

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Fire Authority Room, Fire Authority Main Headquarters, Barmston Mere, SR5 3QY on Thursday 16th December, 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Lauchlan (Chair), Laws (Vice Chair), Donaghy, Farthing, Fletcher, F. Miller, G Miller, Dianne Snowdon, T. Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, M. Walker, Warne and Williams

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* Denotes an item relating to an executive function

ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

6th December, 2021

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in the WASHINGTON FOOTBALL HUB, NORTHERN AREA PLAYING FIELDS on TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, Laws, F. Miller, D. E. Snowdon, Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, M. Walker and P. Walker.

Also in Attendance:-

Mrs. Karon Purvis	-	Area 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
Ms Denise Gilhome	-	Washington Community Support Worker
Ms Sylvia Copley	-	VCS Representative
Mr. Alan Duffy	-	Gentoo
Mr Phil Sowerby	-	TWFRA
Mr Paul Thompson	-	TWFRA

Announcement

The Chairman informed the Committee of the Washington based volunteers and organisations that had been successful at the recent awards ceremony and wished to place on record the Area Committees congratulations and thanks to all involved.

Organisation of the Year – Nightingale Hospital volunteers
Outstanding Contribution (over 18) Bernie Scaplehorn
Outstanding Contribution (under 18) Washington Youth Council
Neighbourly Neighbour Sandra Noble
Best use of Technology Toukon Martial Arts

Community Group supporting residents mental health and wellbeing
Washington Area Hub Volunteers
Community Fundraising Champion PCN Group

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Donaghy, G. Miller, Warne and Williams and from Acting Inspector Steven Passey.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st July 2021

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 1st July, 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Washington Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023

The Chair of Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and also provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Laws presented the report, highlighting the key points of action with the relevant Task Groups and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

Councillor Laws introduced Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services to elaborate on the circulatory report (copies circulated) which provided a summary of the findings of the public consultation over the equality impact assessment for the Enforcement Safety measures proposed.

Councillor Farthing commented that whilst £120,000 was a lot of money, the costs of cleaning up after anti social behaviour, illegal encampments and such like was very dear along with the public outcry, which was not always understood by officers as to how this could upset residents. Therefore if these measures deter and reduces the impact on services they would be value for money in the longer term.

Councillor Taylor commented that he absolutely welcomed these proposals and that we should have been in this position last year. Councillor Taylor also welcomed the Council's intention to look at the unauthorised encampment

policy with two meetings planned which would hopefully give the opportunity to rectify any issues they had with it.

Councillor Taylor referred to the issue of car parks being used by HGV drivers as a waiting area and commented that businesses needed to get their own houses in order rather than blaming the drivers and that Nissan had concrete bollards and double yellow lines surrounding the facility so there was nowhere for the HGV drivers to go. Councillor Taylor also commented that hopefully the proposed truck park as part of the IAMP would alleviate this but as an authority we had a duty of care to provide facilities.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that the report was a step in the right direction and that we had a policy on illegal encampments 12 years ago but this went hand in hand with a dedicated transfer site, which we don't have.

Councillor Trueman also stressed that the issues of antisocial behaviour via quad bikes and motorbikes in these areas needed tackling.

Councillor Taylor advised that he had approached the Chief Fire Officer about collaborative work with the Police and whilst there had been a delay, this was being looked at so was a work in progress.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon commented that she welcomed the report and the observations made by residents and that whilst it was a great deal of money quoted, the amount having to be spent rectifying the damage caused from ASB meant this would be value for money for residents and she thanked Mr Ritchie and the team for their work on this.

The Chairman commented that £120,000 was a lot of money and the Committee needed to realise that this would only be the start as the measures wouldn't address the issues the residents had with alcohol consumption and drug taking or motorbikes in the area and more money would be required so this needed to be considered in the future.

With regards to timescales of when the Safety Measures would be implemented, Mr Ritchie advised Councillor Taylor that the team were confident they would be fully installed next spring, subject to the caveat on availability of materials.

In relation to Councillor Farthings enquiry over updates on the procurement of CCTV and where these would be situated, Mrs Purvis advised that this was a citywide scheme for street cams which wouldn't be purchased separately but she would check with Michelle Coates on the current situation as to where they were with the project.

Councillor Taylor commented that it took a great deal of time to get through to the police to report instances of ASB with Quad/motorbikes and that the Police did not have a dedicated motorcycle section anymore so it was even more important to work collaboratively with the Fire Authority in the use of their drone which could target specific areas rather than just one area.

Councillor Taylor also expressed his disappointment that there was no presence from the Police at the meeting once again.

Councillor Fletcher also wished for it to be noted adding that it was most disappointing the police weren't attending the meetings and advised of issues occurring in her ward where she was unable to contact Officers as Members did not know who were on the teams anymore as they were nowhere to be seen.

Mrs Purvis advised that the Inspector was on sick leave at present and the Acting Inspector had been required to cover another task at the same time as this meeting but they were looking to arrange a joint Councillor/Police meeting and she would ask for an up to date contact list of the Washington Team Police Officers for the circulation to Members.

Mrs Purvis proposed that an item be added to the agenda for the next Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to discuss the consultation and the elements that the public had raised which were not covered by these measures.

The Committee agreed to allocate the £120,000 funding for the access control measures as described in the agenda and the circulatory report

At this juncture, the Committee viewed a short video on the Delivery of the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan

2. RESOLVED that the Committee

- i) Considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020- 2023, and agreed the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1 of the report
- ii) Supported the recommendation to extend the Clean and Green Local Action Scheme
- iii) Supported the recommendation to extend the Usworth Park Development Plan Project
- iv) Support the recommendation to agree the Washington Creative You Project Brief and Call for Project
- v) Support the recommendation to extend the Washington Can Do fund

Washington Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest as well as presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Purvis presented the report and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

In relation to the Washington Creative You Project, Councillor Farthing commented that it was a shame Councillor Williams was not in attendance to speak on this as she had led on this and it should be a very successful project and she looked forward to see this move forward.

3. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial information detailed within Tables One, Two and Three of the report;
- ii) Considered and Approved the NF Funding of £11,000 to Community Resilience to extend the Clean and Green Local Action Plan (small grants) project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Considered and Approved the NF Funding of £10,000 to Community Resilience to extend the Washington Can Do fund (small grants) as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iv) Considered and approved the NF Funding of £100,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Creative You project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- v) Considered and Approved NI Capital funding £50,000 to Community Resilience to extend the Usworth Park Development Plan as set out in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 of the report;
- vi) Considered the alignment of NI Capital funding of £2,000 as set out in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 3 of the report
- vii) Noted the approved Community Chest grants from 1st April 2020 as detailed in Annex 3 of the report;
- viii) Noted the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022 as detailed in Item 3 Annex 4 of the report.

Partner Agency Reports

a) Washington Area Community Voluntary 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 Purvis presented the report on behalf of the VCS Network.

Councillor Farthing referred to paragraph 4.6 of the report and the partner update form the Washington Forge Rotary on their defibrillator programme. Councillor Farthing advised of another possible person fundraising for this and enquired if had been linked.

Mrs Purvis advised that they have been contacted and this involved an ongoing commitment from the organisations to maintain the defibrators so it was about getting them lined up to progress the schemes. Mrs Purvis also advised that she had a list she could circulate to Members so they were aware of where the gaps were.

Councillor Farthing suggested that this be an agenda item for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee/Board.

Members having considered the report, it was: -

4. 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.

b) Gentoo

Gentoo submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Alan Duffy, Head of Operations, Gentoo presented the report and advised that in relation to paragraph 3.1 of the report, they had received over 1000 responses on the campaign to support tenants affected by the removal of £20 universal credit uplift and they were busy working through those.

In relation to the Afghan Resettlement Scheme, they were working in conjunction with Sunderland Council and had offered 11 properties within the city.

In response to Councillor Dianne Snowdon's enquiry on paragraph 3.3 and how the furnished tenancy package would work and if there was an interest charge for residents. Mr Duffy advised that the furniture and white goods could be charged in addition to rent but if on benefits most would be funded by housing benefit. There had been 76 tenants taken up the scheme already and they did not get charged interest.

Councillor Farthing queried if those contacting the money matters team were being referred to the Councils Credit Union for help, Mr Duffy advised that 75% of their customers were not in arrears but yes the Councils credit union was one of the areas customers were referred to.

Councillor Taylor commented that the impending decision to close the furlough scheme which would result in some employers deciding whether to reemploy or make staff redundant could have a huge impact on the Washington area and Gentoo should work collaboratively with the VCS on this.

Mrs Purvis advised that they do work closely as part of the Washington REACT project, which was working very hard and were in contact with employers, with regular reports which also could be looked at.

Sylvia Copley, VCS Representative advised that if any Members had residents struggling over debt and required signposting if they could direct them to her as they work with money matters and provided a rounded approach to crisis intervention. Mrs Purvis advised that she would circulate Ms Copley's contact information for Members to pass on.

The Chairman thanked Mr Duffy for his report and his attendance at the meeting.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

c) TWFRS

The Tyne and Wear Fire Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided performance-monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st April 2021 to 31st August 2021, compared with the same period in 2020

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Phil Sowerby, Station Manager presented the report and expanded on the figures provided. Mr Sowerby also introduced Paul Thompson, Group Manager to the Committee

Councillor Taylor raised the issue of fly tipping and the setting fire of waste which could not be collected by the Council when on privately owned land and enquired if there was any update on this. Mrs Purvis advised that she would check with the Safer Communities Officer for an update.

Councillor Farthing referred to paragraph 5.1 of the report and commented that it was deplorable that Officers had to wear body cameras in the first place and had suffered from any violence/abuse at all.

In response to Councillor Dianne Snowdon's query over the inclusion of non fire related call outs, such as residents being stuck in swings, which had occurred in her ward recently, Mr Sowerby advised that he could look to include such instances in future reports.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sowerby and Mr Thompson for their attendance.

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

d) Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police submitted a report which provided data on crime and disorder in the Washington area comparing 'Year to date' figures with the preceding year.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair advised that as the Acting Inspector was not in attendance it was requested that any queries be emailed and that a joint Councillor/Police meeting was being pursued.

Councillor Farthing commented that it was disappointing as she would have liked to raise an LMAP's issue within her ward which was related to Police and Fire and particularly the arson occurred in the play parks across Washington and if there had been CCTV footage.

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st August, 2021 to 1st September, 2021 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) L. Lauchlan,
Chairman.

Item 2
WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

16th December 2021

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Washington Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- a. Presents the Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023; and
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1** Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020 the Washington Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

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

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.

3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.

3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be the working group for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all Board meetings.

3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work and recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2021

4. Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to November 2021, with greater detail set out in **Annex 1**, which informs the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Issue / Area Priority	Action / Update
Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement: Safety Measures	<p>The board received a summary and overview of the resident consultation. The following key issues were identified as key issues by local residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth ASB/Drinking & Drug taking • Motorbike & Quads • Illegal encampments • Flytipping
Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project Update	<p>The Board received a detailed report of the activity since the new Washington Environmental Enforcement Officer had been in post (since August):</p> <p>37 investigations 196 written warnings 17 Section 46 notices served 1 Section 34 notice served (commercial) 1 Community Protection Warning (CPN) 2 FPNs 10 Street Watch Cameras ordered and awaiting delivery.</p> <p>Officers are also focusing on flytipping – with a number of active Section 33 offences being investigated (in partnership with Gentoo). Other targeted work includes hotspot littering locations – FPNs are being issued, and erecting dog fouling signage and engaging with residents face to face. A number of streets have been issued with written warning and high visibility patrols around Southern Playing Fields are taking place. Businesses have also been issued CPNs in reference to waste 'escaping' premises</p>
Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2022/23	<p>The board received the first report to commence the process for the development of the 2022/23 HCMP. A prioritised list of proposed streets will be brought to February Board for consideration, with those recommendations taken forward to the March AC meeting for approval.</p>
VAS Programme	<p>The Board received a report reviewing the current rotation programme and a proposal for AC to consider purchasing additional signs to enhance the rotation programme. SCC will fund 1 x extra sign per area and the Board agreed to recommend the AC consider the purchase of another 4 x signs resulting in an additional 16 new rotational sites</p> <p>To be considered under Item 3 Washington Budget Report</p>
Health and Wellbeing: Healthy Choices Task Group	<p>Task Group met September 29th and agreed the content of a proposed Project Brief for the 'Healthy Choices' Cook Well Live Well Project. The Board recommends a Project Brief and Call for Projects which uses new 'cook well' skills to equip people with the knowledge and tools to make healthy choices to 'live well' – to help lead to improved general well-being, improved self-confidence, and can help to address social isolation</p> <p>To be considered under Item 3 Washington Budget Report</p>

Additional Community Services: Financial Resilience Task Group	The Task Group received a report detailing programmes being developed and funded to support young people with regards to financial resilience. The November Board recommends a Washington Pilot working with our 4 senior schools and deliver engagement and messaging to support our young people to develop financial resilience and develop age-appropriate resources, with a request to this Committee to align Neighbourhood Investment Funds. It is anticipated the funding of a bespoke engagement programme will cost in the region of £35,000 and a detailed report will be presented to February Board to agree a Project Brief and Call for Projects for a Financial Resilience Programme to support Washington young people. To be considered under Item 3 Washington Budget Report
Additional Community Services: Supporting Community Wealth	The November Board received a report outlining proposals to support local organisations to grow, build capacity and to help future proof local assets, in line with the aims and objectives of the Community Wealth Building Strategy. The Board recommends a Project Brief and Call for Projects to support local 'assets' through investment to repair, maintain or refurbish our valuable community buildings managed and run by the VCS. To be considered under Item 3 Washington Budget Report
Services for young people: Washington Creative You	3 applications were received for the Washington Creative You Call for Projects. To be considered under Item 3 Washington Budget Report
Delivering Heritage and Culture Task Group	Following a Call for Projects in August which resulted in no applications being submitted, the Task Group reconvened in September and agreed a second invite to be released (Project Brief unchanged) with interested partners requested to submit an Expression of Interest to attend a workshop to determine specific applications against identified outcomes and to broker a 'partnership arrangement' if possible. From that workshop approach 1 x partnership bid has resulted. To be considered under Item 3 Washington Budget Report

5. Recommendation(s)

5.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within the report and Annex 1.
- ii. Support the recommendation to extend the VAS Rotation Programme
- iii. Support the recommendation for the Cook Well Live Well Project
- iv. Support the recommendation to develop a Financial Resilience Programme for Washington's Young People
- v. Support the recommendation to invest in Washington's VCS and community assets
- vi. Note the video animation highlighting the Committee's work in relation to Social Isolation and Social Inclusion

Annex 1 Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within Washington, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Washington Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

- Tackle empty properties
- Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities
- Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood
- Flood mitigation
- Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- Plantation and tree management
- Street furniture
- Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting
- Increase 5G access & support digital learning
- Healthy and Well Being
- Support VCS to provide additional local services
- Support local volunteering
- Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to help reduce fear of crime through partnership working
- Local Events
- Support for young people
- Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage

It is now the responsibility of Washington Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and inform the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1. Tackle Empty Properties		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better housing</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report
Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board Illegal encampments raised as an issue	Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area	<p>1. Following an update to all Area Chairs, presentation from Private Sector Housing Team to July Board.</p> <p>2. December AC approved £62k Capital funding to implement Safety Measures. Further £58k aligned at July Area Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIA completed • Resident consultation completed with 90% of those completing the survey agreed with the proposal. The problems most identified by residents is motorbikes/quads followed by youth ASB drinking and drugs and then illegal encampments. <p>Report to November Board to consider issues raised by residents</p>
2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their community</i> A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Continue with Clean and Green community clean ups and litter picks and love where you live campaign projects and campaigns	ACDL to work with the lead with regards to identify project sustainability post March 2022	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board propose Clean & Green Project as a priority for support 2021/22. A limited number of volunteers have returned. Small scale litter picking and clean ups only (to include a community group or volunteers). Cllrs requested to provide ideas for small scale projects (not litter picking) to develop volunteer's skills going forward. Next Steering Group to determine timescales of future programme December 2021.

