No.5

Name of Project	Washington Mind Group Support
Lead Organisation	Washington MIND

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£8,300	£0	£8,300
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
15 months	October 2019	December 2020

Project Proposal

Poor sleep and enduring pain can impact negatively on all long-term conditions, making everyday life so much harder to deal with. If poor sleep and enduring pain are managed better then you can begin to focus on what you can do and not what you cannot. You are then empowered to manage your long-term conditions rather than them managing you. The proposal will deliver a sleep course and a pain management course to help empower people to take back control of their lives. This will be supported by a range of other therapies.

Sleep management and sleep hygiene course (3 x 4week course) 4 sessions, with a maximum of 6 participants, exploring the barriers to sleep and how to overcome/manage them using techniques such as good hygiene – turning off phones and screens before bedtime, diet, etc., routines, relaxation exercises, meditation/mindfulness. The Epworth Sleepiness scale will be used at the start of each session to help focus where the participant needs most help. This scale will also indicate if further medical advice should be sought by the participant.

Pain management group (3 x 4week course) 4 sessions, with a maximum of 6 participants, to give people with pain management issues an introduction to self-hypnosis to enable pain reduction. Sessions will concentrate on relaxation exercises, meditation/mindfulness, self-hypnosis, guided imagery for pain reduction. A basic Numeric Pain Scale will be used at the start and end of each intervention to record the participants' journey each session. This scale will also indicate if further medical advice should be sought by the participant.

Mums Matter (2 x 12week course) 12 sessions, with a maximum of 12 participants. New motherhood is often imagined to be a time of great joy, happiness and excitement. However, we know that the reality for many mums can be far from this with low moods, anxiety and worrying thoughts and feelings. Here at Mind, we support mums to manage the everyday, nurture themselves and dispel the many myths of motherhood. This 12week group will offer a wide range of perinatal mental health information, which covers topics such as causes, specific types of mental health problems, self-care, friends and family, and further support and services.

Additional Alternative Therapy Sessions - Provide complementary treatments for the benefit of those people who are accessing the above groups and who are experiencing or who are at risk of developing, mental ill health and/or emotional distress.

The work addresses both Area Committee outcomes and some of the CCG outcomes:

1. Area Committee **Health & Well Being** - collaborative work to seek solutions to address area priorities
2. CCG – people living with **social isolation and loneliness, early prevention, mental health and long-term conditions**
3. Key local health inequalities – ALS Ward data

In addition, where currently **demand for services far outweighs capacity** the additional resources will increase capacity in local mental health provision,

Partnership

Washington Mind has established strong partnerships with other local organisations, working with organisations throughout Sunderland, Washington and the Coalfields. Wellbeinginfo.org is used as a signposting tool to ensure that clients receive the best care and support, which means referrals to other organisations if MIND cannot meet their individual needs. Group work will work with those people at an early prevention stage and although there are services within in the area who offer pain/sleep management, these are of a much higher level and under GP/hospital referrals. Washington Mind is an active member of the voluntary and community sector and we are involved in a variety of strategic networks across the city. We co-ordinate the Sunderland Time to Change Hub, the Suicide Prevention Action group and the Heath Champions network and manage the regional www.wellbeinginfo.org website that has a directory of over 500 local organisations. At triage stage of our referral process, we will also offer group work to those people who will benefit from attending.

Objectives and Outputs and Milestones

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Advertise for therapist and start to advertise groups	01/10/19
Launch Mums Matter 12week course. Offer complimentary therapies	01/10/19 – 31/12/19
Sleep and pain management group. Offer complimentary therapies	01/01/20 – 31/03/20
Sleep and pain management group. Offer complimentary therapies	01/04/20 – 30/06/20
Mums Matter 12week course. Offer complimentary therapies	01/07/20 – 30/09/20
Sleep and pain management group. Offer complimentary therapies	01/10/20 – 31/12/20
Evaluate project to secure future funding	01/12/2020

Output Code	Target 2019/2020				Target 2020/2021				Target 2021/2022			
Beneficiaries			12	12	12	12	12					
Health programmes			1	2	2	1	2					

Budget and Funding

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
3 x 4week sleep management/hygiene @ £500 per course	£1500	£0	£1500
3 x 4week pain management @ £500 per course	£1500	£0	£1500
2 x 12week Mums Matter @£1000 per course	£2000	£0	£2000
Therapist £11 per hour over 60 weeks, 5 hours per week	£3300	£0	£3300
	£8300		£8300

Project Management & Monitoring & Systems

Washington Mind have successfully secured funding from both statutory and independent providers to deliver projects and have monitoring and financial monitoring systems in place to meet the financial and output monitoring requirements of all grants. We have a comprehensive database so that statistical monitoring is accurately collated on a monthly basis with quarterly and annual reports to identify trends and ensure target groups are accessing our services. There are documented policies and procedures in place that help to maintain consistency and efficiency within the organisation, enabling the service to achieve National Quality Standards.

Sustainability

Organisation's policy is to continually look to identify new sources of funding for successful pilots

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's SIB procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is [95/140 \(Average of SCC & CCG Scoring\)](#)

1. **Evidences a good track record of successful delivery and previous experience** of similar projects included the application. The proposal is clear with regards to what it will deliver and how. Project Management and monitoring systems robust and clearly explained with examples given. Milestones realistic, time lines and activity clear and relevant. Potential risks identified
2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington Area committee as well as CCG and strategic approach. **Addresses priorities**
3. This proposal has **evidenced good partnership working**
4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:
 - Enhance work and programmes already identified as meeting local health inequalities and Builds on best practice and learning from previous initiatives – little mention of existing programmes and

links with this project. Are the participants existing clients? **Partially meets. Identifies learning from previous initiatives**

- Encourages collaboration and partnership working – **Partially Meets. Limited partnership working identified**
 - Meets the shared priorities as identified above – **Fully meets** addresses social prescribing and mental health and will improve mental wellbeing and address long term conditions
 - Be innovative – **Some innovation - new type of activity on offer**
 - Evidences how it will be sustained post funding - **Charges introduced and mention of future longer-term plan. Recording outcomes and gathering evidence to inform future longer-term bids for funding. Some case studies already evidence change in lifestyle and clients able to self help and refer re further activity**
 - Meets an evidence-based need re health outcomes for Washington – **Meets**
5. Added value and value for money
- Project will be based across Washington

Consultation comments:

- It is clear who should benefit but not how they will be reached. Are they existing beneficiaries being offered an additional service? Or new beneficiaries?
- Weak on partnership working. Mentions referrals to other organisations but not specific. Indicates that there are no other services or organisations providing something similar in Washington.

