

**Washington Area Committee Place Board: Work plan 2019/20**

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All proposals to recognise requirements of SCC Carbon Neutrality approach</li> <li>• To note the Capacity of both Arbor teams/Environmental Services -additional resources may need to be procured (in line with SCC Policy for procuring external contractors)</li> <li>• Where possible some of the areas identified may be able to be dealt with via normal grounds maintenance, tree works and response to health &amp; safety (dead/dangerous single trees)</li> <li>• To note the list of dead/dying already logged and waiting for initial inspections (team capacity/limited resources) – only urgent public safety issues will individual trees be dealt with as an emergency</li> <li>• Clean &amp; Greens current Plantation Programme</li> <li>• On-going discussions with the Woodland Trust</li> <li>• Members are also asked to note the requirement to consult with residents and any stakeholders, relevant to each ‘pilot’ area or site – before any work can be commissioned/carried out.</li> </ul> <p>A Sub Group will be set up with relevant Officers and Place Board representation to form a longer-term vision and strategy to address trees and plantation management in Washington</p> <p>Elected members (per ward) identify issues and projects to address local concerns</p>
	Washington Ward Improvement Project	
	Road Safety Scheme	<p>Network Management have been requested to circulate database info to Members, where cameras are, complaints received, speed surveys over last 3 years, plans Highways have for each ward etc. Members would then be able to make an informed decision with regards to proposing new sites for additional and more up to date VAS. Members have also provided ‘priority’ hotspot schools (Primary) in order to establish and implement a rolling programme of action, with relevant partners, to address inconsiderate parking. Neighbourhood Services Officers will liaise with partners such as enforcement, police and the school to implement a ‘Week of Action’ regarding the campaign.</p>
	Community Hubs (local base) for residents to interact with SCC and local Cllrs, and other statutory partners (Joint People & Place)	<p>Develop method/route to provide opportunities for local residents to work with SCC to address neighbourhood concerns and issues. <b>Strategic approach – Items 2 and 3</b></p>
	Enhance and support provision in local community centres. (Joint People & Place)	<p>Support community groups for building improvements, SLA type costs, training, improve digital inclusion. Neighbourhood Services Officer to present report to Board with regards to gaps, needs and issues.</p>
Heritage and Culture: Washington Heritage Strategy	Deliver Washington Heritage Strategy	<p>Washington Trust have installed a number of Blue Plaques, the latest being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bobby Thompson</li> </ul>

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

		<p>hangings. One Day You'll Be Older Too - Successful exhibition, praised by public press and public alike. Some 40,000 visitors got to see the exhibition and Washington Health and Heritage was praised publicly for its innovative ways of supporting arts, health and heritage in the area.</p>
<b>Influencing</b>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feedback from Gentoo and other housing providers re future plans – <a href="#">Joint Cllr/Gentoo meetings scheduled</a></li> <li>2. Joint work with Police to address ASB - <a href="#">Joint Cllr Police meetings scheduled</a></li> <li>3. Street lighting and security.</li> <li>4. Highways Maintenance Programming – <a href="#">2019/20 programming agreed March Area Committee</a></li> <li>5. Local Services Scheduling - <a href="#">2019/20 programming agreed March Area Committee</a></li> <li>6. Community: Joint working with local VCS re Place priorities and plans</li> </ol>