

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Main Hall, Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD on Thursday 17th March, 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

Membership

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

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7th March, 2022

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in the THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER on THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2021 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors, Farthing, Laws, P. Walker, Warne and Williams

Also in Attendance:-

Mrs. Karon Purvis	-	Area Officer – Sunderland City Council
Mr. Jon Ritchie	-	Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ms Julie McBurnie	-	Environmental Services Manager, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Alan Duffy		Gentoo
Mr Steven Bewick		TWFRA
Mr Paul Thompson	-	TWFRA
Inspector Gjørven	-	Northumbria Police
Suzanne Davies	-	Sunderland Culture/Arts Centre

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Donaghy, Fletcher, F. Miller, G. Miller, D. E Snowdon, Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman and M. Walker and from Denise Gilholme

Declarations of Interest

Washington Area Budget Report

Councillor Williams made an open declaration in the Consideration of Neighbourhood Funding to Sunderland Culture to deliver the Washington Creative You Project and also consideration of Neighbourhood Funding to NE Business & Innovation Centre to deliver the Washington Heritage & Culture Offer, as Director of Sunderland Culture, therefore left the room during the approval of those applications.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th September 2021

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th September, 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Washington Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

Councillor Laws introduced Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services to provide an update on the Enforcement Safety Measures. Mr Ritchie advised that they had gone out to procurement and the expected implementation date was still Spring 2022.

Officers were still considering the factors of disabled access but this wasn't something that should delay the works. The Committee noted the update.

In relation to the VAS programme, Councillor Williams advised that she had been waiting for one particular rotation of the signs to appear and despite officers assurance that this would occur it had been missed again and suggested we may need to keep a close eye on movements/rotations of the signs so that some areas do not miss out. Mrs Purvis advised that Officers would be attending the February Board meeting so issues such as this could be raised then.

Councillor Farthing commented that she was pleased to hear officers would be attending Board as residents had raised queries over the signs showing a lower speed than their cars speedometer and would like clarity over this.

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

2. RESOLVED that the Committee

- i) Considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020- 2023, and agreed the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1 of the report
- ii) Supported the recommendation to extend the VAS Rotation Programme
- iii) Supported the recommendation for the Cook Well Live Well Project
- iv) Supported the recommendation to develop a Financial Resilience Programme for Washington's Young People
- v) Supported the recommendation invest in Washington's VCS and community assets
- vi) Noted the video highlighting the Committee's work in relation to Social Isolation and Social Inclusion

Washington Area Budget Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

With regards to the Financial Resilience and Engagement for Young People proposal, Councillor Farthing commented that having listened to the voice of the city's young people, time and time again they have asked for life skills so she was really pleased this project would offer that for them.

3. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial information detailed within Tables One, Two and Three of the report;
- ii) Considered and Approved the NF Funding of £21,220 to extend the Vehicle Activated Signs Programme as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Considered and Approved the NF Funding of £50,000 for the Cook Well Live Well Project Brief and Call for Projects as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iv) Considered and approved the NF Funding of £9,800 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Supporting Community Assets as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;

- v) Considered and approved the NF Funding of £100,000 to Sunderland Culture to deliver the Washington Creative You Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- vi) Considered and approved the NF Funding of £150,000 to NE Business & Innovation Centre to deliver the Washington Heritage & Culture Project set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- vii) Considered and aligned NF funding of £35,000 to develop a Financial Resilience Project for Young People in Washington as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 of the report;
- viii) Considered and Approved NI Capital funding of £90,200 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Supporting Community Assets as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 3 of the report;
- ix) Noted the approved Community Chest grants from April 2021 to December 2021 as detailed in Annex 4 of the report;

Partner Agency Reports

a) Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Purvis presented the report on behalf of the VCS Network and advised that a meeting had taken place on the 7th December with presentations on Crowdfunding and that it was business as usual with no issues to report from the Network.

In response to Councillor Williams enquiry, Mrs Purvis informed that attendees varied between 12 to 20 and that the Network meetings usually had a good attendance.

Members having considered the report, it was: -

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

b) Northumbria Police

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Nick Gjorven presented the report and informed the Committee of significant changes experienced to his team which had made it difficult to achieve the things he had wanted to but they were in a better place now and he would ensure his new team introduced themselves to Members in the coming months.

Councillor P. Walker commented that he was pleased to see the proposal for a dedicated site for off road motor bikes at Follingsby as this had always been an issue so it was most welcome and requested any details that could be shared on this.

In response to Councillor Farthings query, Inspector Gjorven advised that they did have a good working relationship with Early Help officers, along with Gentoo, to tackle ASB and they were doing a piece of work with Early Help currently in the Coalfield area which they would hopefully be able to bring across to Washington also.

Councillor Williams raised the concern of youths causing issues in the area and commented that it was a very difficult situation where we needed to change their behaviours, so she looked forward to being able to have this discussion with the Police.

Councillor Williams informed the Committee that many residents had had stated that when they reported issues, nothing had been done, therefore they had stopped reporting instances. Councillor Williams also advised that having spoken with the youth worker within Oxclose, he had been very complimentary of the police officer working on this, but it would be nice to see some feedback.

Mrs Purvis advised that a team from Together for Children had attended the recent LMAP's meeting and they would be working to target those youths which had been causing the issues. Inspector Gjorven advised that it was about targeting the cause rather than the symptoms.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

c) TWFRS

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Steven Bewick, Station Manager presented the report and expanded on the figures provided.

Councillor Farthing commented that there had been an awful number of increased incidents and she was concerned over the schools breaking up and

the amount of debris from fallen trees that was on the ground which could be set alight.

The Chairman agreed that there was more debris than usual due to Storm Arwin.

Councillor Williams commented that there appeared to be an awful amount of bin fires occurring as well as some assaults and enquired if anything was being done to prevent this, such as working with the young people.

Mr Bewick advised that there was a lot of skips and waste around the Leisure Centre and Galleries which the Fire Service had contacted the galleries about to remove. Leaflet drops had been carried out around the surrounding areas and operational crews were engaging more in the area.

Mr Bewick advised that they were also reporting to the Council, instances where leaves had blown into the subways, which could be set alight.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bewick for his attendance.

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

d) Gentoo

Gentoo provided a verbal update to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Alan Duffy, Head of Operations, Gentoo wished to apologise that there had been no written report provided as Storm Arwin had occurred before the deadline for reports. Mr Duffy advised that the Storm had resulted in 9000 calls and extensive damage across the City. 2 tenants in Washington had to be rehomed, 1800 roof repairs were needed along with fence repairs also.

Mr Duffy informed that operatives had been working overtime on weekends to deal with this and they had now completed a full assessment of the damage so in terms of roofing issues, the other areas in Sunderland had seen the brunt of the damage.

In response to Councillor Williams query over how many people had been without Gas/Electricity or Water, and for how long, Mr Duffy advised that there had been one resident in Glebe who had suffered significant damage to her roof which had allowed water to damage electrics which they had managed to get in and fix. The two properties most affected had been due to structural damage.

Councillor Williams referred to the 18000 roof repairs needed and enquired how long this would take. Mr Duffy commented that it was hard to tell at the moment as they were still in planning stage whilst also needed to carry out the

day-to-day repairs that were required so they were prioritising the most dangerous cases at the moment.

The Chairman thanked Mr Duffy for his report and commented that he was sure everyone was grateful for Gentoo's efforts during this difficult period.

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st October, 2021 to 30th November, 2021 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman advised that Ms Julie McBurnie, the new Environmental Services Manager was in attendance and introductions were made.

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

(Signed) L. Lauchlan,
Chairman.

17th March 2022

**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 February 2022, 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
Invest in parks	<p>The Neighbourhood and Communities Board agreed an application to this Committee under Item 3 Budget Report to approve £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment Funding (currently aligned) for Princess Anne Park. The project will repair and refurbish a number of footpaths and routes as prioritised by Ward Councillors following the recent review of the Masterplan.</p> <p>The tender for the refurbishment of the pavilion in Usworth Park is now live. Anticipate start on site May. SCC and the VCS Alliance continue to support the Friends of Usworth Park, and the Usworth Park Officer Group met on 24th February to determine arrangements and budget to manage the refurbished building, and to discuss with Environmental Services a nomination for Green Flag status for Usworth Park. The group also agreed the following priorities from the agreed Development Plan, should budgets allow (following award of tender):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New entrance gate at Manor view (plus remodelling of entrance landscaping) • New borders and landscaping • Options for a Community Orchard
Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2022/23	Officers presented the report attached as Annex 2 and agreed the prioritised list identified in the attached Appendix 2
Trees and Plantation Management	The Board agreed a new Task & Finish Group to consider opportunities and options for schemes for Trees for Climate/NE Community Forest
Health and Wellbeing: Healthy Choices Task Group	A call for projects for Cook Well Live Well was released resulting in 9 applications. Following consultation with Ward Cllrs recommendations for approval are presented under Item 3 Budget Report
Support for the VCS	<p>Improving Community Assets Call released resulting in 6 applications. Following consultation with Ward Cllrs recommendations for approval are presented under Item 3 Budget Report</p> <p>The February Board agreed to receive an application from the WISP Project to extend the initiative until March 2023. Application and recommendation presented under Item 3 Budget Report</p>
Events	The February Board agreed the development and delivery of a community programme to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2022. The Project Brief and proposal for funding is presented under Item 3 Budget Report
Services for young people: Financial Resilience	The February Board agreed the Project Brief and Call for Projects to deliver a financial inclusion project for young people, targeting education courses with regards to money management, budgeting, and debt management – working through our 4 Senior/Secondary schools. To be considered under Item 3 Budget Report

Services for young people: Washington Outreach	Following the presentation of a detailed evaluation of the Washington Outreach Project, The February board agreed to receive an application from the project to extend its current delivery to March 2023. Application and recommendation presented under Item 3 Budget Report
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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 **Item 2 Annex 1**.
- ii. Agree recommendations for the completion of the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes 2022/23 as detailed in **Item 2 Annex 2**
- iii. Note the video animation highlighting the Committee's work in relation to delivery of the WAC Delivery Plan priorities throughout 2021/22

Annex 1 Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

Annex 2 Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2022 - 2023

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

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

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

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

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1. Tackle Empty Properties		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better housing</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report
Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board Illegal encampments raised as an issue	Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area	<p>1. Following an update to all Area Chairs, presentation from Private Sector Housing Team to July Board.</p> <p>2. Access control measures: Procurement undertaken. Successful tender price within the estimated budget of £120,000. To address some of the comments raised during the consultation process, along with the Equality Impact Assessment completed by officers, some minor design amendments at 3 the sites have been made. This will ensure that reasonable adjustments are made to ensure that disabled access, specifically for visitors who have vehicles that are taller than the height restricted barriers. These are minor amendments, to slightly move the placing of the barriers to allow several disabled car parking spaces to be created outside of the barrier. They do not change the overall intention of the design to limit access by inappropriate vehicular access. The orders have been placed for the works, with the fabrication process underway and installation expected on site during March. Once the final contract price is known, taking into account any unexpected ground conditions for example, Area Committee will be informed of the unused budget which can then be considered for other projects.</p>
2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their community</i> A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		

Action	Next steps	Progress
Continue with Clean and Green community clean ups and litter picks and love where you live campaign projects and campaigns	ACDL to work with the lead with regards to identify project sustainability post March 2022	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board propose Clean & Green Project as a priority for support. A limited number of volunteers have returned. Small scale litter picking and clean ups currently underway (to include a community group or volunteers). Steering Group met 01.02.22 to confirm programme of work Jan – June 22: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harraton CA 2. Usworth Park 3. Litter picks across the area Cllrs requested to put forward additional small scale works/community led projects. SW to contact schools, Friends groups and active RAs for C & G volunteers to assist local action. Current funding/programme will continue to deliver until end of June 2022. Requested full review and evaluation to identify best practice
Scheme: Additional planters – look into feasibility of resident groups adopting them	ACDL to confirm with Environmental Services how many planters are available, condition and requirements for maintenance and repair	7 schemes agreed with 24 planters utilised – East Bridge St, Oxclose/Crighton, Building Blocks Centre, Usworth Park, Rickleton PS, Biddick PS, the Life House Sensory Garden. Clean & Green Team are project managing the scheme
Continue with Ward Improvement Project	ACDL followed up on all outstanding works, all claims submitted.	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board propose review of Project Outcomes December 2021. Review and evaluation to April Board
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	ACDL to present options/review of project outcomes to future Board	September Area Committee approved an additional £11,000 to extend the Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) scheme. C & G: Local Action Small Grants Call for Projects released March 3rd - deadline for applications 25th March 2022
3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress

<p>Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project (WNMEP)- Focus on Neighbourhood 'enforcement' in village centres, littering on slip roads, use of cameras, vandalism and ASB in parks, play areas and green spaces, and support for environmental volunteers</p>	<p>ACDL established Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to receive above information, consider and how they can enhance and support the current offer in Washington</p>	<p>Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. Update 02.11.21 to 31.01.22: actions taken since last update (02/11/2021) and close of business 31/01/2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued 586 Section 46 Advisory warning letters to households across targeted areas in relation to presentation of household bins. • Issued 13 Section 46 Notices to households that failed to adhere to initial advisory letter. • Issued 6 littering warning letters to households believed to be littering cigarette ends onto communal paths/public highways. • 5 FPN's of £150 each issued for littering offences. • 1 FPN issued in the amount of £400 for fly-tipping offence. • Attended 1 community litter pick Keep Washington Tidy around Barmston • Continue to visit targeted streets weekly to monitor environmental concerns and request services/cleansing and improvements through staff report it. Including recent replacement of damaged steps at Bamburgh Close. • Continued to be involved with the implementation of the Trolleys PSPO. • Addressed concerns over dog control orders at Usworth Park and attended to replace signage and complete regular patrols. • Continue to erect SCC signage and posters where appropriate in relation to litter, dog fouling and fly-tipping.
<p>Together Clean and Green Partnership with Gentoo and other services to continue to tackle/support local enforcement to household waste management, abandoned trollies, neighbourhood issues</p>	<p>ACDL schedule Together Clean & Green Partnership working group</p>	<p>Alongside Washington NMEP, Together Clean & Green keen to roll out extensive education and PR campaign to promote enforcement messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective</p>

