WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday 15th October, 2015 at 6.00pm

VENUE – The Lifehouse, Grasmere Terrace, Columbia

Membership

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

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ELAINE WAUGH **6th October, 2015**
Head of Law and Governance

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at WASHINGTON FIRE AUTHORITY MAIN HEADQUARTERS, BARMSTON MERE, WASHINGTON on THURSDAY 4TH JUNE, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Williams in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, F. Miller, G. Miller, Scaplehorn, David Snowdon, Dianne Snowdon, D. Trueman, and H. Trueman.

Louise Butler	-	Chief Executives
Paul Wood	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
John Rostron	-	VCS Representative
Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Michelle Green	-	Gentoo
Wayne Sinclair	-	Northumbria Police
Ev Ripley – Day	-	Foundation of Light

Members of the Washington Community.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Kelly, Lauchlan, Middleton, Taylor and P. Walker. Neil Revely, Steve Graham, David Hardy, Lorraine Hughes and Inspector Paul Stewart.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 5th March, 2015

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 5th March, 2015 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Partner Agency Reports

(a) Report of the Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

The Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) to inform the Committee of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

John Rostron, VCS Representative, presented the report and wished to place on record the Networks gratitude to former chairman of the Washington Area Committee, Councillor Scaplehorn for his support over the years.

2. RESOLVED that Members noted the contents of the report.

(b) Northumbria Police

Sergeant Wayne Sinclair of Northumbria Police presented the Washington Sector Performance Update – Initial 8 week financial year performance data.

Sgt Sinclair advised that the figures presented were from April 2015 to 22nd May 2015 in comparison to April 2014 to May 2014.

Sgt Sinclair informed the Committee that the statistics for burglary were down 22% due to the arrest of a significant repeat offender.

Theft and Violent Crime figures were high but looking at violent crime across the whole force, Washington was the below the average. A lot of work was going on to tackle violent crime such as Pubwatch and Operation Dove. The Police were having input with the comprehensive schools with 20 sessions scheduled in the next 8 weeks.

The increase in Theft figures were mainly due to Wheelie Bin thefts and the change in Council policy requiring a crime number before a replacement would be issued.

Sgt Sinclair advised that there was a great deal of change occurring in the Police Authority with different ways of working, new equipment (Phablets/Tablets) and a new command team.

Sgt Sinclair also advised that Sgt Ron Hyde was to retire and he had requested his thanks be passed onto the Committee for their support. His successor was still to be appointed and Members would be informed once they were in place.

Members commented that they would like their thanks to be passed on to Sergeant Hyde as he had carried out a great deal of good work over the years.

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Place Board – Progress Report

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with the annual update of the 2014/15 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects. The report also sought approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2015/16 and to provide an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Fiona Miller, Chair of the Place Board presented the report and advised that suggestions had been put forward for the proposed 2015/16 work plan to

- Develop a strategy for Washington and use as part of the Core Strategy
- Commission a study/consultation in respect of Albany Park and include the refresh of the Heritage Document Report
- Align £30,000 SIB in respect of Heritage to generate opportunities to use heritage and culture for a positive impact on the community and attract match funding to maximise potential.

Members noted the suggestions put forward.

Councillor F. Miller referred to paragraph 5.3 – Area Governance and requested Members consideration of the proposed Place Board Core Membership. Members agreed the Core Membership proposal.

In relation to the Highways Maintenance Local Priorities Councillor F. Miller advised that officers' recommendations for the additional spend of £75,000 had been considered at an extraordinary meeting of the Place Board and were outlined in Annex 5 for Members agreement. However since that meeting, Members of the Washington North Ward had asked that the recommendation be changed so that Pensher View be resurfaced rather than Waterloo Road – part – Phase 1. This would then leave an underspend of £5,000.

Members requested that Officers of Highways be approached to see if the £5,000 underspend could be put towards the £22,000 resurfacing costs for Craggyknowe and if Highways would be able to obtain the remaining costs needed..

Members agreed the schemes listed in Annex 5 with the amendment to change Waterloo Road to Pensher View.

5. RESOLVED that the Committee

i) Considered the Annual performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 as detailed in Annex 1 and 2 of the report

ii) Considered and agreed the Washington Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2015/16 attached as Item 3 Annex 3 to the report

iii) Noted the Area Governance arrangements for 2015/16 outlined in Section 5 and Item 3 Annex 4 of the report

iv) Considered and agreed the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the additional funding for Ward based highways capital maintenance attached at Annex 5 of the report subject to the amendment of resurfacing Pensher View rather than Waterloo Road.

People Board – Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with the annual update of the 2014/15 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects. The report also sought approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2015/16 and to provide an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Farthing presented the report and advised that suggestions had been put forward for the proposed 2015/16 work plan to

- Develop smaller community groups and encourage residents to become involved in Area Committee. Look at venues for meetings, publicity of meetings etc.

Councillor Farthing referred to Paragraph 5.3 of the report and sought Members approval for the Core Membership of the People Board. Members agreed the Core Membership as outlined in the report.

Councillor Farthing also advised Members that the next Washington People Board would be held on the 14th July, 2015 at the earlier time of 2pm.

6. RESOLVED that the Committee

(i) Considered the Annual performance update with regards to the Washington People Board Work Plan for 2014/2015, as detailed in Annex 1 and 2 of the report

(ii) Considered and agreed the Washington Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2015/16 attached as Annex 3 to the report

(iii) Noted the Area Governance arrangements for 2015/16 outlined in Section 5 and Annex 4 of the report

Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and present proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

7. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

i) Noted the financial statements set out in the report.

ii) Noted the 18 Community Chest approvals as listed in the report.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st April to 20th April 2015 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. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 2a**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and 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 VCS 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 meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network (ACVSN) Progress Report

- The Washington Network will continue to work on developing and supporting the VCS re collaboration, communications, intelligence and mapping.
- The Network has met twice since the last Area Committee
- The Network has appointed a third Area Committee Area Network Representative at the April 2015 meeting. The new representative is Bryan Beverly. Bryan is the Community Volunteer Development Officer with the Washington Trust.
- The Network is working to produce its own Washington Area Network work plan.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington ACVSN

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WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 2b**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

SOUTHERN AREA COMMMAND: WASHINGTON SECTOR PERFORMANCE UPDATE

OCTOBER 2015 (As of 3rd October 2015).
Figures presented are from April 2015 to October 2015 in comparison to April 2014 to October 2014.

Total Reported Incidents = 8435 +124 Incidents (+1% increase)

Total Crime = 1243 + 109 Offences (10% increase)

Total Anti-Social Behaviour = 1305 + 75 Incidents (6% increase)

Crime Types:

Burglary = 92 - 32 offences (26% reduction)

Robbery = 1 -5 offences (84% reduction)

Vehicle Crime = 74 -1 offences (1% reduction)

Theft = 350 +85 offences (32% increase)

Criminal Damage =277 -14 offences (5% reduction)

Sexual Offences = 35 +4 (14%increase)

Violent Crime = 308 +82 offences (36% increase)

DV Crime = 174 +33 (+24% increase)

Alcohol related Violence = 145 +38 offences (+35% increase)

Anti-Social Behaviour
Youth Related = 405 +37 incidents (10% increase)
Non Youth Related = 900 +38 incidents (4% increase)

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 3**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2015/16) People Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the Washington People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 3 Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

3 Area 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 local level; and

b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. 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 / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	**People Board Membership**
Chair	Cllr Louise Farthing
Washington Central	Cllr Dianne Snowdon
Washington East	Cllr David Snowdon
Washington North	Cllr Jill Fletcher
Washington South	Cllr Graeme Miller
Washington West	Cllr Dorothy Trueman

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 30th September 2015

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington People Board up to 30th September 2015.

