

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday 16th March, 2017 at 6.00pm

VENUE – Washington Millennium Centre, The Oval, NE37 2QD

Membership

Cllrs Williams (Chair), F. Miller (Vice Chair - Place), Lauchlan (Vice Chair – People), Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, Middleton, G Miller, Scaplehorn, David Snowdon, Dianne Snowdon, T. Taylor, D Trueman, H Trueman. P. Walker,

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ELAINE WAUGH
Head of Law and Governance

7th March, 2017

Item 1

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at the WASHINGTON MILLENNIUM CENTRE on THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Williams in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, Middleton, G. Miller, Scaplehorn, D. Snowdon, D.E. Snowdon, Taylor, D. Trueman and H. Trueman.

Jemma Amer	-	SNCBC
Andrea Baxter	-	Groundwork NorthEast
Louise Butler	-	Chief Executives
Linda Butler-Blair	-	Biddick Academy
Sophie Farish	-	Pitstop
Shirley Gillum	-	SNCBC
Steve Graham	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Dylan Hannington	-	Pitstop
Jessica Hannington	-	Pitstop
Vicky Hannington	-	Pitstop
David Hardy	-	Community Services
Carl Jenkins	-	Biddick Academy
Chloe Jenkins	-	Biddick Academy
Melanie Jenkins	-	Biddick Academy
Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Thomas Matthews	-	Biddick Academy
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Ev Ripley-Day	-	Foundation of Light
John Rostron	-	VCS Representative
Joanne Stewart	-	Corporate Services Directorate

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Lauchlan, F. Miller, P. Walker and Mrs. Bryan Beverley and Ms. Jacqui Reeves.

Declarations of Interest

Item 5 – Strategic Initiative Budget and Community Chest

Councillor Fletcher made an open declaration in the application for SIB for the Healthy Place, Healthy People Project.

Councillor David Snowdon made an open declaration in the application for SIB funding for the Healthy Spaces, Healthy Communities Project as a volunteer and having worked with the Lead Organisation Washington MIND.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon declared a DPI in the application for SIB funding for the Healthy Spaces, Healthy Communities Project as an appointed member to the trust of Washington MIND and left the meeting during consideration of the application.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th October, 2016

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 20th October, 2016 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Partner Agency Reports

(a) Report of the Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

The Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) to inform the Committee of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

2. RESOLVED that Members noted the contents of the report.

(b) TWFRA

Steve Graham, Station Manager submitted a report (copy circulated) informing the Committee of the statistics for the Washington Area during the period of 1st September to 30th November 2016.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Graham advised that at this time of year the service focussed upon home fire safety checks due to the use of Christmas lighting and candles in the build up to the festive period. The service were happy to undertake these checks to any residents who may require them.

Councillor Scaplehorn asked if the service still undertook litter picks in areas of the city. Mr. Graham advised that they carried little picks out at hot spot areas and offered to have a conversation with the Councillor outside of the meeting if he had areas of concern that he could look to arrange volunteers for.

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(c) Northumbria Police

Inspector Vicky Quinn submitted a report (copy circulated) on the crime and disorder figures for the period 1st October to 30th November, 2016.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

There being no representative from Northumbria Police in attendance, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report from Northumbria Police be noted.

People Board Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the 2016/17 work plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

On behalf of the Chairman of the People Board, Councillor Williams introduced the report and drew Members attention to the work plan for 2016/17 and gave a summary of the key areas of influence and achievements of the Board up to 30th September 2016.

Councillor Williams advised that there were a number of representatives in attendance who had taken part in projects relating to the Can Do project that the Area Committee had allocated funding towards and invited each of them to address the Committee giving their experiences of the project and answering any questions Members may have. Each of the projects had provided photographs, copies of their publications, if relevant, and information on each of their projects was placed on display around the room for Members information. These were provided on behalf of:-

- Washington School – Activity Club;
- Wasps (Pitstop) – Activities for young people with disabilities;
- Biddick School Khorus Group; and
- ODYPP – Study Programme.

Councillor Kelly referred to the two publications that had been produced by Biddick School and commented that the Committee may wish to look to provide further funding through Community Chest to allow further copies to be produced to be distributed in other schools in the Washington area.

Members congratulated the young people who had taken part in the projects as they had done a fantastic job in coming along and presenting to the Area Committee.

The Can Do project clearly showed that they had all been good value investments for the outcomes that had been achieved.

Ms. Purvis advised that the next round for applicants for the Can Do projects was to be released in January, 2017 and all Members were encouraged to invite groups to apply. When asked if groups could reapply if they had already secured funding through the project, Ms. Purvis advised that they could so long as it was for a different activity to that that they had already had funding provided for.

Members having thanked the young people for their attendance, and having no more questions, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that Members considered the Washington Area People Boards Work Plan for 2016/17 and the update detailed in Paragraph 3.2 and attached as Item 3 Annex 1 to the report.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the 2016/17 Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

On behalf of the Chairman of the Place Board, Councillor Williams introduced the report and gave a summary of the key areas of influence and achievements of the Board up to 30th November, 2016.

Members having considered the progress report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that Members:-
 - a. Considered the Performance update with regard to the Washington Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2016/17 attached as Item 4 Annex 1 of the report;
 - b. the updates as presented in paragraph 3.2 of the report be received and noted;
 - c. the Area Chairman and Vice Chairman (Place) seek clarity and reassurance from the Portfolio Holder for City Services that as 70% of the City's current industry is located in Washington, that this is reflected in the Highway Management Programme distribution of budget with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of the strategic routes; and
 - d. the Portfolio Holder for City Services be invited to a future meeting of the Washington Place Board to discuss the local influencing role for future Highway Management Programmes irrespective of the outcome of the proposed Challenge Bid.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) Community Chest – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Head of Area Arrangements, Scrutiny and Member Support Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the financial statements as an update on the progress in allocating SIB and Community Chest and which presented proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Kelly referred to the applications received in relation to the Healthy Spaces, Healthy Communities Project and commented that he felt it should be deferred back to the Place Board to allow further discussion prior to being submitted to the next Area Committee in March, 2017 for consideration.

Ms. Purvis, Area Officer, advised that in relation to the Steering Group of key partners to be established as part of the Clean and Green Project it was proposed that a Core Member of the Place Board be included. It was suggested that nominations be considered at the January meeting of the Place Board.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statement be noted;
- b. The applications for the Healthy Places Healthy People Project as detailed in Annex 1 of the report be deferred and referred back to the next meeting of the Washington Place Board to allow further discussions to be undertaken;
- c. The Project Brief for the VCS Healthy Communities Project as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be approved and £100,000 from the 2016/17 SIB budget be aligned;
- d. Approval be given to the allocation of £85,000 from the 2016/17 SIB budget for the Washington Clean and Green Project as detailed in Annex 3 of the report; and that nominations for a Core Place Board Member to be appointed to the Steering Group to be established be considered at the next meeting of the Washington Place Board;
- e. Approval be given to the allocation of £60,000 from the 2016/17 SIB budget for the Washington Events Programme 2017/18 as detailed in Annex 4 of the report; and
- f. the 8 Community Chest approvals as detailed in Annex 5 of the report be noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) L. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

Item 2

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

16 MARCH 2017

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2018

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present to Elected Members options to consider in relation to community engagement as part of the Tall Ships Races event in 2018. The paper provides information on how residents in the Washington Area can participate in, contribute to and benefit from the event.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Tall Ships Races Sunderland 2018 gives the city a unique opportunity to strengthen its position in the North East as a visitor destination, generate significant economic impact and pride for the City, and a superb opportunity to bring Sunderland's physical and cultural regeneration to a local, regional and international audience.
- 2.2 Moreover, The Tall Ships Races Sunderland 2018 will be a keystone in the City's ambition to become UK City of Culture in 2021, and allows the city to continue to celebrate its maritime heritage and showcase its natural and physical assets.

