

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in WASHINGTON MILLENIUM CENTRE, on THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2018 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors Fletcher, Kelly, F. Miller, D. Snowdon, D.E. Snowdon, Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker and Williams

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Louise Butler	-	Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Sarah Reed	-	Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Transformation, Sunderland City Council
Mr. David Gallagher	-	Sunderland CCG
Ms Caroline Latta	-	Sunderland CCG
Acting Inspector Gemma Calvert	-	Northumbria Police
Ms Sylvia Copley	-	Area VCS Representative
Mr. Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Mr. Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Members of the Public		

Chairman's Welcome

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Farthing, G. Miller and Scaplehorn. Inspector Gjørven, Mark Witherspoon, Jemma Amer and Jon Ritchie.

Declarations of Interest

Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Applications for Washington Healthy Lifestyles

Councillors Fletcher, D. Snowdon and P. Walker declared disclosable pecuniary interests in the application as Trustees of the Washington Millennium Centre and left the room during consideration of this item.

Community Chest

Councillor F. Miller made an open declaration in the noting of the Community Chest applications as Vice Chair of the Barmston & District Community Forum.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st June, 2018 and the extraordinary meeting held on 25th July, 2018

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21st June, 2018 and the extraordinary meeting held on 25th July, 2018 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

Partner Agency Reports – Washington Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Sylvia Copley took the Committee through the report informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

Ms Copley wished to draw Members attention to the ongoing work the Network Members were undertaking in relation to the Washington Area Network Work Plan which was attached to the report.

Ms Copley advised that following the resignation of Ms Jacqui Reeves as a Network Representative, recruitment for a replacement representative was currently underway.

The Chairman advised Members that a letter of thanks on behalf of the Area Committee was to be sent to Ms Reeves for her service and the work undertaken in her role as Network Representative.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

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

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on crime and disorder in the Washington area between 6th June and 23rd October, 2018.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

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

In response to Councillor Williams enquiry over the specific reasons for the doubling of crimes in thefts from motor vehicles, Acting Inspector Calvert advised it was opportunistic crimes and theft of number plates and spare tyres.

Members thanked Acting Inspector Calvert for her informative report and thanked her for her attendance, and it was:-

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

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a breakdown of fires for each Ward for the period 1st June until 17th October, 2018 across the Washington area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Station Manager Mark Witherspoon was unable to attend the Committee meeting therefore the Committee was asked to consider the report and any comments would be taken back to Station Manager Witherspoon.

Councillor D. E. Snowdon wished to advise the Committee of a public consultation and meeting with regards to service changes to be held on 29th November at Washington Academy.

Members having considered the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the update from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – CCG – Path to excellence – Phase two

The South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Partnership submitted a report and PowerPoint presentation (copies circulated) to inform the Committee of “The Path to Excellence – phase two” public and Stakeholder engagement.

(for copy report and presentation – see original minutes)

Mr David Gallagher of the Clinical Commissioning Group presented the report and advised the Committee of the key challenges, how they planned to address them and the steps to be taken going forward.

Councillor Kelly commented that the reality of losing the Walk in centres would result in more people using Accident and Emergency so whilst he welcomed services coming into Washington there were a number of issues still not being addressed such as those services moving to South Shields and the transport problems this created.

Councillor Kelly also commented that he believed the parking provision at the hospitals should be part of these discussions.

Mr Gallagher commented that in relation to parking, in an ideal world they would build a new hospital but they were trying to make the best of what was available. With regards to transport, this would be looked at during consultations and the Urgent Care consultations had now closed and they would be coming back to inform and liaise on the results of this.

Ms Caroline Latta, Clinical Commissioning Group, commented that there had been an overwhelming amount of comments on the transport impact. Field testing and desktop work with Joint Health Scrutiny Members and Transport Groups had been undertaken and they would be feeding this work into the scrutiny process so they were bringing people together to try and solve the problems by putting practical solutions in place.

Councillor Kelly raised concerns that the older population could not travel to multiple locations and would face significant difficulties with public transport.

Ms Latta advised that they were looking to have conversations with the Community and voluntary sector with regards to possibly providing transport. Greater information on parking/charges etc was needed to be signposted and a joined up approach.

Ms Latta also commented that passenger transport providers wanted to help as much as possible so there was a range of things being developed and put in place.

Councillor Williams referred to the budget realignment over to prevention and queried if they had the finance to employ all the staff that was required and also that there was a need to look at new ways of operating.