Action Taken	**Outcome**
Local priority: Health and Well Being	
Develop a strategic approach to health and well-being through a partnership approach	• The Board has considered how to make progress and develop a strategic and partnership approach to addressing the health and well-being of local people. Building on the Washington Way to Well Being the Board is recommending that a joined up and co-ordinated approach with relevant partners be implemented to help address wider health inequalities with a focus on self-harming and mental health/emotional well-being. **It is proposed the Washington Strategic Partners Health Group be re-established** This group will lead on developing a focus on the impact on families of young people who self-harm, and proposals for an 'Out of hospital' Befriending and

	Support Project for older people (already funded via CCG and SIB 2014/15). Area Committee is also requested to identify any other relevant issues this group could address. • **Annex 2** details proposals and recommendations for aligning SIB from the 2015/16 budget for the above project re Health and Family Support/Impact of Self Harming. Area Committee will be requested to agree the People Board's recommendation under **Item 6 Finance Report.** • The People Board are also considering how to support the 'Out of hospital/Befriending' priority for older people. This will be in partnership with the CCG and the VCS. • Elected Members are already working alongside their communities to both develop and deliver Local Area Plans and in doing so support the development of the Area VCS networks. This mechanism provides the potential to achieve much greater impact through the utilisation of additional resources from partners. Matching their funding streams with existing SIB resources to develop projects that will build additional capacity in the voluntary sector. • Washington Way to Well Being – Charter Mark Scheme now underway. 7 organisations have completed their applications. More are currently being supported to complete. The Bike Hub is now open and courses and cycling activities underway. A range of exercise classes, walk to jog sessions and live well sessions are well attended.
Local priority: Community Inclusion and support for VCS	
VCS Network	• The Network is keen to contribute to the action planning to deliver services for local residents. The Network is drafting a work plan which is representative of AC's work plan and priorities. • The Network is keen to empower the smaller grass roots groups to contribute to delivering local priorities and the AC Network Reps have produced a leaflet to promote what they do, how the Network works, and how the Network partners the AC • The Community & Volunteer Development Officer (Washington Trust) has met with a number of organisations and partners. The project is looking at opportunities to provide individual support to organisations such as CAs. The Volunteer Steering Group is now established and is looking to implement an action plan to co-ordinate activity across the area.
Young People	• The Board has considered how to continue to support young people to participate and be involved in delivering local projects, partnerships and in developing approaches to ensure young people are heard. Support for young people and regular dialogue re youth provision has always been included in the committee's plans and proposals. Support from AC has included: ◦ Holiday activities programme ◦ Influencing the youth contracted provision ◦ Influencing the delivery of XL Villages via a local operational group ◦ School Opportunities and Youth Opportunities initiatives ◦ Support for the Phoenix Project ◦ Addressing youth related ASB via partnership approach ◦ Various youth related events and initiatives (Graffiti project, Music Events)

	• Development of the Washington Youth Council The People Board recommends a small funding pot to support young people to participate, be involved, and deliver local initiatives be set up. This approach will develop a level of 'ownership' and encourage young people to participate as active citizens as well as contributing to delivering AC priorities. **Annex 3** includes information to inform the proposed Call for Projects via the SIB Small Grants Scheme and the methodology and criteria to administer such a scheme. • Area Committee will be requested to agree the People Board's recommendation to approve SIB to implement a Smalls Grant Scheme to support young people's 'Can Do' project under **Item 6 Finance Report**
Holiday Hunger	• Area Committee agreed to fund a project over the school summer holidays to respond to concerns raised by a number of elected members across the city and a recommendation from a recent Children's Service Scrutiny Panel, looking at Child Poverty which asked that options to address holiday hunger be considered and progressed. The project is a pilot scheme which offered weekly holiday food vouchers for families with children entitled to free school meals, during weeks 3, 4 and 5 of the summer holidays. • An interim report re numbers accessing the scheme and some comparative figures is included for Members information as **Annex 4** • An evaluation and analysis of the pilot scheme has been requested by the board and will be shared with Area Committee.
Local priority: Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning	
Employability Support Services	• Area Committee aligned £20,000 to support the local VCS to develop employability support services for Washington residents. A working group of the People Board has been working with the VCS to develop a way forward. • The Working Group, in conjunction with relevant local VCS organisations now agrees that because of the changing picture in that sector to recommend that the **£20,000** be returned to the SIB budget. This will be considered by Area Committee under **Item 6 Finance Report** • However, the People Board asks the Area Committee to be mindful of local need, to see if wider initiatives have an impact or if specific VCS organisations raise new issues and gaps, and to revisit this priority should evidence be brought forward. Area Committee to consider contributing to a collaborative approach with regards to identifying support for residents following: • Implementation of Universal Credit and local need arising from that • Consider the impact of wider initiatives – BBO/ESF etc. • Board propose AC invite DWP to December meeting for update
Financial Inclusion	• The People Board has considered how to develop a local approach to improve the resilience of families most in need, through the provision of co-ordinated services focusing upon increasing financial capability, improving health and well-being and enhancing community self-help support systems. The board recommends consideration be given to aligning SIB and developing a local project will: o Be based on robust evidence and identified need, and will provide local financial inclusion and support services for Washington residents o Provide information, advice and guidance to support

	Washington residents to access financial inclusion services, debt advice, and relevant support services. • **Annex 5** details proposals and recommendations for aligning SIB from the 2015/16 budget for the above project re Financial Inclusion Project. Area Committee will be requested to agree the People Board's recommendation to align SIB under **Item 6 Finance Report.**
Influencing roles	
Health and Well Being	• Active Sunderland Partnership – Everyone Active presented to the People Board in July 2015, explaining the Joint Venture working arrangements and the new Washington Leisure Centre operations. Further updates will continue to be presented to future boards. Active Sunderland also presented information outlining how the Council will work with partners and local projects to change behaviour and get people more active. • Live Life Well Service also presented an update regarding the development of the new service and gave Members the opportunity to identify key assets and discuss relevant issues within the local community
Employment	• Vince Taylor presented the Board with information relating to the International Advanced Manufacturing Park/Economic Assessment. Members were able to raise local issues and concerns. Further updates will continue to be presented to both People and Place Boards.
Education	• Members received data and statistics relating to school places across Washington and discussed concerns.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress with regard to the Washington People Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 as detailed in **Annex 1** and the report above**.**

4.2 Members are requested to support the People Board recommendation to align SIB funding as detailed under **Annex 2** to implement a strategic approach to addressing health and well-being of local residents and to propose the membership of the Washington Strategic Health Group.