Application No.6

Name of Project	Active AIM (Activation Information Motivation)
Lead Organisation	Active Families NE CiC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£14,522	£2,350	£12,172
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	October 2019	October 2020

Project Proposal

This project will attempt to tackle the high levels of inactivity and obesity in the Washington areas of the city, with a focus on young people aged 8-11 years. We know that children tend to be more active when their parents themselves are. ACTIVE AIM will educate and inform whilst also motivating everyone who takes part. The aim of the project will be to deliver fun, engaging, accessible, and affordable sessions within community settings in Washington. We will run this project over the next 12 months in 6week blocks of activity offering two different times of the week/weekend to cater for all. After the programmes families will be invited to a free celebration event where they can take part in various activities and have lunch. This will give us a chance to speak to the families and do some further evaluation work to see how they are finding making positive lifestyle changes. Active Families will run these twice a year and invite all previous participants along. Sessions proposed will be inclusive and interactive and will educate, enthuse and encourage both adults and their children to tackle health related issues. We have a wide range of activities we can provide which will include Family Glow Festivals, Family Fun Days, Regular physical activity sessions, Smoothy Bike Riding, Healthy Cookery sessions and Easy to Follow Eating and Well-being plans. Initial Session Plans (list of topics/programme of activities) are:

1. Eat The Rainbow • Kangoo Jump Fitness An Introduction
2. Sugar - what is in our food • Kangoo Jump Family Games
3. Good Fats & Bad Fats • Kangoo Jump Bootcamp
4. The Hidden Dangers of Salt Snacks & Healthy Food Swaps • Kangoo Jump Family Circuits/Kangoo Jump Silent Disco

5. Understanding Food Labelling/ Lifestyle Choices • Kangoo Jump Family Games

6. Mind Over Matter • Kangoo Jump Olympics kid

If successful Everyone Active have kindly offered discounted family swim vouchers, KB fitness will offer local fitness classes for free for 8 weeks and then at a further reduced rate at this. This will give young people and families the opportunity to continue to lead more active lives outside of the school holiday periods. We will link in with other organisations such as Washington Mind to provide an adult only and family session to tackle the ever-increasing mental health issues being experienced in this area. Using the Rainbow Family Centre we will encourage local families to make positive health changes to their lifestyle. This idea is new and innovative using a form of physical activities and education that is fun, interactive and fully inclusive. The entire programme will be open and accessible to families in the local area surrounding The Rainbow Family Centre.

Partnership

Active Families North East has established numerous links and strong partnerships to further enhance our service offer. We feel this strong community spirit is an essential part of making projects such as this run successfully. For this proposal our key partners will Rainbow Centre, KB Fitness, Everyone Active and Washington MIND. For some time, we have used the Rainbow Family Centre as a venue for some of our parent & child fitness classes. It is a venue that lends itself well to being accessible and within easy reach for those around. The currently isn't another session of this type in the local area or at this venue so we feel that combined with our experience and expertise we can deliver a successful programme from this venue. We are also keen to strengthen links with organisations from the VCS network that Active Families is part of.

Objectives and Outputs and Milestones

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Purchase Equipment to assist with quality delivery	1/10/2019
Liaise with partners for purchasing incentives (Everyone Active, KB Fitness)	1/10/2019
Work with partner organisations to agree when they will deliver their sessions (Washington Mind)	1/10/2019
Produce marketing plan and material to promote our offer	1/10/2019
6 x 6 week blocks of activity delivered	10/12/2020
Reduce levels of inactivity in Washington	10/12/2020
Reduce levels of childhood obesity in Washington	10/12/2020

Output Code	Target 2019/2020				Target 2020/2021				Target 2021/2022			
Beneficiaries				60	60		60					
Health programmes				2	2		2					

Budget and Funding

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Kangoo Boots Children/Adults x 30 pairs	£6,000	£1,000	£5,000
6 (6-week programmes throughout the year) x 2 staff (2 hours a session) £90 a session	£3,240		£3240
Room Hire x £10 an hour x 2 (6 programmes)	£720		£720
Recipe Cards	£200		£200
Fruit/Veg Hampers 4 weeks out of 8 to match recipe cards	£360	£180	£180
Programme Admin	£600		£600

Marketing/Advertising	£600		£600
Family Swim Vouchers x	£1,440	£720	£720
Family Boogie Bounce Fitness Classes	£450	£450	
Washington Mind Classes x 2 hours x 12 sessions	£912		£912
Total	£14,522	£2,350	£12,172

Project Management & Monitoring & Systems

Throughout the project we will monitor its progression by keeping weekly registers of attendances and also ask participants for feedback. From a monitoring point of view we will use registration forms and session registers to monitor participation. The programme directors will meet regularly to ensure the project is on course to deliver its outcomes and is a success. We will use a budgeting sheet to track the project from start to finish so that we are able to remain on target. All receipts will be kept and filed accordingly and invoices for both staff and any equipment/materials will be sent and paid as needed. These will also all be filed using the same system we already have in place and have used successfully for some time.

Sustainability

Clients to progress to self-supporting activities and take advantage of negotiated incentives to continue on programmes and practises.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's SIB procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is 80/140 (Average of SCC & CCG Scoring)

- 1. Evidences a track record of some delivery and previous experience** in other areas of the City. The proposal is clear with regards to what it will deliver and how. Project Management and monitoring systems are identified. Milestones realistic, time lines and activity clear and relevant.
- 2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington Area committee as well as CCG and strategic approach. Addresses priorities** - obesity and physical health, mental health
- 3. This proposal does not evidence local knowledge re partners and other services in the area. Identifies Limited partnership working.** States no other similar service. No mention of schools/ nurseries/youth and play groups etc.
- 4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:**
 - Enhance work and programmes already identified as meeting local health inequalities and builds on best practice and learning from previous initiatives – little mention of existing programmes and links with this project – LAF, schools?. Are the participants existing clients? **Partially meets.** Some learning from own initiatives but lacking in reference to learning from other initiatives
 - Encourages collaboration and partnership working – **Partially Meets. Limited partnership working identified**
 - Meets the shared priorities as identified above – **Fully meets** addresses social prescribing and mental health and will improve mental wellbeing and address long term conditions
 - Be innovative – **Some innovation - new type of activity on offer**
 - Evidences how it will be sustained post funding – **no detail on how the offer can be sustained** although proposed that some clients to progress to self-supporting activities and take advantage of negotiated incentives to continue on programmes and practises
 - Meets an evidence-based need re health outcomes for Washington – **Limited.** Little reference to identified need – mentions deprivation. Focused on Washington North only
- 5. Added value and value for money**
 - Project will be based in Washington - only mentions it being offered to children and families from the local area surrounding the Rainbow Centre.

Consultation comments:

- Not detailed about how beneficiaries will be reached – schools? Youth providers?

60 beneficiaries identified for each of 3 quarters. Not clear if they are new.

Technical Assessment

	Mickeys Place	Healthy Lifestyles	Bowes	Movers	MIND Groups	Active Families
Score (140) SCC / CCG	129 123 / 135	103.5 114 / 93	103 106 / 100	103 98 / 107	95 75 / 115	80 74 / 85
Funding requested	£4,750 (Small Grant)	£20,000 (Full SIB)	£4998 (Small Grant)	£5000 (Small Grant)	£8,300 (Full SIB)	£12,172 (Full SIB)
Match	In kind	£20,412	£2,974	£1,350 staff	£0	£2,350
Beneficiaries	20 – 30 per session All ages	120 Over 40s Over 18s (pre-diabetic)	30 Elderly/retired Young people	20 – 30 per session Over 60s	60 Mums All ages	180 Families Children 8 - 11

Officer Recommendation: Approve

- **Mickey's Place: ShARP & St Michael's & All Angels** **£ 4,750**
- **Healthy Lifestyles: Washington Millennium Centre** **£20,000**
- **Healthy Washington: Bowes Railway Museum** **£ 4,998**
- **Movers on the Move: Sunderland Empire Creative Learning [subject to the following terms and conditions](#)** **£ 5,000**
 - i. [Appropriate local venues confirmed before funding released](#)
- **MIND Support Groups: Washington MIND** **£ 8,300**
- **Active AIM: Active Families [subject to the following terms and conditions](#)** **£12,172**
 - i. [Confirmation of wider reach than Washington North](#)
 - ii. [Confirmation of better targeting re beneficiaries – how will families be targeted](#)
 - iii. [Contact with local schools, organisations and groups](#)

TOTAL **£55,220**

Washington Area Committee is requested to approve an additional £15,220 Neighbourhood Fund (2019/20 budget) and £40,000 (CCG) to deliver the Healthy Action in the Community Programme as detailed above

Applications for Washington Safe Care

CALL FOR PROJECTS

Washington Area Committee would like to invite Washington based Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups, and public and statutory providers to submit a full application to deliver the Washington Safe Care Project.