3.0 INVOLVEMENT IN THE SAIL TRAINEE PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The main aim of The Tall Ships Races series is to provide an opportunity for young people to develop their personal skills in a challenging and memorable sail-training environment and hence at least 50% of a Tall Ship's crew must be aged 15-25. As part of the contract with Sail Training International, Sunderland needs to provide opportunities for 100 sail trainees. To date there are 70 opportunities still remaining.
- 3.2 30 local young people have already had the opportunity to take part in a sail training voyage in summer 2016 via the Sail Training Ambassador programme, some mixed funding and sponsorship.
- 3.3 Each sail training voyage, which includes the berth on board a Tall Ship and travel, can be a life changing experience for some young people. There is also the requirement for each young person to have suitable equipment and clothing to take with them, e.g. warm clothes, waterproof jacket etc. In order for the young people to be committed to the opportunity, the young people are encouraged to raise funds to cover these latter costs.
- 3.4 The young trainees will be expected to engage with social media and be involved in marketing and PR activities before and after the event and act as positive ambassadors for the event.

4.0 ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1 As part of the Tall Ships event there will be a cultural programme in the months leading up to the event and a continuous programme of public activity and entertainment throughout the 4 days of the event. Both provide a great opportunity for the Washington Area residents to be part of this extraordinary occasion.
- 4.2 Bids are being submitted to various external funding streams, for example Arts Council England and Heritage Lottery Fund to fund this programme which will include large scale activities and smaller community projects.
- 4.3 Area VCS Networks will be approached to support this element of the Tall Ships cultural programme for smaller community projects in the Washington Area. These projects might be delivered in the run-up to the event and / or during the 4 day festival.
- 4.4 Moreover, the Tall Ships Team are working with The Cultural Spring to deliver a “Set the Sails” project involving four groups of young people from Hendon, Hetton, St Peters and Washington areas who will work with local artists and craftspeople to learn artisan skills and make a small flotilla of working scale-model ships. These ships will then be launched and sailed at a special event as part of the City’s Tall Ships celebrations.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Washington Area Committee are recommended to:-
 - Refer to relevant Board for further discussions on how and if members would wish to support:
 - Sail Trainees
 - Community Events
 - Set the Sails project

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16th March 2017

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and 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 VCS 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 meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. Washington Network Annual Report

- 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, totally voluntary, community groups. Collectively these organisations provide Washington residents with a wide range of local services, activities and opportunities and have a significant role within community life here. The Washington Area Network Annual Report 2016/17, attached as **Annex 1**, contains a range of case studies which both demonstrate the diversity of the VCS organisations operating in Washington and the range of services and support they provide, highlighting how they make a difference to residence lives.
- 3.2.1 This report also contains proposals and next steps for the coming year to encourage collaboration with Area Committee to deliver shared priorities. The Washington Area Network is developing a collaborative approach, developing a Washington Volunteering Plan and is considering how to co-ordinate much needed resources particularly for the 'grassroots' organisations in the area. This 'community planning' will also consider capacity to deliver and support needs of organisations as well as recognising the level of support and/or information sharing that different groups require.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested
 - To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington ACVSN

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Appendix 1: Annual Report of Washington Community & Voluntary Sector Network

Annual Report 2016/17 of Washington Community & Voluntary Sector Network (VCSN)

Report prepared by Network Representatives: Jacqui Reeves (Washington MIND) John Rostron (Washington Millennium Centre) Bryan Beverley (Washington Trust).

Introduction

This report has been written by the three area representatives who represent the views and experiences of the voluntary organisations, large and small, with or without staff support, that deliver services to the communities of Washington.

To ensure that as many different organisations' as possible have had the opportunity to influence this document, the representatives have used a range processes which have been created in partnership with network members and local authority staff. The different methods for gaining the views and experiences of the wider network group have included:

- Monthly Washington network meetings
- Implementation of sub groups which have been facilitated by the Washington network and supported by VCS groups and organisations
- A detailed questionnaire which has been circulated across the VCS within Washington and its findings have been collated by the Washington network representatives
- The constant, and invaluable, discussions we have with VCS partners and our experience of being part of the sector itself and delivering services.

During the past 12 months the Washington Area Network has constantly considered the question of how best to engage the wider sector. Understandably, a VCS as diverse as that which operates within Washington requires a range of engagement processes and communication systems to be in place. Reaching out to the widest range of organisations remains a high priority for the Washington Network going forward.

The challenging and rapidly changing environment the Washington VCS operates within

There can be little doubt that currently the VCS and its statutory and public partners are operating in the most challenging of times. Unprecedented levels of budget reductions by a range of public bodies, including local authorities, service withdrawal or significant reconfiguration, greater levels of competition for grants and other funding, higher operating costs and increasing administration requirements all contribute to the range of challenges VCSOs face on a daily basis.

Whilst of course the voluntary sector does not operate within a vacuum, this report seeks to maintain its focus upon the sector itself and how changes in other sectors impact upon it, and how it responds to the challenges subsequently created. The VCS in Washington has a long and successful history of working with its public and statutory partners and is committed to this mutually beneficial relationship. However, for these relationships to continue to flourish going forward, each individual partner will need to understand, perhaps more than in the past, how their activity positively and less positively impacts upon the other.

For example, in the questionnaire recently collated by the Washington VCS Network Representatives, many VCSO's based within Washington understandably raised concerns relating to local authority budget reductions and, of course, how these might impact upon

the sector collectively and within specific projects. There is concern from VCS organisations that there is a wider perception that the voluntary sector is somehow able to fill many the gaps left by other partner service withdrawals or reductions. There is a strong feeling that the wider expectation of the VCS capacity needs to be kept realistic – the VCS needs to be reassured that there aren't unrealistic expectations held. The VCS feels that this is needed to ensure that the public understands what public services are available and, equally as importantly, where they are not.

The role of the smaller, usually volunteer lead, community groups should not be underestimated. These organisations are delivering important local community services and support high numbers of residents. As the environment changes, in terms of more competition for local financial resources, then these groups will be less able to respond to a rapidly changing environment and thus may become more vulnerable than might have been the case historically.

The world of local volunteering is also rapidly changing. As local communities develop their own responses to the situations caused by the removal or reduction of services (either resulting from state or VCS budget reductions) then volunteer roles will need to change. For example, environmental volunteering will need to increase with volunteers undertaking activity which historically was in the remit of the local authority or other land managers. Research undertaken to support this report indicates that whilst volunteers remain committed to supporting local service delivery, there is also a strong view that they don't want to be seen as a direct replacement for others' service level changes but instead want to bring added value.

It can be argued that the VCS has, throughout time, functioned within an ever changing environment and this is accepted. However, VCS partners in Washington, like elsewhere, are concerned, as the pace and level of change currently being experienced is unprecedented. Washington VCS Network partners do feel that we are, perhaps, in a more positive position than other parts of the city given the good relations we enjoy and the mutual desire held to continue to develop the Washington Network.

Linkage to Area Committee Priorities – how the Washington VCS Network reflects these in its delivery

The priorities of the Washington Area Committee are divided into two specific groupings, namely people and place. The People Board, one of the two formal sub-groups of the Area Committee, is responsible for overseeing the activity and priorities relating to people. The Place Board has the same function focused upon the place priorities.

The People focused priorities are:

- Health and wellbeing – focusing upon self-harm, healthy living and green spaces
- Social Care – including such projects as the Home from Hospital initiative
- Community Inclusion – Area Network Support, maximising volunteering and supporting the delivery of youth services.

The Place priorities are

- Environment and Green space - continue to develop and deliver neighbourhood improvements - linking to volunteering work and the local community, using green space to improve health and well-being, and identifying opportunities to support the management of parks.
- Community leadership and engagement - continue to utilise and promote the Members' community leadership and community engagement role through a range of physical and environmental initiatives

- Heritage and Culture - Generate opportunities to use local heritage and culture to attract match/external funding to maximise potential and for a positive impact on the community. Also to ensure the Washington offer can influence the city wide approach to heritage and culture and how those services can be tailored to meet the needs of the local community.

The VCS in Washington significantly contributes to the above priorities both in terms of its own day-to-day service delivery and, in more recent times, by work funded by the Area Committee either to individual projects and, increasingly, collaborative funding of partnership activity. The clear link between area priorities and Area Committee funding opportunities is very much welcomed by the sector and it is hoped that such an approach will continue. However, the sector recognises that it is short-sighted to concentrate only upon Area Committee funding and as has already been said earlier in this document alternative funding streams will need to be identified and pursued.