4.3 Members are requested to support the People Board's recommendation for a Call for Projects for a young person's 'Can Do' Project as detailed in **Annex 3**

4.4 Members are requested to support the People Board's recommendation to align SIB to develop a Financial Inclusion project as detailed in the report above and **Annex 5**

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Annex 1 – People Work Plan 2015/16
Annex 2 – Support for families of young people who self harm
Annex 3 - Call for projects 'Can do' Project for Young People
Annex 4 - Holiday Hunger Data
Annex 5 - Financial Inclusion Project

Area Priority	ACTIONS	Progress Report
Health and Wellbeing	1. Strategic Health Group (CCG, Public Health, SCC, VCS) to identify opportunities for partnership working and shared priorities.	Shared ownership approach developed - the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark, a local 'Hub' being developed to deliver health initiatives including walking and cycling initiatives. Further Call for Projects for a 4th round re small grants to engage local people in activity re greenspace accesibility once Physical Hub and Charter Mark are up and running - to allow other organisations and VCS to gain a better understanding of how to maximise the links and opportunities. Physical Hub will launch 21st September. Activities and courses already being delivered via Go Washington projects. Charter Mark scheme now launched. Proposal to reestablish Strategic Health Group to determine focus and proposals for joint working across AC's key priorities oof family support/families in crisis from young people self harming, impact of drug and alcohol abuse, and emotional health and well being. **Proposal to develop strategic partnership approach and align £50,000 SIB**
	2. Improve participation in activity through ensuring Ensure use of Community Health and Green spaces Project is utilised to deliver initiatives to address health inequalities	Ensure links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking, Active Sunderland events and activities and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Works continue to be aligned with strategic developments. Project will continue to provide detailed updates and reports to board and Area committee as required.
	3. Identify gaps in Mental Health Services. Focus on self harm and suicide in young people.	Self harming in young people identified via Area Network and adopted by Area committee as a key priority. Need the development of a cross cutting partnership approach. A number of risks and issues identified - communication, transition between children's services and adult services, links to drugs, alcohol and substance misuse. Awaiting Scrutiny Report and recommendations relating to suicide prevention. Suicide audit taking place July 2015. Need to understand where referrals are coming from. **Proposal to develop strategic partnership approach and align SIB 2015/16 budget**
	4. Drugs and alochol/substance misuse	There is a wider issue particularly around alchohol as to how Cllrs can influence and prevent more licensed out-lets. Proposals to consider: - influencing local community, smoking and tobacco control, families and carers in crisis, new understand links and proposals for Integrated working in Children's Services. **Proposal to develop strategic partnership approach and align SIB 2015/16 budget**
	5. Promote the take up of Health Champions Training including the Dementia Module and the promotion of dementia friendly communities	Health champions Area Network proposed - call for projects released. Washington has the most Health Champions in the City - Coalfields have 14, East 39, North 46, Washington 89, West 35. Dementia awareness modules now completed.
	6. Influence work relating to Integrated Wellness Review recommendations	Further information required regarding Integrated teams, Live Life Well Service. Presentation to Networks. D Messenger is Washington's LLW Co-ordinator and will attend all relevant project groups and meetings.
Adult Social Care	1. Determine best practice and added value that AC funded projects have brought to the ASC Framework.	There is also a need to understand the impact of short-term funding projects - should a city-wide approach be taken with Area Committee provided the additional value with sustainability - if required. Adult Social Care and social isolation remains a priority. Additional health funding to AC to look at 'out of hospital' supoport and initiatives including self help.
	2. Ensure any proposed outcomes and initiatives are linked to the VCS - opportunities to develop collaboration and/or consortia working to deliver shared priorities	Ensure opportunities for VCS involvement via the Area Network

Community Inclusion and support for the VCS	1. VCS Network to continue to be the mechanism for collaboration and partnership working with the VCS re delivering shared priorities. Area Chair to continue role as Co Chair of Network. ACO continue to provide support and co-ordination re Area Network	VCS Network meets every 6 weeks. Last meeting 1st September - proposed priorities was discussed and a new VCS Network representative elected. Other issues being addressed via the Network meeting include the production of a work-plan. Suggestion from Members at June Area Committee is to look at the development of smaller community groups and encourage residents to become involved in Area Committee. Look at venues for meetings, publicity of meetings etc.
	2. Co-ordinate and maximise volunteering in Washington.	Washington Trust appointed the Volunteer co-ordinator. Washington Volunteer forum to be set up. Updates to future meetings. A draft Washington Volunteering Plan is currently being developed. The Washington Trust volunteer project to be evaluated re project milestones, outcomes and performance.
	3. Influence and support the delivery of youth activity in the Washington. Consider continued support for young people to take forward initiatives develop capacity and engagement and encourage partnership working and participation, and to support the delivery of area priorities - links to health and well being initiatives and environmental/physical improvements and neighbourhood enhancements.	Continued support for local young people via the Washington Youth Council. Youth Operational Group to continue to meet to influence delivery and development of activities for young people. Members continue to meet with youth provider to influence delivery of sessions. **Proposals for funding via a 'Can Do' fund for young people to contribute to delivering Area Committee priorities for consideration at October AC. Proposals to align SIB for Financial Inclusion pilot to October AC.**
Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning	1. Continue to monitor Youth Opportunities Project and School Opportunities Project.	Now merged as one project which commenced delivery 1st April 2015. New targets and milestones. Detailed report to next board.
	2. Consider options for schemes to provide support for local residents to access appropriate 'employability' support and help those residents who experience problems accessing JC+ provision, and providing the required evidence to enable compliance and avoid repercussions.	Working Group established to discuss issues.Working Group recommends not aligning activity at this time. Changing picture. Original need not as obvious re VCS orgnaisations. Propose waiting to see if wider initiatives have an impact. Or if specific VCS organisations raise new issues and gaps. To discuss with the sector at the next Area Network 1st September (before the People board) to inform debate.**Recommendation to return £20k SIB aligned to budget**
Safer Washington	1. Maintain key partnerships and collaborative working re LMAPs, links with Safer Sunderland Partnership priorities re reducing crime and disorder. Establish collaboration and partnership working re shared priorities for a Safer Washington.	Joint Police and cllr meetings to be scheduled. Opportunity identified for closer working in relation to inconsiderate parking around schools working with Network Management and Police. Ensure Sulgrave and Concord Neighbourhood Management Model links with other initiatives to add value to the approach and assist with sustainability
Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee	1. Develop New Relationship with Schools	At its meeting of 5th November Cabinet approved the Policy Statement on the role of the Council in relation to schools and the wider education system. The Statement determines the role of the Council in improving educational outcomes and defines the key elements of the local authority's role. Additionally, next steps were agreed in order to develop the necessary relationships, systems and processes to reflect the changing education landscape, the educational priorities within the city's key strategies, the Council's Community Leadership role and its statutory duties. **One of those key actions is to develop arrangements whereby Elected Members are enabled to play a role in strengthening the local accountability of schools and in sharing local intelligence.** Currently arrangements are underway to discuss this approach with members early in the new municipal year.' Members have also asked for information as to the number of reception class placements available for this year 15/16. LB to report back to Board.

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 3: Annex 2**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

Supporting families to deal with the impact of Self harm in young people

Both Washington Area Committee and the VCS have both recognised a need to consider providing local support for young people who self-harm, **and their families**. The People Board has already identified the need to develop a cross cutting partnership approach as a range of health related issues are dropping out of this priority:

- Impact of self-harming in young people on their families and families in crisis
- Impact of other addictions on families – drugs, alcohol and substance misuse
- Suicide prevention
- Transition support services between Children's Services and Adult Services
- Broader Information, Advice and Guidance Services linked to the Strengthening Families Agenda
- Live Life Well agenda

There is already the recognition that delivering activity against this priority requires shared ownership and a partnership approach. The People Board should also note that Public Health is already leading on key pieces of work which could impact on local need being identified – this includes a Health Needs Assessment re Young People Self Harming and a Suicide Audit. SCC Scrutiny are also considering this issue with a report pending.