Scheme: Additional planters – look into feasibility of resident groups adopting them	ACDL to confirm with Environmental Services how many planters are available, condition and requirements for maintenance and repair	7 schemes agreed with 24 planters utilised – East Bridge St, Oxclose/Crighton, Building Blocks Centre, Usworth Park, Rickleton PS, Biddick PS, the Life House Sensory Garden. Clean & Green Team are project managing the scheme
Continue with Ward Improvement Project	ACDL followed up on all outstanding works, all claims submitted.	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board propose review of Project Outcomes December 2021. Report to February 2022 Board to consider further funding and extension
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	ACDL to present options/review of project outcomes to future Board	September Area Committee approved an additional £11,000 to extend the Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) scheme. Invitation to apply to be circulated December 2021
3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project (WNMEP)- Focus on Neighbourhood ‘enforcement’ in village centres, littering on slip roads, use of cameras, vandalism and ASB in parks, play areas and green spaces, and support for environmental volunteers	ACDL established Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to receive above information, consider and how they can enhance and support the current offer in Washington	Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. A detailed report of all activity via the new Environmental Enforcement Officer was presented to the November Board
Together Clean and Green Partnership with Gentoo and other services to continue to tackle/support local enforcement to deal with fly-tipping, dog mess, abandoned trollies	ACDL schedule Together Clean & Green Partnership working group	Alongside Washington NMEP, Together Clean & Green keen to roll out extensive education and PR campaign to promote enforcement messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective Neighbourhood Management. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly.
PR & communications campaign re enforcement	ACDL work with SCC Comms to determine PR & campaigns responsive to local issues. Consider how to fit with corporate approach re enforcement, messages & campaigns, and prosecutions when developing local project.	Use of Area Facebook pages and SCC Social Media for Campaign/messages to support the proposed NMEP and Together C & G work continues

4. Flood Mitigation		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Washington Flood Mitigation Scheme: Request update to Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW funded)	ACDL request update to Board	Flood Mitigation Scheme update report presented
5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services to provide an update to Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board with regards to scope for a Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks	ACDL established Task & Finish group to develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington Parks and Play in parks. To consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Capacity • City's Play Strategy • Inspection and maintenance regimes for any new development • Plans for investment in parks and green spaces • Dealing with and response to ASB and vandalism of play areas and parks • Opportunities to access S106 • Which of our parks are parks? Or green/open spaces – Albany Park previously designated as open space? • Local issues identified including ongoing ASB/vandalism in parks and green spaces 	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agree investment in Parks and Play as a priority for support 2021/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September AC approved an additional £50,000 to deliver the next stage of the Usworth Park Development Plan. SCC Capital funding of £120,000 will then be made available. The tender invite for the refurbishment of the Pavillion now out. • Princess Anne Park - Task group confirmed priority spend. ACDL requested design services revisit priority tasks identified by Task Group and reassess and provide more detailed specification and costs • SCC Officer to revisit Fixed Play Survey and confirm required specifications and works • Funding to support the roll out of Time to Talk benches agreed at September AC
Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan	ACDL to redraft Usworth Park Development Plan. Include review and redraft of Action Plan	The Friends Group for Usworth Park established. Work is now underway with progress re bins, seats, landscaping, tennis court improvements, new gate into tennis courts, new fencing, line marking on the courts for play, goalposts, litter picks and tidy ups,

		<p>planters project, security, tree planting and bulbs, and local consultation for new gates.</p> <p>The tender invite for the refurbishment of the Pavilion now out.</p>
Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan	<p>ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p>	<p>March Area Committee aligned £50k Neighbourhood Capital funds to contribute to delivering the improvements in Princess Anne Park as identified by the recent review of the masterplan for the park</p> <p>A review of the Princess Anne Masterplan has been completed and presented to both Board and full Area Committee. Ward councillors identified footpath repairs and car park resurfacing as the main priorities. WAC have aligned £50,000 and SCC has indicated another £50,000 will be made available to deliver those priorities. The review received indicates estimates for some of the works and there is still a need to carry out a detailed analysis re required specification of works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair closed footpath £15,000e • Repair stairs (North) £10,000e • Repairs to footpaths throughout (including drainage issues) £50,000e • Carpark repairs No estimate <p>Requested design services revisit priority tasks identified by Task Group and reassess and provide more detailed specification/costs</p>
Improve play areas	<p>ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds</p>	<p>Fixed play survey (FPS) presented to Board and Area Committee. WAC aligned £80,000 NCIP and SCC confirmed £85,000 capital as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC Officer to revisit FPS and confirm required specifications and works– report to November Board
6. Plantations and tree management		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services requested to update Neighbourhood & Community Board with regard to the Strategic approach for future management of large plantations close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Strategic update to Board.	Following the successful implementation of the WAC funded tree management scheme (Phase 1 & 2), SCC Officers invited to attend future Board to discuss strategic approach to manage large plantation areas in Washington
7. Street Furniture including litter bins		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to Cllrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme		SCC presentation outlining future capital investment in parks and allotments at the July Board included confirmation of £65,000 investment in bins and signage in Ayton, Holley Park, Rickleton and Seldom Seen. Ward Cllrs continue to invest Ward Improvement Budgets to repair, and replace bins across Washington
8. Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Update Neighbourhood & Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme	ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule	VAS signs for the Washington Area received and deployed. Rotation programme agreed and included in previous Board Reports. Area report presented to Board detailing winter rotation. Review of programme to date plus proposals for additional

		VAS presented to November Board for consideration. The Board recommends additional funding for 4 x new VAS (matched to City Council x 1 new VAS), considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020	ACDL organise meeting Road Safety Team re draft proposals and schemes – complete. Detailed report to November Board and December Area Committee with regards to proposals for campaign.	Event held at Usworth Colliery PS 17 th July. SCC Road Safety Officers are keen to engage with more Primary schools in Washington and now that restrictions have eased / lifted there is scope to improve the offer. Key to this will be interest and take up from the schools. ACDL meeting with Road Safety Team to draft programme of further activity, targeting the key sites recently identified by Councillors. Joint working with Police and Fire Service agreed. Confirm further dates and activities to commence New Year.
Request strategic response to Traffic Management issues raised – enforcement of 20mph areas, speeding, need for additional signage re speed limits, enforcing the bus links and inconsiderate parking around/near to schools		Traffic management/parking issues on agenda at Board as required
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	A prioritised list of proposed streets for the 2021/22 approved March 2021 Area Committee Report to November Board regarding progress and completion of 2021/22 Programme. Priority lists (per Ward) submitted to Feb 2022 Board. March AC 2022 to approve final area Highways Maintenance Programme 2022-23 and then city wide programme submitted to Cabinet for approval April 2022
9. Health and Well Being		
Links to:	A Healthy Smart City <i>Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> A Healthy Smart City <i>People enjoying independent lives</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Improving community resilience</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Business growth and investment in VCS</i>	

	Next Steps	Progress
Develop a co-ordinated approach with relevant partners to support VCS to help the local community eat and learn to prepare/cook healthy meals	Task Group established	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed Healthy Choices Project as a priority for support 2021/22 First Task Group meeting scheduled 29 th September. Report to November Board to consider options to progress this priority. Board recommends Cook Well Live Well Project Brief to the December AC. Considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Continue the Neighbourhood funded Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy Action in the Community' projects		2 out of 6 projects complete. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting and will continue to report through normal NF Performance and Review processes
10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Action		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance	Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. All 5 CSW posts now filled – Washington CSW Denise Gilholme has started meeting partners and groups and attends the Network meeting to update the sector on support. VCS Alliance Manager also now in post.
Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington.	Number of WAC funded Project already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.	March Area Committee approved 12month extension for REACT, WISP, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care. Will report through normal NF Performance and Review

		<p>processes and all activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting.</p> <p>VCS Support Project extended until December 2021 and co-ordinating all volunteer and VCS support with the CSW</p> <p>November Board agreed a Project Brief to support community assets. Considered under Item 3 Budget Report</p>
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded ‘Social Isolation’ projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting and will continue to report through normal NF Performance and Review processes
Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed investment and support for digital inclusion for learning and employment as a priority for support 2021/22
11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs The hubs are also starting to complete ‘personal pathway plans’ for all those still registered for support to ensure they continue to get the help they need. Further funding to support vulnerable residents delivered via the established Hub partnerships and the Covid Community Champions partnerships
Evaluate the delivery model for the Neighbourhood Fund VCS Support Project and VCS Training Programme– to consider reprofiling outcomes and milestones based on learning from Community Hubs	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs. Linked to strategic review re support for VCS.	VCS Support Project linked to Hub –Anticipate project ends December 2021. All VCS support and volunteering support co-ordinated with the CSW Action Plan. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board
12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime through a partnership approach		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i>		

Action	Next Steps	Progress
Develop local Neighbourhood Watch schemes	<p>ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr meeting (Microsoft Teams) with Inspector and bring information to future board meeting re potential for neighbourhood watch schemes</p> <p>Maintain communication and information sharing established through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Area News weekly bulletin • Area Face Book pages • Information sharing • Joint Police/Cllr meeting 	<p>Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed establishing a community scheme as a priority for support 2021/22.</p> <p>Joint Police and Cllr meeting held 20th October 2021</p>
Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-agency approach	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings	ACDLs and Cllr F Miller to continue to report issues raised which require a multi-agency approach.
Continue the Neighbourhood funded 'Fire Angels' Project working with vulnerable adults re home safety alarms	<p>ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs</p> <p>ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p>	No further update received due to pandemic/restrictions and new technology now being agreed. Request update as part of next QMR process
13. Support communities to deliver Local Events		
<p>Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i></p> <p><i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i></p>		
Action		
Continue to update Community Events offer as method to continue to involve local communities and build capacity	Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Event programme	<p>Washington Events Programme rolled over to 2021/22. ACDL in discussions with lead with regards to options and alternatives events – dependent on restrictions being eased. Project supported Springwell 1940s Event and Miners Event 4th September in Usworth Park. Next event Illuminations 22nd November and Christmas Village Events 4th December. Events timetable will now include a new Easter Event extending the original programme.</p>

14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Improving community resilience</i>		
Action		
Positive Activities	ACDL amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.	Continued support to deliver Positive Activities programmes – school holiday activity programmes plus address holiday hunger. March 2021 AC agreed a new 12month programme. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC
Relaunch the ‘Can-Do’ Project	Review of scheme to July Board	Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. September Area Committee approved an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget). Latest round/invite has resulted in 4 applications which were approved by the Board on 25th November
Develop a new ‘offer’ for young people - a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music?	Task & Finish Group established. Consider options for ‘Remix’ type initiative to encourage new delivery partners.	Call for Projects for the Creative You Project approved at the September AC. Three applications were received and have been subject to independent scoring and assessment. Considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Washington Outreach Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	The project continues to address partner and Cllr hotspot areas re ASB. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC
15. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage		

Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway	<p>ACDL to establish Task and Finish group. Bring together a number of strategies and documents to consider how best to support local heritage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Heritage Strategy • Feasibility Study F Pit/Albany Park • Bid for Culture documents – summarises some of the offer of local heritage groups • Need for archive for collections • Build on the work of the Blue Plaque installations 	<p>Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed delivering the Washington Heritage Strategy as a priority for support 2021/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital investment at Bowes Railway approved March 2021 • Project Brief for 'Heritage & Culture' organisation to deliver the Washington Heritage Strategy approved July AC • Call for Projects released with deadline for applications 7th August <p>No applications submitted. The Heritage Task Group was reconvened in September to consider options and brief and agreed a second invite – keeping to the original Project Brief approved by WAC.</p> <p>A second C4P was then released with partners requested to submit an Expression of Interest to attend a workshop to determine applications against the identified project outcomes. One partnership application received by the deadline of 22.11.21, which is currently being assessed. Following scoring and assessment the normal consultation processes will take place and a recommendation will be presented to the December AC meeting</p> <p>Briefing and summary of works to relocate Albany Wheel and replace. Report and costs to be presented to February Board for consideration</p>

Item 3

<p align="center">WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 16th December 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report</p>	
<p>Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision:</p> <p>Committee are requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1 (b) Consider the approval of NF funding of £21,220 to Sunderland City Council to extend the Vehicle Activated Signs Programme as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (c) Consider the approval of NF funding of £50,000 for the Cook Well Live Well Project Brief and Call for Projects as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (d) Consider the approval of NF funding of £9,800 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Supporting Community Assets as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (e) Consider the approval of NF funding of £100,000 to Sunderland Culture to deliver the Washington Creative You Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (f) Consider the approval of NF funding of £150,000 to NE Business & Innovation Centre to deliver the Washington Heritage & Culture Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (g) Consider the alignment of NF funding of £35,000 as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 (h) Consider the approval of NI Capital funding of £90,200 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Supporting Community Assets as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 3 (i) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed Item 3 Annex 4 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £464,444 (inc Youth allocation) for 2021/2022 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>
<p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	

Item 3 WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

16th December 2021

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Washington Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2021/2022:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2021/2022					£464,444
Support for Friends Groups	20.10.16	£4,807			£469,251
Purchase of grounds Equipment	26.09.19	£5,700			£474,951
Area Committee Communications	01.07.21			£10,000	£464,951
Delivering Heritage & Culture	01.07.21			£150,000	£314,951
Clean and Green Local Action	28.09.21			£11,000	£303,951
Washington Can Do	28.09.21			£10,000	£293,951
Washington Creative You	28.09.21			£100,000	£193,951

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2021/2022

- 2.2 Area Committee has been allocated £464,444 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There are 5 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**
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|---|-----------------|
| i) Extend Vehicle Activated Signs Programme | £21,220 |
| ii) Cook Well Live Well | £50,000 |
| iii) Supporting Community Assets | £9,800 |
| iv) Washington Creative You | £100,000 |
| v) Delivering Washington Heritage and Culture | £150,000 |
- 2.4 There is 1 proposal to align Neighbourhood Fund. At the November meeting of the Neighbourhood and Communities Board it was agreed to recommend aligning £35,000 to develop

a financial Resilience Project for Young People in Washington. Further detail is included at **Item 3 Annex 2**

i) Youth Matters – Financial Resilience

£35,000

- 2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval, award (applications) and alignment is **£366,020**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£77,931**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

- 3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Washington Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020 / 2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting	16.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Usworth Park Development Plan	17.12.20			£9,000	£481,000
Washington Tree Management Project	17.12.20			£28,800	£452,200
Safety Measures	17.12.20			£62,000	£390,200
Bowes Railway Museum	18.03.21			£60,000	£330,200
Invest in Parks	18.03.21		£50,000		£280,200
Invest in Play	18.03.21		£80,000		£200,200
Safety Measures (Phase 2)	01.07.21		£58,000		£142,200
Usworth Park Development Plan	28.09.21			50,000	£92,200
Time to Talk	28.09.21		£2,000		£90,200

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 Washington Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 3.3. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.
- 3.4 There is 1 application to the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 3**

i) Supporting Community Assets

£90,200

- 3.5 The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund budget requested for approval is **£90,200**. If approved, the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding will be fully allocated.

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same. With Ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it becomes difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

- 4.2 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2021/2022. **Annex 4** shows the approvals supported, June to September.

Ward	2021/2022 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£1,450	£8,550
East	£10,000	£0	£2,570	£7,430
North	£10,000	£0	£2,509	£7,491
South	£10,000	£0	£2228.50	£7771.50
West	£10,000	£0	£2,000	£8,000
Total	£50,000	£0	£10,757.50	£39,242.50

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2021/2022

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Tables One, Two and Three.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£21,220** to extend the Vehicle Activated Signs Programme as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£50,000** for the Cook Well Live Well Project Brief and Call for Projects as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£9,800** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Supporting Community Assets as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Consider the approval of NF funding of £100,000 to Sunderland Culture to deliver the Washington Creative You Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.6 Consider the approval of NF funding of £150,000 to NE Business & Innovation Centre to deliver the Washington Heritage & Culture Project set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.7 Consider the alignment of NF funding of **£35,000** set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 3 Annex 2**
- 5.8 Consider the approval of NI Capital funding of **£90,200** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Supporting Community Assets as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 3**
- 5.9 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed **Item 3 Annex 4**

Annex 1: Neighbourhood Fund Approval Proposals

Annex 2: Neighbourhood Fund Alignment Proposals

Annex 3: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Approval Proposals

Annex 4: Community Chest Grant Approvals

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Applications for Washington Neighbourhood Fund

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Vehicle Activated Signs - Extension
Lead Organisation	SCC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£26,525	£5305	£21,220
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	January 2022	December 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description: The Area Committee approved £44,000 in June 2019 to fund the Washington VAS Programme. This included 10 signs, 2 per Ward to be rotated throughout the area's speeding hotspots as required. Based on the review of the programme presented to November Board, the Area Committee is requested to consider funding 4 additional signs (to match one sign per area as allocated by SCC) to give a maximum of 3 signs per Ward to be rotated, resulting in 12 sites annually per Ward.

5 new signs will result in 20 NEW rotational sites being added to the programme across Washington. Highways department will work with Councillors to confirm new speeding hotspots for inclusion in the programme. Officers will be invited to attend the February Board to discuss the programming, locations and utilisation of older signs

Outputs

5 new signs
20 rotations

Budget

SCC will contribute the cost of one sign per area matched against WAC contribution of £21,220 for 4 signs

Recommendation – Approve £21,220 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Invest in Highways and Road Safety.

Application No. 2

Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity Call for Projects – Making Healthy Choices – Cook Well Live Well

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 support delivery of their Health and Wellbeing priority (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

There is an opportunity for local VCS groups with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver this project on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Formally constituted and 'not for profit' groups which include charities, schools, voluntary and community groups and public sector organisations can be involved. CICs can apply but must have **three or more Directors that are not related**. Registered organisations must be up to date with governance requirements. Applications demonstrating partnership working are encouraged.

