

28th September 2020

**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 September 2021, with greater detail set out in **Annex 1**, which informs the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Issue / Area Priority	Action / Update
Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement: Safety Measures	EIA completed. Resident consultation: deadline for all comments 18 th September. As of 10 th September, 384 responses received 345 in favour of the schemes. Of the 384 only 230 have experienced any form of ASB at the sites – 154 have not. There are 232 comments – these responses and outcomes of the consultation will undergo analysis to identify key issues and priorities for residents. Currently the problems most identified by residents is motorbikes/quads followed by youth ASB drinking and drugs and then illegal encampments.
Love Where You Live: Clean & Green Local Action	July Board agreed to extend the CGLA scheme. Recommendation to approve an additional £11,000 to be considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Invest in Parks and Play: Parks and Play Task Group	Meeting 2 nd September. Agreed NCIP application to be submitted to September AC for Usworth Park. Recommendation to approve an additional £50,000 capital (previously aligned) to extend and deliver the Usworth Park Development Plan Project, to be considered under Item 3 Budget Report. In addition, a report to November Board following request to reassess and provide more detailed specification/costs for Princess Anne Park, and a report to November Board following meetings with SCC to revisit the Washington Fixed Play Survey and confirm required works. Anticipate applications to December AC for NICP currently aligned for Princess Anne Park and play improvements. July Board also agreed to recommend aligning funding to deliver the Time to Talk benches across Washington.
Health and Wellbeing: Healthy Choices Task Group	Task Group meeting 6 th September postponed until 29 th September 2021
Services for young people: Young People Task Group	Task Group met in June and July Board agreed a Call for Projects for the Creative You Project be presented at the September AC for approval, under Item 3 Budget Report. The project would be a 2year project and request applications to deliver innovative programmes and activities to support young people's wellbeing and build their confidence and aspirations.

	July Board agreed to extend the Washington Can Do scheme. Recommendation to approve an additional £10,000 to be considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Additional services delivered by VCS: Financial Inclusion Task Group	Task Group met on 8 th September and agreed to present a report to November Board which recommends working with SCC Financial Inclusion and Public Health to develop and deliver a 'financial resilience' project targeting young people.
Delivering Heritage and Culture	The July AC approved a Project Brief and Call for Projects to Deliver Washington Heritage and Culture. Whilst information was requested and one application pack provided, there were no application for this Call. The Heritage Task Group will meet 29 th September to determine options and next steps

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 Annex 1.
- ii. Support the recommendation to extend the Clean & Green Local Action scheme
- iii. Support the recommendation to extend the Usworth Park Development Plan Project
- iv. Support the recommendation to agree the Washington Creative You Project Brief and Call for Project
- v. Support the recommendation to extend the Washington Can Do fund

Annex 1 Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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