Objectives and Outcomes to be included in Health and Family Support Project.

This project should address at least one of the following:

- Identify additional local support services for young people from Washington who self-harm, and their families or carers
- Provide appropriate support, information and guidance for Washington families who are dealing with the impact of drug or alcohol misuse, or substance misuse
- Raise awareness of and promote relevant support services across Washington that can positively impact on the emotional health and well-being of young people and their families or carers. This can include the development and delivery of appropriate communications, campaigns and promotion of services along with better use of on line tools and apps to encourage self help
- Provide help and support for families in crisis including those families suffering with debt related issues
- Work with local schools and relevant partner organisations to gather relevant data and information
- Provide additional support to help local people make the necessary changes to improve their mental and physical help and to access opportunities and activities to improve their health, in partnership with local Wellness Co-ordinators (Live Life Well)
- Consider proposals to develop a one stop shop approach for services in the community to direct young people and their families and carers to places that help
- Encourage commissioned and non-commissioned services and partners to improve transition for young people from young person's provision to adult. This could include proposals more effective communication and information sharing between services, working collaboratively and providing continuity of care

The project will also:

- Deliver benefits through shared ownership and a partnership approach
- Respond to identified need and evidence – ensuring reference to up-to-date data and locally identified risk factors

The project will also:

- Consider Scrutiny Panel data, information and recommendations
- Take into consideration the results from the Health Needs Assessment for young People Self Harming
- Take into consideration the on going work and education programmes being delivered in schools
- Take into consideration issues raised re transition from young person to adult provision

Timeline and process

1. September People Board agree outline proposals and project outcomes presented to Washington Area Committee October 2015
2. Washington Strategic Health Group (WSHG) membership agreed at October Area Committee and group established immediately. Meeting schedule to be confirmed
3. Evidence gathered re need and gaps end of October via WSHG
4. Draft Project Brief for Health and Family Support Project approved at October Area committee.
5. Call for Project released October. Closing date for submissions November.
6. People Board consulted November meeting re applications
7. December Area Committee to agree and approve project.

Recommendation:
Members are asked to approve the alignment of £50,000 to develop a collaborative and partnership approach to address identified local need with reference to helping and supporting families of young people who self-harm.

Area Committee is also requested to propose membership of the Washington Strategic Health group which will lead on developing the above approach on behalf of Area Committee

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 3: Annex 3**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

Washington 'Can do' Project

Young People 'Can Do' Small Grants fund (Priority: Community Inclusion/ Support for Young People)

Washington Area Committee has historically always supported local young people to participate and be involved in delivering local projects, partnerships and in developing approaches to ensure young people are heard. Support for young people and regular dialogue re youth provision has always been included in the committee's plans and proposals.

The following support has recently been made available:

- Holiday activities programme
- Influencing the youth contracted provision
- Influencing the delivery of XL Villages via a local operational group
- School Opportunities and Youth Opportunities initiatives
- Support for the Phoenix Project
- Addressing youth related ASB via partnership approach
- Various youth related events and initiatives (Graffiti project, Music Events)
- Development of the Washington Youth Council

Area Committee is asked to consider approving a small funding pot to support young people to participate, be involved, and deliver local initiatives. This approach will develop a level of 'ownership' and encourage young people to participate as active citizens.

The formal process would be as follows

1. October AC approves the project and the methodology for approving individual grants under procedures for Small Grants SIB
2. Washington People Board manages the award of small grants via rounds on behalf of the Washington Area Committee.

The proposed Project brief and application process is included under **Item 6 Finance Report** for Member's consideration

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

Holiday Hunger Pilot - Summer 2015

NUMBER OF FAMILIES ASSISTED

City

Total number of families in the city assisted with one or more vouchers **367**

Total number of children in the city assisted with one or more voucher **752**

Locality

Number of Households Assisted - Per Locality **367**				
North	East	West	Washington	Coalfields
76	44	124	59	64

Total Number of Children Assisted - Per Locality **752**				
North	East	West	Washington	Coalfields
166	90	239	127	130

REPEATS

Of the 367 families supported

116 claimed a voucher in one week only

82 claimed a voucher in two of the three weeks

169 claimed a voucher in all three weeks

Therefore the total number of family vouchers distributed was **787** (including repeats)

COST

Total cost of used vouchers £7040.00

Total printing cost =£529

Total postage cost= £1976

Total delivery mileage (352 miles) = Cost £228.80

Overall Total £9773.80

Total Cost per Locality			
	Vouchers	**Other Costs**	**Total**
North	£1700.00	£546.76	£2246.76

East	£760.00	£546.76	£1306.76
West	£2280.00	£546.76	£2826.76
Washington	£1060.00	£546.76	£1606.76
Coalfields	£1240.00	£546.76	£1786.76
Total	£7040.00	£2733.80	**£9773.80**

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

Financial Inclusion Project

Washington Area Committee People Board : Recommendations to October Area Committee

Objectives and Outcomes to be included in **Financial Inclusion Project/Financial Resilience** Brief.

This project should:

- Improve the resilience of families most in need, through the provision of co-ordinated services focusing upon increasing financial capability, improving health and well-being and enhancing community self-help support systems.
- Be based on robust evidence and identified need, provision of local financial inclusion and support services for Washington residents
- Provide information, advice and guidance to support Washington residents to access financial inclusion services, debt advice, and relevant employability support services
- Tackle problems which have an impact on family resilience such as low income/financial difficulties and poor mental and physical health
- Address the increasing demand for mental health services especially from those dealing with financial difficulties and a subsequent increase in demand for financial capability support
- Support for more vulnerable families, including those supported by carers who need to increase their emotional resilience to maintain their caring role;
- Support for families affected by low incomes to improve their financial capability and ability to eat healthily within strained budgets
- Provide a listening service for those dealing with increasing family pressures to get immediate support and referral for mental health and/or financial capability advice and support;
- Provide support for community based self-help groups to help provide sustainable support solutions for those most in need.

Proposals will directly benefit families in the Washington particularly those dealing with mental health issues or caring responsibilities. They will include carers, people with mental health problems, people affected by benefits cuts and parents in need of training, information, advice and support. These beneficiaries are most likely to be those on low incomes for whom welfare reform will have significant negative impact.

Outcomes

1. Family members will have increased financial capability as a result of accessing one-to-one information, advice and guidance.
2. Carers will have improved emotional resilience and increased confidence to support their caring role.
3. Adults will experience improved physical and emotional well-being leading to stronger more resilient family life.
4. Local people will have increased access to support through the development of community self-help groups.

Project could provide

- A Project Co-ordinator to oversee project activities, facilitate steering group meetings, produce publicity, supervise staff, establish referrals pathways, work with the local infrastructure organisation to ensure the development of self- help groups.

  OR

- Welfare Rights/Financial Capability Workers to provide one to one support sessions to be delivered in partner's premises and community venues

  PLUS

- Support for an apprentice post to signpost into project services and prepare/provide materials and resources to aid financial and emotional well-being
- Links and signposting to relevant courses each year to promote mental health and emotional resilience. Carer's resilience training programmes per year? Healthy eating courses each year and Food Hygiene courses per year. Financial Capability courses and programmes.
- Volunteer run listening service with information on/referrals to other project services
- Training for x staff as health champions to enable them to signpost centre users to relevant services.