Project Description

To deliver the area priority of **'Health and Wellbeing: Healthy Choices'** the Washington Area Committee invites local organisations to establish a holistic model to improve health and wellbeing for our local communities through the delivery of food-based activities that support families and children in improving health. The aim of the project is to use new **'cook well'** skills to equip people with the knowledge and tools to make healthy choices to **'live well'** - which can then lead to improved general well-being, improved self-confidence, and can help to address social isolation. Project proposals should also aim to reduce a reliance on processed and 'fast' foods and use a variety of methods to engage children, young people and families, focusing on improving health and wellbeing and to make healthy and nutritious food choices

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify how it will achieve the following:

1. Offer an all-round approach to help people understand the consequences of poor lifestyle choices and how they can be prevented, and how to enjoy the benefits that result in a healthier lifestyle
2. Provision of a range of interactive cookery courses, demonstrations, workshops and events based on the principles of following a healthy balanced diet. Sessions can also use digital methods to deliver if appropriate as well as practical face to face contact. Please confirm the number of sessions, resources and equipment to be provided, and local venues to be used.
3. Use education, learning and training to promote healthy eating and cooking, and how to cook on a budget
4. Promotion and messaging to help participants understand the benefits on lifestyle of eating well/healthy choices
5. Support/learning sessions that will show that a healthy and varied diet will maintain wellbeing.
6. Link to physical activity programmes to enhance the benefits of healthy eating and cooking well
7. Show how proposals will result in a balanced diet that helps tackle increasing obesity levels, lifestyle diseases, and poor dietary habits, and reduces health inequalities.
8. How the proposal will engage your target audiences – be clear who will be the target group/beneficiaries of your proposal
9. Show how your proposal will improve self-confidence and social isolation - how does your proposal 'reach into the local community'

All proposals should

- Evidence the organisation's experience in delivering health and food/cooking projects and initiatives
- Evidence good local knowledge of existing projects and partnerships delivering health and wellbeing projects in Washington
- Compliment and add value to other initiatives being delivered across the area
- Encourage a co-ordinated approach to delivering local benefit

- Evidence all staff are qualified to an appropriate level and the organisation has all relevant policies and procedures in place with regards to Health and Safety, food handling and food hygiene
- Show how you will undertake monitoring to show the number of people benefiting, the impact the project has made and any additionality identified from the project.

Applicants should evidence their knowledge of

1. Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan
2. Healthy City Plan
3. Community Wealth Building Strategy (SCC)
4. Low Carbon Sunderland
5. Sunderland City Council Resources – Healthy Recipes; Live Life Well, Change4Life

Budget:

The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£50,000. This will be allocated as £10,000 per Ward.** Washington Area Committee anticipate awarding at least 2 projects per Ward. All applications will be subject to formal assessment and scoring.

Next Steps

Any interested Group or organisation should contact the ACDL to request an application pack

Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have.

Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria. The results of that assessment and a recommendation will be presented to the next available Area Committee.

Successful applicants will be expected work in partnership as agreed and collaborate with the other applicants to deliver joint programmes and projects to avoid duplication. The ACDL will oversee the project performance and management of all approved applications

Timescale

Deadline for Applications	January 31 st 2022
Assessment & Consultation	February 17 th 2022
Award of grant (next available Area Committee)	March 17 th 2022

Application No.3

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has agreed a Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects for a new project to support investment in Community Assets

Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity Call for Projects – Supporting Community Assets

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups who lease or manage community facilities in Washington to submit proposals to deliver a project in the local community which supports delivery of their priority to 'Support the voluntary sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services within the local community' (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered by the Washington Area are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

There is an opportunity for local VCS groups and partner organisations with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects, to deliver this project on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Formally constituted and 'not for profit' groups which include charities and voluntary and community groups can be involved. CICs can apply but must have three or more Directors that are not related. Registered organisations must be up to date with governance requirements.

Project Description:

Community Wealth building is a strategic objective and focuses on actions that support communities to create wealth and retain more of the benefits of economic growth locally. It is an approach that recognises that the way money circulates in a local economy is important and that growth needs to be shaped and directed. Community Wealth Building aims to re-organise and control the local economy so that wealth is broadly held within the city and is generative, with local roots, so that income is recirculated, communities are put first, and people are provided with opportunity, dignity and well-being. The approach seeks to create resilient communities and local economic security.

Washington Area Committee's Delivery Plan identifies supporting the VCS to grow capacity and provide additional services, and supporting volunteering, as key priorities. By investing in local assets – both people and place, the Washington Area Committee is keen to help 'future proof' some of our valuable community facilities. To that end, the Committee is seeking applications from our local VCS which will repair, refurbish or help maintain the physical fabric of our much-needed community facilities

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify and evidence

1. Needed improvements or repairs required (reports or surveys/quotes to be provided)
2. How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services and activities for the benefit of the local community
3. How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the Washington Area Committee's Delivery Plan and priorities

All proposals should

- Evidence the organisations' experience of successfully managing a community facility
- Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community

Budget:

The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£100,000. This will be allocated as £20,000 per Ward.** The maximum an organisation can apply for per 'round' will be £5,000 (Small Grants Scheme Procedures and Processes). Washington Area Committee anticipate awarding at least 4 projects per Ward over a 12month period. All applications will be subject to formal assessment and scoring and the Councillors decision will be final.

Next Steps

Any interested Group or organisation should contact the ACDL to request an application pack and discuss your proposal

Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have.

Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria. The results of that assessment and a recommendation will be presented to the next available Area Committee.

Timescale

Deadline for Applications Round 1	January 31 st 2022
Assessment & Consultation	February 17 th 2022
Award of grant (next available Area Committee)	March 17 th 2022

Recommendation – Approve £9,800 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget) (See Annex 3 for proposal to match fund Neighbourhood Capital Investment Funding to total £100,000)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of ‘Support the voluntary sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services within the local community’

Application No.4

Applications for Washington Creative You

Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity Call for Projects – Washington Creative You

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and partner organisations to submit proposals to deliver a project in the local community which supports delivery of their 'Services for Young People' (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered by the Washington Area are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

There is an opportunity for local VCS groups and partner organisations with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects, to deliver this project on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Formally constituted and 'not for profit' groups which include charities, schools, voluntary and community groups and public sector organisations can be involved. CICs can apply but must have three or more Directors that are not related. Registered organisations must be up to date with governance requirements. Applications demonstrating strong partnership working are encouraged.

Project Description:

As part of the area priority, '**Provision of services and activities for young people**' the Washington Area Committee has identified the need for a 'new offer' which not only provides a programme of creative activities and experiences but also supports young people's emotional and mental wellbeing and self-esteem and confidence to help them progress.

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify how it will achieve the following outcomes

1. A creative and innovative programme which will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences across Washington
2. Provides activities or initiatives to reach out to young people not currently engaging in organised activities
3. Improves and supports emotional resilience, community cohesion and enables young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations
4. Ensure young people's needs are met and voices listened to
5. Uses a variety of methods to target and engage young people
6. Complements and adds value to existing young people's provision and where appropriate, works in partnership with existing initiatives
7. Deliver creative and innovative activities or schemes at locations most likely to engage young people and include an element of 'reaching into the community' in places where young people go
8. Increase the number of young people accessing creative activities by setting achievable targets/outcomes
9. Build skills and confidence amongst young people
10. Encourage young people to be active participants in their community
11. Have knowledge of relevant local provision, projects, activities and initiatives
12. All applications should be for Washington wide provision

All proposals should

- Evidence the organisations' experience in delivering both 'creative' projects and working with young people
- Complement and add value to other initiatives being delivered across the area (not just young people's projects)
- Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community

The Area Committee is keen to support proposals that evidence collaboration or a partnership approach. If organisations wish to come together and deliver different elements of the brief, the application must be clear with regards to separate roles of organisations, governance, reporting, and partnership protocols.

Budget:

The budget available for this Call for Projects is **£100,000**. Washington Area Committee expect to see as a **minimum** a 2year project. All applications will be subject to formal assessment and scoring collaborative applications will be weighted accordingly. All partnership applications will need to identify a lead for the whole project

Creative You Application No.1

Name of Project	Washington Creative You
Lead Organisation	Sunderland Culture

Total cost	Match funding	NF Requested
£116,410	£16,410	£100,000
Project Duration	Start date	End Date
2 years	April 2022	March 2024

- Taken Verbatim from the application form

Project Proposal

Our proposal brings together the expertise of Sunderland Culture and Washington Mind to deliver 'Creative You', a new two-year programme of high-quality creative activities, opportunities and experiences for young people in Washington. **This programme will develop the skills and confidence of 450 young people from all backgrounds to tell stories that are important and relevant to them.** One-off sessions, weekly creative activities and group projects will allow young people to try new things and learn techniques to build their confidence, emotional resilience, and wellbeing. Co-created projects will enable young people to be curious and imaginative, develop creative, communication and leadership skills and build aspirations. Young people's creativity will be showcased and celebrated through public presentation of their work to build connections and sense of belonging.

Delivered from April 2022 to March 2024, 'Creative You' comprises:

- a series of creative taster sessions to launch the programme;
- a Young People's Steering Group to shape and frame the programme.
- establishing three 'Creative You' groups offering regular participatory activities;
- opportunities to showcase work to the wider community through high profile exhibitions, events and activities in public spaces.

Creative and Innovative Approach: Our creative approach is inspired by an understanding of the benefits of storytelling in its different forms. Stories are the way we understand and make sense of our world. Stories connect us to places and people, help us develop emotional connections and empathy, and enable us to feel part of something bigger. Storytelling can contribute to inclusion and connection, build confidence, and bring about change. Our approach will enable young people to tell their stories through a range of artforms, eg visual arts, performance, music, creative writing. Co-creation is the model we will use to enable young people to tell their stories. Co-creation ensures young people's voices are at the heart of 'Creative You', enabling the programme to be relevant and respond to young people's needs. We will recruit 10 young people from the taster groups to guide the programme, organise events, plan projects, recruit artists, shape evaluations and support delivery. This young people's steering group will benefit the project and the team will learn leadership and development skills whilst gaining confidence.

Supporting emotional and mental wellbeing: Young people consistently report to Washington Mind the need for increased provision of creative groups and outlets, as these are consistent and reliable wellbeing tools. For 'Creative You', Washington Mind will provide a suite of emotional and mental wellbeing support for young people accessing the programme. A flexible response to issues and young people's needs will include:

- Accessible, early intervention / preventative groupwork
- Support with targeted work – e.g groupwork for young people accessing CAMHS services or for those on waiting lists;
- Dedicated counselling for young people
- Provision of wellbeing tools/resources for young people

- Training for artists and programme staff, with consultation/supervision where concerns exist regarding participants mental health
- Support for parents of participants and advice navigating referral systems
- Support to develop mechanisms to amplify young people's voices enabling them to feel heard.

Engaging Young People with Creative You: With our partners, we will identify schools and youth groups to work with on creative taster sessions to launch the programme and ensure young people across Washington who currently do not engage, can easily access sessions. Together for Children and Washington Mind will identify young people they support for referral to the programme. An Access Fund will help remove barriers to participation. Taster sessions will allow young people to engage in their own space to see what the project is about and find out how to join. We aim to work with **300 young people** across multiple taster sessions.

Creative Programme Delivery: Three 'Creative You' groups will be formed in locations across Washington to achieve a geographical spread. These groups will offer creative sessions in 10week blocks with sessions led by artists and supported by Washington Mind. Each weekly session will have 15 young people, with young people working across themes determined by the young people's steering group. Summer programmes will bring the 'Creative You' groups together in shared activities and events and engage new participants, supporting recruitment into the regular programme. Young people will produce the summer event in year 2. Achievements will be celebrated at the annual Bright Lights Festival – displaying the young people's work from the 'Creative You' groups work alongside a series of takeover events programmed by the young people. As well as delivery in local venues and spaces across Washington, Arts Centre Washington will be the 'Creative You' hub, utilising its theatre, gallery spaces, art studio, recording studio and flexible spaces. During the programme, young people will be referred into existing programmes delivered by Sunderland Culture and other cultural partners in the city to ensure sustainability and progression routes for young people

Partnership

Project Base: Arts Centre Washington will be the hub for the 'Creative You' programme. Regular activities will be delivered from Arts Centre Washington and two partner venues in Washington Rainbow Centre in Concord, and Life House, Columbia. Taster sessions will be delivered from various Washington venues including school, cultural, heritage and community venues. Locations will be identified for summer events, and could include The Galleries, Washington Old Hall, Washington Library.

Partners: Central to this project is a new place-based partnership between Sunderland Culture and Washington Mind. This brings together Sunderland Culture's expertise in creative delivery and co-production/co-creation with young people with Washington Mind's experience in supporting young people's wellbeing and developing young people's leadership in mental health. The two organisations will work collaboratively as delivery partners for the 'Creative You' programme, and a partnership agreement will be put in place to support this. A project steering group will be established in addition to the core partnership, bringing in a wider range of partners. Together for Children has agreed to support the project through various pathways including their Early Help worker for young people at risk, social work teams and engagement officers. They will support referrals to programme and support young people to engage with the creative activities. They have agreed that area workers from Washington will sit on the steering group. This will enable us to support young people who face barriers to engagement.

The National Trust and Sunderland Music Hub are keen to work with us on this project, and we will connect with the Heritage Sunderland Partnership. We see schools as having a key role in helping young people engage with the programme, and Arts Centre Washington has existing relationships with Oxclose Academy, Washington School, Biddick Academy and St Roberts. We will connect with the Autism Outreach Team at Biddick Academy to ensure young people with SEND are able to participate in the programme. Additional partners are potential venues and spaces which can host the creative programme and provide a platform for showcasing work. Potential partners include The Galleries Shopping Centre, Washington Old Hall, Rainbow Centre, Concord, Washington Library and the Millennium Centre. We have existing relationships with public bodies, VCS organisations and communities across Washington and the city, engage with relevant health, community and cultural networks. There is strategic engagement with Sunderland City Council and via the Washington Area Network. Information about the programme will be shared via the VCS Area Network and the Health and Wellbeing Network.

Objectives/Milestones/Outputs

Objectives	Milestones
Delivery Partner (Washington MIND) commissioned and contracted by Sunderland Culture	30 April 2022
'Creative You' Project Steering Group convened, with bimonthly meetings held	April 2022 onwards
Promotional information and resources developed	April - May 2022
Recruitment of young people in collaboration with partners	April 2022
Referral process to 'Creative You' programme by partners finalised	May 2022
Delivery of creative taster sessions in schools and youth clubs	April – May 2022
Evaluation approach agreed and finalised	May 2022
Creative Programme delivery - 3 x regular creative groups with activities in 10week blocks.	May 2022 – March 2024
Planning and delivery of summer activity event	July/August 2022
Recruitment and set up of Young People's Steering Group, followed by regular sessions	August/September 2022
Planning for Bright Lights 2023	Sept 2022 – Jan 2023
Bright Lights 2023 – showcase of young people's work	Feb 2023
Year 1 evaluation and Project Steering Group review	March 2023
Planning and delivery of summer activity event	July/August 2023
Planning for Bright Lights 2024	Sept 2023 – Jan 2024
Bright Lights 2024 and Creative You takeover to celebrate end of programme	Feb 2024
Final evaluation report	March 2024

Outputs

A Healthy City

Young People participating in area activities	450
Secondary Schools engaged	4
Carers receiving support and connecting to their community	10
People receiving 'health' information advice and guidance	250
People referred	10
People with disabilities benefiting	10

A Vibrant City

People supported though mental health concerns or crisis	100
Volunteers recruited	3
Volunteer hours delivered	30
Volunteers in kind Contribution (hrs x £12ph)	£360
External organisations supported/involved	5
No. hrs delivering community activities	429
No. workshops/meetings held	227
No. young people participating in decision making	15
No. cultural and community events delivered	4
Visitors at neighbourhood events	10,000

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
<u>Staff costs:</u> Creative Producer: Pro-rata Salary and on costs - 1 day a week x 2 years.	£14,040		£14,040
<u>Staff costs:</u> Project Co-ordinator: Pro-rata Salary and on costs – 1.5 days a week x 2 years	£11,960		£11,960

<u>Partner Fee</u> Washington Mind - fee for provision of mental health / wellbeing support and facilitation.	£15,000		£15,000
<u>Creative You Programme:</u>			
<i>Year 1 April 22 – March 23</i>			
- Programme launch: 10 taster creative sessions in schools / community settings. £200 per session for artist fees / materials.	£2,000		£2,000
- Summer activity events including young peoples' mental health event: £2.5k for artist fees, production costs, materials.	£2,500	£1,500	£1,000
- Creative You Groups: Artist fees - 90 sessions at £120 per session.	£10,800		£10,800
- Creative You Groups: Materials - 90 sessions at £30 per session.	£2,700		£2,700
- Creative You Groups: Venue Hire	£750		£750
- Young People's Steering Group Sessions: 12 x £50 support fees and materials	£600		£600
- Bright Lights Festival 2023: £3,500 for artist fees, production costs, materials and workshops.	£3,500		£3,500
<i>Year 2 April 23 – March 24</i>			
- Summer activity events: £3,000 for artist fees, production costs, materials.	£3000		£3,000
- Creative You Groups: Artist fees - 90 sessions at £120 per session.	£10,800		£10,800
- Creative You Groups: Materials - 90 sessions at £30 per session.	£2,700		£2,700
- Creative You Groups: Venue Hire	£750		£750
- Young People's Steering Group Sessions: 18 x £50 support fees and materials	£900		£900
- Bright Lights Festival 2024: £4,500 for artist fees, production costs, materials and workshops.	£4,500		£4,500
<u>Access Fund:</u> To cover young people's access costs, eg bus fares, refreshments, personal equipment where there is barriers to participation.	£3,000		£3,000
<u>Marketing:</u> Design and production of digital/print promotional resources, digital content production, fees for promoted social media posts.	£5,000		£5,000
<u>Evaluation & documentation:</u> Fee for external evaluation contract. Project documentation costs.	£4,000		£4,000
<u>Contingency:</u> 3% allocated to contingency to allow for unexpected or higher costs across planned programme.	£3,000		£3,000

In-kind Support: Venue hire - Arts Centre Washington £645 Theatre hire: 2 events - 15hrs x £43 p/hr £570 Low Barn: 2 events - 15hrs x £38 p/hr £1,575 Art Workshop: 70 sessions x £22.50 per session Staff time: £7,344 Chief Executive: leadership and line management: 1 day per month x £306 per day £3,264 Audience Development Manager: Venue, marketing and digital support: 1 day per month x £136 per day £1,512 Venue Technician: Technical support for Bright Lights: 12 days x £126 per day	£14,910	£14,910	
Total	£116,410	£16,410	£100,000

Experience of the organisations and partners

Sunderland Culture has significant experience of delivering major revenue projects, with a strong track record of performance, governance and contract management. Sunderland Culture manages five cultural venues with extensive programme delivery experience. We deliver multiple public funded programmes, including a £1.4m Great Place Programme, £650k National Partners Programme and £450k Coastal Communities Fund as a partner of Sunderland City Council. We have extensive experience of local, regional and national partnership working to deliver creative projects with local communities. We have a strong track record in co-producing and co-creating work with young people, and have built our skills in working creatively with young people to enable their voices to be heard. We have experience in collaboration with young people on projects and events. We have worked with Celebrate Different Collective since June 2019, enabling the young people to programme and produce their own events and projects from inception to delivery. We are currently supporting the collective to co-curate an Arts Council Collection exhibition at Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens. We work to remove barriers to participation in the arts. We have worked with young carers since November 2018 running arts and wellbeing sessions whilst developing their leadership skills. Young Carers worked with us and artists to develop their skills which they then used to run workshops with families at Hetton Carnival. We are about to start a mental health and creative writing sessions for young people in the Coalfields.