		Neighbourhood Management. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly. PSPO re trollies – Coms campaign being pulled together, which will comprise of a leaflet being distributed to residential properties in the vicinity, posters erected in shops and signage displayed throughout the area. The campaign will run for approx 4weeks followed by a zero-tolerance approach. One new full time Neighbourhood Warden recruited to focus mainly on the enforcing of abandoned trollies in the Washington area on a full-time basis. Together Clean and Green Partnership meeting held 2nd March. Full update and progress to be provided to next board 4th April
PR & communications campaign re enforcement	ACDL work with SCC Comms to determine PR & campaigns responsive to local issues. Consider how to fit with corporate approach re enforcement, messages & campaigns, and prosecutions when developing local project.	Use of Area Facebook pages and SCC Social Media for Campaign/messages to support the proposed NMEP and Together C & G work continues
4. Flood Mitigation		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Washington Flood Mitigation Scheme: Request update to Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW funded)	ACDL request update to Board	Flood Mitigation Scheme update report presented November Board
5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities		
A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks	ACDL established Task & Finish group to develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington Parks and Play in parks. To consider	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agree investment in Parks and Play as a priority for support 2021/22

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Capacity • City's Play Strategy • Inspection and maintenance regimes for any new development • Plans for investment in parks and green spaces • Dealing with and response to ASB and vandalism of play areas and parks • Opportunities to access S106 • Which of our parks are parks? Or green/open spaces – Albany Park previously designated as open space? • Local issues identified including ongoing ASB/vandalism in parks and green spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September AC approved an additional £50,000 to deliver the next stage of the Usworth Park Development Plan. SCC Capital funding of £120,000 will then be made available. The tender invite for the refurbishment of the Pavilion now out. • Princess Anne Park - Task group confirmed priority spend. Application to March AC to approve £50,000 Capital (match £50k SCC) to repair and refurbish network of footpaths and routes • SCC Officer to revisit Fixed Play Survey and confirm required specifications and work - request SCC Officer attend April Board (date to be confirmed) to confirm programme for play improvements • Funding to support the roll out of Time to Talk benches agreed at September AC
Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan	ACDL to redraft Usworth Park Development Plan. Include review and redraft of Action Plan	<p>The Friends Group for Usworth Park established. Work is now underway with progress re bins, seats, landscaping, tennis court improvements, new gate into tennis courts, new fencing, line marking on the courts for play, goalposts, litter picks and tidy ups, planters project, security, tree planting and bulbs, and local consultation for new gates.</p> <p>The tender invite for the refurbishment of the Pavilion now out. Anticipate start on site May. Estimated work schedule 6 – 8 weeks. Some access to the park will be restricted whilst works are underway.</p>
Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan	ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	March Area Committee aligned £50k Neighbourhood Capital funds to contribute to delivering the improvements in Princess Anne Park as identified by the recent review of the masterplan for the park. SCC has agreed an additional £50,000

		Following the review of the Masterplan Ward councillors identified footpath repairs and car park resurfacing as the main priorities. Detailed proposal to March AC under Item 3 Budget Report
Improve play areas	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds	Fixed play survey (FPS) presented to Board and Area Committee. WAC aligned £80,000 NCIP and SCC confirmed £85,000 capital as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC Officer to revisit FPS and confirm required specifications and works– report to April Board
6. Plantations and tree management		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services requested to update Neighbourhood & Community Board with regard to the Strategic approach for future management of large plantations close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Strategic update to Board.	Following the successful implementation of the WAC funded tree management scheme (Phase 1 & 2), SCC Officers invited to attend future Board to discuss strategic approach to manage large plantation areas in Washington. Report to Feb Board: Management of Shrub Beds and Planters in Lower Oxclose. Environmental Services to work with Gentoo and together Clean & Green to resolve issues Report to Feb Board re opportunities for NE Community Forest/Trees for Climate – new Task & Finish Group proposed to consider opportunities and options for schemes
7. Street Furniture including litter bins		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		

<p>Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to Cllrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme</p>		<p>SCC presentation outlining future capital investment in parks and allotments at the July Board included confirmation of £65,000 investment in bins and signage in Ayton, Holley Park, Rickleton and Seldom Seen. Ward Cllrs continue to invest Ward Improvement Budgets to repair, and replace bins across Washington</p>
<p>8. Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting</p>		
<p>Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i></p>		
<p>Update Neighbourhood & Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme</p>	<p>ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule</p>	<p>VAS signs for the Washington Area received and deployed. Rotation programme agreed and included in previous Board Reports. Area report presented to Board detailing winter rotation. Proposals for additional VAS approved Dec AC. Officers attended February Board to discuss new sites/rotation programming and to look at issues raised re the current programme. ACDL emailed Cllrs requesting proposals for new sites/rotation programme</p>
<p>Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020</p>	<p>ACDL organise meeting Road Safety Team re draft proposals and schemes – complete. Detailed report to November Board and December Area Committee with regards to proposals for campaign.</p>	<p>Event held at Usworth Colliery PS 17th July. SCC Road Safety Officers are keen to engage with more Primary schools in Washington and now that restrictions have eased / lifted there is scope to improve the offer. Key to this will be interest and take up from the schools. ACDL meeting with Road Safety Team to draft programme of further activity, targeting the key sites recently identified by Councillors. Joint working with Police and Fire Service agreed. Confirm further dates and activities to commence New Year. Event February 15th/16th Usworth Colliery Primary School re the follow up pavement parking campaign. Rickleton PS expressed an interest - this location may be an option for March.</p>

		In addition to the WAC project, the Council is delivering the School Streets Project - St Bedes being considered as part of a wider programme. Issues identified at St Roberts – local Ward Cllrs meeting Officers to resolve. March 9th the team will be visiting Vigo Lane/Rickleton PS to target parent parking/inconsiderate parking. Police, camera car and civil enforcement foot patrols will also be in attendance
Request strategic response to Traffic Management issues raised – enforcement of 20mph areas, speeding, need for additional signage re speed limits, enforcing the bus links and inconsiderate parking around/near to schools		Traffic management/parking issues on agenda at Board as required
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	A prioritised list of proposed streets for the 2022/23 agreed at the Feb 2022 Board and presented for approval at the March AC 2022. Highways Maintenance Programme 2022-23 and then city wide programme submitted to Cabinet for approval April 2022
9. Health and Well Being		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
	Next Steps	Progress
Develop a co-ordinated approach with relevant partners to support VCS to help the local community eat and learn to prepare/cook healthy meals	Task Group established	Cook Well Live Well Project Brief released. 9 applications received. Ward Cllrs consulted on all applications and recommendations for approval presented under Item 3 Budget Report
Continue the Neighbourhood funded Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board

Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy Action in the Community' projects		6 projects approved – 5 either complete or still fully operational and delivering on target. 1 project has been requested to confirm delivery/start date or to confirm return of funds. All completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review processes
10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Action		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance	Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. All 5 CSW posts now filled – Washington CSW Denise Gilholme has started meeting partners and groups and attends the Network meeting to update the sector on support. VCS Alliance Manager also now in post. VCS Alliance presented to the next Area Network meeting February 22nd and held workshop to discuss options and business model for the Alliance. The Washington workshop was the first of the 5 area events and the results of the workshops and consultations with the sector will be reported back via the Area Networks in April/May.
Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington.	Number of WAC funded Project already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.	March Area Committee approved 12month extension for REACT, WISP, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care. February Board agreed an application to be received by March AC to extend WISP until March 2023 – application for consideration under Item 3 Budget Report

		Improving Community Assets Call released January. 6 applications received. Ward Cllrs consulted on all applications and recommendations for approval presented under Item 3 Budget Report
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Social Isolation' projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	12 projects approved – 10 either complete or have submitted new delivery milestones. 1 has withdrawn their application and the funds have been returned to the budget. 1 has been requested to confirm delivery or return funds. All the completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review processes
Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed investment and support for digital inclusion for learning and employment as a priority for support 2021/22 REACT has all been extend to March 2023 but with the recent addition of Community Renewal Fund likely to be extended further. Lead will confirm new end date.
11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs The hubs are also starting to complete 'personal pathway plans' for all those still registered for support to ensure they continue to get the help they need. Further funding to support vulnerable residents delivered via the established Hub

		partnerships and the Covid Community Champions partnerships
Evaluate the delivery model for the Neighbourhood Fund VCS Support Project and VCS Training Programme– to consider reprofiling outcomes and milestones based on learning from Community Hubs	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs. Linked to strategic review re support for VCS.	VCS Support Project linked to Hub –Anticipate project ends December 2021. All VCS support and volunteering support co-ordinated with the CSW Action Plan. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board
12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime through a partnership approach		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Develop local Neighbourhood Watch schemes	ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr meeting (Microsoft Teams) with Inspector and bring information to future board meeting re potential for neighbourhood watch schemes Maintain communication and information sharing established through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Area News weekly bulletin • Area Face Book pages • Information sharing • Joint Police/Cllr meeting 	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed establishing a community scheme as a priority for support 2021/22. Joint Police and Cllr meeting held 20 th October 2021. Next meeting scheduled 23 rd February 4.30pm
Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-agency approach	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings	ACDLs and Cllr F Miller to continue to report issues raised which require a multi-agency approach.
Continue the Neighbourhood funded 'Fire Angels' Project working with vulnerable adults re home safety alarms	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	No further update received due to pandemic/restrictions and new technology now being agreed. Request update as part of next QMR process
13. Support communities to deliver Local Events		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Action		

Continue to update Community Events offer as method to continue to involve local communities and build capacity	Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Event programme	Washington Events Programme rolled over to 2021/22. ACDL in discussions with lead with regards to options and alternatives events – dependent on restrictions being eased. Project supported Springwell 1940s Event and Miners Event 4 th September in Usworth Park. Events timetable will now include a new Easter Event extending the original programme and support for the 2022 Springwell village 1940s Event. Consideration of new Events Programme for 2022/23 will be presented to April Board as part of the performance review of the current Delivery Plan. The February Board agreed a Project Brief for the Queens Jubilee Fund – for events, activities and celebrations. To be considered under Item 3 Budget Report
14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Action		
Positive Activities	ACDL amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.	Continued support to deliver Positive Activities programmes – school holiday activity programmes plus address holiday hunger. March 2021 AC agreed a new 12month programme. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC. Current funding arrangements allow the leads to deliver the programme of activities to include May 2022 half term (due to reduced activity programmes because of Covid restrictions) 2022/23 Programme proposals to be discussed at April Board
Relaunch the ‘Can-Do’ Project	Review of scheme to July Board	Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and

		deliver projects that benefit the wider community. September Area Committee approved an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget). Next round to coincide with April Board for presentations with the invite to apply sent out after Feb Half Term. Circulated March 3rd with deadline for submissions 25th March.
Develop a new 'offer' for young people - a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music?	Task & Finish Group established. Consider options for 'Remix' type initiative to encourage new delivery partners.	Creative You Project approved to Sunderland Culture at the December AC Project to commence April 2022
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Washington Outreach Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	The project continues to address partner and Cllr hotspot areas re ASB. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC. Evaluation and Review of Washington Outreach Project presented to February Board. Project invited to apply to extend the current programme to March 2023. To be considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Washington Youth Matters: Financial Resilience	Task & Finish Group established	The February Board agreed the Project Brief and Call for Projects to deliver a financial inclusion project for young people, targeting education courses with regards to money management, budgeting, and debt management – working through our 4 Senior/Secondary schools. To be considered under Item 3 Budget Report
15. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress

<p>Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway</p>	<p>ACDL to establish Task and Finish group. Bring together a number of strategies and documents to consider how best to support local heritage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Heritage Strategy • Feasibility Study F Pit/Albany Park • Bid for Culture documents – summarises some of the offer of local heritage groups • Need for archive for collections • Build on the work of the Blue Plaque installations 	<p>Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed delivering the Washington Heritage Strategy as a priority for support 2021/22 Capital investment at Bowes Railway approved March 2021. Briefing and summary of works to relocate Albany Wheel and replace. Report and costs to be presented to future Board for consideration</p> <p>Washington Heritage & Culture Project approved December AC – awarded to NE BIC – a number of local partners also included. Anticipate project will commence mid to end February</p>
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WASHINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

17th FEBRUARY 2022

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2022-23

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to consider and recommend to Area Committee the list of streets for their area, to a value of £100,000 that should be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2022-2023.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At November's Neighbourhood and Community Board, members were informed of the process for developing and approving the 2022-2023 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme for works on the adopted highway network.
- 2.2 At the meeting Board members were informed that a citywide programme of priority schemes would be prepared by officers to a value of 75% of the available Local Transport Plan (LTP) Highway Maintenance budget allocation and that 25% of the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme would be allocated to the members for spend on their recommended list of maintenance schemes.
- 2.3 Subject to Cabinet approval and Council ratification the amount of LTP capital allocation for Highway Maintenance will be in the region of £2m. Based on this amount £500,000 in total has been allocated to the Regeneration Areas.

3.0 PROGRAMME

- 3.1 In determining the candidate streets for the proposed Highway Maintenance Programme 2022-2023, information has been analysed and considered from the following sources:
- Machine based and manual (driven and walked) condition surveys.
 - Councillors' input throughout the year, as well as the recent submissions following October's emailed invitation.
 - Reports from residents and businesses
 - Highway inspectors' reports and engineers' inspections.

Officers also examine accident claim locations and consider whether scheme work would be appropriate to mitigate future claims.

- 3.2 Appended to this report is a table, which contains the candidate streets for consideration. To assist members deliberations officers have prioritised a list of streets (shown in bold), which totals the £100,000 (or thereabouts) area allocation, and takes into account local priorities.
- 3.3 Members may wish to endorse this list or, following discussions with their Area colleagues, choose to replace some of those streets highlighted in the table with those that are not

highlighted. A set of A4 plans highlighting the limits of the works at each location will be made available to the councillors to view online.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Neighbourhood and Community Board members are recommended to consider the streets listed in the table up to a value of £100,000 (or thereabouts), and confirm, the schemes to be recommended to the March Washington Area Committee for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2022-2023.

WASHINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD
APPENDIX A
Members Options to consider for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2022-2023

STREET NAME	WARD	Area (m2)	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Byland Court	Central	1000	Slurry footway	4200	
Hambard Way - footway	Central	250	Slurry footway	1000	
Hambard Way - carriageway	Central	536	Resurface carriageway		7000
Roche Court (43 to 63)	Central	673	Resurface carriageway and kerbworks		10000
Skirlaw Close	Central	1570	Resurface carriageway		20400
Spout Lane - Village	Central	540	Slurry footway	2300	
Valley Forge	Central	20	Renew footway	3600	
Barmston Court	East	900	Resurface carriageway		11700
Horsley Road - 96 to 103 & 116 to 120	East	1120	Resurface carriageway		14500
Horsley Road – 245 to 287	East	650	Resurface carriageway		8500
Horsley Road (perimeter road)	East	20	Localised patching of reinstatements		3700
Shepherd Way	East	50	Localised patching of reinstatements		8250
Station Road (Gladstone Terrace- Lambton Terrace)	East	80	Localised carriageway patching		3400
Coach Road	North	426	Resurface carriageway		8200
Foxley	North	460	Resurface carriageway		6000
Industrial Road	North	285	Resurface carriageway		12100
Muirfield Drive (part)	North	1050	Resurface carriageway		13700
Spire Road	North	110	Localised patching of reinstatements		8000
South Avenue (part)	North	150	Localised patching		2000
Western Terrace -rear	North	55	Localised footway renewal	9000	
Woodland Terrace - rear	North	1265	Resurface carriageway		16500

STREET NAME	WARD	Area (m2)	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Alwin (part)	South	1260	Resurface carriageway		16400
Birtley Road – (northside)	South	400	Slurry seal footway	2000	
Danby Close (part)	South	220	Resurface footway	5750	
Danby Close/Swinhope - Junctions	South	100	Localised carriageway patching		7500
Langley Close - rear	South	180	Localised footway resurfacing	5400	
Partridge Close - junction	South	60	Localised carriageway patching		2000
Rickleton Way	South	120	Resurface footway	3250	
Warkworth	South	50	Resurface footway	2000	
Albany Way	West	120	Resurface footway	3300	
Cambridge Avenue - rear	West	240	Resurface carriageway		5000
Donvale Road – 166 to 167	West	220	Resurface carriageway		6300
Donvale Road - 288	West	330	Resurface carriageway		9500
Mount Lane (Phase 1)	West	1320	Resurface carriageway		17150
Wellburn Road (41 to 56)	West	1125	Resurface carriageway		14500
Wellburn Road (43 to 51)	West	100	Renew footway	13600	
			AREA TOTAL	55400	232300
			SELECTION TOTAL	29750	70650

TOTAL = £100,400

Schemes highlighted in bold represent officers' priorities based on either members requests and/or local need considering the budget constraints.

Item 3

<p align="center">WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 17th March 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report</p>	
<p>Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision:</p> <p>Committee are requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 2.2, 3.1 and 4.2 (b) Consider the approval of NF funding of £16,000 to ShARP to extend the WISP Programme as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (c) Consider the approval of NF funding of £18,750 to the Sunderland Altogether Consortia to extend the Washington Outreach Programme as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (d) Consider the approval of NF funding of £45,000 for the Queen's Jubilee Fund Project Brief and Call for Projects as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (e) Consider the approval of NF funding of £35,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Youth Matters – Making Money Work Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (f) Consider the approval of NF funding of £14,670 for the 3 applications for the Cook Well Live Well Call for Project, as detailed in Item 3 Annex 1. (g) Consider the approval of NC funding of £50,000 for the Investment in Princess Anne Park as detailed in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 (h) Consider the approval of NC funding of £29,640 for the 6 applications for the Improving Community Assets Project, as detailed in Item 3 Annex 2. (i) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed Item 3 Annex 3 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £464,444 (including Youth allocation) for 2021/2022 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>
<p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	

Item 3 WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

17th March 2022

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Washington Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

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

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2021/2022					£464,444
Support for Friends Groups	20.10.16	£4,807			£469,251
Purchase of grounds Equipment	26.09.19	£5,700			£474,951
Area Committee Communications	01.07.21			£10,000	£464,951
Delivering Heritage & Culture	01.07.21			£150,000	£314,951
Clean and Green Local Action	28.09.21			£11,000	£303,951
Washington Can Do	28.09.21			£10,000	£293,951
Washington Creative You	28.09.21			£100,000	£193,951
Vehicle Activated Signs	16.12.21			£21,220	£172,731
Cook Well Live Well	16.12.21			£50,000	£122,731
Supporting Community Assets	16.12.21			£9,800	£112,931
Youth Matters	16.12.21		35,000		£77,931
Health Action in the Community		£2,772			£80,703

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2021/2022

- 2.2 Area Committee has been allocated £464,444 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There are 4 new applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**
- i) Extend Washington Individual Support Project** **£16,000**

ii) Extend Washington Outreach Project	£18,750
iii) Queens Jubilee Washington Fund	£45,000
iv) Youth Matters – Making Money Work	£35,000

The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£114,750** (£35,000 previously aligned). If approved, the remaining balance of the Neighbourhood Fund 2021/22 budget will be **£953**

- 2.4 The Area Committee is also requested to approve the 3 applications for the Cook Well Live Well Call for Project, as detailed in **Item 3 Annex 1**.

Members are asked to note should the Officer Recommendation be agreed there will be a balance of **£35,330** remaining for future rounds of Cook Well Live Well. Members are also asked to consider any amendments to the Project Brief they would like to see for any new Calls.

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting	16.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Usworth Park Development Plan	17.12.20			£9,000	£481,000
Washington Tree Management Project	17.12.20			£28,800	£452,200
Safety Measures	17.12.20			£62,000	£390,200
Bowes Railway Museum	18.03.21			£60,000	£330,200
Invest in Parks	18.03.21		£50,000		£280,200
Invest in Play	18.03.21		£80,000		£200,200
Safety Measures (Ph2)	01.07.21		£58,000		£142,200
Usworth Park Development Plan	28.09.21			50,000	£92,200
Time to Talk	28.09.21		£2,000		£90,200
Improving Community Assets	16.12.22			90,200	Fully allocated

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 Washington Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 3.3 The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount (2020 – 2023).
- 3.4 There is 1 application to the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 2**

i) Invest in Parks – Princess Anne Park £50,000

The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund budget requested for approval is **£50,000** (previously aligned). If approved, the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding remains fully allocated.

- 3.5 The Area Committee is also requested to approve the 6 applications for the Improving Community Assets Call for Project, as detailed in **Item 3 Annex 2**.

Members are asked to note should the Officer Recommendation be agreed there will be a balance of **£70,360** remaining for future rounds to Improve community Assets. Members are also asked to consider any amendments to the Project Brief they would like to see for new Calls.

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same. With Ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it has become difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 4.2 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2021/2022. **Annex 3** shows the approvals supported to February 2022.

Ward	2021/2022 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£2,586	£7,414
East	£10,000	£0	£5,003	£4,997
North	£10,000	£0	£4,107	£5,893
South	£10,000	£0	£6,322.50	£3,677.50
West	£10,000	£0	£3,726	£6,274
Total	£50,000	£0	£21,744.50	£28,255.50

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2021/2022

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Tables One, Two and Three.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£16,000** to ShARP to extend the Washington Individual Support Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£18,750** to the Sunderland Altogether Consortia to extend the Washington Outreach Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£45,000** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Queens Jubilee Celebration Fund as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£35,000** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Youth Matters – Making Money Work as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.6 Note and approve NF funding of **£14,670** for the 3 applications for the Cook Well Live Well Call for Project, as detailed in **Section 2.4** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.7 Consider the approval of NC funding of **£50,000** to Community Resilience for the 'Investment in Princess Anne Park Project as set out in **Section 3.4** and **Item 3 Annex 2**
- 5.8 Note and approve NC funding of **£29,640** for the 6 applications for the Improving Community Assets Project, as set out in **Section 3.5** and **Item 3 Annex 2**
- 5.9 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022 budget, as detailed in **Section 4.2** and **Item 3 Annex 3**

Annex 1: Neighbourhood Fund Approval Proposals

Annex 2: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Approval Proposals

Annex 3: Community Chest Grant Approvals

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Applications for Washington Neighbourhood
Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Washington Individual Support Project - Extension
Lead Organisation	ShARP

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£18,000	£2,000	£16,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	April 2022	March 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

Background

The Washington Individual Support Project has an established track record of working collaboratively with others and fully supporting partnership working in the VCS, even joining with partners in food distribution efforts on Christmas Eve and during school holidays. WISP is an integral part of other innovative projects which have developed e.g., Mickey's Place which operates in an area with high levels of deprivation. WISP continued to be delivered -both throughout the Covid 19 pandemic working and supporting the Community Hub arrangements and local partnerships established to deliver winter support and household support. As Covid restrictions continued, the role of WISP had to evolve to meet the needs of people who suddenly found themselves in crisis due to the impact Covid. The WISP worker joined with SCC Community Hub, volunteers, Early Help Workers, elected members, GENTOO, Shelter, Social Prescribers, Probation, Police and everyone else involved in meeting the challenge of Covid head on to ensure that those most vulnerable had support and access to food and other essentials. Since inception the project has delivered the following:

- 988 Washington residents have been supported at the point of crisis
- 185 of those people live with significant/problematic Alcohol/Drug dependency
- 28 people sought support because of Domestic Abuse
- 350 people identified themselves as living with mental illness/poor mental health
- 38 people identified themselves as having additional learning needs/difficulties
- Total number of people supported in the period April 2020 – Present (Covid period)
- 594 Washington residents received support at the point of crisis
- 102 of those people live with significant/problematic Alcohol/Drug dependency
- 11 people sought support because of Domestic Abuse
- 191 people identified themselves as living with mental illness/poor mental health
- 19 people identified themselves as having additional learning needs/difficulties

WISP is a unique and innovative project working with some of the most complex people and their issues as well providing light touch advice and signposting to those people newly entering the welfare benefit system due to the impact of Covid. The project is an invaluable resource to Washington residents.

The approach used by the project is primarily that of community development and assertive outreach to reach those people who do not easily engage with universal services.

WISP is able to step effectively into the gap between local people and specialised/statutory services acting as a bridge so that significant issues are raised appropriately, with the right agency/service and the person is then supported through the journey to a resolution.

During Covid the WIPS worker put this approach to good use engaging and supporting the most vulnerable and isolated – she became a Covid Champion, recruited volunteers to become Covid Champions, and sharing vital information and public health messages about social distancing, self-isolation and take up of the vaccine.

As a result of the learning from this time we want to secure the project and reshape it to use the approach blending the light touch and assertive outreach alongside early engagement into new venues to reach more

people at an earlier stage before their difficulties escalate into crisis and then become entrenched problems.

The new project will provide the following as a minimum:

- WISP Advice Worker available Monday – Friday between 9.00am and 4.30pm
- Out of Hours support available depending on need to deal with issue end to end if needed eg Crisis Mental Health/Homelessness
- 3 x sessions weekly direct delivery into Mickey's Place/emerging foodbanks/projects
- 6 hours per week for casework and related activity
- Develop opportunities for co-location/outreach into Change Grow Live Unit
- Work with Shelter and Stop Loan Sharks to address specific vulnerabilities
- Participate in Washington Community Events
- Act as a resource to other providers
- Develop training

Outcomes:

We expect that people will:

- Feel more knowledgeable about their rights and entitlement
- Know how to find/access help
- Feel more confident in asking for support

In this year:

- 100% of people will be offered a full benefit check and helped to complete claims
- 100% of people will receive a welfare check at the first point of contact (with signposting to relevant support/social prescriber etc)
- 100% of people will be offered a Financial Resilience Check and advice including budgeting, safe borrowing/Credit Union and Company Shop
- 100% of people who need support will be offered supported referral across to the most appropriate service to meet their needs
- 3 additional venues will be developed so as to increase reach

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Plan for sustainability - start search for additional/new funding. Identify key funders and complete 3 applications within 6 months	01/04/2022 then ongoing
Confirm use of venue, role, remit and responsibilities with new partners with first month. Start delivery of project immediately from current venues	01/04/2022 then ongoing
Refresh contacts and review referral/access pathway to project. Social Prescribers/Early Help/Together in Crisis/WWIN/Police	01/04/2022 then ongoing
Promote new project through VCS Area Network, VCS Alliance, neighbourhood social media	01/05/2022 then ongoing
Promote the project at community events using support of other vcs organisations	01/06/2022 – 31/03/2023
Confirm and embed links to Community Opportunities Volunteering/Training/Employment - throughout lifetime of project	01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023
Manage exit strategy/reshaping to new project / funder from January 2023	31/01/2023
Produce WISP Project Evaluation Report	31/03/2023
Present WISP Project Evaluation Report to Area Committee	31/03/2023

Outputs

Based on previous demands we expect to maintain current contact rate of 15 people per week as a minimum. Numbers are likely to rise once the current level of the Enhanced Winter Offer ends and the increase to cost of living starts to hit.

- 24 people accessing digital support
- 24 people enjoying a healthy lifestyle
- 100 people signposted into Public Services
- 400 people receiving Information Advice and Guidance
- 200 people more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis

We will use our ShARP Customer Satisfaction Survey each quarter to help us understand how people experience the project. The survey is anonymous and usually gives a good rate of return. We will use the results to inform the final WISP Project Evaluation Report as well as the funding applications that will be made to other funders.

Budget

£ 14,143:	Staffing costs 52 weeks x 16hrs Advice Worker per week
£ 1,185:	Oncosts -Mileage @ .45p per mile, IT and mobile, resources
£ 2,500:	Management & Admin

Total £ 17,828

Recommendation – Approve £16,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Additional services for residents via the VCS

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Washington Outreach Project Next Steps - Extension
Lead Organisation	Sunderland All Together Consortium

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£30,178	£11,428	£18,750
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
8 months	01.07.22	31.03.22

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Project Description: Washington Outreach Programme (next steps) is targeted at young people aged 11-19 years old who currently do not access any youth provision or who have been engaged by Washington Outreach Project on the streets in the past 12 months. It is targeted at Hot Spot areas as identified by partners.

