

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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