Arts Centre Washington provides a year-round theatre and performance programme, exhibitions and community arts classes, courses and activities. Arts Centre Washington has a strong track record in engaging young people in the arts. Its current offer includes a youth theatre, Saturday Art Club, and Right Track young musicians projects. A recent project 'Poems Of Town' saw young people creating music inspired by stories of Washington, alongside Field Music and writer Paul Summers. 'Creative Me' is a new project providing arts, mental health and wellbeing sessions for young people as a legacy of the Art Studio. It stages the annual Bright Lights youth arts exhibition which is a platform for young people to show their artwork. Previous projects included Remix, a young people's weekly takeover of the Arts Centre with 14 sessions for young people each week, and Artzine, a collaborative zine project. The project will be led by Rachel Hamer, Sunderland Culture's Young People and Communities Producer who is based at Arts Centre Washington. Rachel brings extensive experience of developing and delivering innovative creative projects, and co-producing work with young people.

As our delivery partner, **Washington Mind** has strong leadership and project management capacity in place to deliver the mental health support and facilitation workstreams. As a partner, it is delivering activities which align with existing areas of expertise. Washington MIND is accredited by the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). It is a member of Sunderland Child and Adolescent Mental Health Partnership (CAMHS), and has SLA's with 6 local schools. Washington Mind has a history of co-producing services with young people – examples include Underground Neighbourhood and Strange

Things zine, Mental Health Zine Library and Rainbow Renegades, who organised Washington's first Out and Proud event at Arts Centre Washington.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's Neighbourhood Fund procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is 112/150

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 Management and monitoring systems are good. Milestones realistic, timelines and activity clear and relevant.
2. Evidences it meets the key priorities of the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan – supporting young people, social isolation and mental health as well as health and wellbeing
3. This proposal has evidenced some partnership working and is committed to further developing those partnerships. It does not detail how it will add/compliment existing provision for young people. Formal partnership agreement in place with partner
4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:
 - Offering creative and innovative activities, opportunities and experiences – Fully meets
 - Improve and support emotional resilience and enabling young people to make informed choices – Fully meets
 - Ensures young people's needs are met – very 'engaging' programme – fully meets
 - Reaches young people, locations most likely to engage – Partially meets
 - Builds skills and confidence – Fully meets
 - Encourages active participation, benefits - partially meets – could be stronger on youth social action and volunteering etc.
5. Uses a range of methods to engage and involve and uses a youth steering group to involve young people in the decision making

Officer Recommendation: Approve subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Plan in place to ensure no duplication and programmes compliment other youth provision being delivered in the area (Good Vibes, Holiday activities, Youth Provision)**
- 2. Stronger links to young people's volunteering programmes and social action projects in Washington**
- 3. Agree to quarterly performance meetings with the Washington ACDL**

Creative You Application No.2

Name of Project	Washington Youth reACTION
Lead Organisation	Groundwork NE

Total cost	Match funding	NF Requested
£118,678.60	£18,904.60	£99,774
Project Duration	Start date	End Date
2 years	January 2022	December 2023

- Taken Verbatim from the application form

Project Proposal: Youth reACTION will establish 2year youth programme offering youth sessions (detached and at delivery sites), delivered by experienced youth workers (1 Lead Youth Coach, 2 Support Youth Coaches). Sessions will initially engage local young people through outreach work - where they gather/meet, assessing needs and interests. We will work closely with local partners and stakeholders to provide a wraparound service for each young person that addresses any additional needs, including mental health, education, and health support as required (with partners such as: Kooth, Changing Lives, Wise Steps, Moving on Tyne & Wear). Sessions will provide a safe, friendly environment for young people to participate in activities; sport, arts, music, team-building and traditional youth club activities. Our aim is for activities to be led by young people and for them to take ownership, with staff supporting/facilitating. We will recruit volunteers from the local community to assist with sessions, and act as mentors, with a view to leave volunteers in place as a legacy. Volunteers will be supported with appropriate training and DBS checks. Learning from other successful youth work projects tackling anti-social behaviour (such as Street Games in Peterlee and Tackling Anti-Social-Behaviour at Lobley Hill) we will work closely with local police and fire officers; raising awareness of short/long-term impacts of criminal and anti-social behaviour and the effect it has on local communities. This will cover issues such as drugs, alcohol, cybercrime, anti-social behaviour (ASB), arson, hate crime and domestic abuse. Our aim is to provide a safe, reflective environment for young people to assess their actions going forward, in a non-judgemental space. This will help young people make more positive choices.

Supporting emotional resilience community cohesion and enabling young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations: It is not uncommon for young people to open up to youth workers regarding issues they face in their day-to-day lives. Young people often have no-one to talk to, unsure of where to turn to for help. Our experience is that when young people feel such trust, they feel comfortable to confide in our staff; this is where the opportunity to start building emotional resilience begins. Slowly, young people begin to realise that they have the power to make informed choices, to change their lives and that their background and circumstances need not hold them back. We will establish links with local community venues to get young people involved with local residents. This encourages a relationship between young people and local residents, reinstating a sense of community. Young people often feel separate from their community - feeling detached can result in groups forming, leading to anti-social behaviour.

Ensuring young person's needs are met and voices listened to: We value youth voice and have already an established Youth Board - Youth of Today. The board is comprised of Young People from across our programmes, meeting remotely fortnightly to discuss our provision and any other issues they feel are affecting young people today. Every young person will be given the opportunity to join Youth of Today. Outside of our Youth Board we will encourage young people to share ideas. Our aim is for young people across Washington to feel they are part of something, that they can make a positive impact and that their voices are heard. This project will be youth led – with ideas generated by young people turned into reality, from social action to activity ideas.

Building skills and confidence: Young people are more likely to make positive choices across their lives when they feel empowered. Sessions will provide a variety of fun youth activities whilst also improving skills, developing confidence and highlighting any further areas of need in their community. We will incorporate healthy eating on a budget, travel, employability skills, teamwork and social action projects that benefit young people and local communities.

Benefits be to the wider community: Directly combat the impact of crime in local communities – we will ensure that the impact of crime in communities is reduced/minimised through innovative, locally designed interventions or social action projects. These help to increase community resilience; creating an environment where communities flourish, feelings and perceptions of safety are increased and crime is not tolerated.

Reduce crime – Identify early, anyone at risk of being drawn into ASB/crime, providing preventative/diversionary interventions. Intervene at earliest possible opportunity with people already involved or suspected to be involved in criminal activity, to turn them around through Young ReACTION activities. We will aim to reduce anti-social behaviour and provide diversionary activities based at identified local community venues.

Celebrate the activities and work of the young people delivered at identified local venues and involve local residents to establish volunteers to support beyond the 2 years

Partnership

Project Base: Not confirmed - During the project planning stage, we will identify local community venues across three of the five wards. We will utilise them as delivery centres for the Youth reACTION project. These venues will be based on the needs of local young people; this allows us to deliver our services right in the heart of the neighbourhoods where it is needed most. Also, it can often provide some much-needed revenue for community venues. Part of our work will also involve detached outreach work across all of the five wards, this will be carried out wherever the young people who will benefit from this project hang out. Our youth workers will engage with them and invite them to come along and be a part of the project, also gaining some ideas as to what the young people would like to gain from the project. Groundwork have hubs in the local area, both in Sunderland city centre, and at Campground waste and recycling centre (Wrekenton) which will be used during planning and delivery stages for staff.

Partners: Partnership working remains a fundamental part of our delivery; we believe that in order to maximise the impact we make on people's lives we need to work in partnership with stakeholders across the public, private and voluntary sector, including local, regional and national perspectives and that relate or add value thematically to the work we do. We work in partnership to advance our mutual interests. We have a long history of working closely with a range of local partners and maintain good relationships in order to best affect positive change for our beneficiaries and communities. Groundwork North East & Cumbria are well networked in the region and the sector from top board level, to a delivery basis.

We have worked in Washington delivering a range of projects, including Family A, and as such have worked with a multitude of partners in the area. These include: Rainbow Family Centre, Friends of Usworth Park, Washington Academy, Local Council, Sunderland North Community Business Centre, Prince's Trust. We will continue to foster a collaborative approach in order to reduce duplication and ensure projects can align and add value to one another. We will work with organisations who deliver similar/complementary activity to:

- Reduce duplication
- Refer young people to appropriate programmes (either complementary activity, or support activity, e.g. mental health support)
- Align to local needs

Ultimately, Youth reACTION, aims to add value, not duplicate or displace provision, as well as simplifying services and opportunities for young people. We work with partners and other local stakeholders to wrap around individual's needs.

Objectives/Milestones/Outputs

Objectives	Milestones
Recruitment of Delivery Staff	10/1/2022
Identify existing organisation and establish networking links	01/02/2022
Identify Local Community Bases	01/02/2022
Consult with local resident and young people on concerns	01/03/2022
Work with Young People and Community venues to establish Youth Hub	01/03/2022
Organise, promote and facilitate regular youth hub sessions	ongoing
Work with Young people to establish social action projects	ongoing
Work with Young people and residents to ensure legacy of the delivery	1/12/2023

Outputs

Stated overall target of 500 young people aged 14-24 who are NEET/unemployed (or as risk of becoming so) and resident in Washington have accessed support.

A Dynamic City

People receiving digital training	30
People with increased confidence in using IT	50
People carrying out digital job searches	50
People accessing IT equipment/WiFi in a community building	150

A Healthy City

People benefiting from healthy lifestyle initiatives	300
People benefiting directly from this project	500
Young People 11-18 participating in area activities	200
Young people reduced substance misuse	40
People signposted into VCS/Community services	300
People receiving information, advice and guidance	500
Environmental projects delivered	2

A Vibrant City

People supported through crisis or mental health concerns	300
People receiving information, advice and guidance on benefits/debt	250
People feeling safer in their communities due to interventions	100
Volunteers recruited	6

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
<u>Staff costs:</u> Project Manager	£8,320	£8,320	
<u>Staff costs:</u> 1 x FTE Lead Youth Coach	£40,560		£40,560
1 x FTE Support Youth Coach	£37,440		£37,440
1 x FTE Trainee youth Coach	£10,584	£10,884	
Staff Travel - £50/month x 18	£1,200		£1,200
Room hire £14/hr, 9hrs per week for 2 years	£13,104		£13,104
Social action at £250 1 per every 6months	£1,000		£1,000
Social media activity £20/month	£240		£240
Refreshments at £15/week	£1,560		£1,560
Activities and resources @ £30 per week	£2,670		£2,670
Celebration Event/end of project evaluation	£2,000		£2,000
Total	118,678.60	£18,904.60	£99,774

Experience of organisation and partners

Regionally, we have experience delivering projects with similar themes, in terms of delivery, outcomes and size. Examples include:

- **Tees Valley Pathways, DurhamWorks, Northern Directions: Youth Employment Programmes:** The programme supports the region's most vulnerable 15 to 29 year olds, who are

not in education, employment or training (NEET), across Tees Valley, County Durham, Northumberland, Newcastle, North Tyneside. We provide wrap around 1:1 support whilst offering bespoke employment and training opportunities. Young people are supported into employment and sustained employed for 6 months, and complete various confidence motivational and employability sessions during that time. (Total value c.£8.7m)

- **NCS (National Citizens Service):** Groundwork NE & Cumbria has worked with NCS since 2012, delivering the life-changing experience for young people in Redcar, Sunderland, Gateshead and Northumberland. Designed for 16-17 year olds, helping them to realise their potential and smash their future goals, NCS is a youth programme that runs every summer and autumn, during school holidays, empowering young people, teaching the value of social action, and tackle real-world issues close to home
- **Kickstart: Gateway Provider** c.£15m 2020-ongoing. Target to support 2000 young people across the region into employment, including c.100 in Groundwork.
- **Be Tech Savvy**, Digital Inclusion Project: Supporting employability and digital skills training for young people across the North East, aged 15-29 (funded by Yorkshire Building Society) (*available for referrals to Young People from reACTION*)
- **#iWill: Northern Navigators:** The programme consists of workshops, including: risk-taking behaviours, sexual health, benefits of volunteering, employability, team building and self employment and social action planning. The aims programme are to support young people to feel happier, healthier and less lonely; to encourage engagement into services that can help and support them make positive and healthy choices; to recognise that skills, training and employment will provide a sense of purpose, achievement and belonging; in turn reducing the feeling of loneliness. (*See below for case study*)
- **Lad's Shed, Arson Reduction Programme:** Recent project in Middlesbrough, engaging young people who could be engaged in anti-social behaviour, deliberate fires. We work to engage young people in detached Youth Work, moving to creative sessions at a local allotment. Sessions are youth led, and work with local volunteers to create multiple benefits in the community.
- **Youth of Today, Youth Board:** The board is comprised of Young People from across our programme and meet remotely once a week to discuss our provision and any other issues they feel are affecting young people today. We currently have 12 active members, who are consulted regularly on projects ideas and business need. The Youth of Today acts as an arm of our board of trustees, whilst holding their own initiatives and projects.

We have delivered similar projects in the Washington area, including:

- #iWill with Holley Park, Usworth and Wessington Primary Schools, and Washington Academy Prince's Trust group
- Kick the Dust with Friends of Usworth Park
- FACL with Rainbow Family Centre

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's Neighbourhood Fund procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is 68/150

This application

1. Evidence of experience of 'youth' related initiatives but fails to meet the Project Brief outcomes with regards to creative or innovative activity or provision demonstrated, mentions reaching into the community but does not evidence knowledge of where young people go, some reference to practical upskilling rather than creative and emotional/life skills, not strong on community benefit or participation, and lacks detail of where and how the proposal will deliver Washington wide provision
2. Uses a current delivery model and offer is not tailored or specific to the brief. Focus on addressing ASB? Insufficient evidence of how current and new young people will be identified
3. No reference to existing youth projects. Lack of knowledge and awareness of local delivery and services although lists organisations some of which are not local.
4. Good management and monitoring systems in place risks covered as well as mechanisms to deal with them

Officer Recommendation: Decline

Creative You Application No.3

Name of Project	The Tribal Youth Project
Lead Organisation	Little Onion Club

Total cost	Match funding	NF Requested
£118,678.60	£0	£97,875
Project Duration	Start date	End Date
2years	January 2022	December 2023

- Taken Verbatim from the application form

Project Proposal

The Little Onion Club and Building Blocks Day Centre have partnered up to deliver The Tribal Youth Project. The Tribal Youth Project will offer a safe space in the community beginning with two nights a week in a highly deprived area, to encourage youths to mix with their peers, provide a sense of belonging and forge positive relationships whilst offering skills for life with an environmental concept. We will be offering a full varied programme to gain skills, knowledge, self-esteem and connectedness whilst being inclusive and supportive of all cultures, ethnicities, identities and beliefs. All programmes have been selected based on their innovative approaches on creative content including design, build, market and manufacturer. We intend to plan targeting, recruiting and retaining youth participation using a number of methods for right-fit content development including youth skills assessment, community mapping, market need assessment with local businesses in our area as well as outreach (including social media). Skill based initiatives for youth are a prominent component of youth development work in that of areas of income deprivation, employment deprivation, health deprivation and disability, crime, barriers to housing and services and living deprivation, and as such the content will include the following all with promoting the benefits of positive wellbeing:

Woodwork and joinery; Plumbing; Electronics; Exercise; Cookery; Crafts

Sessions will be youth lead and not that of a planned timetable of only one or two projects booked in at any one time. This will ensure that young people's needs are met. A target will be set for a Yout Committee to be eventually develop so voices are heard and they will have a spokesperson to listen to suggestions/ideas. Our unique aim is to deliver our Life Skills package with a significant environmental impact promoting: reducing the amount of carbon in the air, innovations to reduce the water consumption, outdoor cooking with no electricity, make and mend and recycling. The use of an on-site workshop is already in place and we have adequate space to build upon the outdoor cooking area to develop an eco-brick greenhouse. Ultimately the goal will be to engage in a monthly pop-up shop to sell their creative products which will then have an impact on the broader community. This will also be an opportunity to partner up and add value with other provisions in the area (for example The Little Onion Club who could sell home grown produce). In year two we are targeting to increase to three sessions a week and an increased number of attendees. The venue Building Blocks Day Centre is ideally located at Concord Bus Station, which is positively encouraged to use with being safely lit up and a central gateway to all the local bus services in Washington.