One such massively important potential opportunity of note is the Community Led Local Development Strategy (CLLD). One of the primary principles of this funding, for which the local authority is the lead partner, is that of “a bottom up approach” in terms of developing the overall strategy. The VCS in Washington holds a unique insight into a range of issues which effect communities and equally we have a unique relationship with the wider community. Therefore, the in-depth involvement of the VCS in both the developing of the CLLD strategy and subsequent responses to agreed priorities is fundamental.

Community-led Local Development must be community led by Local Action Groups, and implemented through integrated area based Local Development Strategies. The preparation of the strategy must actively involve the local community and this process should be described in the strategy.

Community-led Local Development must not be imposed from the top down. It is not simply a process of converting existing strategies into a Local Development Strategy or drawing together a group of existing local activists to form a Local Action Group. It is essential to involve a cross-section of the targeted local community in the development and management of the strategy and in finding solutions to local issues

The work of the VCS in Washington demonstrates that it is ideally placed to encourage local communities to develop integrated bottom-up approaches, and identify and deliver solutions, in circumstances where there is a need to respond to local challenges. Therefore, it is felt extremely important that the Washington Area Committee, with its many connections to the council's and other strategic partners' decision making processes, will continue with its clear support to the sector and help ensure that significant opportunities are not missed locally.

Activity of sub-groups – collaborative working and supporting volunteering

As part of this approach during 2016/17 the Washington Area Network has introduced two working groups which provide the VCS in Washington the means to explore issues in more detail than would be possible at monthly meetings. The new working groups have looked at and considered issues which are important to the Area Committee and form part of its list of priorities.

The first working group has looked at ways in which the VCS in Washington can work in a more collaborative way. The Collaborative Working group has met 3 times in the last 4 months to look at how collaborative working can be developed further and to identify potential opportunities. The work will continue and the group will meet when needed and

the organisations have made a commitment to work more closely together and to build on the collaboration that has already taken place. An example of this activity making a difference is a recent joint project delivered between the Foundation of Light, Washington MIND and the Washington Trust who worked together with a much smaller organisation, Washington Support Group for Men, to secure grant aid from three large regional external funders to deliver a significant men's health and personal wellbeing programme.

The second working group has looked at volunteering which is fundamental to the VCS. The Volunteering Working Group has considered a range of issues relating to volunteering matters including areas of economies of scale such as volunteer recruitment, training, support and development. Additionally, the group is also exploring joint fund-raising via collaborative grant applications for projects which could not be delivered by individual organisations in isolation. Much of the activity of this group has focused upon how the larger and stronger VCS organisations can provide support to the smaller, usually volunteer lead community groups, in terms of volunteering.

Washington VCS bidding and delivering projects collaboratively

The VCS in Washington has a long history of working together though it is accepted that the smaller local groups have less experience of this approach. The sector has embraced the Area Committee's desire to encourage and support collaborative working.

It has been demonstrated that even the most collaboratively focused work requires a lead agent to be in place. The degree of collaboration work will vary upon the nature and focus of the work, time restraints and number of partners involved. It is acknowledged that not all organisations will have the capacity to act as a lead agent and therefore we should not worry that some organisations take on this role more than others.

The increase in collaborative working has achieved a range of benefits for both the sector and the Area Committee. Firstly, collaborative bidding reduces competition and the associated administration that multiple applications would require. Secondly, collaborative working allows projects to be delivered by collectives which individual VCS organisations could not deliver in isolation. Thirdly, and this is an area that we would hope to develop in the near future, an increase in collaborative bids to external funders which build upon the experiences of the bids to the Area Committee. Finally, collaborative bidding and project delivery in Washington has supported the inclusion of smaller organisations which have benefitted from working in partnership with bigger VCSO's.

Looking forward

It is accepted that the last 12 months have been extremely challenging for the VCS and its partners such as the City Council and that trend is very likely to continue for the foreseeable future. Therefore, it has never been so important for partners to continue to work collectively to address mutually agreed issues and deliver collective outcomes/responses. The past year has demonstrated that the local authority and VCS are placed in the best position possible to achieve the individual aims when working collectively and it is hoped that this mutually beneficial relationship will continue to flourish. This is not to say that further development and dialogue is needed nor that either partner should become complacent.

The Washington Area Network is an important mechanism for communication, joint planning, consultation and joint work between the local authority and local VCS. However, there are other significant partners delivering within Washington whose links to the network need to be improved so that they too are able to work in a more joined up way.

Therefore, it is hoped that during the next 12 months' work is undertaken to improve the links between the Washington Area Network and the wider state and statutory sector.

The VCS is a fundamental local deliverer of important local services. However, caution is required regarding the perceived capacity of the sector as there is a growing feeling that there is an assumption that service gaps created by the budget reductions of other partners will be filled by the sector. Therefore, managing expectation appropriately is an important process for the Network to continue to advocate.

In last year's annual report, the challenge of ensuring that smaller, usually volunteer lead grassroots organisations were able to participate in the work of the Area VCS Network was identified. Whilst some progress has been made (see collaborative working) it should continue to be a priority of the partners to develop appropriate ways for smaller organisations to get involved. Of course not all will want to do this but for those which do there should be an easy to engage pathway.

In Conclusion

The VCS in Washington is keen to support the work of the City Council (and other strategic partners) as an equal partner, whose unique perspective, understandings, relationships with the community and inherent principles are valued and respected. Equally, our unique challenges, capacity limitations and potential services reductions also need to be acknowledged and factored into wider plans.

Item 3b

Washington Crime and Disorder 1 December 2016 to 28 February 2017

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Washington covering 1st December to 28th February 2017. For comparison purposes I have also provided the data for the same period last year.

As a Force we have been very honest about our change in crime recording practices over the last year that has resulted in us being more transparent and open in terms of recording crime. After previous concerns nationally around the way crime was recorded we now record all crime as soon as a victim makes an allegation that THEY feel they are a victim of crime. In addition to that we have made great advances in terms of our Domestic Violence policies and Sexual Assaults Investigation that mean we have gained trust and confidence with the public and other agencies due to how we now approach and investigate those very important crimes and in turn victims feel more able to approach us and report those types of crime. These crimes are also often historic in nature sometimes even from decades earlier – also encouraged by the Saville effect and recent high profile media cases. As an example previously police may have attended a report of a fight and upon arrival no one would tell us what had happened and the parties would leave the scene. Last year in the main no crime would be recorded but now that would be recorded as public order offence or assault if there was any evidence to us of anyone having an injury. Despite the outcome being the same. For that reason public order related crime has risen significantly.

Northumbria Police as a whole reported an increase in crime from April 2015- March 2016 by 29% in light of the above. The present year is currently standing at around an 33% increase as we start to stabilise. We do not believe that in real terms crime has gone up just that recording practices are now much more robust in line with HMIC advice and national policies. A recent HMIC report confirmed we had risen from a National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) compliance rate of 72% 2 years ago up to around 93% which puts us ahead of the game nationally. This financial year will be used as a yardstick for future rises/falls after last year's changes.

In addition to these administrative changes social media type fallouts have become a very prevalent issue in terms of parties falling out over social media and then looking to involve police to resolve them where previously advice would have been given we now would record a crime such as malicious communications.

Crime / Disorder	1 December 2015 – 28th February 2016	1 December 2016 – 28th February 2017	+ / -
ASB Reports	450	350	Down 100
Burglary OTD	49	27	Down 22
Burglary Dwelling	20	23	Up 3
Rape	5	16	Up 11
Serious Sex Assaults	16	23	Up 7
Damage to Motor Vehicle	70	49	Down 21
Theft from Motor Vehicle	23	25	Up 2
Total Crime	816	644	Down 21%

Force up 18% in same period

Force and Washington up 33% YTD

The main concern for Washington is ASB emerging at the Galleries.

Item 4

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

Item 4

16th March 2017

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides an update of the 2016/17 Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year Washington Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with People and refers the priorities to the Washington People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.

2.2 The People Board has presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.

2.3 This report provides an update to the work plan up to end of February 2017.

3. Update of 2016/17 People Board Work Plan

3.1 The 2016/17 Work Plan is attached as **Item 4 Annex 1**

3.2 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington People Board up to 28th February 2017.