The project is targeted at young people in the hotspots who may be causing anti-social behaviour and entering into dangerous lifestyle choices. Engaging young people to directly shape the activity and giving them a voice will encourage cohesiveness, leadership and enable empowerment. Our staff will work with young people to overcome barriers they may face to participation, to build their confidence, self-esteem, team-work skills and resilience. They will take time to understand what motivates (and demotivates) young people to keep them engaged and involved. For example, groups of young people congregate in and around the Galleries shopping centre causing disturbances ranging from nuisance through to anti-social behavior and occasionally criminal activities.

The outreach key partners, (ODYPP, Police Galleries Security, Gentoo) would meet and plan a coordinated approach, with each organisation identifying roles of delivery. Young people in the Galleries would be engaged by the outreach team in meaningful discussion about the issues and problems arising from their behavior. The team will explain the initiative to the young people and the roles that the partners would undertake. The young people would be encouraged to modify their behavior and be presented with alternative outreach venues to attend. (Oxclose, Pitstop, Sulgrave, Springwell and other youth activity available in the area) The outreach bases will offer the young people a fun, safe space to meet and socialise and access mental health services (Washington Mind) counselling services (Good Vibes Project) The Safer Care Project and training and employment advice (JAG Project) If the young people did not engage the other partners (police/Gentoo/Galleries.) would undertake enforcement action as appropriate.

Hot spot areas will be visited by the outreach team who will be tasked to engage with the young people. This element was very successful in the initial Outreach project and the workers know and are known in the area. This project utilises Outreach youth work which is primarily used to inform young people of services that exist in their locality and to encourage them to use such services, Outreach can also seek to identify, through consultation with young people, any gaps that exist in services aimed at meeting their needs. As opposed to Detached Youth Work, Outreach is seen as an extension to centre-based work, Outreach work takes place when workers who are usually centre based go onto the streets with an agenda of their own to pursue, usually to encourage young people to attend their club, and also in this case to access the health/wellbeing services and reduced ASB and perceived ASB. Sunderland All Together Consortium will provide youth workers who:

- Are appropriately trained, committed and accessible where/when young people need them, and who will be able to respond to a range of issues affecting young people.

- Will promote young people's entitlement to 'have a voice' and be genuinely involved in decision making and democratic participation
- Can provide accurate and up to date information and guidance on the issues that are affecting young people's lives and signpost them to relevant agencies for specialist support.
- Can maintain confidentiality within the parameters of the youth service code of conduct, law and child protection protocols and procedures. The limits of these will always be communicated to young people in a sensitive manner and consider the personal situation, identity and territorial aspects of the relationship.
- Deliver programmes of informal and non-formal educational (in the broadest sense) experiences to meet the identified and negotiated needs of young people.
- Work in partnership with agencies to access resources and provide a range of opportunities to enhance young people's skills and knowledge and build their capacity and confidence.
- Will regularly profile the communities in which they work to identify and understand needs, avoid duplication of and/or gaps in services, and inform about changing trends and issues to improve engagement strategies.
- Value young people and their contribution regardless of their social class, gender, race, sexual orientation, ability, disability, political and/or religious beliefs. They will challenge anti-discriminatory attitudes and behaviours appropriately through a process of offering alternatives so as to broaden young people's perceptions.
- Are radical in their approaches in challenging risk-taking behaviours in young people who already may find themselves socially excluded and disengaged with other services/appropriate role models. This process of 'considered risk' will empower young people to make informed choices and workers will support them in the choices that they make (whilst maintaining youth work professional and ethical parameters).

At a time when many projects closed ODYPP, as part of Sunderland All Together Consortium, continued to work with those of our most vulnerable and hard to reach young people on the Area funded Washington Outreach Programme. Over the past 22 months we have consistently overachieved on our targets.

No. young people engaged – Target (July 20 – Dec 21) 150. Achieved 1105

No. young people referred for additional support - Target (July 20 – Dec 21) 30. Achieved 30

No. young people accessing youth bases - Target (April 21 – Dec 21) 250. Achieved 1024

Considerable learning and development have been gleaned from delivering such an innovative and exciting project. The levels of anti-social behaviour are much higher and more serious than youth workers had seen before the lockdown periods. Coming out of lockdown we have experienced larger groups of young people engaging in anti-social and criminal behaviour. We believe that the periods of lockdown, alongside lack of interaction with appropriate adults such as teachers and youth workers who promote respect and discourage anti-social behaviour, have been contributory factors. Now more than ever, there needs to be a continuity of youth workers working across the areas in Washington.

The original project brief allowed for flexibility to meet the needs of the communities and young people in unprecedented times. We now wish to develop the project further and work with the young people of Washington to really engage them in activity and education that will enable them on their journey to becoming rounded young adults. The new project will

- Provide a minimum of three outreach session per week that will work in identified hotspot areas throughout the Washington area. (2.5hrs x 3)
- Operate four outreach base sessions to complement the outreach work undertaken on the streets. (2.5hrs x 4) The project will employ 12 qualified youth workers to deliver the project.
- Work with the young people to raise their awareness of the potential consequences of risk-taking behavior and provide information, guidance and support to enable young people to make informed life choices and raise their aspirations.
- Work with local providers of Youth provision and agencies that have knowledge of young people who are undertaking risk taking behavior collectively to make sure we are all giving the same message and not duplicating services. The project will work

with key partners (Police, Gentoo and Cllrs and ASB teams to identify current hotspots on a regular basis) These agencies have agreed to undertake the role in identifying the issues and keeping these up to date as it is in everyone's best interests to do so. This has been happening very successfully over the past 22 months. By working together, we will be more successful than working in isolation and pool the wealth of knowledge that is available in the area.

Sunderland All Together Consortium and its network of youth providers have in place policies and procedures for its staff, volunteers and participants. We have appropriately trained and qualified staff, all who have current DBS checks and all managers have undertaken Designated Person Safeguarding Training. We are undergoing a major training drive around mental health and wellbeing in partnership with Communities CAMHs.

ODYPP has a great deal of experience in operating popular well attended venues for young people. The popular venues at Springwell, Oxclose, Sulgrave and Pitstop have been selected to give a widespread catchment area to enable easy access for young people targeted by the outreach teams. Not all venues were available for the initial project due to the pandemic but with the easing of restrictions we can start to utilise these venues once again. The project will employ a continual evaluation process using both qualitative and quantitative methods. Qualitative data will include feedback from young people carried out using a variety of methods that will include young people's comments, session evaluation and overall evaluation. Quantitative data will be produced by attendance recorded on an electronic recording tool enabling accurate monitoring of the project.

Partnership

We will continue to work in partnership with all organisations who work with young people in the Washington area (Washington Mind, Millennium Centre, Springwell Village Hall, Police, Gentoo) to ensure there is no duplication of services and to maximise resources and outcomes for children and young people. We will work with these partners to attract new beneficiaries, share skills and expertise, and utilise each other's resources where needed. If the funding bid is successful, the project will build on the considerable partnerships forged and developed in the past 22 months.

Project proposals will be targeted across the whole area and will be dependent on the needs identified by the partners. We will share information and work in a co-ordinated way with other youth providers delivering in the area, to avoid duplication. The project is flexible and able to respond to the transient nature of ASB hotspots whilst allowing for intense support through its outreach hubs.

The Project will continue to work in partnership with the Area Officer and Washington Area Councillors to ensure that all delivery of the project is communicated on a regular basis, and to understand ward issues. We will use various methods to communicate such as email, telephone calls and regular catch-up meetings. We will work in partnership with voluntary groups in Washington who have their own community venues, and with Gentoo, Northumbria Police, Fire and Rescue, Sunderland City Council ASB team, Washington Area Ward Councillors to ensure we work together to identify hot spot areas and to discuss solutions to address local issues with young people.

We will work in partnership with organisations such as CAHMS, Washington Mind, YDAP, Together for Children, and Sunderland Youth Offending Service to signpost young people to appropriate specialist services, and with community groups and organisations who work with young people in the Washington area to ensure there is no duplication of services and to maximise resources and outcomes for children and young people. We will work with these partners to attract new beneficiaries, share skills and expertise, and utilise each other's resources where needed.

We will develop partnerships if they are not already in place with secondary schools within the Washington area to promote delivery and to attract and engage new beneficiaries. We will work in partnership with Sunderland University Community and Youth Work team, Education

and Skills Awards, and the National Youth Work agency to provide and deliver an accredited training model across Sunderland. This is to ensure that we skill up and equip future and current youth workers and volunteers to be the best they can be.

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Identify new Outreach Programme targeting hotspot areas identified by partners	July 2022
Continue Springwell/Sulgrave/Pitstop/Oxclose Outreach Base Programme	July 2022
Continue to liaise with key partners, Police, Gentoo, Cllrs, to identify hotspots and agree each organisation's role.	July 2022 – ongoing throughout the life of the project
Communicate and update on the delivery of youth activities on a regular basis with Washington area ward Councillors.	Throughout the life of the project
Project evaluation with input from all delivery partners	April 2023

Outputs

Output	Target 2022/23		
	Quarter 1 July-Sept 22	Quarter 2 Oct-Dec 22	Quarter 3 Jan-Mar 23
No of young people in hotspots engaging with workers	25	25	25
No of young people referred to support services	5	5	5
No of young people accessing youth outreach bases	100	100	100

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Outreach Salary costs	5796.22	0	5796.22
Transport & activity	1800.00	0	1800.00
Springwell/Sulgrave/Pitstop/Oxclose Outreach Base + Activity Salary costs	17706.45	9927.67	7778.78
Building Costs	3000.00	1500.00	1500.00
Management Costs	1875.00		1875.00
Total	30177.67	11427.67	18750.00

Recommendation – Approve £18,750 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Supporting young people

Application No.3

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has agreed a Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects to invite the local community to submit proposals which will deliver a community programme to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2022.

Washington Area Committee: Funding Opportunity

Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee 2022 – A Community Programme

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested groups and non-profit making organisations (including statutory providers) to submit proposals to deliver activities and events in the local community. Local events have been key to enhancing community inclusion and involvement in Washington and in supporting a cultural identity for the area and fit the Committee's priority of 'Delivering Heritage and Culture' (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered by the Washington Area are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

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

Background

In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service. To assist community groups and individuals to come together and celebrate the Jubilee, Washington Area Committee would like to support our local community to celebrate this historic event.

Project proposal

Area Committee wishes to support the development and delivery of a community programme to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2022. Washington Area Committee would like to invite project proposals for activities and events and for celebration/party events

The project proposals are to include the following:

- Proposals can be for any event or activity which celebrates the Queen's Jubilee
- All relevant permissions must be confirmed before funds would be released. This includes public liability insurance, events plan (if relevant), permissions to use locations (SCC and other landowners, e.g., events in parks), any traffic regulations re road closures
- Successful applicants will be required to provide photographs, film and/or media of all WAC funded events and activities which will be used as part of the Committee's publicity and PR campaigns
- Strong partnership working and community participation will be encouraged
- Any links to existing services, information and relevant groups
- An organisation can only apply once to this fund.
- All activities and events must take place in Washington

Budget: £45,000

There is a total of £45,000 available for this Call for Projects. Single organisations can apply for a maximum of **£500** and consortia or umbrella applications which must include a minimum of **3** 'unconstituted' groups coming together can apply for a maximum of **£1,000**.

All applications will be scored and assessed. This Call for projects will be delivered under the Small Grants processes and procedures. There will be 2 opportunities and rounds to apply to and all applications will be agreed and determined at a Ward level

Timescale

Deadline for completed applications	31/3/22 & 29/4/22
Area Committee Decision – Ward Panels	07/4/22 & 06/5/22

Next Steps

Any interested group or organisations should request an application pack. If your application is for a consortia/umbrella proposal there is an additional declaration to be completed

Please contact Karon Purvis at karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk for an application pack or to discuss your project. The deadline date to return completed applications with any necessary supporting documents is **31st March 2022 and 29th April 2022**

Queries

If you have any questions regarding the application process please do not hesitate to contact Karon Purvis Area Community Development Lead (Washington) at karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk

Application No.4

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has agreed a Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects for a financial inclusion project targeted at young people in Washington

Washington Area Committee: Funding Opportunity

Call for Projects: Youth Matters – Making Money Work

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and public sector partners to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which support delivery of their Supporting Young People priority (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

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

Project Description

Washington Area Committee have agreed funding to deliver a financial inclusion project for **young people**, targeting education courses education/courses with regards to money management, budgeting, and debt management. Within the context of the Councils Financial Wellbeing and Financial Resilience Project 'Being in control' this Call for Projects is requesting applications to deliver a Washington pilot working with our 4 senior schools to deliver engagement and messaging to support our young people to develop financial resilience and develop age-appropriate resources. At the same time the programmes will also need to assist young people to build confidence and raise aspirations with regards to career choices and 'life after school'.