Partnership

Project Base: Building Blocks Day Centre

Partners: Building Blocks Day Care have now been operating for a couple of years at their establishment in Concord, Washington. Already offering an array of sessions/workshops from pre-schoolers to teens and many adult groups. Partnering up with The Little Onion Club will we now focus on the 'Youth Sector' which we believe is missing in the immediate area. The facilitator side for The Little Onions will be the expertise of

crafts/cooking/healing/wellbeing/environmental and Building Blocks will provide the experience of woodwork/joinery/plumbing/electronics/sport. There is currently a healthy eating and exercise programme running now within the building for adults which we intend to also maximise support and benefits.

Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project Washington have a good extensive package available and are currently running in Glebe, Ayton, Oxclose, Sulgrave and Springwell. This would fit very well within our position here based at Concord along with the large open space to run outdoors whenever possible. Research has shown and we believe there isn't anyone else in the area who offer the activity sessions which focuses on the same programme outcomes which The Tribel Youth Project will provide. Our skills, environmental and creative sessions would not be duplicated as we have crafted our sessions to offer uniqueness and something different. We do not believe that the sessions provided will be duplicated therefore we know we can offer much more value for money, a new and exciting social value improvement to both the youth and local organisations and activities which offer interests and abilities for young people of this age group. We have currently established positive local partnerships who we will approach to support us if this application is successful. A full list can be provided if necessary.

We intend to do this by continuingly talking to them about new ideas, feedback and Our approach is to work closely with our partners to ensure we value their input and new creative knowledge ways to improve the sessions we deliver. We will research to link with other local organisations where possible for continuous improvement which will be address at our internal committee meetings throughout the year. Local organisations based in Washington will be utilised as a priority where possible

Objectives/Milestones/Outputs

Objectives	Milestones
Two weekly sessions	31/01/22
10 spaces to be filled in each session	1/12/22
Eco-brick green house built	01/09/22
First Pop up shop	20/06/22
Three weekly sessions	31/1/23
Space for 15 attendees in each session	31/12/23
Monthly pop up shops	31/12/23
Outdoor kitchen pop up shop	31/8/23

Outputs

A Healthy City

People benefiting from healthy lifestyles initiatives	80
People benefiting from this project	80
People who have increased activity and participate in exercise/sport	80
Young people participating in area activities	80
Young people 11-18 participating in increased activity sport/exercise	40
Support people to live at home longer	20
People receiving information, advice and guidance	10
People with learning or physical disabilities benefiting from the project	5
Environmental projects	6
Litter picks	10

A Vibrant City

People supported though crisis or mental health concerns	10
Volunteers recruited	3
Volunteer hours delivered	250
External organisations involved or supported	4
No. hours spent delivering community activities	500
No. meetings/workshops held	12
No. children/young people participating in decision making	20
Visitor footfall at neighbourhood events	50

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Staffing costs included for two years at 2 sessions 1 st year and 3 sessions 2 nd year Project Manager £17,550 Two facilitators £11,700 Outreach worker £8,020	£82,875.00		£82,875
Materials/equipment at £6,000 for the 1 st year and £9,000 for the 2 nd year. This includes Health and Hygiene Certificates/DBS	£15,000.00		£15,000
	£97,875		£97,875

Experience of organisation and partners

Victoria Calder in recent years has worked with two of the Secondary Schools in the Washington area and an Apprenticeship Assessor with Jigsaw Training and General Physics covering 17-21 years across the North East. Lee Nicholson has experience of running sports programmes across Darlington and currently has three employees under the Kick Start Programme.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's Neighbourhood Fund procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is 60/150

This application:

1. Whilst it mentions some organisations in the area, it does not evidence knowledge of what other organisations are delivering.
2. The proposal includes limited detail of what will be delivered – no evidence of creative or innovative delivery.
3. The proposal does not demonstrate knowledge in the field of emotional resilience support, community cohesion of young people being able to make informed choices. There is no detail on the methodology identified to ensure young people's needs are met. Some skills building and confidence building.
4. The proposal does not show how it can deliver at locations most likely to engage young people. Little creativity. Will deliver only in Concord although some mention of other venues but nothing specific.
5. whilst some reference to engaging young people through Youth Tribal no detail of how those young people will engage/be engaged'
6. Achievable targets and outcomes for young people not adequately covered
7. Not a lot of evidence of having relevant expertise with the target age group
8. Limited detail with regards to management and monitoring systems, limited risks and issues identified. Milestones - limited information re objectives. Outputs quoted unrealistic – some of them not relevant to this project

Officer Recommendation: Decline

Application No.5

Delivering Washington Heritage & Culture

Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity Call for Projects – Delivering Washington Heritage and Culture Offer

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 support delivery of their Heritage and Culture priority (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered by the Washington Area are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West. There is an opportunity for local VCS groups with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver this project on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Formally constituted and 'not for profit' groups which include charities, schools, voluntary and community groups and public sector organisations can be involved. CICs can apply but must have three or more Directors that are not related. Registered organisations must be up to date with governance requirements. Applications demonstrating strong partnership working are encouraged.

Project Description:

As part of the area priority, '**Investing in community heritage and celebrating local heritage**' the Washington Area Committee has identified the need for a 'heritage and culture' organisation to work with the Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee to deliver the aims and action plans of the Washington Heritage Strategy (Refresh 2017). The proposed approach should also include opportunities to build the capacity of the smaller heritage and culture-based grassroots groups and organisations in Washington, help heritage organisations and 'assets' with regards to accessing funding opportunities and ensure Washington heritage assets and the developing broader heritage offer are linked together.

Washington Area Committee would like to invite project proposals which complement and work in partnership with existing heritage and culture projects in the area, provides a mechanism to deliver Washington Heritage Strategy and provide a 'plan of action' to support local heritage

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify how it will achieve the following:

1. Deliver the Washington Heritage Strategy (2017) Action Plan
2. Build the capacity of the smaller heritage and culture-based grassroots groups and organisations and support them to grow and develop and become an active partner in developing the Washington offer
3. Establish and manage a small scale 'grants' pot for grassroots organisations to contribute to delivering the Washington Heritage Strategy. Your application should show also how it will generate opportunities to use local heritage and culture to attract match/external funding and support the smaller grassroots heritage/culture organisations to be partners in that approach
4. Ensure the heritage assets and heritage offer for Washington are linked together (including new and developing Washington assets and initiatives) and how those services can be tailored to meet the needs and priorities of the local community
5. Identify how the Washington offer(current and future) can contribute to the city-wide approach to heritage and culture, and how this project will engage and work alongside the Heritage Sunderland Partnership to ensure not only a co-ordinated approach to delivering the citywide approach to heritage but also how the Washington offer is supported by the City
6. Support the development of a Washington based heritage forum
7. How it will generate opportunities to use local heritage and culture for a positive impact on the community, raising awareness of local history and heritage and its importance in being utilised to deliver other Area Committee priorities such as education, skills, training, and young people's provision

All proposals should

- Evidence the organisation's experience in delivering heritage projects and initiatives
- Evidence good local knowledge re Washington's heritage offer
- Evidence good local knowledge of the smaller grassroots heritage/culture organisations

- Compliment and add value to other initiatives being delivered across the area (not just heritage)
- Show how proposed actions can facilitate and support local groups and organisations to help deliver and engage for the benefit of the broader local community
- Support the heritage, history and cultural identity of Washington as a key priority
- Encourage a co-ordinated approach to delivering local benefit
- Support Low Carbon Sunderland

Applicants should evidence their knowledge of

1. Washington Heritage Strategy and assets
2. Heritage Sunderland - Vibrancy Statement
3. Future planned investment in Washington's heritage and culture offer
4. Washington Neighbourhood Investment Plan
5. Low Carbon Sunderland

Budget:

The budget available for this Call for Projects is **£150,000**. Washington Area Committee expect to see as a **minimum** a 2year project and a mechanism (to include robust governance and procedures) to support smaller organisations to be partners in delivering the Washington Heritage Strategy. All applications will be subject to formal assessment and scoring.

Application No.1

Name of Project	Washington Heritage & Culture Project	
Lead Organisation	North East Business & Innovation Centre	
Total cost	Match funding	NF Requested
£165,600	£15,600	£150,000
Project Duration	Start date	End Date
2 years	January 2022	December 2023

- Taken Verbatim from the application form

Project Proposal

The **Washington Heritage and Culture Project** will be co-ordinated by North-East Business and Innovation Centre (NEBIC) and led by members of the Heritage Sunderland Partnership who are working in Washington and committed to development of the **Washington Heritage sector** and delivering the **Washington Heritage Strategy**. These partners include:

Bowes Railway, North-East Land Sea and Air Museum (NELSAM), Washington Old Hall (National Trust), Social Enterprise Acumen, Sunderland Culture, Sunderland City Council Heritage Team, and Community Opportunities.

The different skills and experience of these partners will be brought together to form a steering group to support the successful outcomes for the project and ensure a legacy for the future. The resource time given by members of the steering group will be provided as match funding to the project. Key to this project is establishing a full-time co-ordinating role to lead the partners to manage and deliver the heritage objectives and outcomes listed within the project proposal. The partnership will appoint a **Washington Heritage and Culture Development Co-ordinator** to manage and deliver the project over 2 years to:

- Engage Washington based Heritage Partnership organisations, and wider heritage partners in the Washington locality including smaller friends and support groups to inform a place-based mapping exercise that will inform a practical, digital/virtual 'Washington Heritage Offer'.
- Enable participation of all heritage partners to build on the **Washington Heritage Strategy**. This will include mapping/updating physical and operational assets including staffing, equipment, buildings, collections, skills and knowledge relating to each partner or individual organisation or small group. This

will establish and help determine the offer/activities of the organisation, its resources and capacity, volunteer involvement, ambition and needs. The information will be collated to build and establish a connected network of partners, understand gaps in resource to strengthen capacity and identify overlaps where resources can be shared.

- Build the **Washington Heritage Partner Network** and establish regular partner and project communications through regular meetings and updates. This will ensure all partners have a voice, deliver project progress and build connection between partners. We recognise the capacity issues smaller organisations can have in contributing and attending meetings and as such will enable virtual connections and reimburse out of pocket expenses to attend meetings.
- Gather knowledge of the specific support that is available to the Washington Heritage sector such as enterprise, training, employability and capacity building to support locally, regionally and nationally to avoid duplication.
- Promote the development of heritage enterprises, heritage placements and employment in the heritage sector by linking with colleges and universities, other cultural partners, kick start and placement schemes and encouraging volunteering, working closely with the Washington REACT project and Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy.
- Work with training partner, Social Enterprise Acumen to develop a programme based on identified training needs of groups with a heritage specific focus. The main areas expected will be Money, People and Communication. Where existing training and support exists, the groups will be signposted to these opportunities. The training offered will 'fill gaps' and be bespoke to the Washington Heritage sector. Each participant will be offered group trainings and up to 4 hours 1: 1 support for their group to build capacity and a skills legacy for the future.
- With the partnership, develop and deliver a marketing/communications plan to produce a **Washington Heritage Brand** including digital and printed formats. This will establish Washington as a heritage destination and bring partners together to strengthen a strong and robust collective offer and visual presence and voice. Work with Sunderland Tourism Visit Sunderland, and help support the objectives of Sunderland Vibrancy Board
- Work with **Washington VCS** and partners to recruit and upskill volunteers. Celebrate the role volunteers play within the heritage sector and what that brings collectively to our town and City. We would offer a programme of training and inspiration through speakers and visits to wider heritage venues. We will also create skilled volunteering opportunities within the partnership. This element of the programme will work in close partnership with the Washington VCS and training programme funded through Washington Area Committee.
- Led by North-East Business and Innovation Centre (BIC) we will establish criteria and manage the fair distribution of a small-scale grants programme involving a panel in the decision making. Diversity and inclusion are important, and this will be key to recruiting the panel which may include young people and under-represented groups. The aim of the grants will be to build capacity so they will be seen as grants for investment and a way of leveraging additional grant funding into the groups and the Washington area.
- Deliver a diverse cultural heritage '**Washington Offer**' through direct delivery of activities by all partners to raise awareness of Washington Heritage through engaging local residents. Examples of projects may include some of the ideas listed below but this will be determined through consultation with residents and delivered on a call-off basis
 - Inspired by all partner venues/activities work with Sunderland Culture to build a 2-year programme that explores and shares several lesser-known stories about Washington through exhibitions and performances. Bringing together heritage (what people did) and culture (what people do) is key to widening audience for our heritage.
 - Engaging Artists of all disciplines, ages and abilities to breathe life into our places, stories and buildings and objects. **Match funding will be sought for this.**
 - Work with local schools, youth clubs and uniformed groups to explore their local heritage within the curriculum, providing free access to local venues, developing activity resource packs and learning materials and developing intergenerational projects.
 - Celebrating the industrial heritage of Washington through an area wide heritage project.
 - Promote heritage as a vehicle for addressing social isolation, wellbeing and inclusion, coming together

to remember, improve health and well-being and promoting an active lifestyle by developing walking routeways, cycle trails, family heritage spotter quizzes and providing access to digital links for heritage celebration packs.

- Encourage other heritage and cultural partners in Washington to participate in the city's annual calendar of events, exhibitions and programmes to enable wider exposure of Washington's rich heritage, and to impact positively on the city's vibrancy and tourism agenda.
- Develop an annual heritage festival/celebration and linking with local events such as the Springwell 1940s weekend, Albany Park Carnival, Heritage Open Days, Sunderland Heritage Partnership Celebration weeks
- Working with local Universities to seek additional funding for a community participation project **"Mapping the Landscape Washington"** will be an opportunity for residents to discover Washington Heritage.
- NELSAM delivering twelve-week programme/s of activities to address social isolation and improve health and wellbeing.
- Raise awareness of traditional heritage techniques and supporting local residents to explore these skills e.g. Bowes providing tasters and courses in joinery, blacksmithing, engineering etc.
- Share learning from the Washington Heritage and Culture Project with the Heritage Sunderland Partnership, including disseminating research/development to wider heritage partners.

As the project develops, the partnership will work together and with external partners to seek additional funding to further strengthen the outcomes. These would include:

- Training – as needs are identified and opportunities arise for skills and employability training in the sector.
- Digital investment into digital offer, systems and experiences
- Environment – linking heritage sites, programmes and activities with sustainable travel routes. Seek, alternative and more sustainable opportunities when delivering events and programmes i.e. using recyclable supplies and equipment, sharing partner resources and limiting waste and energy usage
- The Arts which is a key point of access for heritage. Artists of all disciplines, ages and abilities can breathe life into our places, stories and objects. It is a way for many more people to access and participate in our heritage. Partnering with Sunderland Culture to set up a working group to develop a bid to NLHF to tell the story of Washington and its people to the residents of the new town.

Community consultation and participation will be foremost in the planning and delivery of all areas of this project. Opportunities to engage and participate throughout the Washington Heritage calendar will be identified and worked into the plan. A total of £20,000 has been allocated to the 'small grant fund' over the life of the project. Broad allocations of funding have been made in relation to delivery elements of the budget and these will be reviewed on a quarterly basis as needs assessments develop by engaged Organisations.

Partnership:

Partners: This proposal is built on a partnership approach, led by NEBIC who have extensive experience of working with small to medium enterprises included those who are community-based. Partners asked the NEBIC to lead as they are not a direct heritage delivery partner in the Washington area but have relevant expertise. The partners include local delivery organisations, Bowes Railway Company, North-East Land, Sea and Air Museum and Washington Old Hall and wider heritage strategic partners such as Sunderland Culture, Business Acumen, National Trust, Sunderland Council Heritage Team and Community Opportunities, the latter whom will employ the staff member proposed within this application. We have consulted with the Chairperson of Sunderland Heritage Partnership and the learning from this proposal will be fed into the wider City Partnership as an opportunity to share models of good practice that are developed through the Washington delivery.

Partners have taken into consideration projects currently running in the Washington Area and will ensure they work in partnership with these including Washington VCS volunteering project, REACT skills and employability project, Washington Health and Wellbeing Hub comprising Washington MIND, Millennium Centre, Community Opportunities and ShARP, the WhiSP project, projects for young people offered by such as ODYPP and the Washington Events portfolio delivered on behalf of Area Committee.

We will work closely with NEBIC Community Wealth Project who are providing match funding into this

application providing specialist hands on support and industry mentoring to social enterprises, including charities, to help them become sustainable, innovate and grow.