Action Taken	Outcome
Local priority: Health and Well Being	
Develop a strategic approach to health and well-being through a partnership approach	<p>Officers were requested to discuss with partners options to deliver a VCS led Healthy Communities proposal which was included in the People Board Progress Reports. The December Area Committee agreed a targeted approach be developed via the Washington Millennium Centre to to address health inequalities in Washington's most deprived neighbourhoods, address the Area Committee's Health and Well Being priority and in particular deliver support and services for over 50's and embed joint working to address the health needs of the aging population. This project is intended to deliver a community led personalised approach to encourage people to live healthier lifestyles – working with local groups, GPs, health checks and health plans, interventions, engagement, referrals, and self-help £100,000 was approved at the December Area Committee. The application will be determined under Item 6 Finance Report.</p> <p>Both the Time to Care (Self Harm) Project and the Home from Hospital project are reporting via regular progress reports to Board. Home from Hospital: The lead continues to promote the service via Social media, 'word of mouth' and counselling referral process. They have used the national events to promote the project through additional promotional items (World Mental health day, Family fun day, Pink Friday, Wellbeing Networks and Washington Christmas Festival). The web pages are continuing to be updated and the hard copy will be complete by the end of the project. The project continues to gather information for signposting to other services available to help, not just people fitting the criteria, but for anyone leaving hospital and having trouble getting support. This information will be added to www.washingtonmind.org.uk and www.wellbeinginfo.org and will continue after the project is ended.</p>

	<p>The project will seek further funding to continue with the lunch club as it has become a bit of a lifeline to some of the attendees building their confidence to venture into other things. To ensure the project is able to be beneficial beyond the period of funding we will use the last quarter to work together with partners to provide both hardcopy and online comprehensive information for people leaving hospital and their carer's. We will use the data we have collected over the period of the grant to inform this work include a survey of the professional involved to establish if they used the service, if not why not and what they would like to see on the website and in promotional materials. This will again be distributed to hospitals, health centres and GP surgeries.</p> <p>Time to Care: The Project Co-ordinators have been providing Counselling support to Young People on a weekly basis and have offered support to parents and professionals. Web site/app development includes designing an interactive game for the updated website, working with developers to look at an App for young people, and setting up a closed Facebook page to give parents and carers the power to share and make their world more open and connected. An "Understanding Self-Harm" page has also been set-up on Facebook, which is open to the general public. If people "Like" the page, they will see regular updates on the project, such as parent drop-ins in the Washington area, and also read articles and updates shared from the Washington Mind page.</p> <p>Washington Way to Wellbeing: 3 applications for Round 6 of Go Washington have been received to a total of £2465. The applications are currently being assessed and considered under SIB Protocols re Small Grants.</p> <p>Health and Heritage: People Board supports Place Board recommendations to develop a Health & Heritage Project for Washington. Detail of proposed methodology included under Place Board Progress Report Item 5 and Finance Report Item 6.</p>
Local priority: Community Inclusion and support for VCS	
VCS Network	<p>The Network has now held a number of meetings with regards to progressing the priorities recently identified re agreed Washington Community Plan.</p> <p>Washington Area Network Annual Report for 2016/17 is presented under Item 3.</p>
CVDO	<p>The CVDO report was presented to the last People Board. It detailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the ongoing support to community organisations the project will specifically support community groups which seek to take on care and control of open spaces as part of the "friends of" programme. The project will contribute to both the development and roll out of this programme. • In line with the Washington Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) Network priorities, the project will lead on the development of a volunteer plan for Washington. This will be achieved by the facilitation of a partner group made up VCS organisations operating within the town (first meeting of group taking place in January 2017) • As part of the green space initiative funded from SIB we will

Young People	<p>consider the longer term sustainability of KWT and associated workload.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of a further 4 corporate volunteering events. • Delivery of 2 volunteer training event • In partnership with the City Council the CVDO will, on behalf of Washington VCS Network, develop, circulate and assess the results of a community organisation questionnaire. The findings of this work will be contained within the VCS Network Annual Report which will be presented to the March Washington Area Committee <p>The Project has also been requested to submit their exit strategy as part of the next round of quarterly reporting. It is anticipated the project will be able to continue in its current form until December 2017.</p> <p>Members are asked to note that Round 5 of the Can Do fund has now been released. Applicants will be presenting their proposals to the next People Board on the 26th April</p>
Local Priority: Social Care	
Crisis Support	<p>Area Committee aligned £40,000 to develop a local approach to financial inclusion and family resilience. Research identified a raft of crisis intervention services and debt and benefits advice already available.</p> <p>Discussion identified a more targeted approach be developed to help people overcome the challenges and disadvantages that shape their lives. Enhancing existing services and establishing good referral and communication links with relevant partners is likely to bring more benefits for those in most need especially those in Crisis.</p> <p>Following the last People Board, a questionnaire was circulated to local organisations and the following actions are considered as 'action that will make a difference'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Easily delivered with minimum additional investment – and just requires someone to co-ordinate and lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mapping/list /directory – SCC already carrying out a mapping exercise re Food Bank Network, the wellbeinginfo.org is already established and could be a platform with minimal additional support/activity, the Area Network as a conduit or route re co-ordination and collaboration. Closed group on Facebook/Social media for Partnership group. ○ More volunteers – Washington volunteering plan – work underway via Network. Bring this together with the CVDO being given the task of helping to plug the gaps re volunteering linked to other SIB funded projects ○ Permanent base for partners – discuss opportunities for sharing venues re delivery of a one stop approach ○ Regular meetings to share knowledge, concerns, changes etc., visits to projects (partners) to know what individual organisations/projects deliver – once partnership established lots of options to establish the 'joined up' approach.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awareness raising – partnership to co-ordinate? <p>2. Longer term proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local transport ○ More social workers ○ Prompt/better responses from GPs re referring into community crisis support ○ Community organisations to provide interim support whilst residents await access to services (long waiting lists) ○ Emergency shelter/accommodation ○ Longer term funding ○ Advocacy for vulnerable/those in crisis ○ Training for front line staff to increase awareness of issues and links between crisis and health, particularly mental health ○ Co-ordination of local services re food, clothing, furniture and white goods, energy, holiday hunger ○ Be aware of SCC policy re emergency/crisis support. <p>People Board recommendation is to approve £10,000 of the £40,000 SIB (previously aligned) to allow officers in the Community Partnerships Service (internal application) to establish and develop a Washington Support Partnership – a network of partners who will deliver a range of ‘crisis support’, come together and commit to a joined up approach to supporting Washington residents in crisis, and to develop an action plan to be able to help those in immediate crisis through a ‘small grants’ pot. It is estimated this work will be delivered over a 6 – 12 month period</p> <p>The remaining balance of £30,000 (previously aligned to Financial Inclusion) can be subject to a Call for Projects to develop a more long term approach based on need and evidence from the first phase of work. This proposal to be considered and determined under Item 6 Finance Report.</p>
Local priority: Employment and Enterprise	
Youth Opportunities	<p>The project is now in its final quarter of delivery with 169 young people accessing IAG, 104 receiving job training, and 33 into employment. The project has tackled issues with pre NEET young people and developed a ‘through’ service leading to access from young people and parents after leaving school, arranging suitable training, volunteering, building confidence and encouraging young people into work. Throughout the lifetime of the project a number of positive case studies where the project has made a real difference, have been presented to Board and Area Committee.</p> <p>The need for some aspects of the service to continue is apparent and discussions with the school re buying in the service post SIB funding or a reduced service have been unsuccessful and whilst the issue remains a priority for schools and have valued the project’s impact due to continued budget cuts etc. they are unable to commit spending to fund the continuation of the service. Discussions continue with potential partners who might be able to develop alternative services to address the loss of Youth Opportunities in Washington. Additionally SNCBC have future volunteer and IAG projects planned in Washington and may be able to provide some elements of the YOP offer to help reduce the impact of the loss of this service.</p>

Skills and Enterprise	<p>Skills and Enterprise Project has been delayed due to staffing changes in the organization and the schools commitments to core school priorities. An 'Engagement Worker' is now recruited to take this work forward and a new Steering Group will be established (previously this initiative was to be managed via the YOP steering Group) to gain the commitment of the schools. Enterprise visits and assembly talks will then be scheduled with the commencement of the competition post Easter.</p> <p>Some added value will be brought to the project via the worker working with Washington young people providing 'talent match' placements.</p>
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4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:-

- a. Consider the Washington Area People Board's Work Plan for 2016/17 and update detailed in Paragraph 3.2 and attached as **Item 4 Annex 1**.
- b. Support the People Board recommendation to establish a Washington Support Partnership as detailed in the report above

