

**Washington Area Committee Place Board: 2018/19 Work Plan & Priorities**

Priority	Activity/Project	Commentary
Environment and Green Space	Washington Way to Well Being. Washington Way capital works completed. £2,000 remaining for launch event	Awaiting confirmation of changes to shared route status. Further launch and PR event when confirmed.
	WW2WB – Go Washington.	Following Round 8 - £2099 to be returned to the budget.
	Neighbourhood Improvement Project	Reporting through Place Board and SIB monitoring. All Wards allocated budget although circa £19k remaining for Washington Central to complete refurbishment project at Columbia CA.
	Washington Clean and Green: approved 4 work streams to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood improvements. This includes support for Friends Groups to take on additional tasks in parks (total funding approved £145,350)	Reporting through Place Board and SIB monitoring. Evaluations of key work streams submitted to April Board and informed priority setting for 2018/19 Plantations/ Community Clean ups – align £50k to be considered Nov 2018 Area Committee. Full evaluation of Phase 1 to be submitted to September Board. Propose £20k approved to complete Usworth Park Management Plan – Project Brief and Call to be agreed June Area Committee. Support for Friends and Education/PR workstreams to continue under current offer.
	Washington Ward Improvement Project	A further £50,000 to be recommended to June Area Committee to enhance the environment within the neighbourhoods. This second phase to commence September 2018. Elected members (per ward) to identify issues and projects to address local concerns. Ward Cllrs will also identify any relevant partners that might be able to bring added value and the Community Partnerships Service will provide relevant support to facilitate discussions.
Heritage and Culture: Events	Events 2018	March 2018 Area Committee approved £68,000 SIB to SNCBC to deliver the Washington Events Programme 2018. The following programme is confirmed: <b>1.Springwell Village 1940's weekend – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018</b>

	Events 2019	<p><b>2.Durham Miners Gala – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b></p> <p><b>3.Washington Heritage Family Carnival – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b></p> <p><b>4.Remembrance Sunday March and Service 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b></p> <p><b>5.Christmas Lights Switch On - Concord – Monday 19<sup>h</sup> November 2018</b></p> <p><b>6.Washington Village Christmas Festival – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b></p> <p>Community meetings are currently being set up for the Springwell 1940's Weekend with an initial meeting already scheduled 26<sup>th</sup> April to discuss Expressions of Interest. The first Summer Carnival Community Meeting will take place early May</p> <p>Place Board established a sub group to look at support for future local events programmes in line with any proposed city strategy for events. The Group met twice and after interrogating the returns from previous programmes recommends that SIB funding made available or aligned for the 2019/20 should be reduced and that main programme should support 2 or 3 key events. Smaller localised events and support for the Durham Miners Gala March and transport should be funded externally and supported <b>in part</b> via Community Chest. If June Area Committee agrees this recommendation, the current lead will be invited to meet the group and discuss alternative models re delivering a community led programme, including exploring sponsorship opportunities at a localised level.</p>
Heritage and Culture: Heritage utilised to deliver other AC priorities	Health and Heritage	Awaiting confirmation of funding of £25k and project outcomes from Public Health. April Board recommended to June Area committee a targeted approach – SIB application to be submitted to June AC from Sunderland Culture Partnership
Heritage and Culture: Washington Heritage Strategy (Refreshed 2017)	Washington Heritage Strategy Action Plan (2017)	<b>Heritage trail:</b> The Trust can now confirm the issues relating to planning consent and property owners giving permission to install blue plaques in the Washington Village area are greater than anticipated and therefore this element will not progress at this stage.

		<p>The Trust will not be pursuing the Stage 2 application with HLF for this trail. However the Trust has started to look at an alternative trail across Washington as mentioned previously and there are a number of potential opportunities that need to be followed - this includes Washington School and Usworth Colliery School and some individuals whose achievements warrant recognition, along with the squadron that were based at the airfield. Update to future boards.</p> <p><b>Funding Bids to HLF:</b> HLF have now put out a position statement for 2018-19 and further changes will be made during this year, so that the new guidelines and grants programmes are in place for 2019 onwards. Grants below £100,000 do not seem to be effected for this year, but larger grants are. Published deadline dates for grants under £100,000 could result in a smaller heritage bid been submitted August 2018 for a decision in December. The Trust now needs to consider this position in more detail.</p>
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