The Project lead will develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the Steering Group and set out delivery expectations in a Service Level Agreement with each partner. Community Opportunities will recruit/employ the Heritage and Culture Co-ordinator, who will work from a base in Washington Old Hall (National Trust).

Project Base: The hub of the project will be delivered from Washington Old Hall, but the project will be delivered from heritage sites across all five wards of Washington.

Objectives/Milestones/Outputs

Objectives	Milestones
Draft work plan – January to March 2022	10/10/2022
Recruit staff member	31/01/2022
Draft work plan – April 2022 to March 2023	15/03/2022
Agree partnership meeting timetable	January 2022 and monthly to September 2022 and then bi-monthly
Agree grant panel systems and processes and scope of financial support available	30/04/2022
Commence rollout of 'activity' delivery for residents	March 2022
Undertake six monthly reviews and annual evaluation	30/09/2022 onwards
Monthly review of performance and spend by lead agent and partnership representative/s	31/01/2022 onwards

Outputs

It is proposed that a minimum of 500 adults and 150 children will engage with the project which will bring an additional 5,000 to 10,000 visits (this target will be reviewed/defined once the specific project activities are determined), to events, exhibitions and activities. 300 people will be signposted into wider services available in the Washington area. It is envisaged that 50 volunteers will provide 500 hours of volunteering, 40 organisations will be supported and 50 individuals within those organisations will receive advice and guidance, and at least 30 cultural, heritage and community events will be held. We will actively work to engage young people to progress into training/education opportunities relevant to roles in the heritage sector.

A Dynamic City

No. people accessing digital support	50
No. young people into education, employment or training	10
No. adults into education, employment or training	40
No. people with disabilities into education, employment or training	8

A Healthy City

No adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle	500
Young People benefiting from the project	125
People signposted into public/VCS services	300
People receiving 'health' information advice and guidance	50

A Vibrant City

Volunteers recruited	50
Volunteer hours delivered	500
External organisations supported/involved	40
No. hrs delivering community activities	3848
No. residents participating in decision making	100
No. heritage, cultural and community events delivered	30
Visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	5 - 10,000

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Staff – 2year post @ £27,500 plus on costs	£75,600	In kind time from partners 24 hours per yr x 8 partners = 192 hours x 2 years x £25 per hour = £9,600	£66,000
Specialist enterprise support	£3,000	£3,000 – NEBIC – community wealth	£0
Participatory Activities including expenses for small group attendance	£20,000		£20,000
Training and 1:1 support	£10,000		£10,000
Small Grants Pot	£20,000		£20,000
Heritage Celebration events and linked with Washington Events	£12,000	£3,000 – Community Opportunities	£9,000
Room access (staff and meeting, event) Office (ICT, telephone, stationery) laptop etc	£10,000		£10,000
Management – grant pot, payments, HR and payroll for staff member, H&S, MI and returns	£15,000		£15,000
Total	£165,600	£15,600	£150,000

Experience of the organisations and partners

Lead/Accountable Body: The BIC have managed over 35 publicly funded projects over the last 25 years. All have received clean audit reports. Several have included working in partnership with regional and local bodies and steering group arrangements described above have operated well to manage both the finances and outputs ensuring accurate reporting and timely remedial action if so required.

Other Partners: All named partners in this bid are members of the Heritage Sunderland Partnership and fully committed to delivering the Washington area priority, '**Investing in community heritage and celebrating local heritage**'. All but one of the partners is actually based in Washington

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's Neighbourhood Fund procedures and using the formal Neighbourhood Fund governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is 131/160

This application:

1. Evidences very robust project management and monitoring systems, realistic milestones and outputs, good risk assessment, and good budgetary management systems. Excellent experience demonstrated by all partners
2. Includes good, strong partnership arrangements and governance. Good lead with some knowledge of the area and most partners based or working in the Washington

3. Evidences how it will meet the key project outcomes in the brief:

- How it will deliver the Washington Heritage Strategy (2017) Action Plan - fully meets building on the WHS and enabling partners to deliver the actions
 - Build the capacity of the smaller heritage and culture-based grassroots groups in Washington, and how it will support them to grow and develop and become an active partner in developing the overall Washington offer – fully meets. Detailed programmes and support included
 - Robust governance for managing a small scale ‘grants’ pot – fully meets
 - How it will generate opportunities to use local heritage and culture to attract match/external funding and support the smaller grassroots heritage/culture organisations – Yes – identifies areas for bringing in additional funding with examples and uses the small grants pot as a ‘grant for investment’
 - Good knowledge of Washington’s heritage assets/offer – Yes. Demonstrates some knowledge of new and planned investment. Strong in terms of linking opportunities to create a wider offer for the community
 - Generate opportunities to use local heritage and culture for a positive impact on the community – Yes. Uses heritage as a vehicle for other outcomes – social isolation, wellbeing, social enterprise, inclusion and coming together
 - Utilised to deliver other Area Committee priorities such as education, skills, training, and young people’s provision – Yes
 - How the Washington offer can contribute to the city-wide approach to heritage and Culture – Yes – links to citywide provision and refers to other initiatives
 - How this project will engage and work alongside the Heritage Sunderland Partnership to ensure a co-ordinated approach – Yes. HSP are part of the proposal and ideally placed to support and ensure links are considered
 - Support the development of a Washington based heritage forum – Yes
 - Reference/knowledge and co-ordination with Heritage Sunderland Partnership – Yes
 - Reference/knowledge of Low Carbon Sunderland and how the proposal can aid delivering the agenda – No reference
4. Evidences how the community (heritage groups and local residents) will be targeted – Clear how groups, organisations and partners will be targeted. Makes reference to other WAC outcomes and priorities. Some information to support how the project will benefit the wider community – this could be strengthened and would benefit from more information on HOW those not currently engaged would be encouraged
5. Evidences a strong partnership approach with good governance arrangements - The main focus of the whole application is the value and benefit of partnership. All partners are named and a partnership agreement/SLA will be in place with each named organisation. Between the partners there is a wealth of expertise and knowledge, with each partner playing to their own strength. Steering group and regular review of the project will ensure it is on track and adapted to changing need if necessary. This is the strength of the application

Officer Recommendation: Approve subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Agree to regular performance meetings with the Washington ACDL



Washington Neighbourhood Fund

Alignment Proposal 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Financial Resilience & Engagement for Young People
Lead Organisation	Call for Project
ALIGN	£35,000

Background

SCC are already in discussions with Public Health to add additional funding (City-wide) to support **Financial Wellbeing and Financial Resilience Project 'Being in control'**- the 3year programme will be delivered via Strategic Advice Services within Community Resilience and is based around delivering improved outcomes in relation to three key areas

- **Priority 1 - Financial Inclusion Awareness/Information** so that individuals and businesses have access to information about useful and affordable financial products and services that meet their needs – transactions, payments, savings, credit, and insurance – delivered in a responsible and sustainable way. This can be further broken down into three key strands
 1. **Be Informed** - Managing your money (budgeting), maximising your money (Money MOT tool), Bank Accounts explained, how to keep on top of your bills (direct debits)
 2. **Be Prepared** - Pension planning, Insurance
 3. **Be Safe** - Being safe online, avoiding scams, illegal Money Lending

Comms campaigns, web content and awareness sessions will prompt the information and services available to help people in all three areas
- **Priority 2 - Financial Wellbeing** so that individuals and households can achieve a sense of security through having enough money to meet their needs. It's about being in control of their day-to-day finances and having the financial freedom to make choices that allow them to enjoy life. This work can be broken down into the following categories:
 1. Know your rights
 2. Assert your rights and get help and advice
 3. Make your money go further
- **Priority 3 - Financial Resilience** The programme will also seek to support people to achieve longer term Financial Resilience which can be described as the extent to which financial assets can cover an income shock or change in circumstances. This is usually looked at in terms of whether different types of households have sufficient savings to cover an unexpected fall in their household employment period. Life events such as losing a job or having working hours cut, splitting-up with a partner, falling ill, or becoming a carer are common and evidence shows that people who had experienced a life event in their household in the past two years were three times as likely to be in problem debt compared to those who had not.

Money Advice & Pension Service (MAPS) MAPS have their own national strategy for Financial Wellbeing to deal with large increases in those needing support. They have been awarded additional funding to maintain and increase frontline debt advice delivery and they are currently out to tender for a £4million telephone advice service. Their vision going forwards is captured in the strategy as *everyone in the UK making the most of their money and pensions* through 5 key priorities:

- **Financial Foundations** 2 million more young people getting a meaningful financial education

- **Nation of Savers** 2 million more working age saving on a regular basis.
- **Credit Counts** 2 million fewer people often using credit for food and bills
- **Better debt advice** Additional 2 million more customers accessing debt advice
- **Future Focus** 5 million more understanding enough to plan their finance including for retirement.

The strategy is focused on measured goals which aim to bring benefits for individuals, their communities and wider society. Regional Partnership Managers have been recruited to work with local authorities and partners to create a movement and establish networks to activate the strategy in the city. Delivery Plans are now ready to be launched, and local regional forms will start to look at the plans to pick out local priorities. MAPS are keen to look at priorities around more vulnerable households and the disadvantaged. MAPS have already undertaken a Financial Wellbeing Survey over 3years, and results will be published at the end of Nov 2021, including information broken down into Local Authority level.

Specific activities already agreed for Sunderland include:

Pensions Advice - MAPs will share the pensions advice and tools with council staff and Sunderland residents to help people better plan for retirement. We will have syndicated information available through the hub and website

Debt Advice - Working with MAPS increased capacity and consistency will be possible both to support the council as a creditor but also (mainly) to support residents to access free high-quality support both through the PACE referral system (being piloted in Sunderland) and later through self-referrals. This will complement existing provision and MAPS are working closely with the providers they fund locally to diversify the offer and broaden access channels - which has been accelerated due to Covid 19.

National Resources

They also produce a range of resources that can be used to support campaigns awareness raising and other targeted activity – example attached

Sustainable Resources - Working with public health and other key partners - Moneywise Credit Union, the Illegal Money Lending Team) SCC intends to use national resources/products and best practise to produce a suite of sustainable resources that will outlive the programme. Multimedia resources designed with a Sunderland focus/content will be developed to target a range of audiences with Evergreen, Thematic and Seasonal information tools and support that will help residents

- Be prepared
- Be Informed
- Be Safe
- Know their Rights
- Know where to get help
- Make your money go further

Washington Pilot

As can be seen from the information above there are a range of 'strategic' resources being brought forward to help Sunderland's most vulnerable residents. In order to achieve 'best value' for WAC funds, the Board proposes the following:

1. A Washington Pilot to work with our 4 senior schools and deliver engagement and messaging to support our young people to develop financial resilience and develop age-appropriate resources.
2. A detailed report to come to the February Board to agree a Project Brief and Call for Projects for a Financial Resilience Programme to support Washington young people. The Board to agree the best methodology to deliver a 'Washington Pilot', who will be involved in that, timescales, funding levels. The proposal will be an open Call for Projects. Applicants will be required to work in partnership and co-ordinate with the proposals detailed above. It would be anticipated a project would be approved at the March 2022 Area Committee meeting

Recommendation – Align £35,000

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend alignment of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan priorities of Support and Services for Young People



Applications for Washington Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has agreed a Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects for a new project to support investment in Community Assets

Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity Call for Projects – Supporting Community Assets

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups who lease or manage community facilities in Washington to submit proposals to deliver a project in the local community which supports delivery of their priority to 'Support the voluntary sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services within the local community' (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered by the Washington Area are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

There is an opportunity for local VCS groups and partner organisations with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects, to deliver this project on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Formally constituted and 'not for profit' groups which include charities and voluntary and community groups can be involved. CICs can apply but must have three or more Directors that are not related. Registered organisations must be up to date with governance requirements.

Project Description:

Community Wealth building is a strategic objective and focuses on actions that support communities to create wealth and retain more of the benefits of economic growth locally. It is an approach that recognises that the way money circulates in a local economy is important and that growth needs to be shaped and directed. Community Wealth Building aims to re-organise and control the local economy so that wealth is broadly held within the city and is generative, with local roots, so that income is recirculated, communities are put first, and people are provided with opportunity, dignity and well-being. The approach seeks to create resilient communities and local economic security.

Washington Area Committee's Delivery Plan identifies supporting the VCS to grow capacity and provide additional services, and supporting volunteering, as key priorities. By investing in local assets – both people and place, the Washington Area Committee is keen to help 'future proof' some of our valuable community facilities. To that end, the Committee is seeking applications from our local VCS which will repair, refurbish or help maintain the physical fabric of our much-needed community facilities

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify and evidence

1. Needed improvements or repairs required (reports or surveys/quotes to be provided)
2. How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services and activities for the benefit of the local community
3. How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the Washington Area Committee's Delivery Plan and priorities

All proposals should

- Evidence the organisations' experience of successfully managing a community facility
- Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community

Budget:

The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£100,000. This will be allocated as £20,000 per Ward.** The maximum an organisation can apply for per 'round' will be £5,000 (Small Grants Scheme Procedures and Processes). Washington Area Committee anticipate awarding at least 4 projects per Ward over a 12month period. All applications will be subject to formal assessment and scoring and the Councillors decision will be final.

Next Steps

Any interested Group or organisation should contact the ACDL to request an application pack and discuss your proposal

Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have.

Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria. The results of that assessment and a recommendation will be presented to the next available Area Committee.

Timescale

Deadline for Applications for Round 1	January 31 st 2022
Assessment & Consultation	February 17 th 2022
Award of grant (next available Area Committee)	March 17 th 2022

Recommendation – Approve £90,200 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme (2021/22 budget) (See Annex 2 for proposal to match fund Neighbourhood Funding to total £100,000)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of 'Support the voluntary sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services within the local community'

Washington Area Committee

16th December 2021

Community Chest Awards April 2021 to December 2021

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Glebe Methodist Church	23.08.21	-	£1,450
Remaining balance			£8,550
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Fatfield Academy	25.06.21	-	£1,230
North Biddick Bowls	08.11.21	-	£1,340
Remaining balance			£7,430
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Bede's RC Primary School	23.06.21	-	£500
Tyne Tees Heritage Transport	16.07.21	-	£394
Washington New Tavern FC	16.07.21	-	£500
District Youth ABC	08.11.21	-	£615
Little Onion Club	08.11.21	-	£500
Remaining balance			£7,491
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
SCC - Highways	02.06.21	-	£500
Ayton Allotments Association	16.07.21	-	£512
Ayton Allotments Association	28.09.21	-	£400
Oxclose & District Young People's Project	08.11.21	-	£816.50
Remaining balance			£7,771.50
Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Blackfell Primary School	27.05.21	-	£2,000
Remaining balance			£8,000

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regards to the Washington Area Community & Voluntary Sector Network

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City. Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole sector in the area, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Washington Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee informing Members of recent activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector
- 2.3 The delegates will also represent the Network at the VCS Alliance meetings.

3. Washington Network

- 3.1 In Washington the VCS is made up of a wide range of organisations ranging from independent local branches of national charities through to small VCS groups and organisations. Collectively these organisations provide Washington residents with a wide range of local services, activities and opportunities and have a significant role within community life.
- 3.2 As well as partner updates re what is happening across the area, events, opportunities etc., partners regularly attend the networks to present information, consult and to offer numerous opportunities to develop partner approaches.
- 3.3 The Area Network partners also contributed to and supported the SCC Let's Talk Resident Engagement Strategy, assisting with resident engagement, completing questionnaires and being involved in the Area Conversation Events to contribute to the Area Committee's Neighbourhood Investment Plans

4. Washington Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 4.1 The Washington Network has continued to meet via Microsoft Teams and has kept in regular contact sharing information, opportunities and ideas.
- 4.2 The Area Network galvanised within days after the lock downs were declared and transformed their services to ensure they continued to support those in need across the area. Services continued to be delivered but in a different way.
- 4.3 SNCBC has led the Washington Area Hub and worked with the Council, CCG, Gentoo, VCS partners and volunteers to provide support for shopping, prescriptions, befriending, dog walking and many more services – dependent on the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities. In November further funding was provided to the Hubs to ensure those residents are supported throughout the Winter
- 4.4 The Area Hubs continued to support those residents still needing support and are implementing 'Personal Pathway Plans' to determine appropriate referrals.
- 4.5 Network organisations and partners were also invited to apply to for further funding to support households over the winter
- 4.6 The VCS Alliance Community Support Worker continues to support organisations across the area and is currently supporting with funding applications, sustaining buildings, and providing governance advice.
- 4.7 The VCS Alliance is now distributing the Sectors E bulletin
- 4.8 Washington Network has met twice since the last Committee meeting and report.

At the meeting in October the Network received an update on the VCS Alliance, the Wellbeinginfo.org site, and the proposal for a 'Common Ground Gardening Project at the Washington Old Hall. The next meeting is scheduled December 7th 10am - hopefully the first face to face meeting in a while.

- 4.9 The Washington Area Networks are working together to produce the Network's Annual Report - which will be presented to the Washington Area Committee's March 2022 meeting

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington AVCS.

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REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Washington Crime and Disorder Report

Please find below data in respect of reported incidents, crime and disorder in Washington. There is comparison data with the previous 28 day, 8 week and 12 month periods.