Washington Area Committee wishes to see proposals which address the Area Committee's priorities of Health and Well Being, young people and safe. Applications will be considered from VCS groups who have a Management Committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories. VCS groups must adhere to accounting requirements in accordance with the Companies Act.

Introduction and Background

Following Councillor interest in the SAFE priority and specifically around multiple risk behaviours in young people including their understanding of healthy relationships (care versus control) the warning signs of grooming, sexual exploitation and potential dangers of misusing social media and devices, substance misuse etc, initial discussions took place with strategic leads, police and local secondary school around the possibility of a partnership approach to address the aforementioned issues. The Washington Area Committee would like to receive applications to deliver a locality approach that brings existing services together and explores innovative ways of working to provide a young person-centred approach.

The following is recommended as a Call for Projects:

Washington Area Committee is seeking applications to identify and establish an appropriate partnership protocol which will

- Establish pathways from cross sector partners to refer young people displaying risk behaviours into this project, in particular Police, education, health and children's services
- Understand the relationship and recognise links between cluster risk behaviours and tailor a partnership approach to target multiple behaviours rather than focus on single behaviour issues building on the existing service delivery
- Develop practices that include individual, group level, school, parent and community components and identify programmes and support which creates a young person centre-focused approach which includes involvement and agreement from the young person and their family
- Provide support for locality working that delivers a range of Living Skills for young people – coping with peer pressures, bullying, managing money etc.
- Have knowledge of and take good learning from previous young person focused projects funded through SIB
- Provide co-ordination and support to deliver a range of initiatives to address emotional well-being and mental health of young people – particularly those already identified as in need and waiting for help and support.

Expected Outcomes

- Co-ordination and management of a partnership approach to deliver the proposed Washington Safe Care Project and ensure partners commit to that approach and a robust referral mechanism to bring everything together around the young person.
- Development an approach to information sharing with relevant services and providers – identifying who does what, signposting to support resources – including online and social media.
- Innovative working with existing local organisations, partners and providers who deliver early help for those young people identified as in need and waiting for help and support.
- Programme to improve parenting practices with regards to young people's acceptable behaviours and outcomes

- Establish programmes in schools to help develop healthy and positive relationships (understanding care versus control)
- Provide a programme that delivers a range of 'Living' Skills for young people – coping with peer pressures, bullying, managing money etc
- Identify and establish key areas of opportunity for developing innovative and novel interventions to sustain the project delivery.

Application No.1

Name of Project	Safe Care (new name to be determined with YP involvement)
Lead Organisation	Washington MIND

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£44,012	£4,250	£39,762
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	1 st January 2020	31 st December 2020

Project Proposal

This proposal will deliver a Youth Information, Advice and Counselling Service (YIACS) model. Our **Safe Care** Project will demonstrate how a YIACS model can contribute to safeguarding young people, potentially complementing the work of the overstretched statutory and other voluntary services. The project will involve a new post, recruiting an experienced and knowledgeable person to oversee and manage a partnership approach that will bring together key partners and map out existing resources and pathways, to accessing services. This project co-ordinator will work alongside our young people's interns and in partnership with local service providers who work with those already deemed to be at risk to gather this information. We know services are already available **and this project** will give young people, families and carers and the wider partners working with local young people, a **key contact** which is crucial to systems coming together and working in a joined-up way. This approach will enable the **strengthening of existing referral pathways** into appropriate services with a better understanding of what young people need, information sharing with relevant services and providers, clarifying who does what, and signposting to support resources.

The context of risk for our young people is key. Making youth participation central to the project will help us to determine risk behaviours from the perspective of the young people themselves. An appreciative enquiry approach will be taken to help us to gather the context as to:

- Why young people engage in risk taking behaviours?
- What services would they want to access?
- What support do they need?
- What is missing for the young people in Washington?
- Why aren't young people accessing services and 'hearing' about risk?

We are looking at a group of young people who do not traditionally access services, a particularly hard to reach group. We would need to meet with young people across Washington to identify how the project could work, this will inform the setting up of drop-in facilities both at The Life House and complimenting what is already available. As with the YIAC model, we will adopt a one stop shop approach to support, inviting partners from relevant services to be available during drop-in sessions. e.g. advocacy, sexual health. Early in the delivery of the project we will host a young person led Conference that will help launch the project and bring partners together, this will include an 'Information Village' style format. We would use a variety of methods including best use of digital resources to gather information – working with people and organisations that young people trust. We will take a structured approach to participation, facilitating young people led activities, and meeting with young people in settings that they identify as being safe. The initial phase of the project will focus on establishing risk from a young

person's perspective, examining the underlying causes, and exploring solutions to this. This collaborative approach will create a sense of ownership on behalf of young people, increasing the likelihood of the project's success. This model is one which young people have identified as one that works (See Altogether Better), and one which allows them to feel both heard, and valued. Working with the young people themselves and going to the places they go will make this project innovative, because truly hearing the voice of young people is surprisingly rare in young people's services.

The Co-ordinator post would map out current provision (for young people engaging in risky behaviours) and provide and develop a referral pathway by providing information surrounding what each service provider delivers and the work they undertake. We would work closely with local providers including Prevention and Early Help to ensure a cohesive approach to the project. **Signposting to appropriate, specialist existing services is key.** This information will be available for young people based upon the YIACS model in a place where young people are able to access this information e.g. on-line, schools, colleges, youth services.

www.wellbeinginfo.org a digital resource, will develop pages and supporting fact sheets that are accessible and understandable – offering access to support numbers, websites, apps and helpful services should young people feel the need to reach out for support. Making best use of the site and further developing the app (this was a valued resource identified in the Self Harm Evaluation), we will ensure there is a variety of ways to find out about and access to resources that

- Improve parenting practices with regards to young people's acceptable behaviours and outcomes by providing resources and service information and breaking down barriers to access.
- Develop healthy and positive relationships (understanding care versus control) through partnership work and the provision of services and resources.
- Coordinating the co-delivery of a range of 'Living' Skills for young people – coping with peer pressures, bullying, managing money etc.

Washington Mind will use innovative approaches to engage those young people who are most disengaged from public services in meaningful dialogue. In addition, when young people are not in school, they are not only potentially exposed to additional risks they are also likely to have poor academic attainment, increasing this risk further. The interactive effect of risk and protective factors has substantial implications for the design and implementation of any successful preventive interventions. Our approach will be to proactively increase protective factors. For these reasons, our one stop shop will also link young people with training providers and apprenticeship opportunities, reducing risk by creating hope. We will work collaboratively with young people to increase their life chances.