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Annex 1: People Board work plan 2016/17

PEOPLE

Area Priority	ACTIONS	Progress Report
Health and Wellbeing	1. Strategic Health Group (CCG, Public Health, SCC, VCS) to identify opportunities for partnership working and shared priorities.	Shared ownership approach to continue.
	2. Improve participation in activity through ensuring Ensure use of Community Health and Green spaces Project is utilised to deliver initiatives to address health inequalities	Ensure links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking, Active Sunderland events and activities and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Works continue to be aligned with strategic developments. PR and launch of updated map and leaflet to be organised for spring 2017 following confirmation of shared status re strategic routes.
	3. Identify gaps in Mental Health Services. Focus on self harm and suicide in young people.	The Project Co-ordinators have been providing Counselling support to Young People on a weekly basis and have offered support to parents and professionals. Web site/app development includes designing an interactive game for the updated website, working with developers to look at an App for young people, and setting up a closed Facebook page to give parents and carers the power to share and make their world more open and connected. An "Understanding Self-Harm" page has also been set-up on Facebook, which is open to the general public. If people "Like" the page, they will see regular updates on the project, such as parent drop-ins in the Washington area, and also read articles and updates shared from the Washington Mind page. Meetings have been held with various organisations within Washington - Connexions, Sunderland Carer's Centre, Sunderland Youth Council (joined up working on Mental Health Charter Mark for schools), Concord and Sulgrave Neighbourhood Management Team, Gentoo, CYPS and Miss Tina's Café. Meetings are planned to take place with schools, youth organisations and churches. Visits have been made to Biddick Academy, St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College and Washington School. Visit planned to Oxclose Community Academy. Training and Awareness Raising has taken place and further detail is presented in the update Report. A Young People's Focus Group (in line with Takeover Day) took place on 19th January 2017. The group will discuss through interactive activities their understanding of self-harm and what they might like from the App. The SHP Group meets mid February.
	4. Drugs and alcohol/substance misuse	Wider strategic issue.

Adult Social Care	1. Determine best practice and added value that AC funded projects have brought to the ASC Framework.	<p>Adult Social Care and social isolation remains a priority. Home to Hospital project monitored via normal SIB procedures. Further detail re progress presented in the Board's Project Update Report which evidenced good distribution of cards, posters and promotional material and delivery of 3 x successful lunch clubs with referrals into additional activities having been a positive way to engage. Activity is proposed via the Millennium Centre re exercise referral. The lead continues to promote the service via Social media, 'word of mouth' and counselling referral process. The web pages are continuing to be updated and the hard copy will be complete by the end of the project. The project continues to gather information for signposting to other services available to help, not just people fitting the criteria, but for anyone leaving hospital and having trouble getting support. This information will be added to www.washingtonmind.org.uk and www.wellbeinginfo.org and will continue after the project is ended. The project will seek further funding to continue with the lunch club as it has become a bit of a lifeline to some of the attendees building their confidence to venture into other things. To ensure the project is able to be beneficial beyond the period of funding we will use the last quarter to work together with partners to provide both hardcopy and online comprehensive information for people leaving hospital and their carer's. We will use the data we have collected over the period of the grant to inform this work include a survey of the professional involved to establish if they used the service, if not why not and what they would like to see on the website and in promotional materials. This will again be distributed to hospitals, health centres and GP surgeries.</p> <p>Area Committee approved funding and a project brief to develop a VCS led Healthy Communities project which will provide services to address health inequalities of the older population in our most deprived wards. Application will be presented to March AC for approval.</p> <p>People Board has also considered developing a locality approach to providing crisis support for Washington residents. A proposal to align £10,000 to establish a Washington Support Partnership and small grants scheme will be considered at the March Area Committee</p>
Community Inclusion and support for the VCS	1. VCS Network to continue to be the mechanism for collaboration and partnership working with the VCS re delivering shared priorities. Area Chair to continue role as Co Chair of Network. ACO continue to provide support and co-ordination re Area Network	<p>VCS Network meets every 6 weeks. The Network has now held a number of meetings with regards to progressing the priorities recently identified re agreed Washington Community Plan bringing together work streams to deliver the 4 key priorities identified – Community Hub, volunteering Plan, Partnership and collaboration, and better communications. An audit of resources is currently underway to identify what can be shared to support grassroots organisations, further opportunities to collaborate will be identified following a scoping meeting with key partners/organisations re delivering specific shared priorities and a volunteering plan for Washington will be produced. The Washington VCS Network Annual Report (2016/17) will be presented to March Area Committee. A Questionnaire has been circulated to Network members to request detail of organisational successes, where work meets Area committee priorities and what challenges exist for both the organisation and the sector in Washington. The report will also identify focus for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Washington VCS has also been supported by Area Committee to develop a community led project to deliver a personalised approach to address health inequalities of older people from our most deprived Wards. A full application is anticipated March Area Committee.</p> <p>The CVDO Project has been requested to submit an Exit Strategy for the project - to note the project can continue in it's current form until December 2017.</p>
	2. Co-ordinate and maximise volunteering in Washington.	Progress reports and statistics submitted to each Board meeting. Volunteering remains a priority of the Network and is included in the work to develop the Washington Community Plan. In addition a co-ordinated approach is being developed to ensure joint working re volunteering via the new Washington Clean and Green approach.
	3. Influence and support the delivery of youth activity in the Washington. Consider continued support for young people to take forward initiatives develop capacity and engagement and encourage partnership working and participation, and to support the delivery of area priorities - links to health and well being initiatives and environmental/physical improvements and neighbourhood enhancements.	Continued support for local young people via the Washington Youth Council and the 'Can Do' fund for young people. Show case of projects at December Area committee very successful. Next round of Can Do was released January 2017 with applications presenting to April People Board.

Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning	1. Continue to monitor Youth Opportunities Project and School Opportunities Project.	The project is now in its final quarter of delivery with 169 young people accessing IAG, 104 receiving job training, and 33 into employment. The project has tackled issues with pre NEET young people and developed a 'through' service leading to access from young people and parents after leaving school, arranging suitable training, volunteering, building confidence and encouraging young people into work. Throughput the lifetime of the project a number of positive case studies where the project has made a real difference, have been presented to Board and Area Committee. The need for some aspects of the service to continue is apparent and discussions with the schools re buying in the service post SIB funding or a reduced service have been unsuccessful and whilst the issue remains a priority for schools and they have valued the project's impact due to continued budget cuts etc. they are unable to commit spending to fund the continuation of the service.
Safer Washington	1. Maintain key partnerships and collaborative working re LMAPs, links with Safer Sunderland Partnership priorities re reducing crime and disorder. Establish collaboration and partnership working re shared priorities for a Safer Washington.	Joint Police and Cllr meetings scheduled. Ensure Sulgrave and Concord Neighbourhood Management Model links with other initiatives to add value to the approach and assist with sustainability. Details of PACT Review to future Board.
Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee		

Item 5

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
6th March 2017

Item 5

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides an update of the 2016/17 Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year Washington Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the Washington Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.

2.2 The Place Board has presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key achievements during that period.

2.3 This report provides the update to the work plan

3. Update of 2016/17 Place Board Work Plan

3.1 The 2016/17 Work Plan is attached as **Item 5 Annex 1**

3.2 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Washington Place Board up to end of February 2017.