**Members to note a similar project is currently being piloted in another area

Recommendation:
Members are asked to consider the information above and determine level of funding to be aligned to this proposal

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 4**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2015/16) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

3 Area 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 local level; and

b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. 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 / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	**Place Board Membership**
Chair	Cllr Fiona Miller
Washington Central	Cllr Len Lachlan
Washington East	Cllr Tony Taylor
Washington North	Cllr John Kelly
Washington South	Cllr Paul Middleton
Washington West	Cllr Bernie Scaplehorn

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 30th September 2015

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to 30th September 2015.

Influencing role : Fatfield Slipway	
• Views were sought from members regarding the reopening of Fatfield Slipway. Place Board members fed back their views, as part of a wider consultation, for the slip-way to remain closed.	
Area Priority: Environment and Green Space	
Action	**Outcome**
Neighbourhood Improvement Project and Village Centre Improvement Project	• A number of ward based projects are under development as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Project. ARM continues to meet with Ward Members to discuss potential proposals, to identify partners and to aid development and delivery • The VCIP is expected to complete September/October. ARM is working with Members to finalise projects and work programmes
The Washington Way Network (CHGS Project)	• Shared ownership approach developed - the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark, and a local 'Hub' developed to deliver health initiatives including walking and cycling initiatives. Charter Mark scheme now launched. Activities and courses already being delivered via **Go Washington Way.** The information hub at the Life House has been invaluable for the promotion of the Washington Way to Wellbeing and the good partnership work has strengthened the delivery and sustained the numbers of people accessing the projects.
Maximising green and open spaces	• Ensure links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking, Active Sunderland events and activities and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Works continue to be aligned with strategic developments. Project will continue to provide detailed updates and reports to board and Area committee as required.
Business Watch	• Place board recommends aligning SIB to develop a local business Watch scheme targeting the industrial estates. The aim is to encourage a group of business' who work together with the Police and other agencies to make their area a safer place for all to work, live and visit. • Schemes can • Reduce crime and the fear of crime • Encourage community spirit • Get appropriate crime reduction advice to businesses quickly • Inform the police of any suspicious activity • Establish a spirit of co-operation and communication, working together in

	partnership to reduce crime in the local area. • Improve the relationship between businesses, police and other partner agencies by sharing information. • Reduce opportunities for crime, deterring would be offenders. • Proposal to align **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 for the business watch scheme to be considered under **Item 6 Finance Report**
Area priority: Member and Community Engagement	
Encourage partnerships with the local community and VCS, link Ward Members to activities and events	• Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships • Members engage residents re AC role at key Washington events • Members involved in steering an events and culture programme • Delivery of the Washington 50 Community Programme
Area priority: Heritage and Culture	
Events 2016	• Members are asked to consider the Place board recommendation to align SIB from the 2015/16 budget for Events 2016. This is to address issues such as time required to facilitate discussions with potential lead agents (and community groups), ensure priority events are identified in order to confirm scheduling and programming at the beginning of each year – this to include which of the 'bigger events' AC wish to see continue and what level of support is required, and also a more planned approach for the smaller events – such as Durham Miners Gala, Remembrance, other commemorative events etc. – including agreeing funding source, level of support etc. The area committee to also consider how to build on the proposed 'business approach' to encourage more resources for Washington events from external sources. • Aligning funds now will allow a more planned approach with the process of working via a Place board sub group to draft the programme and methodology in January 2016. • Proposal to align **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Events 2016 programme to be considered under **Item 6 Finance Report**
Washington's heritage and culture offer	• WAC has for some time maintained 'Heritage and Culture' as a local priority, identifying and generating opportunities to use heritage and culture for a positive impact on the local community, to maximise the 'Washington Offer', and to generate and attract match funding to maximise potential. • Place Board recommends aligning £30,000 to deliver the Heritage priority following current

	consultation exercises being completed with regards to Washington offer • Proposal to align **£30,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Events 2016 programme to be considered under **Item 6 Finance Report**

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Place Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 as detailed in **Annex 1**

4.2 Members are requested to note the Place board's recommendation to keep the Fatfield Slipway closed as detailed this report

4.3 Members are requested to support the Place Board recommendation to align SIB funding to develop a local business watch scheme as detailed in this report. Funding levels to be considered under **Item 6 Finance Report.**

4.3 Members are requested to support the Place Board recommendation to align SIB funding to develop the Washington Events Programme for 2016 as detailed in this report. Funding levels to be considered under **Item 6 Finance Report.**

4.4 Members are requested to support the Place Board recommendation to align SIB funding to support and develop the Heritage offer in Washington as detailed in this report. Funding levels to be considered under **Item 6 Finance Report.**

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Annex 1: Work plan 2015/16

PLACE

	Area Priority	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
1	**Environment and Greenspace**	1. Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area: Working with RLS Area Response Manager and Customer Relationship Officer Ward Members to lead on delivering the Neighbourhood Improvement Project, with key partners, schools and and local community and groups(inc youth groups). The programme will enhance local neighbourhoods, working flexibly at a Ward level using evidence of need, gaps and issues and will reinforce key messages and communicate and engage with the local community.	RLS (SCC): ARM Dave Hardy	Neighbourhood Improvement Project continues to be developed. Target completion July 2016. ARM arranging Ward meetings to confirm new projects, partnerships and initiatives. Aim to encourage more community partnershipsa nd volunteering to deliver neighbourhood improvements, building volunteering, developing an educational initiative with regard to dog fouling and utilising volunteers re plantation management.
		2. Monitor Progress of SIB funded Village Centre Improvements Project	RLS (SCC): ARM Dave Hardy	Further proposals being developed for remaining funding, in consultation with Ward Members. Anticipate completion September 2015.
		3. Continue to manage the development and delivery of the Community Health and Green Spaces Project and look for further opportunities for future funding to develop new phases and co-ordinate with wider strategic programmes.	SCC: City Services, S & AA, Highways	Ensure links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking, Active Sunderland events and activities and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Works continue to be aligned with strategic developments. Project will continue to provide detailed updates and reports to board and Area committee as required.
		4. Improved use of green/open space linked to People/Health Priorities and Public Health Greenspace Funding.		Shared ownership approach developed - the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark, a local 'Hub' being developed to deliver health initiatives including walking and cycling initiatives. Further Call for Projects for a 4th round re small grants to engage local people in activity re greenspace accesibility once Physical Hub and Charter Mark are up and running - to allow other organisations and VCS to gain a better understanding of how to maximise the links and opportunities. Physical Hub will launch 21st September. Activities and courses already being delivered via Go Washington projects. Charter Mark scheme now launched.
		5. Identify opportunities to enhance and add value in relation to on-going works and improvements to Washington parks		Usworth Park awarded Green Flag Status again this year. RLS to report to future meeting re updating of Princess Anne Park Master Plan. Cllr Kelly requested Albany Park Feasibility Study as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Project. Members suggested the feasibility study to take into account the F-Pit and potential sustainable heritage development .
		Consider how to roll out best practice from the Retail Support Project.	SCC: Business Investment Team, Bsupplied.	Evaluate the SIB funded project re Concord Traders/Retail support project
2	**Ward Member Community Engagement (links to People)**	1. Encourage partnerships wih the local community and the VCS re physical and environmental improvements - for example through Neighbourhood Improvements Project	SCC: RLS	Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships. LWYL campaign proposals, links to industrial area priorities. Requests from Heritage Group re painting of signage at Wear and Crowther. Links to local Volunteers - volunteers currently helping to clear plantations at Oxclose and Sulgrave. Once properly equipped there is the potential to move onto other areas.
		2. Link Ward Members to activities and events being delivered. Support Members in their community engagement and leadership role	SCC: S & AA	Members to utilise key events re promoting community leadership role.
		3. Continue to support love where you live activities and events, linked to site developments to promote participation and delivery of other priorities such as tackling health inequalities	SCC: RLS	Completed via Washington Way to Well Being. Addressing health inequalities remaining a priority under People.