One of the areas highlighted by young people in the **Self-Harm evaluation report** was barriers to accessing support because of associated stigma and discrimination around mental health issues and seeking help. We will extend the work of the Sunderland Time to Change Hub (hosted by SCC and coordinated by Washington Mind), accessing a range of free resources and training for schools. This will help to inspire and equip secondary schools, colleges and youth organisations to deliver mental health anti-stigma activities with young people.

Partnership

Effective partnership working will be crucial to the success of this project and we will build on existing partnerships and develop new ones to ensure this. While there are no similar projects in the area we have already established strong working relationships with the local Together for Children, CAMHS and CYPS organisations and are included in the Transformational Plans and represented on the associated work streams. Washington Mind is an active member of the voluntary and community sector and we are involved in a variety of strategic networks across the city. We co-ordinate the Sunderland Time to Change Hub, the Suicide Prevention Action group and the Heath Champions network and manage the regional www.wellbeinginfo.org website that has a directory of over 500 local organisations. We collaborate on key strategic partnerships including the CAMHS Partnership, the Suicide Prevention Action Group and the Altogether Better Alliance (and contribute to their related work streams). We

chair the Workplace Alliance and we are currently supporting the university with their Suicide Safer Universities agenda and planning.

We will build on the partnership work established in the Understanding Self-Harm project and work collaboratively with our local partners from schools, colleges, police, probation, carers, and Together for Children encouraging and facilitating more effective communication among practitioners. (An effective 'Partnership Steering Group' was established and resulted in proactive partnership working). All sectors working with this age group are under pressure, there is often evidence of high levels of staff turnover and limited capacity for the joint working. This project will establish ways of improving joint working recognising the importance of good, frequent and open professional communication between agencies.

Objectives and Outputs and Milestones

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Project Co-ordinator in post	1/1/20
Establish work plan for project	30/1/20
Host conference and project launch	1/3/20
Contribute to and complete mapping exercise	1/3/20
Complete first quarterly report (report every quarter)	31/3/20
Training delivered to local schools	30/06/2020
Complete evaluation report	31/12/20

Output Code	Target 2019/2020				Target 2020/2021				Target 2021/2022			
Beneficiaries				36	36	36	36					
				3	3	3	3					

Budget and Funding

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Coordinator salary and oncosts	29,428		29,428
Overheads related to the post	2,942		2,942
Management costs	2,942		2,942
Online resources	3,000	1,500	1,500
Volunteer/ intern expenses	1,200		1,200
Launch/conference	1,500	500	1,000
Training	1,500	1,500	0
Evaluation report	1,500	750	750
Total	44,012	4250	39,762

Project Management & Monitoring & Systems

We have successfully secured funding from both statutory and independent providers to deliver a number of projects and have monitoring systems in place to meet the monitoring requirements of the grants. We have a comprehensive database so that statistical monitoring is accurately collated on a monthly basis with quarterly and annual reports to identify trends and ensure target groups are accessing our services. There are documented policies and procedures in place that help to maintain consistency and efficiency within the organisation, enabling the service to achieve National Quality Standards. A robust policy for operational management of finance and financial monitoring systems are in place. The Services Manager (with the support of the Finance officer and

Treasurer) is responsible for the day to day running of the project and will have overall responsibility for grant returns.

Sustainability

Building on the recommendations from the Self Harm Evaluation we aim to continue the process “whereby young people have an equal footing in the partnership”. There is a significant body of evidence locally and nationally that suggests that including young people in evaluating and developing public services improves the quality, performance and outcomes. YIACS offers potential to address the recognised crisis in mental health services for young people and the data required for an effective evaluation will be considered from the offset. The evidence collected will be used to source future funding for the project. here is a significant body of evidence locally and nationally that suggests that including young people in evaluating and developing public services improves the quality, performance and outcomes.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee’s SIB procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is [150/165](#)

- 1. Evidences a good track record of successful delivery and previous experience.** Washington MIND key partner in Time to Change, Suicide Prevention Group, led Time to Care, is lead for Health Champions Network and hosts the regional wellbeinginfo.com. Collaborative relationship with CAMHS, suicide Prevention Action Group, Altogether Better Alliance and Chairs the workplace Alliance. Clear application with detailed programmes, understanding of current/existing provision, clear on how to engage with young people and families and understanding of online and social media support. Project Management and monitoring systems robust and clearly explained. Milestones realistic, time lines and activity clear and relevant. No risks identified for this particular project.
- 2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington Area Committee – Safe, Health and Well-Being**
- 3. This proposal has a clear understanding of existing service provision and can build on previous engagement with partners. Lots of knowledge evidenced re existing pathways and services.**
- 4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:**
 - Clear referral pathways and clear how the partnership approach will be managed and co-ordinated. Local drop-in, safe places, and referrals to current provision if appropriate. Good knowledge of other relevant services/provision.
 - Evidences how it will information share and co-ordinate with relevant services and providers – identifying who does what, signposting to support resources – including online and social media. Specific staff recruited to co-ordinate and utilises young person’s interns. Lots of experience re social media/online support and working with young people (mental health, self-harm and risky behaviours)
 - Identifies practices which creates a young person centre-focused approach - **YIACS** model puts young people at the centre of the project. Local pathways. Will strengthen existing provision and is based on what young people need and identify
 - Includes programmes to
 - Improve parenting practices
 - Programmes in schools to help develop healthy and positive relationships
 - Programme that delivers a range of ‘Living’ Skills for young people – also looks at addressing training and vocational opportunities post-16
 - Provides support for locality working
 - Builds on relevant recommendations from the Public Health evaluation of Time 2 Care and Altogether Better
 - Be innovative – Clear suggestions of innovative working with existing local organisations, partners and providers who deliver early help for those young people identified as in need and waiting for help and support. recognises new approaches and ways of working with young people at risk, e.g. the YIACS model as a basis for this project. Aims to work with the hardest to reach/engage

- Evidences how it will be sustained post funding - will look for further funding however not identified where. Extends the Time to Change Hub, digital resources help with sustainability often young people's preferred medium.
5. Added value and value for money
- Project will be based across Washington with a dedicated post
 - Expects to engage hardest to reach young people
 - Match funding – good levels of in-kind Match funding

Officer Recommendation: Approve

Application No.2

Name of Project	Washington Safe Care
Lead Organisation	Together for Children

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£40,000	£0	£40,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	October 2019	October 2020

Project proposal

The project will focus on two main areas - **universal support and targeted support**:

The **Universal** aspect which will focus on a preventative population approach to educate and support young people before issues emerge or at the early stages of emergence. Pre-existing services will be co-ordinated to deliver short, high impact brief interventions on specific topics such as peer pressure or the long-term impact of an unhealthy lifestyle. Information for parents and carers will also be developed.

Targeted support which will focus on the development of robust but simple pathways to support for groups of young people displaying emerging challenging or risk-taking behaviour and for individual young people and families with more immediate need. In addition, the provision of Early Help education and support to local services who offer services to all young people such as schools and youth providers to enable them to lead Early Help plans

1. Universal sessions will be delivered by relevant local professionals (e.g. local GPs) to inform young people of the support available to them and how they can access this support. The project will target integration of regular termly sessions e.g. workshops, assemblies, PHSE lessons etc. into secondary schools which will be delivered to suit school policy and pupil age groups. Young people will be encouraged to become involved in the development and design of information. Delivery of sessions within primary school settings will also be included as an aspirational target. Alongside face to face sessions, digital (video and text) and hard copy resources will be developed to provide young people, parents / carers and professionals 24/7 access to advice and support in a format that suits them best. This support follows the structure of projects successfully deployed in Washington such as Time 2 Care.