Year on year there is a 7% fall in overall crime, particularly in vehicle crime and acquisitive offences. This is better than in Northumbria as a whole. There are notable rises in drug, violent and sexual offending, but these generally fall in line with a return to pre-lockdown levels.

More recently general downward trends have continued in some of the most serious offending, such as burglary and violence. There is a continuing upward trend in reporting of sexual offences. This again is an overall upward trend with victims more willing to report offences and enhanced safeguarding and reporting around the vulnerable by partner agencies.

Reopening of the night-time economy has been well supervised by licensing in conjunction with local officers. The relatively few incidents reported are generally minor in nature and there have been no unexpected concerns.

Theft from motor vehicles continues to be a concern despite significant reduction. Offences continue without identifiable pattern across the Washington area. However, the main driver for the 28 day increase is a series of damage offences related to youth disorder.

Efforts over the summer to tackle off-road motorcycle disorder have proven effective, with a year-on-year reduction of 40% (112 incidents as compared to 187 incidents). As expected there are very few reports as we move into the winter months.

Year on year there are large decreases in volume of reported crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) related incidents. Recent months saw a significant increase in youth ASB primarily around Concord and The Galleries. A coordinated response saw Washington Neighbourhood Policing Teams work with the community and partner agencies to identify those involved. This resulted in 34 home visits to the perpetrators by police, several arrests, and a significant number of prosecutions. Working alongside Sunderland Local Authority and Gentoo Housing numerous perpetrators were also issued with Acceptable Behaviour Agreements and enforcement steps taken parents and landlords. Together with funding for additional evening patrols the early impact of this action can be seen with the reduction in the 28 day comparison; within the past two weeks this has been even more dramatic.

In coming weeks work will continue with partners to complete enforcement actions against several persistent perpetrators of ASB.

Crime

Crime – 28 day comparison

Current Period: 3 Nov 2021 to 30 Nov 2021
Previous Period: 6 Oct 2021 to 2 Nov 2021

Crime

Offence Type	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	354	348	+6	+2%
Burglary	11	19	-8	-42%
Criminal damage	70	61	+9	+15%
Drug crime	5	5	+0	+0%
Other	12	5	+7	+140%
Public disorder	36	44	-8	-18%
Sexual offences	16	9	+7	+78%
Theft and handling	65	48	+17	+35%
Vehicle crime	25	14	+11	+79%
Violence - Other	1	0	+1	-
Violence against the person - With injury	35	33	+2	+6%
Violence against the person - Without injury	78	110	-32	-29%

Crime – 8 week comparison

Current Period: 6 Oct 2021 to 30 Nov 2021
Previous Period: 11 Aug 2021 to 5 Oct 2021

Crime

Offence Type	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	702	623	+79	+13%
Burglary	30	29	+1	+3%
Criminal damage	131	108	+23	+21%
Drug crime	10	12	-2	-17%
Other	17	6	+11	+183%
Public disorder	80	74	+6	+8%
Sexual offences	25	19	+6	+32%
Theft and handling	113	95	+18	+19%
Vehicle crime	39	36	+3	+8%
Violence - Other	1	2	-1	-50%
Violence against the person - With injury	68	79	-11	-14%
Violence against the person - Without injury	188	163	+25	+15%

Crime – yearly comparison

Current Period: 1 Dec 2020 to 30 Nov 2021
Previous Period: 1 Dec 2019 to 30 Nov 2020

Crime

Offence Type	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	4,025	4,343	-318	-7%
Burglary	156	168	-12	-7%
Criminal damage	624	666	-42	-6%
Drug crime	77	61	+16	+26%
Other	99	83	+16	+19%
Public disorder	535	547	-12	-2%
Sexual offences	157	126	+31	+25%
Theft and handling	621	866	-245	-28%
Vehicle crime	197	308	-111	-36%
Violence - Other	14	17	-3	-18%
Violence against the person - With injury	456	393	+63	+16%
Violence against the person - Without injury	1,089	1,108	-19	-2%

Incidents

Incidents - 28 day comparison

Current Period: 3 Nov 2021 to 30 Nov 2021
Previous Period: 6 Oct 2021 to 2 Nov 2021

Incidents (closing code)

Incident Type Group	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	925	894	+31	+3%
ASB	97	108	-11	-10%
Crime	301	304	-3	-1%
No code assigned	8	0	+8	-
Public Safety and Welfare	399	368	+31	+8%
Transport	120	114	+6	+5%

Incidents - 8 week comparison

Current Period: 6 Oct 2021 to 30 Nov 2021
Previous Period: 11 Aug 2021 to 5 Oct 2021

Incidents (closing code)


Incident Type Group	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	1,819	1,738	+81	+5%
ASB	205	180	+25	+14%
Crime	605	570	+35	+6%
No code assigned	8	0	+8	-
Public Safety and Welfare	767	777	-10	-1%
Transport	234	211	+23	+11%

Incidents - yearly comparison

Current Period: 1 Dec 2020 to 30 Nov 2021

Previous Period: 1 Dec 2019 to 30 Nov 2020

Incidents (closing code)

Incident Type Group 	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	11,654	12,284	-630	-5%
ASB	1,594	2,084	-490	-24%
Crime	3,591	4,036	-445	-11%
No code assigned	8	0	+8	-
Public Safety and Welfare	5,033	5,007	+26	+1%
Transport	1,428	1,157	+271	+23%

16th December 2021**REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st April 2021 to 30th November 2021, compared with the same period in 2020. All statistics for this report were taken from the following wards:

- Washington Central
- Washington North
- Washington East
- Washington South
- Washington West

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update**3.1 L.I 02 - Number of Deaths from all fires**

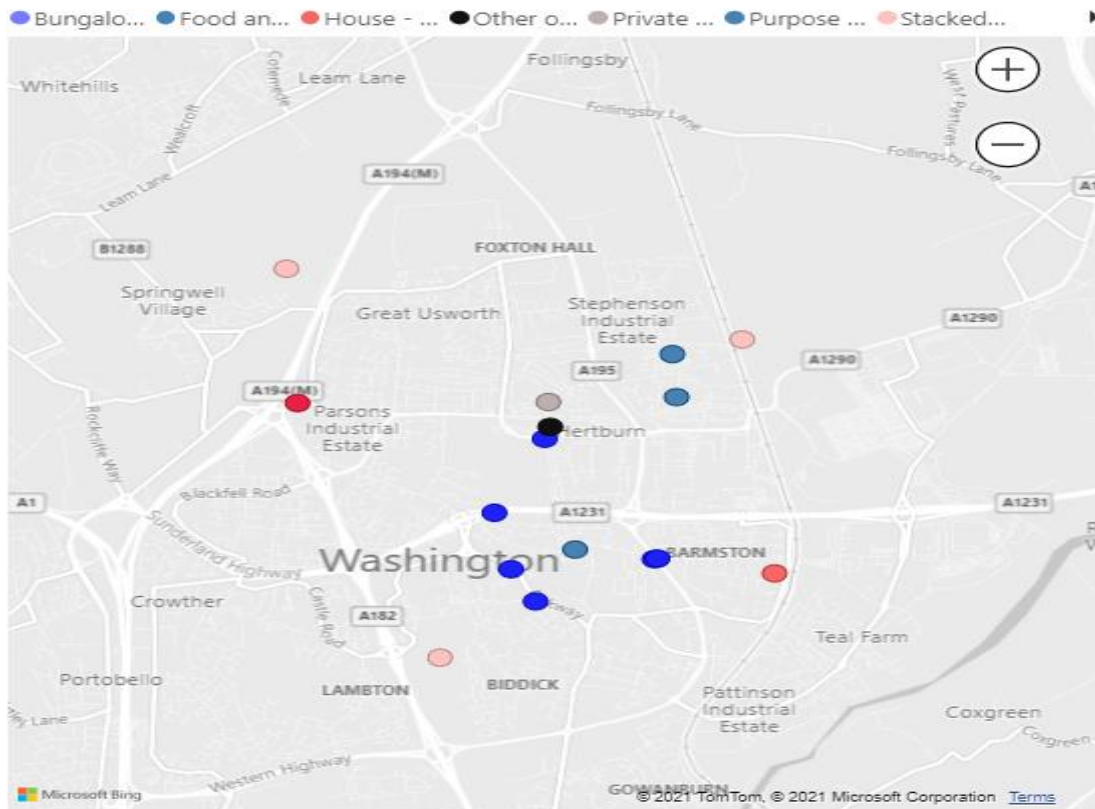
No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

There were 16 deliberate primary fires (excluding road vehicles) within this reporting period. This compares with 11 incidents for the same period last year.

<i>Washington North</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Washington South</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Washington East</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Washington West</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Washington Central</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>

Fig. 1 - LI 14 (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)



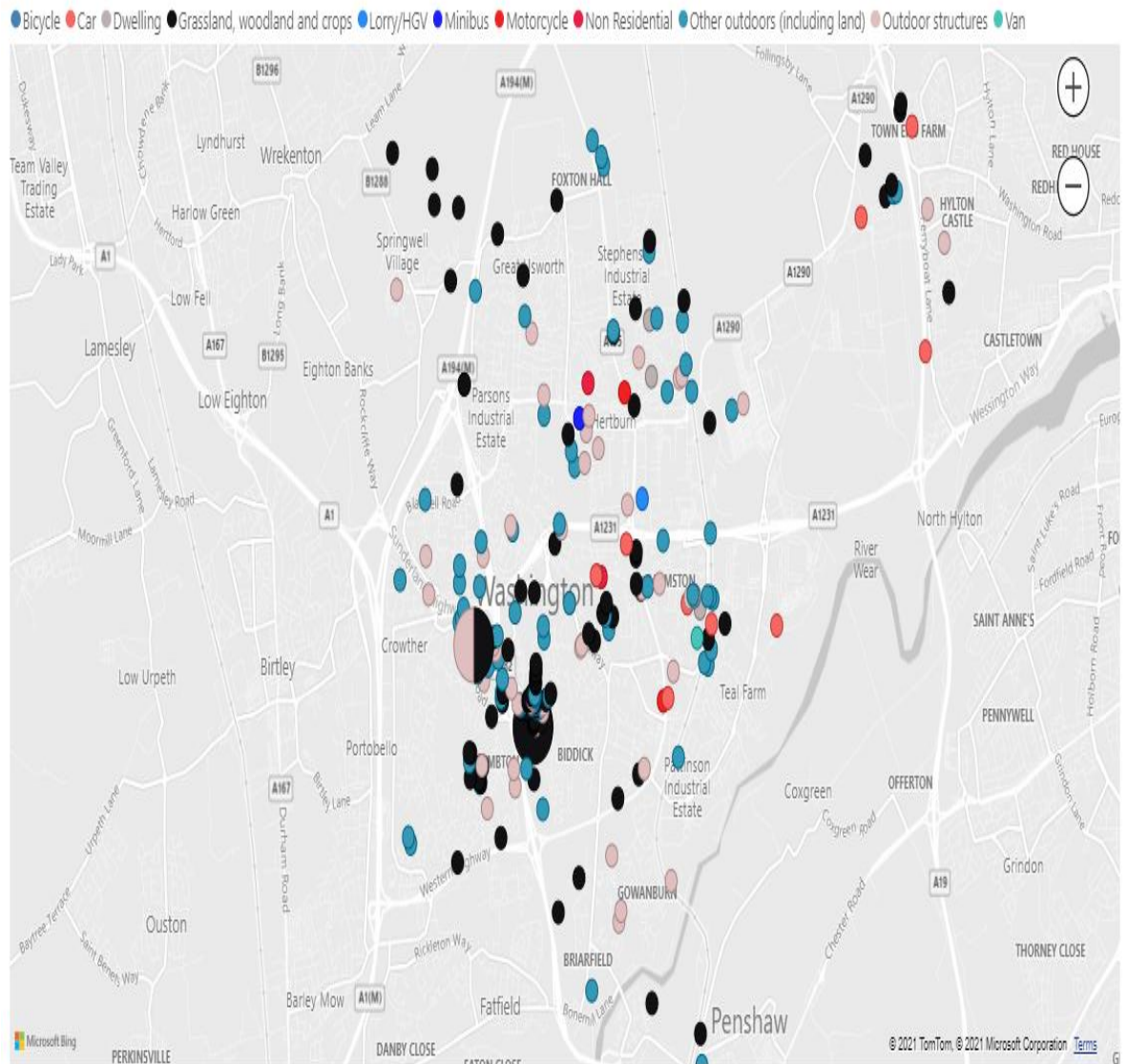
3.3 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

236 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period. This compares to **176** incidents attended within the same period for the previous year.

Type of incident includes;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	76
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	48
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc.	19
Refuse/rubbish tip	17
Road vehicles	15
Wheelie Bin	12
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	10
Other fire types	39
Total	236

Fig. 2 - LI 33 – Washington Area Committee (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)



3.3.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

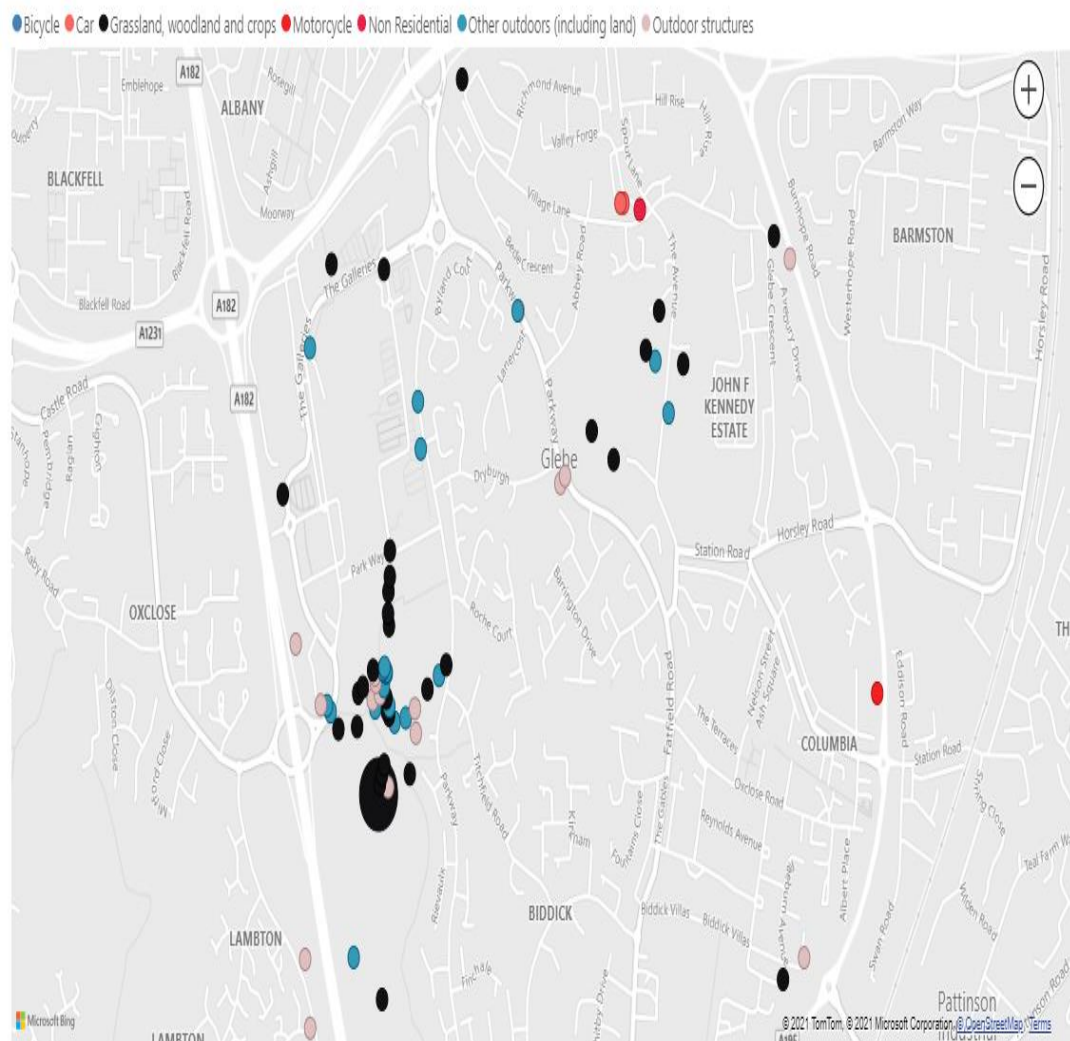
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 27 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 78 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	23
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	19
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc.	9
Road vehicles	4
Other fire types	23
Total	78

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington Central Ward.

