

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:
- Presents the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
 - 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 Plan. 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:
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
 - 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 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.
- 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. The Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan (2020 – 2023) is attached as **Annex 1**
- 3.5 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be the working groups 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.
- 3.6 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 proposed work programmes and recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

4. Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the four Task Groups established, up to December 2020.

Priority/Issue	Update
TG1 Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement (including ASB Empty Properties)	First meeting of Task Group was held and recommendations made to the last Board regards proposals for a local Neighbourhood Management Enforcement Project. The Board agreed to focus on the evidenced 'hotpot' areas. The Task Group will now look at the needs in each of those areas and discuss and develop a proposal re actions/activity – as stated in the Board some of the 'needs' might already be able to be addressed either via current resources, activity or co-ordination and not require investment – a good example of this is the focused work on a neighbourhood pilot at Barmston with Gentoo as part of the

	<p>Together Clean & Green Partnership. Next meeting will draft info into a 'Project Brief' for the February Board to consider (as per governance protocols for the Board and Area Committee)</p> <p>Together Clean & Green Partnership (TCGP) working group has met and a focus on 3 x priorities agreed – Abandoned trollies, managing household waste (Lower Oxclose), and a 'neighbourhood pilot' in Barmston re addressing litter etc. Next Partnership meeting to be scheduled January 28th2021. The work of the TCGP to contribute to the development of the Neighbourhood Management Enforcement Project.</p>
<p>TG2 Invest in parks, open spaces, play, cycle routes and embed Love Where You Live</p>	<p>First meeting of Task Group held and recommendations made to the last Board re proposals to identify how Area Committee can support a review of Parks and Play in Parks in Washington. The Board agreed to receive further information from the Fixed Play survey, agreed they wished to build on the work already funded and supported via Area Committee and determine any new proposals for enhancement (Parks). The Board also acknowledges the need to wait for SCC budget allocations to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Task Group is now required to discuss and develop a proposal re actions/activity ensuring all proposals are based on evidence of need, with reference to 'all area' provision Next meeting will draft info into a 'Project Brief' for the February Board to consider (as per governance protocols for the Board and Area Committee)</p> <p>Other activities contributing to this priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and Green volunteering programme confirmed reduced programme of activity due to restrictions. Planation management activity reduced or on hold • Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) Call for Projects awarded • Ward Improvement Project extended • Review and redraft of Usworth Park Action Plan re Improvements and refurbishment. Update presented to November Board. Request approval of capital funding for security at the Park to December Area Committee under Item 5 Area Budget Report • Princess Anne Park Masterplan review underway. Report to Parks Task Group and February Board • Tree Management pilot completed. Request for approval of capital funding for 2nd phase to December Area Committee under Item 5 Area Budget Report
<p>Young People</p>	<p>First meeting of Task Group held 23rd November. The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Group to receive WYC Consultation Report with regard to 'preferred activities' of young people at January meeting • Dependent on evidence re preferred activities, the Task Group is in favour of one or two larger projects rather than a number of small projects (time limited one-off programmes/small grants) • Understand strategic approach being developed at SCC re provision of services for young people

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Group wants to understand future gaps in mental health support projects for young people (in Washington) not funded via WAC funds – how long are the current initiatives funded for, take up, need, plans for sustainability • The January meeting of the Task Group to draft a Project Brief for consideration at the February Board
Events, culture and heritage	<p>First meeting held of Heritage Task Group held 23rd November. The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task group to review the 2017 Heritage Strategy Action Plan determining what is completed, still relevant or no longer applicable, ahead of the next meeting in January • January Task Group meeting to confirm proposed outcomes and proposals for a draft Project Brief, to be presented to February Board.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

Consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan (2020/2023) as detailed in **Annex 1**, and the reports from the Task Groups as detailed under Paragraph 4

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