2. Targeted support will be delivered based on the gradient of need of individuals. A simple assessment tool, based on multi-agency assessments and information emerging in relation to Adverse Childhood Experience's (ACEs), will be developed to enable cross-sector partners to grade need of individuals and identify appropriate action This will sit in front of a more complex back office pathway. In instances where a young person is assessed as displaying:

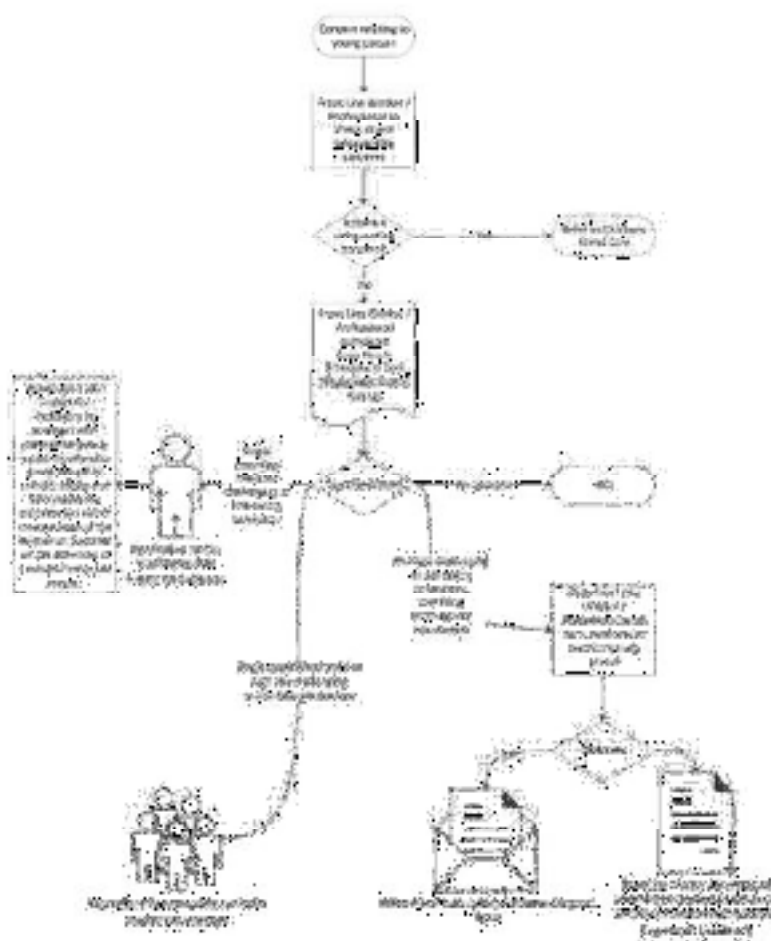
- emerging low level challenging or risk-taking behaviour in one specific area - professionals / front line workers will be directed to signpost the young person to a group session where relevant professionals will provide advice and information with the view to minimising the risk of reoccurrence of the behaviour. These sessions will build on the prevention messages and be delivered by the known professionals discussed in the Universal section and (evidenced in the application as **Appendix 1**). The

sessions will complement the Police-led V.I.P (Vulnerability, Investigation, Problem Solving) meetings process.

- established and/or high risk challenging or risk-taking behaviour in one specific area - professionals/ front line workers will be advised on how to refer the young person to relevant services to address the concern.
- multiple challenging or risk-taking behaviours requiring multi-agency intervention - the professionals / front-line workers will be advised on how to initiate the Early Help process. Services in a position to lead an Early Help plan will be supported through the project to do so.

Work with local services and commercial enterprises (e.g. local cafés) to provide more safe places for young people to meet to socialise and spend time out of the family home at times and in locations that suit them will also be a focus of the project. A centralised young person's hub housing professionals offering drop-in advice and support as well as activities and areas for socialising will be available for all young people within Washington at the Rainbow Family Centre in Concord. The hub will have flexible opening times to suit demand. In addition to the work with young people the project will lead a pilot with schools and parent groups. Work will be conducted with young people and parents / carers to develop self-sustaining community-led groups. These groups would be empowered to develop and deliver support and advice to peer groups. Work with parents will also focus on development and delivery of information to parents and carers based on high-profile topics. Content and format (face to face / digital etc) will be guided by schools, public health, parents and carers to ensure the information is relevant.

Appendix 2: Example of Support for Young People Pathway



Who: To avoid delays in implementation, existing experienced **TfC staff** will be allocated to the project. A manager with experience of overseeing multiple young person targeted support projects will be allocated to actively coordinate the Washington Safe Project (1 day per week). Support staff will also be allocated to the project to work with parents, young people and professionals.

The post holder's role is not to lead multi-agency working but to encourage and facilitate agencies to use their resources collaboratively to positively support young people and their families. This approach empowers local services to lead support and is proven to encourage longer term sustainability without the costly ongoing requirement of central coordination. The way in which support by these services is offered may change if the multiagency partnership developed as part of the project deems that resource can be deployed more effectively and / or efficiently. For this reason, any change will be the result of time/cost/benefit analysis and will be expected to deliver better value.

Partnership

The primary focus of the project is to facilitate joined-up working between agencies within Washington. One of the first coordination tasks will be to map all agencies working within Washington, identify their function and how they are deployed. The mapping activity will be followed by work with any agencies who are delivering similar services to ensure they are doing so in a complimentary manner.

Objectives and Outputs and Milestones

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Map all agencies working within Washington, identify their function and how they are deployed	31/12/2019
Consult schools and youth providers within Washington to identify any gaps in provision	31/12/2019
Current pathways mapped and recommendations of amendments escalated to relevant parties	31/12/2019
Establish young people and parent groups to direct project and ensure there is a demand for services being developed	31/12/2019
All agencies involved in project as providers of advice and support identified	31/12/2019
Establish or attach onto existing Washington based quarterly multi agency governance group meetings with membership from senior leaders from the community (e.g. a councillor, school governor etc.) and agencies working within Washington to oversee and scrutinise progress and address any major barriers to progress	31/12/2019
Establish or attach onto existing Washington based monthly multi agency operational group meetings with membership from frontline management of agencies working within Washington to ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the scope of the project is understood at all levels by each partner the role of each agency involved in the project is understood To ensure long term sustainability the group to be chaired and led by members, project coordinator will act in a support role.	31/12/2019
Refreshed pathways developed and agreed by all parties	31/03/2020
Paper based needs assessment to be used by people working with young people developed. This will use the 'Signs of Safety/Well-being ' methodology	31/03/2020
Agencies in a position to lead Early Help plans briefed on process. Support in place to provide extra guidance.	31/03/2020
Agencies involved in project as providers of advice and support in a position to deliver sessions in secondary schools	31/03/2020