Influencing role: Local Services, Place Management	<p>Following the presentation of the Local Services Area Delivery Plan to the extraordinary Area Committee in May 2016, as agreed, Place Board continue to oversee the development and delivery of the 2016/2017 Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Members have reviewed the performance data presented by the Place Management Service at Place Boards in September 2016 and January 2017, and discussed opportunities to engage further with communities.</p> <p>The delivery plan for Local Services moving forward into 2017/2018 continues to be discussed extensively at the Place Board. Local area delivery plans are currently being developed for future Area Committee approval.</p>
Influencing role: Highways Capital Programme 2017/18	<p>Infrastructure and Transportation Service attended November Board presenting an update on the 2016 – 2017 highway maintenance programme and the process for Members to influence and prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2017 – 2018.</p> <p>Locations for consideration identified by elected members, residents and highways maintenance staff were presented to the Board in February 2017 and Members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in Washington as described at Annex 2. An amendment was approved replacing Oxclose Road Bus Terminus and Biddick Village Centre with The Terraces.</p>
Area Priority: Environment and Green Space	
Action	Outcome
Neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of ward based projects are under

Improvement Project	<p>development as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Project (NIP). Area Place Manager continues to meet with Ward Members to discuss potential proposals, to identify partners and to aid development and delivery. Detailed reports are presented to each Place Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February Board noted work is underway to spend unallocated funding – lighting projects will be completed, a number of proposals are being considered for Washington East, and Washington Central have approved a survey and capital funding for Columbia CA. Place Board requests Area Committee to support a recommendation to extend the life time and milestones of the project to June 2017. Any unallocated balances will then be returned to the SIB budget.
Washington Clean and Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Place Board requested officers to meet with relevant partners re how to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements to respond to local concerns across the area. The first Steering Group of the Washington Clean and Green Project met in February which confirmed methodology and joint working protocols. Friends Group Support project is underway with key support being provided to Springwell Village Residents Group. Discussions are on-going with residents supporting the Pastures play area to identify appropriate support and guidance with regards to helping to maintain the site. Following Area Committee requesting the Healthy Places Healthy People application from Groundwork NE be deferred to the Place Board for further consideration and clarification of issues. The Board invited the lead agent to the last meeting to clarify those issues and the application is now recommended for approval – subject to additional terms and conditions re performance monitoring, and Cllr Dianne Snowdon being appointed to represent the Place board on the Project Steering Group. This will be considered under Item 6 Finance Report
Area priority: Member and Community Engagement	
Encourage partnerships with the local community and VCS, link Ward Members to activities and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships Members engage residents re AC role at key Washington events and involved in steering an events and culture programme
Area priority: Heritage and Culture	
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is underway with the appointed lead with regards to planning for the summer Carnival. At the request of local residents discussions are underway to explore options for the provision of a Christmas tree for Washington Village.
Washington's heritage and culture offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Strategy Refresh: Work on the strategy is nearing completion. The lead is attending the April Board to present the reviewed strategy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events: The project has met with Beamish Museum and a number of primary schools to get them on board with the event to celebrate the school meals strike 100 years ago. Washington Trust is pleased to announce that the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded a grant to the Trust from the First World War Then and Now fund. Washington Heritage groups have indicated they wish to be included in a Heritage Fair – proposed date early June at Bowes Railway Museum. • City of Culture: Report completed and handed over to team.
Health and Heritage	Proposals for a joint health and heritage were discussed at the February Board. The Board supports proposals to align £50,000 SIB to research and develop the potential for a project which will use heritage to improve health and well-being. This will be undertaken with assistance from Public Health and the proposed outcomes are for community based projects that foster positive relationships, connect communities and heritage, improve health and well-being as well as provide accurate 'people based' information that can evidence and inform health related policy for future working. This will be considered under Item 6 Finance Report.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:-

- a. Consider the Performance Update with regard to the Washington Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2016/17 attached as **Item 5 Annex 1**
- b. Note the updates as presented in paragraph 3.2
- c. Confirm the schemes recommended attached as **Item 5 Annex 2** for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2017-2018
- d. Agree to extend the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Improvement Project to June 2017

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Annex 1: Place Board work plan 2016/17

Annex 2: Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2017 – 18

PLACE

	Area Priority	ACTIONS	Progress Report
1	Environment and Greenspace	1. Proposed activity, initiatives and partnership working to deliver a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and improvements to the area: Working with RLS and Ward Members to lead on delivering the Neighbourhood Improvement Project, with key partners, schools and and local community and groups(inc youth groups). The programme will enhance local neighbourhoods, working flexibly at a Ward level using evidence of need, gaps and issues and will reinforce key messages and communicate and engage with the local community.	Neighbourhood Improvement Project underway. Work to continue to develop neighbourhood focused projects ongoing. Detailed update included in Project Update Report re project completions (ward level), costs and proposals under development. Extension to the project prosed - new deadline for completion of all projects June 2017. Ward Members are currently identifying new projects to allocate balances.
		2. Continue to manage the development and delivery of the Washington Way Project and look for further opportunities for future funding to develop new phases and co-ordinate with wider strategic programmes.	Spend complete re Washington Way. Links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking, Active Sunderland events and activities and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. Works continue to be aligned with strategic developments. Mini launch for Washington Way & Family Fun Day held 25th October. Network to encourage additional community participation. Main re launch anticipated Spring 2017 - following confirmation of change in status re strategic routes.
		3. Improved use of green/open space linked to People/Health Priorities and Public Health Greenspace Funding.	Shared ownership approach developed - the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark, a local 'Hub' developed to deliver health initiatives including walking and cycling initiatives. Following SIB monitoring review, Hub will continue to be operational post SIB funding with additional partners coming forward to develop and expand provision. Washington MIND indicates will continue to deliver Information Hub and Charter Mark Scheme post SIB funding. Area Committee approved the alignment of a further £28,563 to deliver future health and open spaces initiatives proposals for programmes re community health programmes to be considered as part of the Washington Clean and Green initiative. March AC to consider Place Board recommendation re Healthy Places - deferred from December AC.
		4. Identify opportunities to enhance and add value in relation to on-going works and improvements to Washington parks	Usworth Park awarded Green Flag Status again this year. Strategy for Washington Parks and Open Spaces to be determined following confirmation of new Place Management Operating Model. Support for Friends of Groups (for Parks) Project agreed - £25,000 Place Management leading with support from CVDO Project and Members Support and Community Partnerships Service.
2	Ward Member Community Engagement (links to People)	1. Encourage partnerships with the local community and the VCS re physical and environmental improvements - for example through Neighbourhood Improvements Project	Walk and talk programmes to identify community partnerships. Links to local Volunteers. Board also considering a collaborative approach to develop and deliver Washington Clean and Green Project - to be determined at December Area Committee.

		2. Link Ward Members to activities and events being delivered. Support Members in their community engagement and leadership role	Members to utilise key events re promoting community leadership role.
3	Heritage & Culture	1. Consider wider cross cutting actions and themes in relation to Washington's heritage and culture offer - delivering other outcomes and strands re health, employment and community inclusion	Ensure all opportunities are shared via the Washington Area VCS Network. Proposals for a new piece of work re Health and Heritage to be considered at the February Board. Update included re HLF Grant to Washington Trust re "World War 1 Children strike for right to free school meals." Project lead to attend April board to update re the refresh of the Washington Heritage Strategy.
		2. Planning and strategy for delivering key events	October Area Committee agreed Project Brief for Events 2017 Programme. December Area Committee agreed award to SNCBC. Planning work underway for the 3 x key events.
		3. Identify how Washington can contribute to and influence the city wide approach to heritage and culture	As part of the Project Brief for a new Heritage Plan for Washington proposals will need to ensure Washington's offer contributes to and is considered as part of, the city's approach to heritage and culture, in particular with regards to contributing to proposals for the City of Culture bid. Further update included in Place Board Progress Report. Project lead to attend April Place Board to update.
	Influencing role	1. IAMP	Members to receive regular updates and information regarding the proposed IAMP and ensure issues regarding lorry parking and lack of specific facilities is highlighted and addressed.
		2. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme	Highways Capital Maintenance Programmes 2017-18 prioritised list considered at February Board with recommendations for approval to March 2017 Area Committee.
		3. To influence Place Management Services 2017/18 - February 2017 Board to recommend to March 2017 Area Committee.	Regular Quarterly Reviews September and January. January Board to discuss proposals for 2017/18 services and make recommendation to March 2017 AC.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017-18

(Priorities agreed in bold text)