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify how it will:

1. Work in all 4 'senior' Washington schools and deliver innovative engagement programmes, messaging and age-appropriate resources - It is therefore important that positive messaging is used throughout the project and that engagement activity is interesting to young people, with a creative and novel approach. Please tell us how this will be achieved by your proposal
2. Improve and support emotional resilience, community cohesion and enables young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations and build skills and confidence amongst young people
3. Work with and co-ordinate all activity with the wider Financial Resilience programme which will be linked to existing branding of Know Your Rights, Assert Your Rights and Making Your Money Go Further. This includes not duplicating digital resources already available for young people – tell us how you will ensure this proposal will run in tandem and use existing resources
4. Evidence knowledge of relevant local provision, projects, activities and initiatives, and in particular complement and add value to existing young people's provision and where appropriate, work in partnership with existing initiatives

All proposals should

- Evidence the organisation's experience and understanding of 'Financial Resilience' and the current challenges affecting financial stability
- Evidence the organisation's experience in working with young people and have an understanding of the role of 'Financial education'.
- Evidence the organisation's experience of delivering advice to young people, e.g. for careers guidance
- Show how it will compliment and add value to other initiatives being delivered across the area (not just young people's projects)

Applicants should evidence their knowledge of

1. Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan
2. SCC Projects delivering Financial Resilience initiatives and resources, and other age appropriate resources already available
3. Sunderland's City Plan
4. Community Wealth Building Strategy (SCC)
5. Low Carbon Sunderland

Budget:

The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£35,000** and the Committee expect to receive applications for projects lasting a minimum of 12 months

Next Steps

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

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

Assessment

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

Timescale

Deadline for Full Applications	April 11 th 2022
Assessment & Consultation	April 25 th 2022
Award of grant (next available Area Committee)	June 2022 (TBC)

Application No.5

Washington Neighbourhood Fund: Cook Well Live Well

Applications Washington Central

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Cooking Well	Community Opportunities	£5000
<p>Programme will deliver 3 x 6week courses engaging a total of 30 adults and 60 children at Wessington Primary School May 2022 – March 2023.</p> <p>Community Opportunities have developed and delivered a number of healthy eating and cookery courses as a pilot through covid support funding and currently through the Washington Partnership, Public Health funded Health and Well-being Project. The organisation wishes to build on that delivery through the Cook Well project which will include delivering a six-week course of comprising practical cookery sessions running from Wessington Primary school, targeting parents who have children in the school and neighbouring residents. There will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical cookery demonstrations with hands-on interaction preparing and cooking food, experimenting with new foods and tastes, promoting fresh foods and healthy food swaps, developing a 'family eat well plate'.• All ingredients provided plus bag of fresh produce to take home and recipe books also available.• Reference to other services available for signposting - Sessions will be complimented by sharing information on local walking and biking routes, accessing taster sessions at local fitness facilities and holding a family walk and healthy picnic in a local park and as relevant supporting families to link with local food banks, welfare advice workers and the REACT employability project. <p>Knowledge of area and partnership working demonstrated. States staff will be qualified. Volunteers will be inducted and DBS cleared. Has delivered from these premises before.</p> <p>Good project description which meets the brief. Realistic outputs and outcomes. Match funding £400</p> <p>Score 41/50</p>		
Recommendation: Approve		

Applications Washington North

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Cooking Well	Community Opportunities	£5,000
<p>Programme will deliver 3 x 6week courses engaging a total of 30 adults and 60 children at Marlborough Primary School May 2022 – March 2023.</p> <p>Community Opportunities have developed and delivered a number of healthy eating and cookery courses as a pilot through covid support funding and currently through the Washington Partnership, Public Health funded Health and Well-being Project. The organisation wishes to build on that delivery through the Cook Well project which will include delivering a six-week course of comprising practical cookery sessions running from Marlborough Primary school, targeting parents who have children in the school and neighbouring residents. There will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical cookery demonstrations with hands-on interaction preparing and cooking food, experimenting with new foods and tastes, promoting fresh foods and healthy food swaps, developing a 'family eat well plate'.• All ingredients provided plus bag of fresh produce to take home and recipe books also available.• Reference to other services available for signposting - Sessions will be complimented by sharing information on local walking and biking routes, accessing taster sessions at local fitness facilities and holding a family walk and healthy picnic in a local park and as relevant supporting families to link with local food banks, welfare advice workers and the REACT employability project.		

Knowledge of area and partnership working demonstrated. States staff will be qualified. Volunteers will be inducted and DBS cleared. Has delivered from these premises before.

Good project description which meets the brief. Realistic outputs and outcomes. Match funding £400

Score 41/50

Recommendation: [Approve](#)

Applications Washington West

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
More Mindful Meals	Groundwork NE	£4670
<p>April 2022 – March 2023. Delivering cooking and planning sessions through food-based activities targeting children and families in partnership with 3 local primary schools. The programme will deliver three 2.5 hour sessions in each of 3 primary schools April 22 – March 23. 9 sessions in total with each session accommodating 6 families. 67 hours of actual delivery.</p> <p>The More Mindful Meals project will improve Health and Wellbeing of 54-108 adults and 54-162 children depending on family size. Each session will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on a mindful approach to eating and cooking and include guidance on the mind-set needed to shop and in making healthy choices, food preparation and engaging in the process of planning meals and in the benefits of eating together and being present in the event of eating with family or friends. Our Mindfulness partner, Time 4 Calm will be present at each session talking through techniques and approaches to encourage a mindful eating mind-set to help families create more mindful meals together.• Focus on cooking well from a practical perspective with each family creating 6 meals across the 3 sessions. Groundwork will share ideas on shopping on a budget while making healthy choices, how to create variety in your diet, how these choices can positively impact physical and mental wellbeing as well as consequences of not making good choices.• Recipe card created for each recipe which will include a shopping list, preparation advice and suggestions around making the most of meal time with the family including games that can be played while cooking together. These can be replicated for wider use in the community, especially by those who can't attend or are unable to attend.• We will use the 'More Mindful Meals' to encourage participation via social media and to promote activities, learning and change in behaviours.• Groundwork will add an environmental element to the project in the form of a 'love food, hate waste' module that will focus on using leftovers, fridge friendly cooking and simple composting feeding to carbon reducing techniques.• To create a pathway towards more physical activity, GWNE will offer family exercise sessions through School Run Fitness based in Washington. Any family that wishes to go further together and explore physical activity as a means to a healthier life can take part in a free session delivered by a fully qualified community physical training instructor where they will learn the basics on working out at home or in local green space with little or no equipment. <p>Good project description which meets the brief. Realistic outputs and outcomes Match funding £630</p> <p>Score 40/50</p> <p>Recommendation: Approve subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of 3 x schools participating		

Officer Recommendation: [Approve:](#)

- **Washington Central £5000 Community Opportunities**
- **Washington North £5,000 Community Opportunities**
- **Washington West £4,670 Groundwork NE**

Applications for Washington Capital funding
Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Invest in Parks: Princess Anne Park
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP Application
£100,000	£50,000	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2022	October 2022

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Project Description: The application builds on a recent review of the Princess Anne Masterplan

The Area Committee aligned £50,000 Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding to deliver works identified as part of the review and Sunderland City Council also matched that with central capital funds of another £50,000 resulting in **£100,000** available. Ward Members subsequently identified repairs to footpaths and surfaces as the key priorities and Officers have now costed up and prioritised the list of those identified in the original review, focusing on those presenting the most risk re health and safety and complaints.

The attached plan highlights areas of hard surfacing/footpaths that need attention and are traffic lighted re priority

Red areas

Tarmac Resurface, strip existing wearing course – 2650m² = £60,000

Provide new signage to northern car park = £5000

Tarmac Resurface + Sub-base + Edging – 150m² x £50 = £7500

Motorway Guard Fence - Repair fallen section 5m x £50 = £250

Brick Wall Removal – 35m = £500

Total = £73,250

Amber items

Repair existing steps from northern carpark = £15,000

Bridge handrail fix – 3m of timber Railing = £250

Grand total = £88,500

This leaves £11,500 for a contingency and preliminaries

A number of other items are also identified

- Tarmac with cracking and root ingress and beginnings of potholes – Total area 3100m² (This will probably need re-laying withing 10-15years)
- New path – 1060m²
- Burn edging supporting structure – 100m of wooden staked structure.
- Edges of Tarmac fallen away need of filing and reseeding – 50m²
- Mud paths to have natural finish (gravel or bark) – 4200m²
- Natural Paths wooden steps to be changed in coming years – 50 steps
- Carpark resurfacing – 50m²

Some items are identified as 'green' and non-urgent and some of those may be considered as part of Environmental Services usual maintenance and repair schedule. Progress to deliver the remaining activity proposed in the review will continue to be reported to the Board

Outputs: Green space site improved

Budget: £100,000

Milestones

Commission works (Highways)	April 2022
Works commence	May 2022
Project completed	October 2022

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan priority 'Invest in Parks & Play'.

Washington Neighbourhood Fund: Improving Community Assets

Applications Washington Central

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Flooring/Doors	Columbia CA	£5,000
<p>Newly formed management committee who are refreshing their business plan and actively planning for the future to ensure they meet the needs of the community, linked to the Area Committee delivery plan and actively engaging with the VCS Alliance. New management committee are also progressing lease transfer with the Council. Offering a new programme of activities with plans for more. Actively seeking new volunteers. New flooring opens up another room for additional users and the new internal doors are a much-needed improvement to improve access, retain heat and reduce energy costs.</p> <p>Quotes provided. Application provides evidence of how the new management committee are managing the community centre, shows how the improvements will aid in increasing access and usage of the centre in order to deliver more activities, given they are unable to meet demand at the moment due to space issues. In addition, mentions how they will add value to the Area Committee delivery plan.</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000		

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Heating System	Washington Boxing Club	£5,000
<p>Project offers a wide range of services and activities above their core offer of boxing and reach a wide age range within the local community. Also state that all staff are volunteers.</p> <p>Provided comprehensive feedback on why a heating system is needed and how it will benefit the current users and future programme delivery - <i>"At present Washington Boxing Club has no heating system other than 2 x Large electrical heaters that were kindly donated to the Club. These unfortunately do not warm any parts of the building or help in the temperature overall. They are also extremely expensive to run. Providing a warm environment to train and conduct fitness is a priority. We have developed and improved all parts of the building and facility over the last few years, and we are now wishing to solve this problem."</i></p> <p>Their programmes/delivery and their aspirations do fit with the WAC Delivery Plan but the club doesn't seem to recognise that. Have detailed many partners that they currently work with and also who refer in to their project.</p> <p>No quotes included - as a key project outcome recommend if the funding is approved release of funds will be pending receipt of relevant quotes/reports</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000 Subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of relevant quotes 		

Applications Washington East

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Replacement Lighting	NE Restoration Club	£5,000
<p>Specific bespoke project which provides restoration facilities for its members and also hosts visits for a variety of groups. Links with a wide variety of groups including young people, heritage, uniformed groups.</p> <p>Have provided details on why the project of new lighting is required and how this will open up the facility for longer usage and also assist in reducing the carbon footprint and their aim of hosting overnight camping. NERC has a policy of continuous repair and improvement and whilst this is largely self-funded. Currently they have two major projects under consideration - to carry out wholesale replacement of the roof and to replace the lighting system to comply with current legislation and to satisfy the requirements of our insurers. The latter project is the subject of this application - to provide dedicated lighting circuitry throughout the buildings and to replace all neon strip lights with switched led strip lights. Also provision of sensor activated lights at strategic positions throughout.</p> <p>This work is to be carried out and certified professionally at a total cost of £16,000 with the balance funded from current reserves</p> <p>Quote included.</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000		

Applications Washington North

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Kitchen Repairs	Building Blocks Day Centre	£4,920
<p>Provides an affordable venue for community groups to hire and have a wide range of activities delivered from the base and have established partnerships with GP Alliance, Social Prescribing Team, DWP and VCS Alliance. Delivers activities that are open for the community to attend and also provides a uniform scheme, also have a volunteers who support the delivery of their project.</p> <p>Reasons for why the refurbishment of the kitchen provided and how this can then be used to widen the offer to the community and further establish links with partners, increase volunteer opportunities and also employment opportunities. BBDC is continuing with the development of the building and have recently repurposed a new room which will extend the space available for community use. This is alongside the redevelopment of the outside space, currently we have an outdoor pizza oven and are now putting in raised beds to grow our own produce. As part of this they now want to bring back into use the large kitchen area/facilities. The funding would be used to replace the ceiling and lighting, repair the walls and boxings, redecorate and recommission appliances in accordance with current electrical requirements. Includes details of how their proposal will contribute to the Washington Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Quote included</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000		

Applications Washington West

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Concertina Sliding Door	Springwell Village CV	£4,740
<p>Well used community venue offering community group activities and a social space for functions and events. Used by community groups, have large number of volunteers and service users. and the reasoning for these and how they will benefit the organisation and open up the opportunities to provide more services and activities if they can separate the space with the doors. The new concertina folding door will separate the community area from the corridor and main hall. The community area is well used but because of the noisy, ill-fitting, broken current sliding door system it is draughty and cold and cannot be closed off as a separate room. Weekdays, it is used as a community café and when not in use it is utilised by a variety of community groups. On an evening it is a social space for many groups and at weekends hosts functions, activities and events. A new system will improve access, retain heat, reduce energy bills, provide privacy, offer additional room hire, and create a multipurpose space.</p> <p>Include quote and fully detail the improvements needed</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £4,740		

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Building Repairs (Safer Public Use)	Bowes Railway Museum	£5,000
<p>Museum providing a venue for workshops, visits, exhibitions, children's activities and a wide range of events throughout the year. Local community and wider. Events encourage large amounts of visitors to the site. Works are required to repair the fire exit staircase. The Bowes site previously housed an operational Colliery and one of the large workshop areas houses a ground floor joinery shop and first floor open plan room. The fire exit staircase from the first-floor room has fallen into disrepair, partially due to the passage of time but greatly accelerated by the lack of maintenance that was possible during covid pandemic close down periods and also the impact of recent storms. Information included on how the repairs will lead to an additional dedicated space for the local community to access thereby increasing the visitors to the venue. Have experienced staff and volunteer workforce to support delivery of the project also engage with local partners and are part of the VCS Network. Bowes are funding the costs of a Conservation Architect – circa £900</p> <p>Comprehensive detail and quotes included</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000		

Officer Recommendation: Approve:

Washington Central: £5,000 Columbia CA
£5,000 Washington Boxing Club – subject to receipt of quotes
Washington East: £5,000 NE Restoration Club
Washington North: £4,920 Building Blocks Day Centre
Washington West: £4,720 Springwell Village Community Venue
£5,000 Bowes Railway Museum



Key

- Existing tree and shrubs plantations.
- Grass area.
- Existing footpath.
- Existing water.
- Masterplan boundary.
- Highlighted Tarmac Path Sections
- Highlighted Grass/Mud Path Sections