3	**Heritage & Culture**	1. Consider wider cross cutting actions and themes in relation to Washington's heritage and culture offer - delivering other outcomes and strands re health, employment and community inclusion	SCC	Ensure all opportunities are shared via the Washington Area VCS Network. New Working Group established to confirm approach to refresh the Washington Heritage Offer Feasibility Study of 2011. This could look at a number of identified opportunities and issues to include a Heritage Centre (linked to development of Albany Park and F Pit) the development of a Washington heritage archive, NELSAM, Bowes and other Washington based Heritage Centres and museums. Members suggested at June Area Committee to consider aligning £30k SIB to generate opportunities to use heritage and culture for a positive impact on the community and attract match funding to maximise potential. **Report to Place Board proposing a number of initiatives and alignment of funds for developing a local approach.**
		2. Planning and stratgey for delivering key events 2015	SCC	Working group established to deliver the 2 key events on behalf of Area Committee. Summer carnival event approved. Events working Group to provide support, advice and guidance to delivering this event. Summer Carnival completed. Evaluation outstanding - to be completed and reported via Place Board. Me,mbers are asked to note a £500 corporate contribution to the event via **See It Do It** . **Place Board also being asked to consider preferred methodology to deliver events in 2016.**
		3. Identify how Washington can contribute to and influence the city wide apporach to heritage and culture	SCC	Members will have the opportunity to contribute to how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community. A brief position statement was presented to the board in relation to heritage facilities. **Anticipate future presentation to Place Board re delivering the City's Cultural Strategy.**
4	**Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee**	1. Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after. Develop approach(s) to deal with:- Neglected Land, Housing - housing standards and empty properties (Housing Renewal Team), Shopping Parades and Industrial Estates, through interventions appropriate at Area Level	SCC: S & AA Louise Butler	Industrial areas being considerd via local action. Housing renewal plans to come to future boards . Moving forward with works at Crowther. Potential for 'business watch' scheme for industrial estates - **Report to Place Board to align funding from 2015/16 budget**. Shopping trolleys still an issue. Still a problem with open top lorries littering, fly tipping and enforcement issues on small industrial estates.
		2. IAMP	SCC: S & AA Louise Butler	Members to receive regular updates and information regarding the proposed IAMP and ensure issues regarding lorry parking and lack of specific facilities is highlighted and addressed. LB to support to find a solution (meetings to discuss use of CIL and highways maintenance in and around IAMP) **Members suggested to look at the development of a Washington Strategy which can feed into and be used as part of the Core Strategy.**
		3. Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of S106 funding at an area level	SCC: S & AA Louise Butler	January 2015 members were provided with the opportunity to attend S106 and viability training. Members requested information relating to S106 spend across the area.
		4. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme	SCC: S & AA Louise Butler	Priorities to be agreed at February Place Board and approved to March Area Committee. Members requested future reports to be split to identify 'strategic networks' and ward level programming. Additional funding identifed to deliver local schemes - decision at June Area committee.

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
15th October 2015
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:
Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):
Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements.

Purpose of Report:
Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to:-

(a) Note the financial statement set out in the report
(b) Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 for the development of a collaborative and partnership approach for a Health and Family Support Project, for families of young people who self-harm
(c) Consider and agree the approval of **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Washington 'Can do' Project
(d) Consider and approve the alignment of **£40,000** SIB 2015/16 for the development of a Washington Financial Inclusion Project
(e) To agree to the return of £20,000 SIB aligned to develop Employability Support Services
(f) Consider and approve the alignment of **£30,000** SIB 2015/16 to support the local heritage and culture offer
(g) Consider and approve the alignment of **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 to develop a local business Watch scheme
(h) Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 to support the development of the Washington Events Programme 2016
(i) Note the 12 approvals of Community Chest detailed within.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No Is it included in the Forward Plan?	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 5**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2015/2016:

	Committee Date	**Aligned**	**Approved**	**Balance**
Total SIB available for 2015/2016 is £329,283.65 This includes new allocation of £287,261 plus unallocated funds and aligned funds from the 2014/15 budget.				
				£329,283.65
Project Name				
Health Priorities Project – matched to CCG £20,000	05.03.2015	£20,000		**£309,283.65**
Employability Support	09.12.2014	£20,000		**£289,283.65**
RETURN Washington 50 St Joseph's School £100				**£289,383.65**
RETURN Local Approach to Employment and Enterprise, Retail Support £3,935.85				**£293,319.50**
Holiday Hunger Scheme Pilot	**Emergency Delegated**		£5,000	**£288,319.50**
Washington Christmas Event	**Emergency Delegated**		£10,000	**£278,319.50**
Balance				**£278,319.50**

2.2 Members are asked to note the balance of **£278,319.50.** This includes returns to the budget as detailed in the table above in 2.1.

3. People based priorities

3.1 Following the September People Board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 to develop the People based priority for Health and Well Being. Proposals for developing a collaborative and partnership approach for a Health and Family Support Project, for families of young people who self-harm as detailed in **Item 3** People Board Progress Report. All proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£228,319.50**

3.2 Following the September People board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to approve **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 to develop the People based priority to support Community Inclusion. Proposals for a Young Person's 'Can Do' Small Grants fund are set out in

detail in **Item 3**. All proposals and applications will be subjected to the SIB Smalls Grants protocol and Members are asked to approve the methodology outlined, i.e. People Board to award grants utilising the SIB Smalls Grants Procedures. If this request is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be collated would be **£218,319.50**

Members are also requested to approve the Call for Projects Project brief as outlined in **Annex 1** of this report and to identify any further targets, outcomes or objectives they would like to see included in the brief.

3.3 Following the September People Board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align SIB 2015/16 to develop the People based priority for Health and Well Being. Proposals for developing a Financial Inclusion Project as detailed in **Item 3** of the People Board Progress Report are presented to the Area Committee for consideration. All proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. Members are requested to align a budget of **£40,000** to develop this project. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£178,319.50**

3.4 Following the September People Board Area Committee is also asked to note the People Board recommendation as detailed in **Item 3** to return the aligned £20,000 SIB 2014/15 to the SIB budget. This funding had been identified to support the development of Employability Support Services via the VCS. The balance of SIB funding remaining would then be **£198,319.50**

4. Place based priorities

4.1 Following the September Place Board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align SIB 2015/16 to develop the Place based priority for Heritage and Culture. Washington Area Committee has for some time maintained 'Heritage and Culture' as a local priority, identifying and generating opportunities to use heritage and culture for a positive impact on the local community, to maximise the 'Washington Offer', and to generate and attract match funding to maximise potential.

Proposals to develop an approach to support the local offer are detailed under **Item 4** and are presented to the Area Committee for consideration. All project proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. Members are requested to align a budget of **£30,000** to develop this project. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£168,319.50**

4.2 Following the September Place Board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align SIB 2015/16 to develop the Place based priority for developing local industrial areas. Place board recommends the development of a local Business Watch scheme targeting the local industrial estates. The aim is to encourage a group of business' who work together with the Police and other agencies to make their area a safer place for all to work, live and visit.