Portfolio of advice and support briefings developed for young people ready for deployment in secondary schools	31/03/2020
Portfolio of hard copy advice and support resources developed for young people ready for deployment in secondary schools	31/03/2020
Rainbow Centre to be a functioning Young Person's Hub with professionals offering advice and support to young people	31/03/2020
Engage with local services and commercial enterprises (e.g. local cafés) to identify suitable venues for young people to meet to socialise and spend time out of the family home	31/03/2020
Development of a Charter Mark for local services and commercial enterprises (e.g. local cafés) to ensure they are safe and welcoming places for young people	31/06/2020
Work with any agencies who are delivering similar services within Washington to ensure they are doing so in a complimentary manner	31/06/2020
Pilot delivery of information and advice for parents and carers and requested by these stakeholders	31/06/2020
Coordinator to begin handover of duties to multiagency operational group and initiate development of future targets by group	31/06/2020
Digital offer developed (e.g. online / app): Young Person Needs Assessment (for professionals / front line workers) Portfolio of digital advice and support resources developed for young people. Portfolio of digital advice and support resources develop ed for parents/carers	31/09/2020

Output Code	Target 2019/2020				Target 2020/2021				Target 2021/2022			
Beneficiaries - secondary school population				n/a	Whole secondary school population over 3 x quarters April 20 – Oct 20							
Beneficiaries – brief interventions (5 or 6 one hour sessions per person)				12	12	12	12					
Programmes to support young people – secondary schools				n/a	25	25	25					
Programmes to support young people - brief interventions (5 or 6 one hour sessions per person)				12	12	12	12					
Programmes to support young people – 50 weekly drop in at Rainbow Centre and other evening venues				12	12	12	12					
Programmes to support parents and carers – 50 parent focussed drop in sessions				12	12	12	12					

Budget and Funding

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
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1 x 1 day per week Coordinator	£4,500		£4,500
Staffing support to deliver 75 two-hour sessions /briefings/inputs into schools and community settings for young people	£6,000		£6,000
Staffing for 50 Brief Interventions for young	£5,200		£5,200
Staffing for 50 weekly drop ins for young people on a Friday night	£5,600		£5,600
Staffing for 50 parent-focussed drop-in sessions	£1 ,800		£1,800
Work within the community to develop voluntary groups and resource (to ensure long-term sustainability)	£5,000		£5,000
Premises Cost	£1 ,900		£1,900
Staff time and resource cost to develop Assessment tool , support and training materials, Digital tools and materials	£8,000		£8,000
Consultation with groups	£2,000		£2,000
Total	£40,000		£40,000

Project Management & Monitoring & Systems

The objectives and goals section outline milestones which will act as controls to monitor progress. Progress reports will be produced monthly and reviewed internally to ensure progress is on track. Establishment of a multi-agency governance group with membership from senior leaders from the community (A councillor, school governor etc.) and other agencies working in Washington will ensure impartial scrutiny and oversight of progress is in place. As a high proportion of the budget costs will be incurred through staff expenditure they are expected to remain static. An expenditure report will be produced monthly and reviewed internally to ensure progress is on track.

TfC has a robust standard monitoring process in place that will ensure risks are assessed and mitigated and any issues that emerge can be escalated via established routes.

Sustainability

The proposal empowers local services to lead support and is proven to encourage longer term sustainability without the costly ongoing requirement of central coordination. Establish or attach onto existing Washington based monthly multi agency operational group meetings with membership from frontline management of agencies working within Washington - to ensure long term sustainability the group to be chaired and led by members and the project coordinator will act in.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's SIB procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is [58/165](#)

- 1. Has a good track record of previous experience.** Not clear how beneficiaries targeted. Unclear with regards to added value from 'existing staffing'. **Excessive amount of milestones with actual project delivery some time after project commencement. Focus seems to be on mapping and consultation. Some elements of this should have been carried out to inform the application**
- Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington Area Committee – Safe, Health and Well-Being
- This proposal **does not evidence knowledge of existing provision in the area (local).**
- This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:

Comments and Score:

- Clear referral pathways with named partners in place? **Referral pathway included, no named partners in place, management and coordination detailed however by existing staff with no clarity on capacity**

- Does the application evidence an approach to information sharing with relevant services and providers – identifying who does what, signposting to support resources – including online and social media. **No evidence of understanding of existing provision**
 - Clear suggestions of innovative working with existing local organisations, partners and providers who deliver early help for those young people identified as in need and waiting for help and support. **Only details TfC services and YDAP**
 - Identifies practices which creates a young person centre-focused approach **Provides a young person pathway diagram**
 - Includes programmes to
 - Improve parenting practices with regards to young people’s acceptable behaviours and outcomes - **Pathway places young person at centre however struggling to identify parent practices/support**
 - Programmes in schools to help develop healthy and positive relationships (understanding care versus control) **States will establish parent groups however no information on what this will entail**
 - Programme that delivers a range of ‘Living’ Skills for young people – coping with peer pressures, bullying, managing money etc - **No mention**
 - Provides support for locality working that delivers a range of Living Skills for young people – coping with peer pressures, bullying, managing money etc. **No mention**
 - Builds on relevant recommendations from the Public Health evaluation of Time 2 Care and provides co-ordination and support to deliver a range of initiatives to address emotional well-being and mental health of young people **Briefly mentions evaluation. Some provision detailed however not clear on other delivery**
 - Identify and establish key areas of opportunity for developing innovative and novel interventions to sustain the project delivery. **Will develop self-sustaining community led groups however no information on how these will be self-sustaining, recognition of support needed or capacity of community.**
5. Added value and value for money
- Project will be based across Washington with a dedicated post one day per week
 - Unclear on how targeting beneficiaries,
 - Existing staff resources - what additional beneficiaries will be worked with over and above current cohorts
 - No Match funding identified

Officer Recommendation: Decline



Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity

Call for Projects - Reducing Loneliness and Social Isolation for Local People and Vulnerable Adults

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which provide support for local people and vulnerable adults. Wards covered are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South, and Washington West

Only VCS groups who have a management committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories can be involved. There is an opportunity for local VCS groups with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver projects on behalf of the Coalfield Area Committee. Applications demonstrating strong partnership working are encouraged.

Project

As part of the area priority '**Social Care**', Washington Area Committee has identified reducing social isolation and loneliness as a priority for 2019/20. Recent Loneliness and Isolation community research in Sunderland, along with the Government's strategy for tackling loneliness, provides information and evidence to support the need for additional services in the community. Area Committee would like to invite project proposals which complement and work in partnership with existing support in the Washington area and provide activities or initiatives to reduce social isolation and promote social contact/interaction to improve mental and physical health. Nationally it is recognised that addressing social isolation can improve the health outcomes for people with long term conditions. Funding has been provided by Washington Area Committee who wish to support social activities and services in all wards for specific target groups including carers (young and adult), older people and vulnerable adults.

The project(s) must:

- Engage more people and vulnerable adults, including those suffering with dementia, in activities and services to improve their wellbeing
- Develop community-based networks of activities and opportunities that help to prevent or alleviate isolation and loneliness
- Make every contact with people a potential opportunity to share information, assist with re-engagement with the community and to support access to help
- Address mental as well as physical health and support 'breaking the mental health taboo' and removing the stigma of mental health issues
- Reduce isolation and increase social interaction
- Ensure relevant health promotion messages are included in initiatives to prevent or alleviate isolation and loneliness
- Increase awareness of other support available
- Work in partnership with other initiatives and projects
- Undertake monitoring to show the number of people benefiting, and the impact the project has made
- Identify how the proposed activity can be sustained post grant funding
- Contribute to an evaluation to demonstrate success, and lessons learned

Project proposals can be targeted to part wards, full wards, multi wards or the whole area, depending on the nature and capacity of a project and the need identified. Smaller, more localised, projects will also be considered. Applicants are requested to refer to the key findings of 'Loneliness and Isolation – Sunderland Community Research' (Will be provided with the application form).