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Washington Area Committee

17th March 2022

Community Chest Awards April 2021 to March 2022

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Glebe Methodist Church	23.08.21	-	£1,450
Rainbows and Brownies	09.02.22	-	£542
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Remaining balance			£7,414
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Fatfield Academy	25.06.21	-	£1,230
North Biddick Bowls	08.11.21	-	£1,340
NE restoration club	06.12.21	-	£1,000
Teal Farm RA	19.01.22	-	£395
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
SCC Throwline	09.02.22	-	£444
Remaining balance			£4,997
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Bede's RC Primary School	23.06.21	-	£500
Tyne Tees Heritage Transport	16.07.21	-	£394
Washington New Tavern FC	16.07.21	-	£500
District Youth ABC	08.11.21	-	£615
Little Onion Club	08.11.21	-	£500
Washington AFC	06.12.21	-	£500
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
Friends of Usworth Park	09.02.22	-	£504
Remaining balance			£5,893
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
SCC - Highways	02.06.21	-	£500
Ayton Allotments Association	16.07.21	-	£512
Ayton Allotments Association	28.09.21	-	£400
Oxclose & District Young People's Project	08.11.21	-	£816.50
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
Rickleton Primary	09.02.22	-	£3,500
Remaining balance			£3,677.50

Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Blackfell Primary School	27.05.21	-	£2,000
Holly House	06.12.21	-	£590
Rainbow and Brownies	09.02.22	-	£542
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
Remaining balance			£6,274

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Washington Area Committee
17th March 2022

Item 4a

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Background

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

3. Washington Network

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

4. Washington Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 4.1 The Washington Network has continued to meet via Microsoft Teams and has kept in regular contact sharing information, opportunities and ideas.
- 4.2 The first 'in person' meeting was held February 22nd 2022 at the Washington Millennium Centre
- 4.3 The Area Hubs continued to support those residents still needing support and are implementing 'Personal Pathway Plans' to determine appropriate referrals.
- 4.4 Network organisations and partners were also invited to apply to for further funding to support households over the winter
- 4.5 The VCS Alliance Community Support Worker continues to support organisations across the area and is currently supporting with funding applications, sustaining buildings, and providing governance advice.
- 4.6 The VCS Alliance is now distributing the Sectors E bulletin
- 4.7 Washington Network has met twice since the last Committee meeting. At the meeting in February the Network received a presentation from the VCS Alliance:
 - Delivering the Sunderland VCS Alliance Vision
 - Sunderland VCS Alliance support for the Sector
 - Training Opportunities for the Sector
 - The future 'business model' for an independent Alliance

4.8 The Washington Area Network will work together to produce the Network's Annual Report - which will be presented to the Washington Area Committee's June 2022 meeting and identify the Sectors key priorities

5. Recommendations

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

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Item 4b

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

Item

17th March 2022

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st April 2021 to 23rd February 2022, compared with the same period in 2020/21. All statistics for this report were taken from the following wards:

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

2 Background

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

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

3.1 L.I 02 - Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

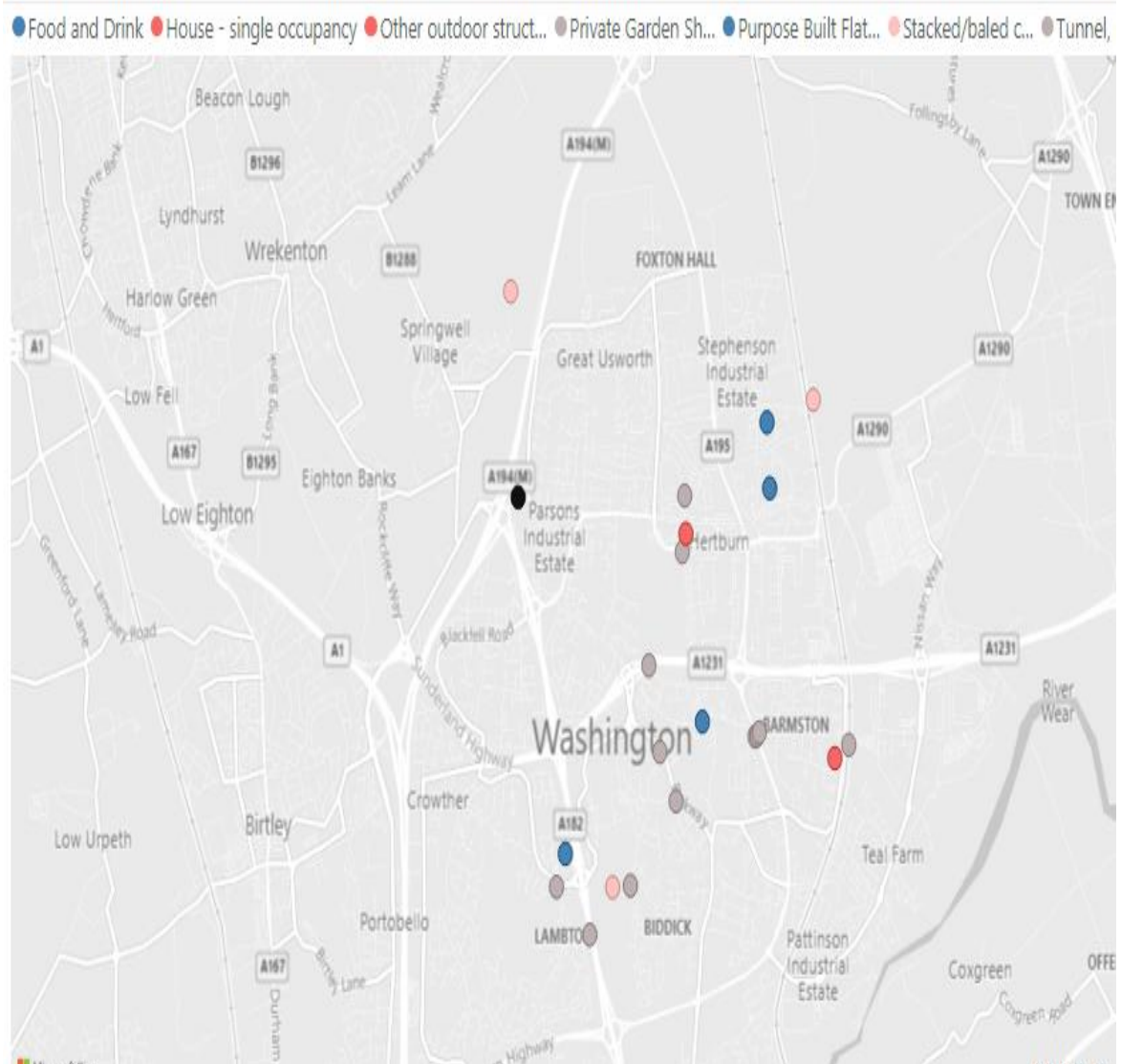
3.2 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

There were 22 deliberate primary fires (excluding road vehicles) within this reporting period. This compares with 11 incidents for the same period last year.

<i>Washington North</i>	6
<i>Washington South</i>	2
<i>Washington East</i>	4
<i>Washington West</i>	2
<i>Washington Central</i>	8
Total	22

Buildings - Houses, Flats, Shop, Sheds	6
Outdoors - Crops – stacked or Baled, Woodland	4
Outdoor/other – Outdoor Structures, Tunnels, Subways	12
Total	22

Fig. 1 - LI 14 (01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022)



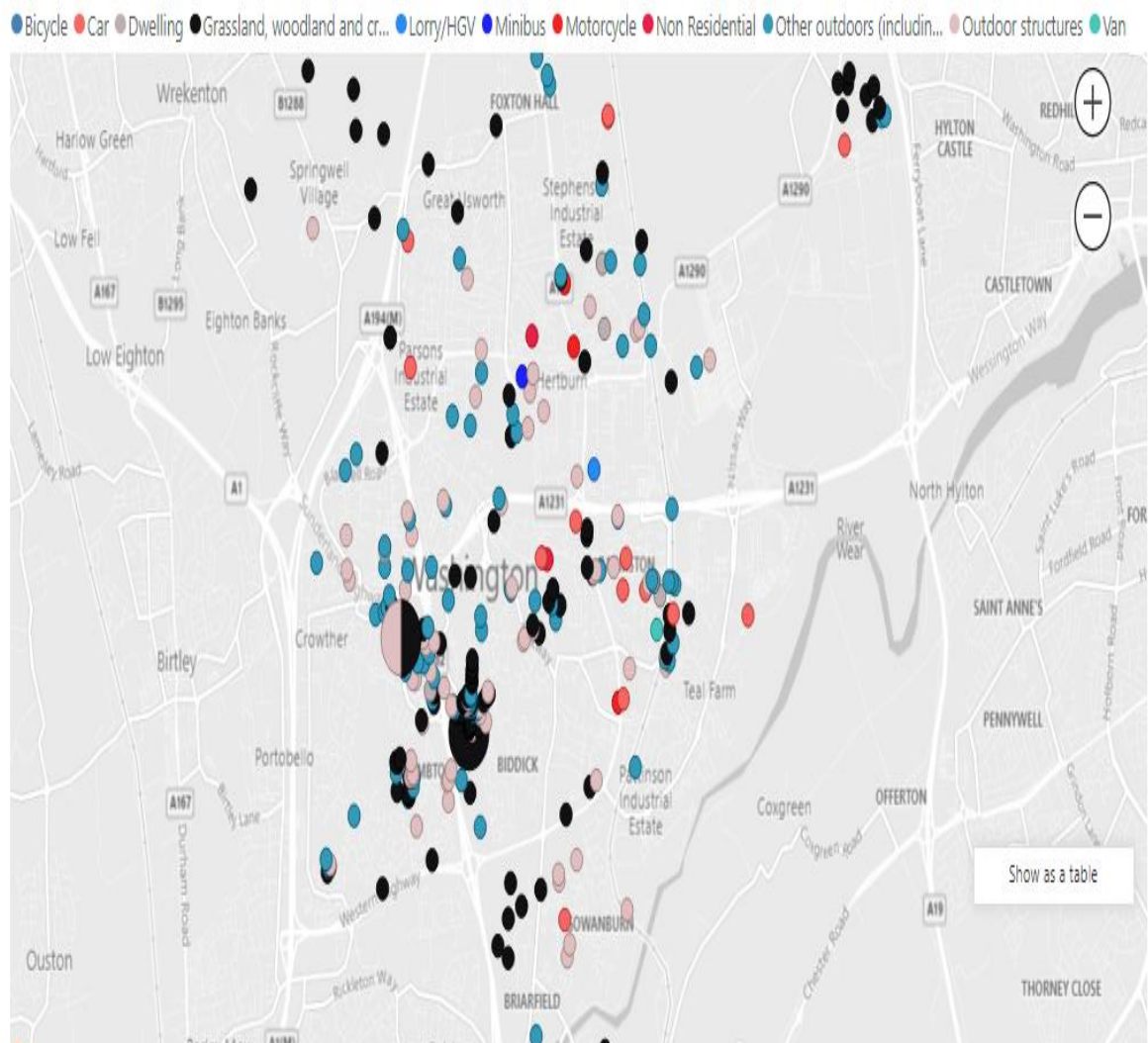
3.3 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary fires (LI16)

295 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period. This compares to **182** incidents attended within the same period for the previous year. Type of incident includes;

<i>Washington North</i>	<i>55</i>
<i>Washington South</i>	<i>61</i>
<i>Washington East</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>Washington West</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Washington Central</i>	<i>88</i>
Total	295

Buildings - Houses, Flats, Shop, Sheds	6
Outdoors - Grassland, pasture, grazing, tree scrub etc.	99
Outdoor/other – Loose refuse, Park, Playground , Wasteland, etc.	140
Road vehicles – Cars, Vans, HGV, Motorcycle	23
Wheelie Bin	27
Total	295

Fig. 2 - LI 33 – Washington Area Committee (01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022)



3.3.1 **Washington Central Ward (LI33)** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

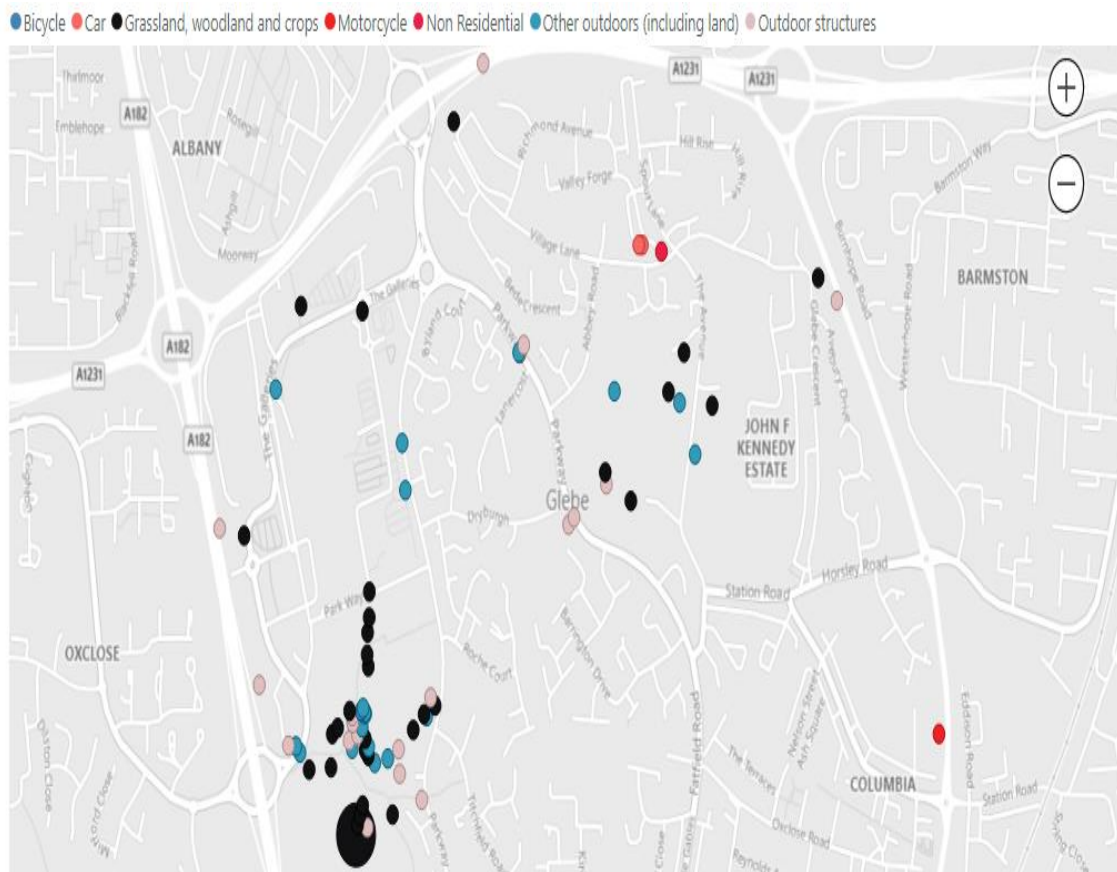
- 01/04/2020 to 23/02/2021 = 28 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 = 88 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 include the following;