Councillor Williams commented that there were a number of children within Lambton Primary School that suffered from physical difficulties and a Physiotherapist used to visit the school for such pupils, something they weren't able to do now and she queried if schools needed to consider staffing changes in order to fund the physiotherapist requirement.

Mr Gallagher commented that regrettably they would never have enough money to fund all that should be funded but the task was to free up the finance for the best provision possible and they were working with Council colleagues on how to get the best offer.

With regards to therapy, Mr Gallagher was unaware of the issue and suggested he obtain further details from Councillor Williams outside of the meeting so he could look into this further.

Ms Latta wished to advise the Committee that there was due to be further Path to Excellence Events which people were more than welcome to attend.

The Chairman thanked Mr Gallagher and Ms Latta for their report and it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report from the CCG be received and noted.

People Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the Washington Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to update the Committee of the progress of the Washington Area People Board against the current year's (2018/19) Work Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor H. Trueman presented the report and highlighted in particular the progress made in relation to the Time to Care, Healthy Lifestyles, VCS Support, Positive Activities for Young People and Fire Angels projects.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the Committee:-
 - (i) Considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington People Board Work Plan for 2018/19 as detailed in Annex 1

- (ii) Agreed the People Board recommendation to approve additional funding (previously aligned) and extension to the Washington Healthy Lifestyles as presented under Item 5 Finance Report Annex 1 Summary of SIB Applications
- (iii) Agreed the People Board recommendation to approve the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Positive Activities for Children and Young People as detailed in Paragraph 4 of the report and under Item 5 Finance Report Annex 2
- (iv) Agreed to support the People Board recommendation for the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Fire Angel Connect Project as detailed within the report.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the Washington Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) to update the Committee of the progress of the Washington Area Place Board against the current year's (2018/19) Work Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor F. Miller presented the report and highlighted in particular the progress made in relation to Influencing Service Delivery, Clean and Green Project and the Events Programme 2019.

In respect of the Clean and Green Project, Councillor Kelly commented on the need to recognise the work carried out by the volunteers of the keep Washington tidy group and that a thank you letter should be sent on behalf of the Committee. Members unanimously agreed with the suggestion.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- (i) Considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Place Board Work Plan for 2018/19 as detailed in Annex 1 of the report.
- (ii) Agreed to support the Place Board recommendation to approve the purchase of additional equipment for use in Washington as detailed in Item 5 Finance Report Annex 1 Summary of SIB applications
- (iii) Agreed to support the Place Board recommendation to approve Project Brief and Call for Projects for Clean and Green Phase 2, as presented under Item 5 Finance Report Annex 3.
- (iv) Agreed to support the Place Board recommendation to approve the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Events 2019 as presented under Item 5 Finance Report Annex 4.

Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Head of Strategy, Partnerships and Transformation Directorate submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to a

financial statement as an up to date position in relation to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Butler, Area Co-ordinator, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report and in particular to the proposal to purchase a Gator.

Ms. Butler advised that the Place Board had recommended the allocation of £12,000 towards the purchase of the equipment yet the actual cost of the proposal had come in at £12,725. Should Area Committee approve this additional cost then the remaining balance would be £2,682.

Councillor Williams requested that should the proposal be agreed, that the Place Board be given the opportunity to consider the best use of the machinery.

In response to Councillor D. E. Snowdon's query, Ms. Butler advised that the ongoing maintenance costs would £200 per year which would be taken on by Place Services.

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

8. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in the report be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £25,000 SIB funding from the 2018/19 budget for the continuance of the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project to the Washington Millennium Centre Development Trust;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £25,000 SIB funding from the 2018/19 budget and the project brief and Call for Projects for Positive Activities for Children and Young People Summer Programme 2019;
- (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £5,000 SIB funding from the 2018/19 budget for the Community Vibe;
- (v) approval be given to the allocation of £12,725 (amended) SIB funding from the 2018/19 budget, to Place Services for the purchase of a Gator Utility vehicle;
- (vi) approval be given to the allocation of £50,000 SIB funding from the 2018/19 budget and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Clean and Green 2019 Project;
- (vii) approval be given to the allocation of £40,000 SIB funding from the 2018/19 budget and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Events 2019 Programme;

- (viii) the Washington Ward Improvement balances as detailed in Paragraph 5 of the report be noted;
 - (ix) the eight approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2018/19 budget as set out in Annex 5 to the report be noted;
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Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st October, 2018 to 31st October, 2018 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

9. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) L. LAUCLAN,
Chairman.