All successful projects are expected to share information and work in a co-ordinated way with relevant partners, particularly those with support already in place with regards to vulnerable adults.

Budget: £50,000 in Total (Individual projects of up to £5,000)

This is a Small Grants scheme. There is a total of £50,000 available. Please Note – this is the total budget available for all projects which are successful - **NOT** per project application. **Therefore, we expect to fund individual projects of up to £5,000 (1 application per organisation).**

Proposed Timescale

Call for Projects	7th October 2019
Deadline for completed application	25th October 2019
Assessment and consultation	1st November 2019
Recommendation approval	14th November 2019

Next Steps

Any interested VCS Group should request an application form. These are available by contacting Karon Purvis, Washington Area Community Development Lead Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0191 5612449, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have about the project.

Neighbourhood Fund Application – Change of Project

Washington VCS Support Project

This project was awarded £50,000 October 2018 for a 2year project which delivers a range of support services to the local VCS grassroots organisations and volunteers and volunteering in Washington. The Project is performing on target and is actually exceeding most performance outputs and outcomes. The project is also key to delivering the Washington VCS Area Network Work Plan, agreed and supported by Area Committee.

Within that context, the Washington VCS Network has identified training and learning for our grassroots organisations as a priority. The proposed list below has been presented to the Area Network members and represents those courses and subjects identified which will help groups and organisations to be active partners in delivering the Area Network work Plan and Area Committee priorities

Project Name	Organisation	NF Funding Requested
VCS Support Project	Sunderland North Community Business Centre (Community Opportunities)	£10,000
<p>The project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a programme of training and learning to VCS Network Grassroots organisations to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bid Writing and fund raising ○ Food Hygiene ○ First Aid (including paediatric first aid) ○ Policy – e.g. Safeguarding ○ Finance and Accounting ○ IT and Social Media ○ Committees/Trusts – governance, roles • The programme will be offered to the Washington Area Network members in the first instance but where courses require a minimum number for the course delivery and there is not the take up, then it will be offered to the wider 'VCS' in Washington – although any group taking up the opportunity who is not currently a member of the Washington VCS Network will be required to agree to become a member • Each organisation will be able to nominate a maximum of 2 members per course • The project will also promote e-learning modules, self service learning and will link and refer to courses and modules already in place • It is anticipated at least 30 beneficiaries will gain additional training and learning • This programme would not be available to staff of larger VCS organisations • The above list may change depending on need and availability • The outcomes will be monitoring and reported to Area Committee via the usual SIB performance monitoring reports 		

Officer Recommendation: Approve £10,000 additional Neighbourhood Fund to the VCS support Project to deliver the VCS Training and Learning Programme



**Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity
Clean and Green Local Action
Environmental Improvement and Education
(Small Grants up to £500)**

Introduction and background

Washington Area Place Board would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and non-profit making organisations to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which carry out physical improvements to the local environment and deliver educational messages about the importance of looking after the environment and local spaces.

Only VCS organisations/groups who have a management committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories can be involved and applications demonstrating strong partnership working, covering both the physical and educational elements required are encouraged.

Project

As part of the Washington Area Committee '**Environment and Green Space**' priority, the Place Board would like to invite project proposals, which complement the Committee's '**Clean and Green**' ethos and work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver local action which deliver environmental improvements in the local area. Projects which are innovative and deliver improvements which are visible within the community are encouraged.

Projects must:

- Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods in the Washington area
- Deliver environmental improvements of benefit to the wider community
- Involve the local community
- Provide educational messages
- Be aware of other activity and initiatives in the area
- Encourage communities to take more responsibility for their local area
- Evidence sustainability and develop groups and activities which will continue beyond the lifetime of the funding

Projects should contribute to the overall outcomes of:

- Improved physical amenity
- Increased awareness of the impact of negative behaviour against the environment
- Improved outdoor and open spaces
- Cleaner neighbourhood
- Increased pride in neighbourhoods
- Increased awareness of personal and collective responsibility

Project proposals can be targeted to local areas, part wards, full wards, multi wards or the whole area, depending on the nature and capacity of a project and the need identified.

Budget: Total £10,000 (£500 per application)

There is a total of £10,000 available. Please Note – this is the total budget available for all projects which are successful - **NOT** per project application. This is a Small Grants Scheme. **Individual requests must not exceed £500.**

Timescale

Call for Projects	7 th October 2019
Deadline for completed applications	25 th October 2019
Scoring panel & assessment	1 st November 2019
Approval/award (Small Grant Scheme)	14 th November 2019

Next Steps

Any interested VCS Group should request an application form. These are available by contacting Karon Purvis, Washington Area Community Development Lead Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0191 5612449, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have about the project.

Neighbourhood Fund Application – Change of Project

Washington Support for Friends Group

This project was awarded £25,000 November 2016 for a 2year project which delivers a range of support services to specific Friends Groups. The Project has reported the following support:

- Spend complete re Cranberry Drive
- Springwell RA supported re plants, transport and support staff
- Contributed to costs for Usworth Park security
- KWT support for equipment, campaign and materials
- Friends of Princess Anne Park Notice Boards.

Given the balance remaining and the deadline for this initiative to complete well past, this request looks to close/end the original project and deliver support and training to two specific Friends Groups. It also requests this funding be awarded to Community Resilience (SCC).

Project Name	Organisation	NF Funding Requested
Support for Friends Groups	Neighbourhood Services	£10,531
<p>The project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and training to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friends of Princess Anne Park ○ Volunteers/proposed Friends of Usworth Park • Work is already underway to engage volunteers in delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan and establish a proactive, community-led Friends Group. It is intended that Community Resilience (Neighbourhood Services) together with the VCS Support Project will support the current ‘volunteers’ to develop the park as a community park and organise a programme of community events and activities to encouraging local people to see the park as a valuable community resource. • Friends of Princess Anne Park is already established, and Area Committee has proposed an update of the original Princess Anne Park Master Plan – the Friends group is ideally placed to contribute and lead on local engagement and consultation with regards to further development of the park. 		

Officer Recommendation: Approve £10,531 Neighbourhood Fund be approved to Community Resilience to support two Friends groups as identified.

Applications for the purchase of Gator Utility Vehicle
Application (Internal)

Name of Project	Gator Utility Vehicle
Lead Organisation	SCC Local Services

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF requested
£20,800	£In kind re servicing	£20,800
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
On going	October 2019	

The Project

The first Gator, purchased via last year's budget has had a significant impact. The bins are now emptied to schedule and complaints/requests have decreased by 22%. In addition to emptying bins it can also assist with small scale horticultural works and has also been used in parks and cemeteries and has enabled to access areas where larger vehicles were causing damage to the grass verges. Overall, the acquisition of the Gator has been a great success. With that in mind and following discussions at the last Board where Councillors suggested the purchase of a second vehicle, Place Services confirm the costs for purchasing a 2nd Gator vehicle for Washington as detailed in the quote below - £15,100 plus £5,700 for snow clearance attachments (first option). Place Management agree to take on the servicing costs etc. as a match to this funding.

The purchase of the vehicle will be subject to SCC Procurement procedures. This is likely to result in the ordering of the vehicle (dependent on receiving relevant quotes within the budget proposed) being implemented once the funding is available. The LL Lloyd specification attached is one example/quote.