Proposals to develop this approach are detailed under **Item 4** and are presented to the Area Committee for consideration. All project proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. Members are requested to align a budget of **£10,000** to develop this project. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£158,319.50**

4.3 Following the September Place board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align SIB 2015/16 to develop the Washington Events Programme for 2016. Aligning funding now will allow a more planned approach and will allow Area committee to consider and build on a 'business approach' to events to encourage additional resourcing. It will also allow identification of priority events at the beginning of the year and help confirm scheduling and programming.

Proposals are detailed under **Item 4** and are presented to the Area Committee for consideration. All project proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. Members are requested to align a budget of **£50,000** to develop this project. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£108,319.50**

Community Chest

The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances as at end of September 2015. **Annex 2** shows the approvals **June to September 2015**

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since June 2015	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£11,597.89	£547.00	£0.00	£10,250.89
Washington East	£12,664.39	£875.00	£0.00	£11,359.39
Washington North	£10,568.62	£1,524.00	£0.00	£9,044.62
Washington South	£13,469.65	£452.00	£0.00	£13,017.65
Washington West	£15,355.72	£420.00	£0.00	£14,720.72
Total	£63,656.27	**£3,818.00**	**£0.00**	**£58,393.27**

6. Recommendations: Members are requested to:

6.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report

6.2 Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 for the development of a collaborative and partnership approach for a Health and Family Support Project, for families of young people who self-harm as detailed in paragraph 3.1 above and in **Item 3 People Board Progress Report**

6.3 Consider and agree the approval of **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Washington 'Can do' Project as detailed in this report and approve the Project Brief for the Washington 'Can Do' Project as outlined under **Annex 1.**

6.4 Consider and approve the alignment of **£40,000** SIB 2015/16 for the development of a Washington Financial Inclusion Project as detailed in paragraph 3.3 above and in **Item 3 People Board Progress Report**

6.5 To agree to the return of £20,000 SIB aligned to develop Employability Support Services

6.6 Consider and approve the alignment of **£30,000** SIB 2015/16 to support the local heritage and culture offer as detailed in paragraph 4.1 and in **Item 4 Place Board Progress Report**

6.7 Consider and approve the alignment of **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 to develop a local business Watch scheme as detailed in paragraph 4.2 and in **Item 4 Place Board Progress Report**

6.8 Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 to support the development of the Washington Events Programme 2016 as detailed in paragraph 4.3 and in **Item 4 Place Board Progress Report**

6.9 Note the 12 approvals of Community Chest detailed within.

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Annex 1: Project Brief for Washington Young Peoples Can Do Fund
Annex 2: Community Chest awards – for information only

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 5 Annex 1**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Washington Young People's 'CAN DO' Fund

Are you part of a group of young people (11-19 years)?
Do you have an idea or project you need funding to do?
We can help by providing up to £500 to enable you to do it

Introduction and background
The Washington Area People Board has developed a 'CAN DO' Fund available only to groups of young people who want to design and deliver a small project to benefit themselves, other young people and their local community (Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South, Washington West only).

A group is four or more people (aged 11-19 years) and you must have one person in your group to act as the main contact (the applicant). You must have the support or backing of an organisation such as your school, youth club, sports club or similar who will help you to apply and will agree to receive any successful grant into their bank account on your behalf. If the application is approved, the supporting organisation will be sent an offer letter along with the full Terms and Conditions of grant. The grant will be paid within 14 days upon receipt of the signed Terms and Conditions

The attached funding application form must be completed by your group, and you will be asked to present your idea to the Washington Area People Board. Applications will be considered at the following Boards :

- (dates for board)
- (dates for board)
- (dates for board)

The deadlines for the first round of applications is (date)

The decision on which applications are successful will be made by the People Board and will be final. There is no right to appeal. Grants of £300-£500 are available and you should be able to demonstrate that you will ensure value for money and benefit the group and the local area.

The project must contribute to <u>ONE</u> or more of the following -

Increasing Participation and Involvement:
Taking part in activities which can influence decision-making and bring about change

Or

Being healthy:
Enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle

Or

Improving skills:
Taking part in activities and learning to increase opportunities and achieve goals.

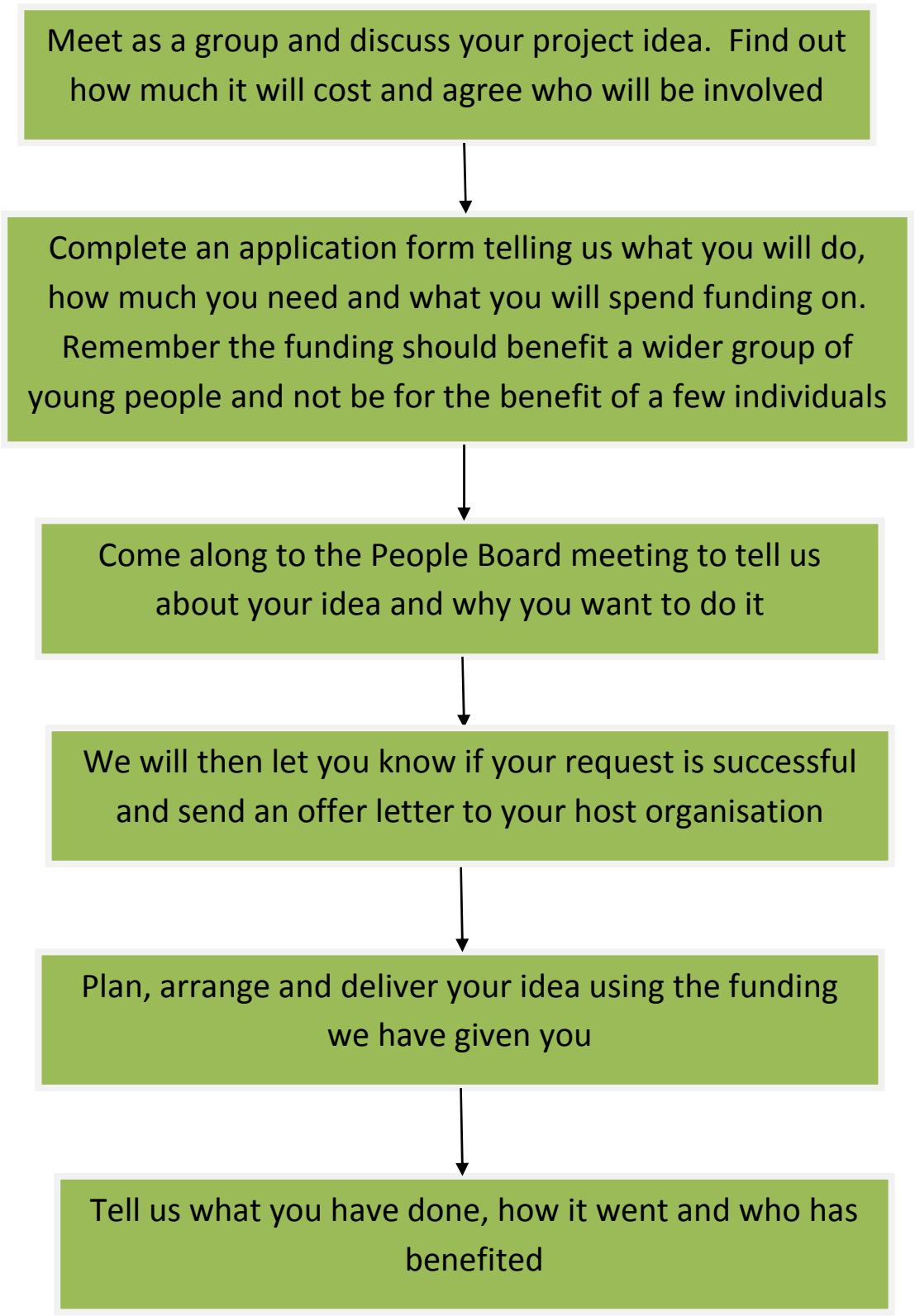
The project proposal can include a celebration event on successful completion but this fund is not intended to fund 'trips'. You will be required to show that any proposed event contributes to the proposed outcomes of the project.

