

WASHINGTON SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 17th DECEMBER 2020 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistance Director of Community Resilience	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific area priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan with the overall aim to benefit the Washington residents and where possible attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement and updated on progress in relation to area funding, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest, and presents funding proposals for Members consideration.	
Description of Decision: The Area Committee is requested to note the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in the report. (b) Approve £9,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Usworth Park as set out in Annex 1 (c) Approve £28,800 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Tree Management Programme as set out in Annex 1 (d) Approve £62,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Mitigation measures as set out in Annex 1 (e) Note the Washington Ward Improvement Project statement as set out in Paragraph 4. (f) Note the approved Community Chest grants between April 2020 and November 2020, as set out in Paragraph 5 and Annex 2 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has delegated executive functions to allocate area funding to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Plan and to attract other funding into the area.	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Area Budget Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the neighbourhood investment plans, with the overall aim to benefit Washington residents and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund, and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests. The report also presents the current financial statement for the Washington Ward Improvement Project

2. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The following table provides the current financial position of the Capital Investment Programme

Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme allocation is £500,000				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approved	Balance
Festive Lighting	July 2020		£10,000	£490,000
Balance			£10,000	£490,000

Table One: Financial Statement Capital Investment Programme

- 2.4 In November 2020, the Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting agreed to seek approval of **£9,000** to enhance the current Usworth Park Development Plan Project and meet the costs of locking and unlocking the gates for a further 12 months, commencing January 2021. If approved by Area Committee the remaining balance will be **£481,000**.
- 2.5 In November 2020, the Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting agreed to seek approval of **£28,800** to deliver an additional two tree management schemes, as detailed in **Annex 1**. If approved by Area Committee the remaining balance will be **£452,200**.
- 2.6 In November 2020, the Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting agreed to seek approval of **£62,000** to deliver mitigation measures to...as presented to Area Committee in September 2020. Details of the schemes are included in **Annex 1**. If approved by Area Committee the remaining balance will be **£390,200**.
- 3. Neighbourhood Fund**
- 3.1 Washington Area Committee has been allocated **£449,325** for capital and revenue projects for 2020/21. Neighbourhood Fund will need to be allocated within this current financial year.

- 3.2 Area Committee approved £30,000 Neighbourhood Fund to deliver the Washington South Tree Pilot. Following completion of the pilot, Members are asked to note the sum of **£14,880** Neighbourhood Fund has been returned to the budget (2020/21).
- 3.3 The following table provides the current financial position of the Neighbourhood Fund as at 1st December 2020

Neighbourhood Fund allocation is £449,325 (2020/21)				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approved	Balance
Positive Activities Summer Programme	July 2020		£28,000	£421,325
Returned funding: Phoenix Project	March 2019		(4,560)	£425,885
Ward Improvement Project	Sept 2020		50,000	£375,885
Positive Activities 2020 - 21	Sept 2020		19,999	£355,886
Returned funding: Tree pilot	Dec 2020		(14,880)	£370,766
Balance				£370,766

Table Two: Financial Statement Neighbourhood Fund 2020 / 2021

- 3.5 There are no new Neighbourhood Fund applications to be considered at this meeting. Members are asked to note the balance of **£370,766** (Budget 2020/21).

4. Washington Ward Improvement Project: Statement for 2019/20

4.1

Ward	Allocation approved	Project spend	Allocated	Balance
Washington Central	£30,000	£11,583	£0	£18,417
Washington East	£30,000	£ 9,972	£1,375	£18,653
Washington North	£30,000	£17,480	£0	£12,520
Washington South	£30,000	£15,039	£1,620	£13,341
Washington West	£30,000	£15,246	£888	£13,866
Total	£150,000	£69,320	£3,883	£76,797

Table Three: Financial Statement Ward Improvement Project

- 4.2 **Washington Central:** No outstanding projects or quotes. £3734 allocated to external works at Columbia CA (2018/19) returned to budget
Washington East: £1,375 allocated to Drop crossing at Hollyhock
Washington North: Awaiting quote for further works at Albany Park.
Washington South: £1,620 allocated to extra bin at Emerson and Ayton Road Bulb planting
Washington West: £888 planting/landscaping at Blackfell/Oxclose roundabout

Community Resilience Service is working with Environmental Services, and other services as appropriate to resolve the following:

- All outstanding claims to clear the account with regards to projects completed but funds not as yet transferred
- Outstanding quotes
- Working with D Hall to resolve issues re works at Blackfell Perimeter Rd roundabout currently approved at £888 for works agreed last year.

5. Community Chest

5.1

Each of the 5 Washington Wards have been allocated a ward 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 decision

cannot be reached at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

- 5.2 Table Four below details the budget, approvals and balance remaining for 2020 / 2021. Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made between April 2020 and November 2020, as set out in Annex 2, and are encouraged to continue to sponsor and submit project proposals, which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan to ensure full allocation of Community Chest by March 2021.

Ward	2020 / 2021 Balance	Amount Awarded	Returned Funding	Remaining Allocation
Washington Central	£10,000	£1,250	£0	£8,750
Washington East	£10,000	£250	£0	£9,750
Washington North	£10,000	£4,775	£0	£5,225
Washington South	£10,000	£3,634	(£4,496)	£10,862
Washington West	£10,000	£250	£0	£9,750
Total	£50,000	£10,159	£4,496	£44,337

Table Four: Financial Statement Community Chest 2020 / 2021

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to:
- Note the financial statements set out in the report as **Tables 1 and 2**
 - Approve £9,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Usworth Park as set out in Annex 1
 - Approve £28,800 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Tree Management Programme as set out in Annex 1
 - Approve £62,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Mitigation measures as set out in Annex 1
 - Note the Washington Ward Improvement Project statement as set out in **Table 3** and Paragraph 4.
 - Note the approved Community Chest grants between April 2020 and November 2020, as set out in **Table 4** and Annex 2

Annex 1
Annex 2

Neighbourhood Capital Investment Fund Applications
Community Chest Awards 2020 / 2021

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