Key Milestones

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Procurement and purchase of vehicle agreed	October 2019
Purchase of vehicle	December 2019



Sunderland Council

26th July 2019

For the attention of Stephen Meek – Environmental Services Officer

Dear Stephen

Thank you for your recent enquiry, as per conversation I have attached price and specification of requested machinery:

Quotation

1. New Kubota RTV-X1110 Utility Vehicle with full road homologated cab

- 24.8hp Kubota diesel engine
- Variable hydrostatic transmission with in-line gear change
- High rigidity chassis frame
- 10.2 inch of chassis ground clearance
- Independent coil/shock front and rear suspension
- Dynamic breaking
- 4wd and difflock traction support
- Hydraulic power steering
- 500kg rear tipping cargo bed
- 40kmh road speed
- 2 year warranty

Nett price

£15,100.00 plus vat

Please note this machine will be supplied with full road legal homologation kit.

Optional Accessories

1.65m snowblade with hydraulic raise/lower

Nett price £1,950.00 plus vat

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Snow-ex SP1575 salt spreader

- 163ltr hopper capacity
- Auger feed system
- In cab control box
- Variable spread width from 1.5m upto 9m

Nett price £3,750.00 plus vat

Or

Snow-ex SP2000 salt spreader

- As above but fitted with a larger 300ltr hopper

Nett price £4,500.00 plus vat

Mesh extension cage for rear cargo bed

Nett price £450.00 plus vat

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION: Approve

Washington Tree Management

Following the presentation of information detailing what was required to make a Woodland Improvement Grant application to the Forestry Commission at the July Place Board, it was determined by the Board that further intelligence was required before the methodology for progressing a Tree Strategy for Washington is agreed. Given the vast amount of trees and plantations in Washington, the Place Board requested that Ward colleagues identify 3 or 4 key areas in their Ward that would be deemed a priority for ‘management’. This can be based on resident’s complaints, health and safety issues, local knowledge, customer service network reports.

Information has been received from Councillors and a meeting with relevant Environmental Services Officers took place in August to bring together Cllr proposals with reports of works identified and scheduled in the mitigation of danger already submitted, outstanding inspections, and any other plantation priorities Environmental Services have been asked to deal with. The discussion also considered the agreed ‘Plantations Management’ work programme for the remainder of the Clean and Green Project. Some Councillors have also submitted their ‘hotspot’ areas for ‘Tree Management’ for consideration, as requested by the Board.

The Area Committee is requested to consider the following:

- From the list submitted by Councillors, Environmental Services Officers will identify those areas that fit the remit of SCC ‘Plantation Management’
- It is proposed that a pilot approach be adopted addressing those areas - subject to the following:
 - Environmental Services Officers will submit a specification for what can be carried out throughout this pilot
 - All proposals to recognise requirements of SCC Carbon Neutrality approach
 - Capacity of both Arbor teams/Environmental Services to be considered – additional resources may need to be procured (in line with SCC Policy)
 - Where possible some of the areas identified may be able to be dealt with via normal grounds maintenance, tree works and response to health & safety (dead/dangerous single trees)
 - SCC dead/dying/dangerous list already has 243 outstanding initial inspections city wide (team capacity/limited resources) – only urgent public safety issues will individual trees be dealt with as an emergency
 - Clean & Greens current Plantation Programme
 - On-going discussions with the Woodland Trust
 - Members are also asked to note the requirement to consult with residents and any stakeholders, relevant to each ‘pilot’ area or site – before any work can be commissioned/carried out. Environmental Services will not be responsible for that consultation and anticipate Members will need to lead that consultation and only agree sites that have been subject to the required processes.
 - Place Board also asked for follow up with Environmental Services Officers to determine what, if anything is happening from a strategic point of view in terms of tree management across the City and how Washington could fit into that approach). To take this forward and Washington Place Task Group will be established.

Officer Recommendation: Approve £30,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Environmental Services to progress a Tree/Plantation Pilot in Washington, as detailed above

COMMUNITY CHEST 2019/2020 WASHINGTON AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED – June to September 2019

Ward	Project	Ward Allocation 2019/2020	Project Approvals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned (since April 2019)	Balance Remaining
Washington Central	Springwell Village Community Venue (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards a 3-day Springwell Village 1940's event on 30 th July 2019		£400			
	Sunderland North Community Business Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of transport and traffic management fees for the Durham Miners Gala on 13 th July 2019		£340			
	Washington Mind - Towards the cost of a family fun day on 1st August 2019, at The Life House		£550			
	4th Washington Scouts (Joint application with South) - Towards the cost of purchasing additional camping equipment		£1,000			
	Early Help Team, TfC Rainbow Family Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of redeveloping the current soft play and outdoor area		£905			
	Washington Mind - To take part in the Sunderland BID 'Lights Out' community parade on 2 nd November 2019		£631.44			
	Total	£10,000	£3,826.44	£2,783.50	£174.28	£3,564.34

Washington East	Springwell Village Community Venue (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards a 3-day Springwell Village 1940's event on 30 th July 2019		£400			
	Sunderland North Community Business Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of transport and traffic management fees for the Durham Miners Gala on 13 th July 2019		£340			
	Early Help Team, TfC Rainbow Family Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of redeveloping the current soft play and outdoor area		£905			
	Bridge Street Residents Association - Towards the cost of purchasing 5 flower tubs, flowers, bulbs, compost and additional equipment		£790			
	North Biddick Social Club - To replace 3 wooden tubs which have deteriorated over time		£135			
	Barmston and District Community Forum - To run a holiday hunger programme during the summer holidays		£1,410			
	Total	£10,000	£3,980	£785	£0	£5,235
Washington North	Springwell Village Community Venue (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards a 3-day Springwell Village 1940's event on 30 th July 2019		£400			
	Sunderland North Community Business Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of transport and traffic management fees for the Durham Miners Gala on 13 th July 2019		£340			
	Washington Trust NE - Towards the cost of running an exhibition celebrating the Usworth Pit		£990			
	Washington New Tavern FC - Towards the cost of new kits, first aid amenities and match day equipment		£980			

	Early Help Team, TfC Rainbow Family Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of redeveloping the current soft play and outdoor area		£905			
	St Michaels & All Angels Holiday Provision - Towards the cost of delivering Childrens activities, purchasing equipment and refreshments		£560			
	Total	£12,718	£4,175	£1,584	£0	£6,959
Washington South	Springwell Village Community Venue (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards a 3-day Springwell Village 1940's event on 30 th July 2019		£400			
	Sunderland North Community Business Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of transport and traffic management fees for the Durham Miners Gala on 13 th July 2019		£340			
	4th Washington Scouts (Joint application with South) - Towards the cost of purchasing additional camping equipment		£1,000			
	Early Help Team, TfC Rainbow Family Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of redeveloping the current soft play and outdoor area		£905			
	Total	£15,005	£2,645	£320	£0	£12,040
Washington West	Springwell Village Community Venue (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards a 3-day Springwell Village 1940's event on 30 th July 2019		£400			
	Sunderland North Community Business Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of transport and traffic management fees for the Durham Miners Gala on 13 th July 2019		£340			

	Early Help Team, TfC Rainbow Family Centre (Joint application across all five Wards) - Towards the cost of redeveloping the current soft play and outdoor area		£905			
	Total	£11,348	£1,645	£320	£0	£9,383
Totals		£59,071	£16,271.44	£5,792.50	£174.28	£37,181.34