Next Steps
If you are interested in applying to the fund please complete the attached form and send it by email to Helen.Wardropper@sunderland.gov.uk (or by post to Helen Wardropper, Scrutiny and Area Arrangements, Room 3.98, Civic Centre, Sunderland SR2 7DN) by (date).

If you have any questions about the fund or would like to discuss please contact Karon Purvis, Washington Area Community Officer Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0191 561 2449.

Applicants will be contacted to inform them when they are required to attend the People Board and when a decision will be made

Process for Applications to the '**CAN DO'** fund



Washington 'CAN DO' Fund
Application Form

Name of group/team	
Number of people in your group/team	
Main contact name and age (applicant)	
Main contact's Email address	
Contact name and details of supporting organisation (e.g. your teacher, youth worker, sports coach). Please get their agreement and include telephone number and email address	
Name of project	
Description of what you will do	
Explain how this activity meets one or more of the following requirements: **Increasing participation:** **Being healthy:** **Improving skills**:	
Total amount you are asking for	
What will the money be spent on? Please provide detailed costs of each item/activity and the amount you are requesting. **Please include quantity and the description of goods**	

Itemised list of all goods/services	Cost
Who will be involved and who will benefit from the project	

To be signed by the lead young person

Name: …… Signature: ……..

To be completed and signed by the 'host' organisation

Organisation Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone Number	
Contact Name	
Position in Organisation	
Email/Website	

Declaration:
The information contained in this application is accurate. I confirm that the organisation has/will have all of the relevant processes/procedures and governance arrangements in place in order to deliver the project, and agree to receive the grant on behalf of the applicant.

Name:

Signature:

Position in Organisation:

Date:

COMMUNITY CHEST 2015/2016 WASHINGTON AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED June until September 2015 *Includes unallocated funds from 14/15

Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2015/2016	Project Proposals	Previous Approval	Grants Returned	Balance Remaining
Washington Central	**Washington F Pit Miners Banner Group –**Road closures for Miners Banner parades July 2015	£120	£10,000	-	-	-	
	Glebe Methodist Church- Automatic water boiler for community use	£427		-	**-**	-	
	Total	**£547**		-	**-**	£	**£10,250.89**
Washington North	**Washington F Pit Miners Banner Group –**Road closures for Miners Banner parades July 2015 and transport costs	£620	£10,000	-	-	-	
	1st Washington Rainbows - Flamingoland Trip June 2015, First aid kit and Unit Flag	£304		-	-	-	
	Marlborough Primary School- Costs for Alice In Wonderland at the Customs House	£600		-	-	-	
	Total	**£1,524**		-	-	£	**£9,044.62**
Washington East	**Washington F Pit Miners Banner Group –**Road closures for Miners Banner parades July 2015	£120	£10,000	-	-	-	
	Barmston Primary School Art Crafts and Play equipment	£507		-	-	-	
	Wessington U3A - Road Closures Fatfield November	£248		-	-	-	
	Total	**£875**		-	-	£	**£11,359.39**
Washington South	**Washington F Pit Miners Banner Group –**Road closures for Miners Banner parades July 2015	£120	£10,000	-	-	-	
	St John Boste Primary School- Equipment for Eco Club	£332		-	-	-	
	Total	**£452**		-	-	£	**£13,017.65**
Washington West	**Washington F Pit Miners Banner Group –**Road closures for Miners Banner parades July 2015	£120	£10,000	-	-	-	
	Washington Falcons FC- Football strips bibs and equipment	£300		-	-	-	
	Total	**£420**		-	-	£	**£14,720.72**
Overall total		**£3,818**	**£50,000**	**-**	**-**	**£0**	**£ 58,393.27**

Current Planning Applications(Washington)

Between 01/09/2015 and 22/09/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01849/FUL	29 Richmond AvenueWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7JG	Erection of a two storey extension to side, pitched roof to existing porch and canopy to front.	10/09/2015	05/11/2015
15/01855/PE2	1 Glebe CrescentWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7AW	Erection of a pitched roof to existing flat roof single storey extension	11/09/2015	02/10/2015
15/01717/FUL	35C The GalleriesWashington Town CentreWashingtonNE38 7SB	Proposed gantry to provide emergency exit and minor changes to elevation.	11/09/2015	06/11/2015
15/01835/PRI	10 Raeburn AvenueColumbiaWashingtonNE 38 7DZ	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 4m from the original dwelling, 2.9m in height and 2.1m to the eaves)	18/09/2015	30/10/2015
15/01780/ADV	Land At Teal FarmBarmston RoadWashington	Display of illuminated and non-illuminated fascia signage and 3no. freestanding illuminated signs (RESUBMISSION).	01/09/2015	27/10/2015
15/01821/FUL	41 Rowan AvenueHarratonWashingtonNE3 8 9AE	Erection of a single storey extension to side.	02/09/2015	28/10/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01828/PRI	21 Saint Pauls DriveHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7SH	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 4.4m from the original dwelling, 3.85m in height and 2.6m to the eaves)	03/09/2015	15/10/2015
15/01701/FU4	Various Locations Within Teal Farm Nature TrailOtteringtonWashingtonNE38 8TE	Erection of 3no lecterns and 6no owl sculptures to mark the new Teal	07/09/2015	02/11/2015
15/01869/CLP	Fergusons Transport LimitedBarmston LaneWashingtonNE38 8QN	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development - Installation of on-roof 100K Solar PV system.	09/09/2015	04/11/2015
15/01664/FUL	Fatfield Stores17 BirchfieldFatfieldWashingtonNE38 8SW	Installation of ATM (retrospective).	10/09/2015	05/11/2015
15/01665/ADV	Fatfield Stores17 BirchfieldFatfieldWashingtonNE38 8SW	Retention of internally illuminated ATM fascia signage.	10/09/2015	05/11/2015
15/01786/AM1	Land At Teal FarmBarmston RoadWashington	Non material amendment application following grant of planning application for 15/00291/FUL (Erection of a public house and restaurant facility (use class A4) with associated car parking.)	11/09/2015	06/11/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01861/FUL	38 MontereyConcordWashingtonNE37 2RG	Erection of a single storey extension to side.	09/09/2015	04/11/2015
15/01823/FUL	52 BerwickOxcloseWashingtonNE38 0NP	Erection of a single storey extension to front and rear.	01/09/2015	27/10/2015
15/00264/FUL	Fernhill Mount LaneSpringwellGatesheadNE9 7UQ	Demolition of smaller existing stables and erection of dog kennels and conversion of larger existing stables into a cattery.	01/09/2015	27/10/2015