Fig. 3 - LI 33 – Washington Central Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)



3.3.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

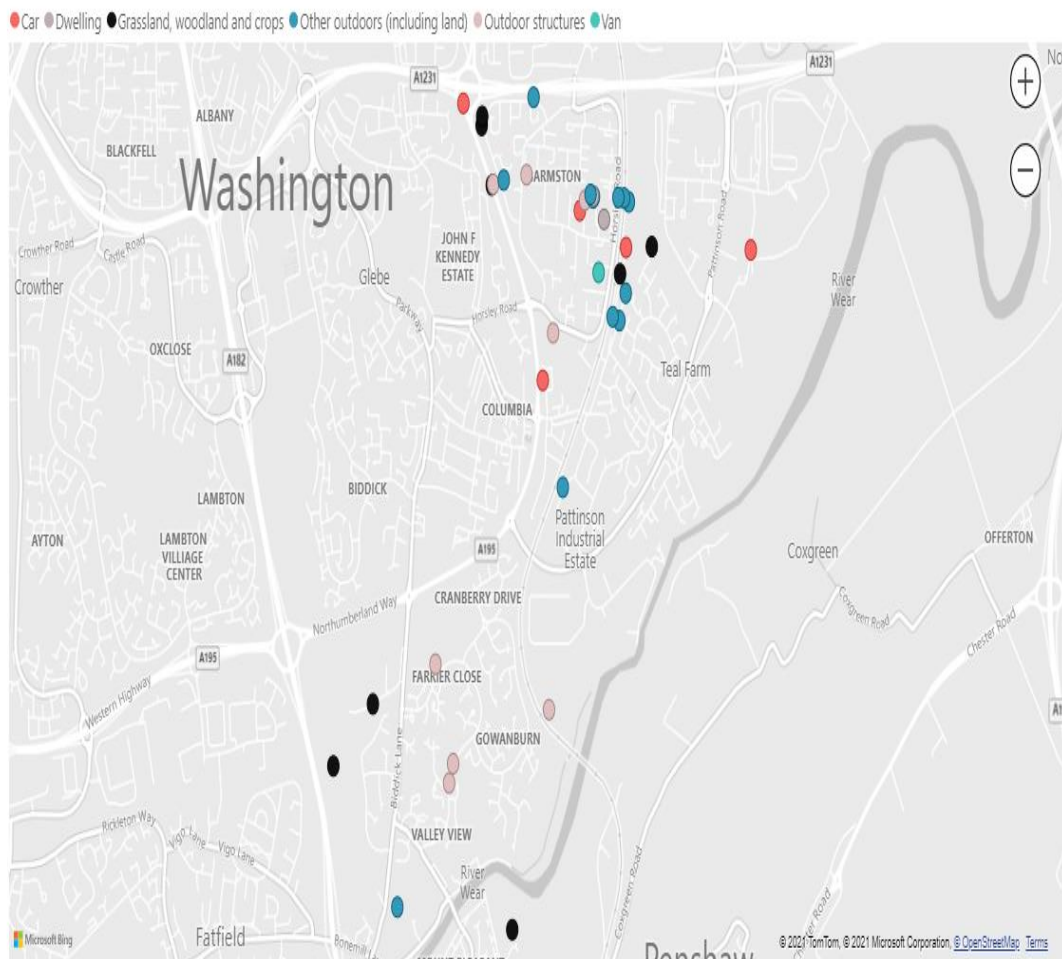
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 20 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 37 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	13
Refuse/rubbish tip	7
Road vehicles	4
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3
Other fire types	10
Total	37

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington East Ward.

Fig. 4 - LI 33 – Washington East Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)



3.3.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents.

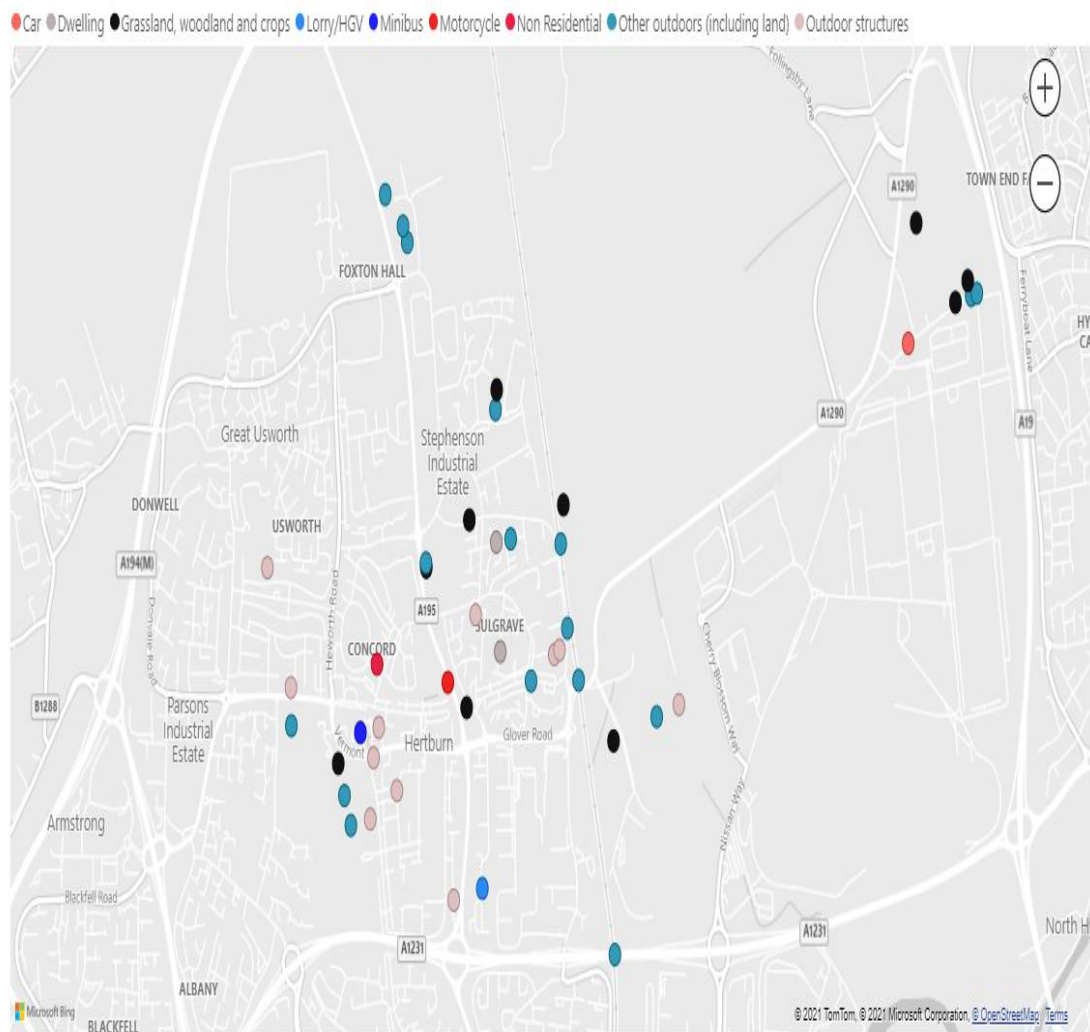
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 79 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 45 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	15
Refuse/rubbish tip	7
Road vehicles	4
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3
Other fire types	16
Grand Total	45

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington North Ward.

Fig. 5 - LI 33 – Washington North Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)



3.3.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

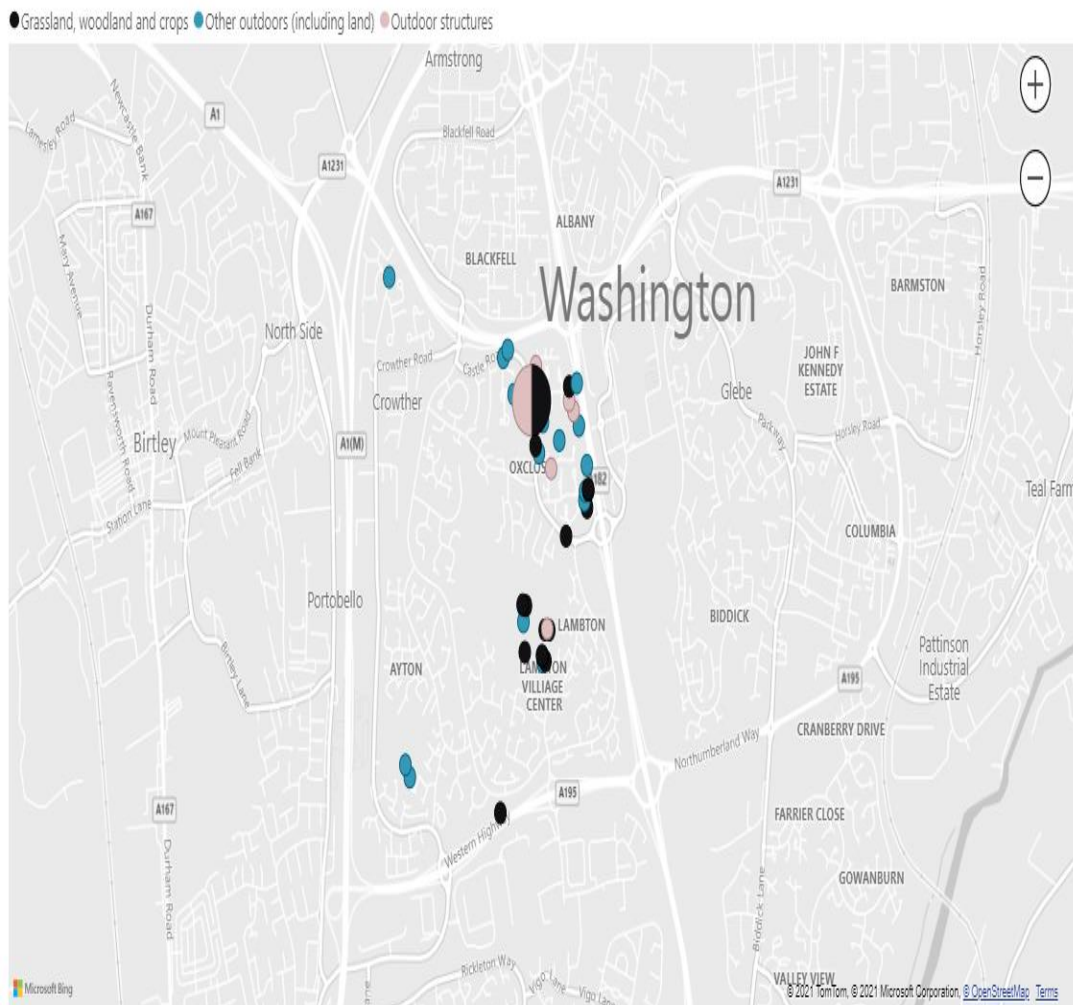
- 01/04/2020 to 30/11/2020 = 23 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 = 39 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	16
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	12
Wheelie bin	3
Wheelie bin	3
Other fire types	5
Grand Total	39

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington South Ward.

Fig. 6 - LI 33 – Washington South Ward (01/04/2021 to 30/11/2021)



4 Lighter / Darker Nights

- 4.1 Darker nights are now upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558.



- 4.2 Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. As covid restrictions lift we will increase our engagement with local groups and schools to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.
- 4.3 Following a spate of anti-social behaviour incidents in the vicinity of the Galleries leisure centre, an initiative was launched to target the area using a combination of fire stoppers leaflet drops, social media campaigns and engagement with local businesses. Appliance CCTV footage was shared with the Police however this did not provide a positive identification of the individuals responsible. Crews also carried out multiple uplift patrols identifying likely sources of flammable materials and arranging and engaged with local businesses, raising awareness of the issues being experienced. Since undertaking this activity we have experienced no further attacks in this area but we will continue to monitor this going forward.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

5 Summary

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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 Washington Community Fire Station
 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Mobile Tel: 07442862227

Email: steven.bewick@twfire.gov.uk

Current Planning Applications(Washington)

Between 01/10/2021 and 30/11/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02327/ADV	2 Galleries Retail ParkWashingtonNE38 7QY	Erection of 2no internally illuminated fascia signs and 1no. internally illuminated projecting sign	01/10/2021	26/11/2021
Washington Central				
21/02488/FUL	64 Avebury DriveWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7BY	Erection of single storey side/rear extension, including pitched roof to existing garage roof.	25/10/2021	20/12/2021
Washington Central				
21/02528/TPA	4 Buckland CloseBiddickWashingtonNE38 7HG	T62 (Pine) - fellT61 (Larch) - Removal of 2no.damaged forks and top bend forkT63 (Yew) - Reshape and remodel crownT70 (Lime) - Crown reduction and crown liftA5 group (Beech) - Crown reduction and crown lift	22/11/2021	17/01/2022
Washington Central				
21/02128/FUL	58A Horsley RoadBarmstonWashingtonNE38 8HG	Erection of a single storey extension to existing shop	21/10/2021	16/12/2021
Washington East				
21/02518/PRI	4 HaydonWashingtonNE38 8PF	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 5m from the original dwelling, 4m in height and 2.5m to the eaves).	28/10/2021	09/12/2021
Washington East				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02544/SU4	Land At Burnhope Road Barmston Washington	Provision of two s/s data cabins, 6 no. external air conditioning units , 2 no. generators and a meter cabinet. Erection of a 2.4m high palisade perimeter compound fence , crash barriers and hardstand access track to Burnhope Road.	01/11/2021	27/12/2021
Washington East				
21/02663/FUL	8 Whickhope Fatfield Washington E38 8SH	Removal of existing canopy to rear and erection of a single storey rear extension	17/11/2021	12/01/2022
Washington East				
21/02715/FUL	9 Woodcliff Close Fatfield Washington NE38 8LP	Erection of first floor side extension over existing garage.	18/11/2021	13/01/2022
Washington East				
21/02384/TPA	4 Carnoustie Usworth Washington NE37 1ND	Fell 5 - dead trees and fell 17 Sycamore trees, 10 Pine trees, 2 Alder trees and 1 Hawthorn, which are either suppressed, have poor form or are too close to neighboring trees.	11/10/2021	06/12/2021
Washington North				
21/02424/CLE	Unit 10 Rutherford Road (Plot 9) Stephenson Industrial Estate Washington NE37 3HX	Certificate of lawfulness of existing use to seek confirmation that the existing authorisation for the development Ref: EP/PL/WR/02/66 permits unrestricted B2/B8 use.	12/10/2021	07/12/2021
Washington North				
21/02381/FUL	Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) Limited Washington Road Usworth Sunderland SR5 3NS	Installation and operation of a 20.0MWp Solar Farm, together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.	13/10/2021	12/01/2022
Washington North				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02559/PDR	Washington Campus Car Park City Of Sunderland College Stone Cellar Road Washington NE37 2NH	Use of Class Q Permitted Development Rights under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - Drive through medical testing centre.	29/10/2021	12/11/2021
Washington North				
21/01241/FUL	Car Wash Victoria Road Concord Washington NE37 2SY	Erection of tyre bay within curtilage of existing car wash.	03/11/2021	29/12/2021
Washington North				
21/02667/FUL	10 Kingsdale Avenue Usworth Washington NE37 2JW	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear	17/11/2021	12/01/2022
Washington North				
21/02709/PRI	6 Lytham Close Usworth Washington NE37 2LY	Erection of single storey rear extension (Extends 4.00m from original dwelling, 3.50m in height and 2.4m to the eaves)	17/11/2021	31/12/2021
Washington North				
21/02727/FUL	77 Essex Drive Concord Washington NE37 2PE	Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey rear extension.	22/11/2021	17/01/2022
Washington North				
21/02458/FUL	17 Front Street Concord Washington NE37 2BA	Change of use to nail salon at ground floor with flat above. Installation of an additional first floor window to front.	24/11/2021	19/01/2022
Washington North				

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21/02697/FUL	96 Cherwell Sulgrave Washington NE37 3LD	Erection of a shed to rear garden and increase height of rear boundary to 2.8 metre (Rertospective)	29/11/2021	24/01/2022
Washington North				
21/02374/FU4	Land At Vigo Lane Vigo Lane Washington	Provision of two s/s data cabins, 6 no. external air conditioning units , 2 no. generators and a meter cabinet with a 2.4m high palisade perimeter compound fence , crash barriers and hardstand access track to Vigo Road to facilitate use as a data centre (Use Class B8).	07/10/2021	02/12/2021
Washington South				
21/02255/FUL	21 Breamish Drive Rickleton Washington NE38 9HS	Erection of single storey extension to rear with balcony above.	11/10/2021	06/12/2021
Washington South				
21/02406/FUL	1 Glenkerry Close Lambton Washington NE38 0QF	Erection of a two storey side extension	14/10/2021	09/12/2021
Washington South				
21/02391/FUL	9 Hargill Drive Rickleton Washington NE38 9EY	Erection of first floor extension to side.	14/10/2021	09/12/2021
Washington South				
21/02423/FUL	49 Hutton Close Crowther Washington NE38 0AH	Change of use to frozen food manufacture	11/11/2021	06/01/2022
Washington South				

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21/02564/FUL	53 BerwickOxcloseWashingtonNE3 8 ONP	Erection of a single storey extension to rear	18/11/2021	13/01/2022
Washington South				
21/02428/FUL	13 Wentworth DriveUsworthWashingtonNE37 1PX	Erection of porch extension to front, two storey side and two storey garage infill extension. (Amended Plan Recieved 15.11.2021 to lower ridge line of garage)	15/10/2021	10/12/2021
Washington West				
21/02545/FUL	72 Beech GroveSpringwell VillageGatesheadNE9 7RE	Erection of detached garden room to rear.	01/11/2021	27/12/2021
Washington West				
21/02702/FUL	19 Long CragBlackfellIWashingtonNE37 1GE	Change of use only from public land to private land to be used as an extension to the gardens of 19 long crag and 20 blink moss.	23/11/2021	18/01/2022
Washington West				
21/02108/FUL	35 Beech GroveGatesheadNE9 7RD	Erection of a single storey extension to rear	29/11/2021	24/01/2022
Washington West				