STREET NAME	WARD	A rea (m2)	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Oxclose Road, Bus Terminus, Columbia	W'ton Central	600	Resurface Road HRA		10,000
Biddick Village Centre	W'ton Central	665	Resurface Road DBM		7,000
Barrington Drive	W'ton Central	1,145	Micro Asphalt road surface		10,000
Avebury Drive, Washington Village	W'ton Central	2,300	Micro Asphalt road surface		14,000
The Terraces	W'ton Central	2,970	Micro Asphalt road surface		20,000
Station Road, Mount Pleasant	W'ton East	750	Resurface Road HRA		11,000
Holly Crescent	W'ton East	910	Micro Asphalt road surface		6,000
Waskerley road, Barmston (Nos 1-35)	W'ton East	1,000	Micro Asphalt road surface		6,500
Westerhope Road, Barmston	W'ton East	850	Micro Asphalt road surface		5,500
Barmston Way, Barmston (No's 27 - 50)	W'ton East	1,100	Micro Asphalt road surface		8,500
Barmston Way, Barmston (No's 1 - 25)	W'ton East	935	Micro Asphalt road surface		7,500
West Bridge Street, Fatfield	W'ton East	1,233	Micro Asphalt road surface		10,000
Westward Place (Carriageway)	W'ton East	1,440	Micro Asphalt road surface		11,000
Vigo Lane, Footpath Between Nos. 1 To 12	W'ton East	373	Overlay Footway DBM	7,000	
Generals Wood (Western Extent From Bonemill Lane)	W'ton East	1,145	Resurface Road DBM		11,000
Rowan Avenue	W'ton East	800	Micro Asphalt road surface		7,000
Speculation Place, Concord	W'ton North	1,000	Resurface Road HRA		14,500
Heworth Road Footpaths (Coach Road - Inkerman Road)	W'ton North	2,475	Slurry Footway		7,500
Hertburn Gardens	W'ton North	1,275	Micro Asphalt road surface		9,500
Don Gardens	W'ton North	1,350	Micro Asphalt road surface		10,000
Vigo Lane, Rickleton Way - Sheridan Green	W'ton South	1,070	Resurface Road HRA		15,000

Walkworth Close, Oxclose	W'ton South	1,350	Micro Asphalt road surface		10,000
Sedling Road, (Rear Of Units 21 & 22)	W'ton South	850	Resurface Road HRA		15,000
Chipchase, Oxclose	W'ton South	2,825	Resurface DBM Or Micro Asphalt road surface		18,000
Raglan, Oxclose	W'ton South	1,210	Slurry Footway	4,000	
Pembridge, Oxclose	W'ton South	1,600	Micro Asphalt road surface		12,000
Peareth Hall Road / Edgehill Villas	W'ton West	785	Resurface Road HRA		13,000
Highbury Avenue & Highbury Close, Springwell Village	W'ton West	1,340	Resurface Road DBM		11,000
Donvale Road / Peareth Hall Road Roundabout	W'ton West	895	Resurface Road HRA		16,000
Heugh Hill To Uplands Way, Springwell Village	W'ton West	780	Resurface Road HRA		11,000
Rosegill, Albany (Junction)	W'ton West	660	Resurface Road DBM		6,000
Lingmell, Albany (Junction)	W'ton West	390	Resurface Road DBM		4,000
Stoney Lane, Springwell Village (Roundabout - Winston Court)	W'ton West	800	Resurface SMA		9,000
Grizedale	W'ton West	700	Micro Asphalt road surface		6,500
Westernmoor, Blackfell	W'ton West	2580 C 2070 F	Micro Asphalt road surface / Renew Footpaths Slurry	6,500	15,500
Springwell Village Footpaths (Phase 2)	W'ton West	1,135	Slurry Footpaths	3,500	
Springwell Village Footpaths (Phase 3)	W'ton West	1,130	Slurry Footpaths	3,500	
Springwell Village Footpaths (Phase 4)	W'ton West	1,050	Slurry Footpaths	3,500	
Springwell Village Footpaths (Phase 5)	W'ton West	1,015	Slurry Footpaths	3,500	
Doncrest Road, Donwell	W'ton West	1430 C 625F	Micro Asphalt road surface, Slurry Footway	2,000	9,000
Brandy Lane (Jct Moorway - Crossgill)	W'ton West	1,100	Resurface Road HRA/DBM		15,000
			TOTALS	33,500	372,500

Glossary

HRA: Hot Rolled Asphalt Wearing Course.

DBM: Dense Bitumen Macadam Wearing Course.

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2016
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

Head of Area Arrangements, Scrutiny and Member Support.

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in the report
- (b) Consider and agree **£97,000** SIB 2016/17 Budget (approved at December 2016 AC) to the Washington Millennium Centre for the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project
- (c) Consider and approve **£10,000** SIB 2016/17 Budget to Community Partnerships service to develop the Washington Support Partnership
- (d) Consider and approve **£25,320** SIB 2016/17 Budget for the Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities Project
- (e) Consider and agree to align **£50,000** to develop a joint approach with Public Health to develop a Washington Health and Heritage Project
- (f) Note the approvals of Community Chest detailed in **Annex 3**.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

16th March 2017

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF AREA ARRANGEMENTS, SCRUTINY AND MEMBER SUPPORT SERVICE - Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2016/2017:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB available at the beginning of municipal year 2016/2017 is £299,476. This includes new allocation of £287,261 plus unallocated funds £12,214. A further £195,000 is aligned from 2015/16 budget but not approved.				
Project Name				
Opening balance 2016/17				£299,476
Time to Care (June 2016) (previously aligned)			50,000	£299,476
RETURN Washington Way			30,563	£330,039
RETURN Industrial Estates			35,000	£365,039
GO Washington			2,000	£363,039
Health & Green spaces		28,563		£334,476
Washington Heritage			30,000	£334,476
Skills and Enterprise			15,000	£334,476
RETURN Equipment Bank			25,000	£359,476
Support for Friends Groups			25,000	£334,476
Clean & Green Education and Awareness Project			10,000	£324,476
Washington Clean and Green			85,000	£239,476
Washington Events 2017			60,000	£179,476
VCS Community Health			100,000	£79,476
Balance				£79,476

- 2.2 Area Committee is requested to note that in addition to the balance above, funding of £40,000 remains aligned to financial inclusion/crisis support which was considered at the February Board.

- 2.3 Members are asked to note the available balance as detailed in the table above and in paragraphs 2.2.

3. People based priorities

- 3.1 Following the last Area Committee meeting, officers requested the submission of an SIB application for a VCS led 'Healthy Communities' Project from Washington Millennium Centre. £100,000 was approved at the December Area Committee for that application and the submission has now been out to consultation and assessed under SIB processes and procedures. The Executive Summary is attached as **Annex 1** and Members are asked to consider the information and comments as presented and agree and approve the award of SIB funding (previously approved) of **£97,000** to the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project as proposed by Washington Millennium Centre

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£82,476** remains available (SIB 2016/17).

- 3.3 At the last People Board Officers presented detailed information with regards to identifying the need for a more targeted approach to help local people overcome the challenges and disadvantages that shape their lives. The Board requested this information to better understand the needs of those in our local community who are in crisis. That information is presented in more detail in the People Board Progress Report Item 4.

Members are requested to approve **£10,000** of the £40,000 SIB (previously aligned) to allow officers in the Community Partnerships Service (internal application) to establish and develop a Washington Support Partnership – a network of partners who will deliver a range of 'crisis support' to come together and commit to a joined up approach to supporting Washington residents in crisis, and to develop an action plan to be able to help those in immediate crisis through a 'small grants' pot. It is estimated this work will be delivered over a 6 – 12 month period. The remaining balance of £30,000 (previously aligned to Financial Inclusion) can be subject to a Call for Projects to develop a more long term needs based approach.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£82,476** remains available (SIB 2016/17). In addition £30,000 remains aligned to further develop 'Crisis Support' work.

4. Place based priorities

- 4.1 Following a Call for Projects for the Healthy Spaces Healthy People Project, 2 applications were received and considered at the last Area Committee. Members requested that the Healthy Places Healthy People application from Groundwork NE be deferred to the Place Board for further consideration and clarification of issues. As detailed in the Place Board Progress Report Item 5, this application was considered and is now recommended for approval, subject to additional terms and conditions as detailed in **Annex 2**.

If recommendations as detailed in this report are agreed a further £3,243 will be returned to the budget (previously aligned to Health and Green Spaces).

Within that context, Members are asked to consider the information and comments as presented in **Annex 2**, and agree and approve the award of SIB funding (previously aligned) of **£25,320** to the Washington Healthy Places Healthy People Project as proposed by Groundwork NE.

Should Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£85,719** remains available (SIB 2016/17)

4.2 Heritage and Health

Following discussions at both People and Place Boards, Members are asked to agree £50,000 SIB be aligned to develop the Washington Health & Heritage Project as detailed in the Place Board Progress Report Item 5.