Buildings - Houses, Flats, Shop, Sheds	1
Outdoors - Grassland, pasture, grazing, tree scrub etc.	37
Outdoor/other – Loose refuse, Park, Playground , Wasteland, etc.	38
Road vehicles – Cars, Vans, HGV, Motorcycle	4
Wheelie Bin	8
Total	88

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

Fig. 3 - LI 33 – Washington Central Ward (01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022)



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

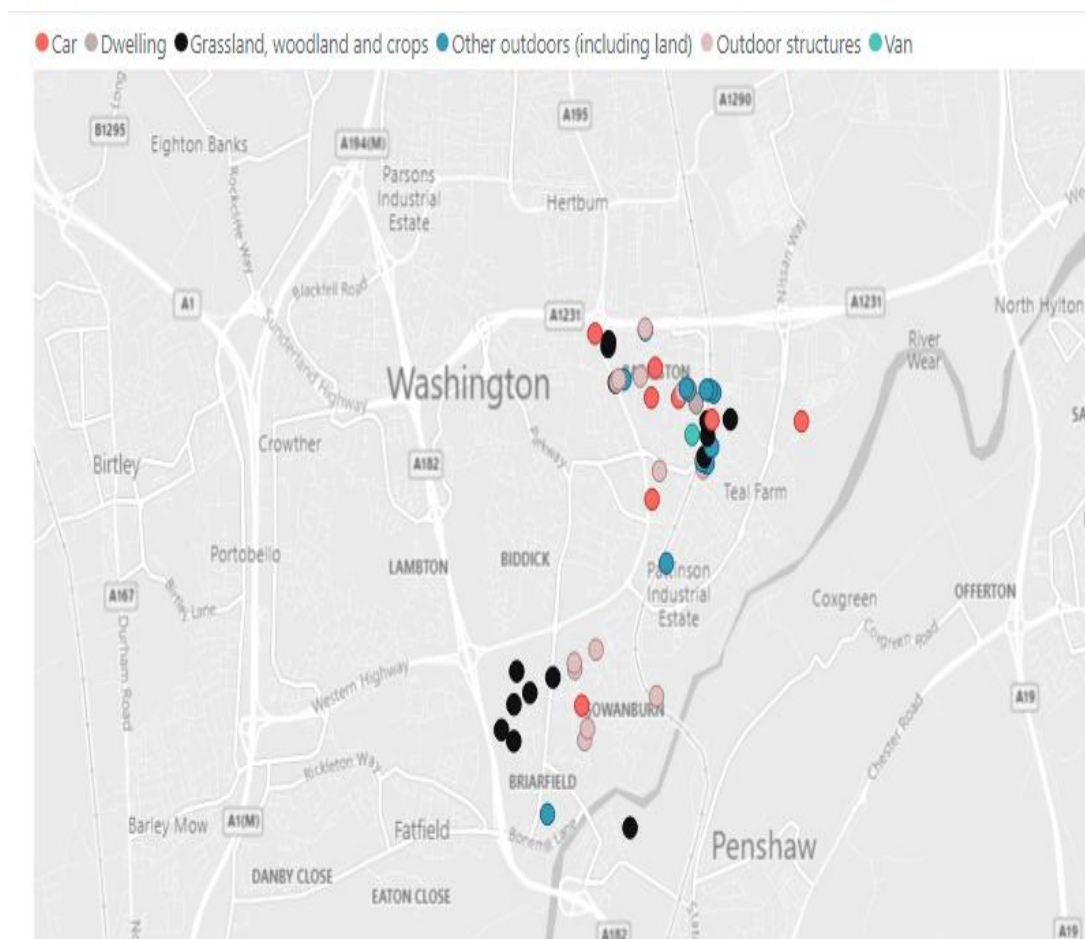
- 01/04/2020 to 23/02/2021 = 24 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 = 54 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 include the following;

Buildings - Houses, Flats, Shop, Sheds	1
Outdoors - Grassland, pasture, grazing, tree scrub etc.	14
Outdoor/other – Loose refuse, Park, Playground , Wasteland, etc.	26
Road vehicles – Cars, Vans, HGV, Motorcycle	9
Wheelie Bin	4
Total	54

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

Fig. 4 - LI 33 – Washington East Ward (01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022)



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

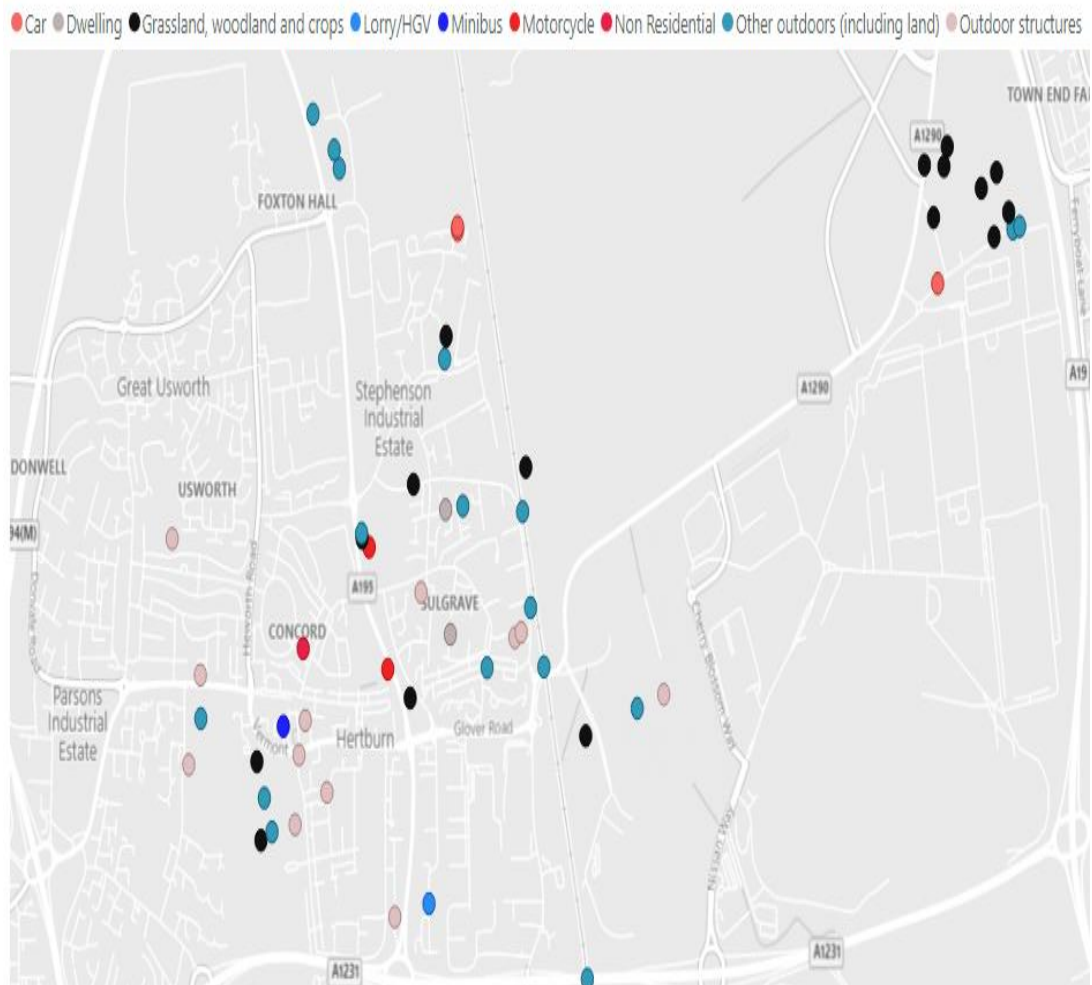
- 01/04/2020 to 23/02/2021 = 88 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 = 55 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 include the following;

Buildings - Houses, Flats, Shop, Sheds	3
Outdoors - Grassland, pasture, grazing, tree scrub etc.	16
Outdoor/other – Loose refuse, Park, Playground , Wasteland, etc.	28
Road vehicles – Cars, Vans, HGV, Motorcycle	7
Wheelie Bin	1
Total	55

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

Fig. 5 - LI 33 – Washington North Ward (01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022)



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

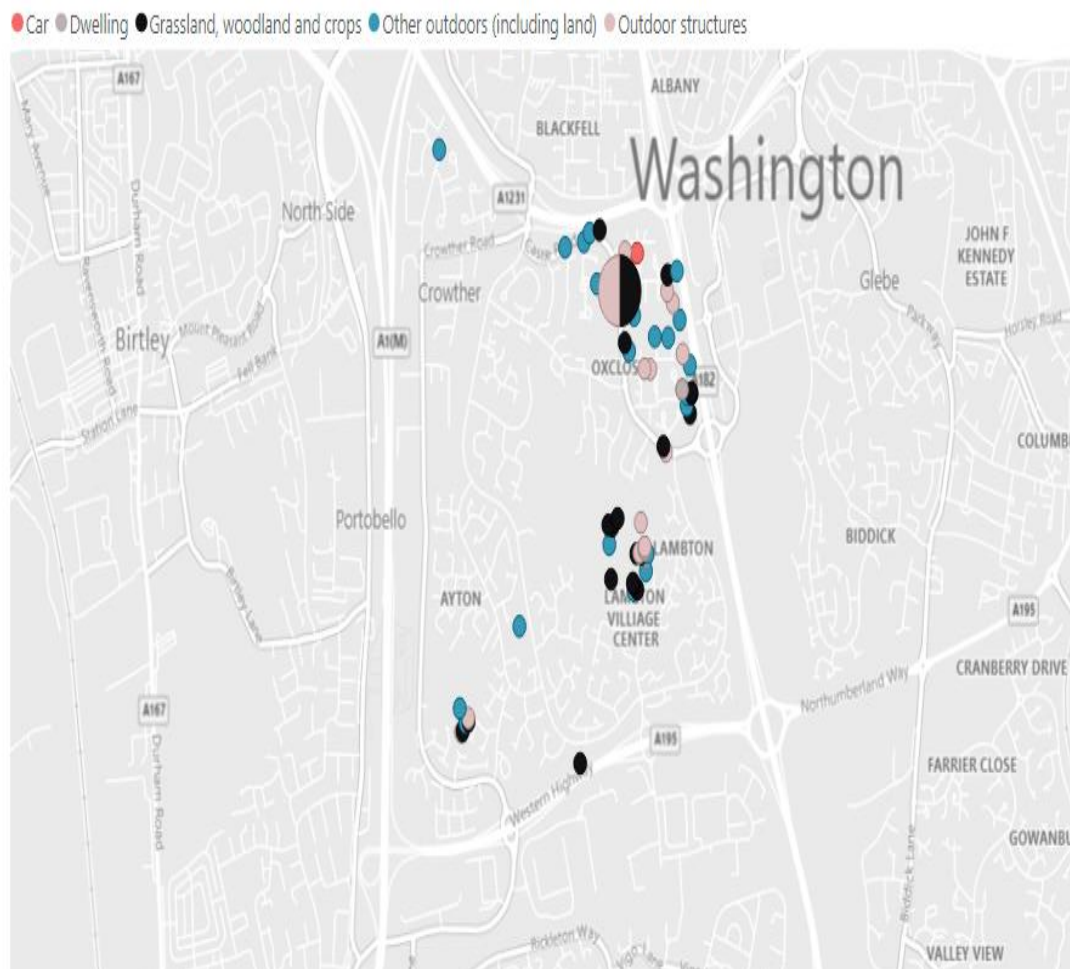
- 01/04/2020 to 23/02/2021 = 25 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 = 61 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 include the following;

Buildings - Houses, Flats, Shop, Sheds	1
Outdoors - Grassland, pasture, grazing, tree scrub etc.	20
Outdoor/other – Loose refuse, Park, Playground , Wasteland, etc.	30
Road vehicles – Cars, Vans, HGV, Motorcycle	1
Wheelie Bin	9
Total	61

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

Fig. 6 - LI 33 – Washington South Ward (01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022)



3.3.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

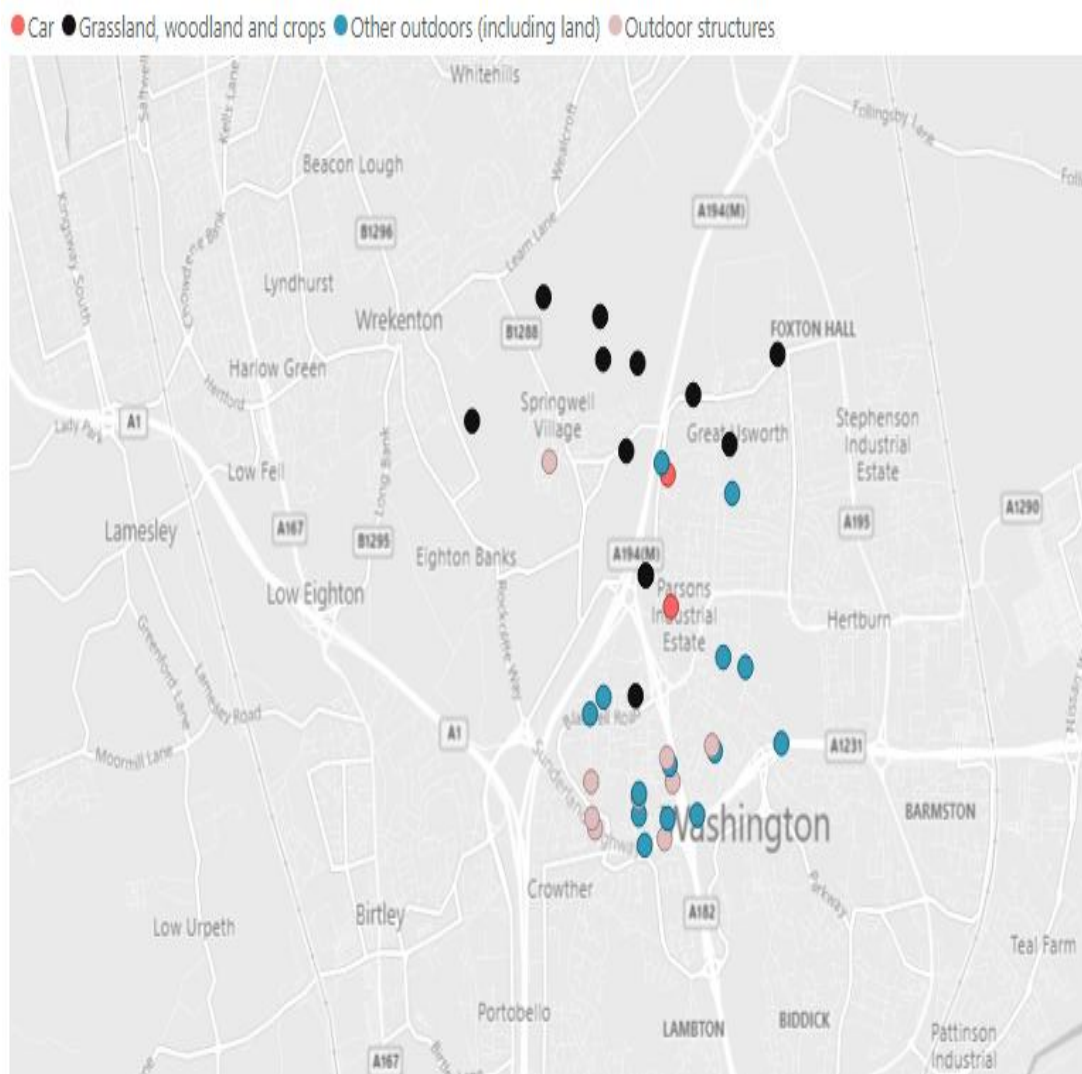
- 01/04/2020 to 23/02/2021 = 17 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 = 37 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022 include the following;

Buildings - Houses, Flats, Shop, Sheds	0
Outdoors - Grassland, pasture, grazing, tree scrub etc.	12
Outdoor/other – Loose refuse, Park, Playground , Wasteland, etc.	18
Road vehicles – Cars, Vans, HGV, Motorcycle	2
Wheelie Bin	5
Total	37

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

Fig. 7 - LI 33 – Washington West Ward (01/04/2021 to 23/02/2022)



4 Lighter / Darker Nights

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



- 4.2 Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. As covid restrictions lift we will increase our engagement with local groups and schools to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.
- 4.3 Following a spate of anti-social behaviour incidents in the Washington area, an initiative was launched to target the area using a combination of fire stoppers leaflet drops, social media campaigns and engagement with local businesses. Appliance CCTV footage has shared with the Police however this has not provide a positive identification of the individuals responsible. Crews also carried out multiple uplift patrols identifying likely sources of flammable materials and arranging and engaged with local businesses, raising awareness of the issues being experienced.

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

5 Summary

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively, each watch has been allocated ward areas to concentrate their efforts on reducing ASB.

6 Recommendations

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

7 Contact Officer:

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Washington Community Fire Station
Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

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17th March 2022**REPORT OF GENTOO****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee to March 2022.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

3. Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 Housing and Property teams within Gentoo have been dealing with the impact of recent storms and adverse weather upon our properties and customers. We now have a joint out of hours response to deal with emergencies and to contact our most vulnerable customers to ensure they are safe and well. Due to the level and frequency of adverse weather over this winter, there is a backlog of routine repairs, particularly non urgent fencing and roofing jobs. On the Monday following Storm Malik we received more than 3,000 calls, an almost fourfold increase on normal call levels and we are now reprioritising outstanding jobs and updating customers.
- 3.2 We have reviewed how we relet our properties and have brought together colleagues from Housing and Property in a One Gentoo voids team. This team focuses on the whole process from receiving a customer termination to the start of a new tenancy. This aims to reduce relet times and decrease rent loss, as well improve the customer experience for current and future tenants.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 The current activity of Investment Plan work in Washington area includes the ongoing double-glazing programme in Blackfell, re-roofing and double glazing in The Dales, renewal of communal doors in Donwell and the refurbishment of 24 battery garages in Crossgill, Albany.
- 4.2 The Washington District Heating programme has also now commenced on Oxclose. Progress has been good to date with 62 completed properties, but we have recently written to customers on Oxclose advising them of a worldwide parts shortage for boiler manufacturing which has impacted all major boiler suppliers, leading to a 90 day delay lead-in period for all boiler orders. Our contractor Equans will continue to work on the scheme where possible and meter installations will continue to take place. Equans will contact residents about their boiler installation as soon as they receive boilers from our suppliers.
- 4.3 Members will be provided with details of the proposed Investment Plan works in Washington area for 2022/2023 in subsequent update reports.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

Contact Officer

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Washington Area Committee

March 17th 2022

Police Area Committee Report

By Inspector Steve Passey

Overview

Since the last Area Committee, we have seen a reduction in all crime types except drug crime and criminal damage. There is been a 2% decrease overall with the biggest reductions coming from Vehicle Crime (33%), Burglary (23%) and Theft (12%). Drug Crime has increased by 44%. However, this only equates to 9 more drug crimes reported during this period. I attribute the rise in drug crime due to the good proactive work the Police have done targeting drug misuse, as the majority of the drug crimes are only recorded following Police involvement.

Burglary

Washington has one of the lowest burglary rates in the Sunderland City region and the rates continue to fall with a 23% reduction during this period. The highest proportion of the few burglaries that occur in Washington are mainly around the Sulgrave area.

Criminal Damage

Criminal Damage has increased by 9% over the latest period and is up 23% on last year. However, when compared to other areas within Sunderland the amount of criminal damage crimes being recorded is moderate. There are hotspots for damage in the area of the Galleries, Oxclose and Sulgrave which is attributed to the levels of anti-social behaviour those areas suffer.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Washington is second only to Sunderland City Centre for levels of anti-social behaviour. However, during the latest period anti-social behaviour has fallen by 3% and this is 42% reduction when compared to last year. The Washington Neighbourhood Team have worked tirelessly in collaboration with partners to proactively target and disrupt those youths who are causing the majority of the issues within our community. Over the latest period the Washington area was visited by the "Wear Here For You Bus" which was a success, and I have no doubt has contributed significantly to the reduction in anti-social behaviour we are continuing to see. The hotspot areas for anti-social behaviour currently are The Galleries, Oxclose and Albany.

Motorcycle Disorder

Incidents of motorcycle disorder are extremely low. This is to be expected due to the cold and wet weather. It is envisaged that such incidents will return in the near future, as Spring approaches. The Neighbourhood Team have pre-empted this seasonal rise and are looking to implement a new problem-solving approach that will proactively target and disrupt those engaged in motorcycle disorder.

Current Planning Applications(Washington)

Between 01/02/2022 and 04/03/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/00245/TPA	4 Cooks WoodWashingtonNE38 7EU	T1 , T2, T3, T4 and T5 Scots Pine - remove.	11/02/2022	08/04/2022
Washington Central				
22/00246/TPA	5 Buckland CloseBiddickWashingtonNE38 7HG	Fell 3no. Scots Pine trees	11/02/2022	08/04/2022
Washington Central				
22/00119/FUL	46 ChacombeBiddickWashingtonN E38 7HB	Erection of single storey extension to front of property.	11/02/2022	08/04/2022
Washington Central				
22/00268/CLP	Unit Z1 First FloorThe GalleriesWashington Town CentreWashingtonNE38 7SD	Certificate of Proposed Use for use of building as tattoo parlour (Class E).	15/02/2022	12/04/2022
Washington Central				
22/00300/TPA	1 Buckland CloseBiddickWashingtonNE38 7HG	T1 (Sycamore) - Removal of 1no. high branch and 1no. lower main branchT2, T3, T4 and T5 (Sycamore) - crown reduction and reshape up to 40%T6 (Willow) - Remove	17/02/2022	14/04/2022
Washington Central				

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22/00196/FUL	19 Whittonstall Washington NE38 8PH	Erection of two storey extension to rear.	07/02/2022	04/04/2022
Washington East				
21/02107/FUL	Land Adjacent 113 Horsley Road Barmston Washington NE38 8HN	Proposed replacement of existing 15.0m street pole with 20.0m high pole and associated equipment. Installation of new equipment cabinet and removal of 1no. existing cabinet and internal upgrade of 1no. existing cabinet.	09/02/2022	06/04/2022
Washington East				
22/00139/FUL	6 Kildale Houghton-le-Spring DH4 7SG	Erection of replacement fence to rear of garden.	09/02/2022	06/04/2022
Washington East				
22/00237/SUB	34 Stonesdale Houghton-Le-Spring DH4 7QF	Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of flue.	10/02/2022	07/04/2022
Washington East				
22/00347/FUL	6 Foxhills Close Fatfield Washington NE38 8RP	Erection of rear single storey extension.	22/02/2022	19/04/2022
Washington East				
22/00204/FUL	SNOP UK Limited Rainhill Road Stephenson Washington NE37 3HP	Change of use of building from B2 Industrial to B8 distribution, including installation and alteration of shutters and doors, additional lighting, construction of new yard, parking areas and landscaping.	07/02/2022	09/05/2022
Washington North				

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22/00216/PCZ	Spire House Spire Road Glover Washington NE37 3ES	Installation of a 255.06 kWp solar photovoltaics array to existing roof.	07/02/2022	04/04/2022
Washington North				
22/00200/SUB	9 Hargill Drive Rickleton Washington NE38 9EY	Erection of first floor extension to front and side	01/02/2022	29/03/2022
Washington South				
22/00195/FUL	42 Bramhall Drive Washington NE38 9DB	Erection of single storey extension to rear of house and single storey extension to rear of detached garage.	07/02/2022	04/04/2022
Washington South				
22/00207/VAR	Land At 17 Crowther Road Crowther Washington	Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to planning application 18/00419/FUL- Erection of new offices and workshops to provide new company headquarters, together with new access, parking, hard and soft landscaping and boundary	08/02/2022	05/04/2022
Washington South				
22/00238/FUL	13 Graylands Rickleton Washington NE38 9HF	Conversion of existing garage into habitable room, internal and external alterations including installation of new windows and bi-fold doors to rear. Installation of lantern light to the rear flat roof.	10/02/2022	07/04/2022
Washington South				
22/00137/FU4	Land To The North Of Stone Cellar Road Usworth Washington	Erection of 49 no. dwellings with associated vehicle access and landscaping.	01/02/2022	03/05/2022
Washington West				

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22/00225/FUL Washington West	22 Walldridge CloseBlackfellWashingtonNE37 1SU	Erection of two storey side extension with ground floor extension to rear and porch to front.	09/02/2022	06/04/2022

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22/00242/VAR	13 Wentworth DriveUsworthWashingtonNE37 1PX	Variation of condition 2 (plans) of previously approved application 21/02428/FUL - Erection of porch extension to front, two storey side and two storey garage infill extension. (Amended Plan Received 15.11.2021 to lower ridge line of garage).Condition Number(s): 2. The development hereby granted permission shall be carried out in full accordancewith the following approved plans: Plans received 15/10/2021 THD21-017 01REVP1 Location Plan THD21-017 02 REV P1 Block Plan THD21-017 05 REVP1Existing Floor Plans THD21-017 10 REVP1 Existing Elevations Amended PlansReceived 15/11/2021 THD21- 017 15 REVP7 Proposed Floor Plans THD21-017 20REVP7 Proposed elevations In order to ensure that the completed developmentaccords with the scheme approved and to comply with policy BH1 of the adoptedCore Strategy and Development Plan.Conditions(s) Removal:Client changes2. The development hereby granted permission shall be carried out in full accordance with the following approved plans: Plans received 15/10/2021 THD21-017 01 REVP1 Location Plan THD21-017 02 REV P2 Block Plan THD21-017 05 REVP1 Existing Floor Plans	10/02/2022	07/04/2022
Washington West				

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		THD21-017 10 REVP1 Existing Elevations THD21-017 15 REVP8 Proposed Floor Plans THD21-017 20 REVP8 Proposed elevations In order to ensure that the completed development accords with the scheme approved and to comply with policy BH1 of the adopted Core Strategy and Development Plan.		
22/00274/FUL	3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 And 28ArklecragAlbany WashingtonNE37 1RB	Modification to elevational treatment, including addition of cladding and new eaves detail to roof.	15/02/2022	12/04/2022
Washington West				
22/00275/FUL	4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 22, 23 And 30 RosegillAlbany WashingtonTyne And WearNE37 1RR	Modification to elevational treatment, including addition of cladding and new eaves detail to roof.	15/02/2022	12/04/2022
Washington West				
22/00292/FUL	24 Heugh HillSpringwellGatesheadNE9 7NR	Proposed two storey extension to side.	17/02/2022	14/04/2022
Washington West				
22/00356/TPA	The RectoryWell Bank RoadWashingtonNE37 1NW	Proposed works T001 Common Ash Crown Reduction by 35% , T002 Common Ash Crown reduction by approximately 3m, crown thin by 15%, remove dead wood and T003 English Yew Minor reduction of south side of crown to balance overall appearance, removal epicormic growth from main stern.	22/02/2022	19/04/2022
Washington West				

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22/00405/PRI Washington West	3 Saint Andrews AvenueDonwellWashingtonNE37 1AH	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 3.48m from the original dwelling, 3.43m in height and 2.47m to the eaves).	28/02/2022	11/04/2022