Aligning this level of funding will allow Officers to develop a joined up approach with Public Health to research and develop the potential for a project which will use heritage to improve health and well-being. The proposed outcomes are for community based projects that foster positive relationships, connect communities and heritage, improve health and well-being as well as provide accurate 'people based' information that can evidence and inform health related policy for future working.

Should Area Committee agree the above approach, a balance of **£35,719** remains available (SIB 2016/17)

5. Community Chest

The table below details the Community Chest Ward starting balances for 2016/2017.

Annex 3 shows the approvals supported to February 2017.

Ward	Starting Balance 2016/2017	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£16,963	£5,681	£0	£11,282
Washington East	£14,178	£2,635	£0	£11,543
Washington North	£12,881	£6,061	£500	£7,320
Washington South	£19,773	£2,405	£0	£17,368
Washington West	£16,664	£7,129	£0	£9,535
Total	£80,459	£23,911	£500	£57,048

6. Recommendations: Members are requested to:

- 6.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report.
- 6.2 Consider and approve the award of **£97,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget **to the Washington Millennium Centre** for the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project as detailed in **Annex 1**
- 6.3 Consider and approve **£10,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the development of the Washington Support Partnership (Crisis Support) and Small Grants Scheme (under SIB procedures) as detailed under **Item 4**
- 6.4 Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the Washington Health and Heritage Project
- 6.5 Consider and approve **£25,320** for the Healthy Places Healthy People Project as detailed in **Annex 2**
- 6.6 Note the community chest approvals as detailed in **Annex 3**

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Annex 1: Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project Executive Summary

Annex 2: Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities Executive Summary

Annex 3: Community Chest

Washington Area Committee SIB applications

Applications for Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project

**Washington Healthy Communities
Project Brief**



CALL FOR PROJECTS

Washington Area Committee would like to invite Washington based Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups, to submit a full application that will deliver a project to address health inequalities in our most deprived neighbourhoods.

Washington Area Committee wishes to see proposals which address the Health and Well Being priority and in particular delivering support and services for over 50's and embedding joint working to address the health needs of the aging population. Applications will be considered from VCS groups who have a management committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories. VCS groups must adhere to accounting requirements in accordance with the Companies Act. **Partnerships and collaboration is encouraged.**

Introduction and Background

- The Area Committee has delivered a range of initiatives under their 'Health and Well Being' priority and their Adult social care priority. This includes
 - Washington Way to Well Being (Physical Hub, Charter Mark & Go Washington Small Grants scheme)
 - The Washington Way
 - Addressing social isolation of older people
 - Projects to improve health through activities and accessing green spaces
 - Home from Hospital
 - Time to Care
- It is intended this project will build on and consider previous Area Committee investment but focusing on a specific age group and targeting a number of long term illnesses and health inequalities suffered by the community.
- Whilst this will be a targeted approach, Area Committee is keen to see a collaborative approach from local VCS organisations.

Expected Outcomes

This proposal will:

- Address health inequalities of people aged over 50 years, in our most deprived neighbourhoods with a focus on Washington North but with a view to relevant services and support into other Wards, based on need.
- Provide a community led personalised approach to encourage people to live healthier lifestyles. This could include 1:1 health planning/interventions and engagement, and identification of relevant pathways and progression routes
- Identify partners and build and secure relevant partnerships and joint working protocols for those services and activities identified
- Identify and confirm robust referral systems for all activities and services
- Identify how relevant health messages, education and awareness raising to support the initiative will be implemented

- Identify how opportunities for outreach will be developed in other Centres
- Identify how activity and services can be sustained post SIB funding
- Identify the mechanism for a mid-term evaluation to provide evidence of effectiveness and assessment of impact.

Budget:

The total budget available for this targeted Call for Projects is **£100,000** to deliver a 2 year project. The application will be subject to formal assessment and scoring. A collaborative proposal is encouraged. All applications will be assessed and weighted accordingly with regards to partnership working, co-ordination with other services and initiatives, and the range of activities delivered.

December Area Committee approved £100,000 for this call and agreed a ‘targeted’ approach, inviting Washington Millennium Centre to submit a full application under SIB protocols and procedures

Application No.1.

Name of Project	Washington Healthy Lifestyles
Lead Organisation	Washington Millennium Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£107,000	£10,000	£97,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	April 2017	March 2019

The Project

This project has presented robust evidence re health indices, deprivation statistics etc. to show that parts of Washington are worse than the Sunderland average. For Washington North – 35% pensioners live alone, binge drinking & obesity in adults. Income deprivation is high. Long term illnesses are significantly higher compared to Sunderland average. CHD & respiratory disease are main issue with higher levels of emergency hospital admissions. More cancer than Sunderland average and some of the long term conditions and illnesses reflect previous industries.

Whilst Washington North Ward will be the key target area, the project is aware that there are other pockets of deprivation in other wards within Washington and those residents will have needs similar to those of the North Ward. The project through the outreach work will attempt to target and engage these residents and it is not the projects intention to turn any Washington resident away. The health checks will be offered in various venues across the town and appropriate advice, support and signposting will be undertaken. Washington Millennium Centre proposes to address a range of health issues and support residents to improve their health and wellbeing through making positive lifestyle changes, including increasing physical activity, healthy eating, reducing alcohol intake and stopping smoking through advice, information and support. Regular physical activity can help maintain cognitive function, reduces risk of cardiovascular and other diseases, helps maintain the ability to carry out daily living activities, reduces the risk of falls, improves mood and can improve self-esteem.

The project will deliver via a community led personalised approach to encourage and support people to live healthier lifestyles by working with local groups, GP's, setting up health checks

(Health MOT) at the centre and other local venues, engaging with people to start a discussion, and offering advice and support where required or sign up to the project. There are two distinct and different strands of delivery to the project and each has equal weighting. One strand is about helping people manage their health issues.

The project's role will be to provide support at a community level through exercise referral. We expect more people to self-refer rather than be referred from their GP or the Move to Improve Programme. This is based on two key facts, the way we will promote the project and the impact we expect the healthy lifestyle strand will have along with the number of people we get coming into the centre to talk about health issues. We currently send more residents to their GP practice to get their screening PAR Q signed off saying they are fit to exercise than we get residents saying their GP has sent them to do the exercise referral programme. Based on experience we believe the split will be 60-40 or 70-30 in favour of self-referral. A 'referral pathway' is attached to show how the project will link to other services and specialist provision. The GP is the professional who is at the heart of the referral process. They are the gatekeepers to specialist services as only they can do the referral and they will have to sign off the Par Q to say the participant is ok to take part in activities the project will deliver as part of the Exercise On Referral (EOR) strand. The current arrangement with the local practices will continue and be developed once we have briefed them more fully in April if the project is approved for funding which is what they have advised.

Project staff (2 x part time qualified EOR staff {Level 3}) as well as fitness instructors and other specialists will be used to deliver activities. A 12 week physical activity programme designed specifically for those who are 50 years+ and are inactive and have a health need will include 1:1 gym sessions, Easyline, Low intensity/impact circuits, Pilates, Move to improve, and health walks. This offer will be regularly reviewed to ensure it is meeting the needs of the participants. It is hoped to expand the offer to encourage self-help groups or establish disease specific groups which will form part of the sustainability plan to continue the work beyond the initial 2 years. Individuals may be referred to the programme by their GP, Practice Nurse or other healthcare professional if they believe that a programme of physical activity would be of benefit to the individual. This may be identified either at a regular appointment or via the NHS Health Check which is aimed at people aged 40 – 74 years. Alternatively, a self-referral process will be in place to allowing the individual to complete the referral form and take it to their GP or other healthcare professional for sign off.

On completion of the 12 week physical activity programme, individuals will be provided with the opportunity to continue to be physically active and/or continue other lifestyle improvements. Options will include:

- Mainstream activities within Washington Millennium Centre
- Sunderland Walking for Health programme
- MIND Washington activities as set out on the Wellbeing site
- Other physical activity opportunities within the local community via Wellbeing.org

The first 12 weeks will be at no cost to the participant and to encourage and support them to continue with the activities and lifestyle changes they will be offered the opportunity to continue to be part of the project at a reduced cost, 50% when compared with the regular centre charges.

The project will track participation and monitor the impact the scheme is having. Any gains that are made i.e. reducing medication or no longer needing it will be recorded. GPs will make these decisions with the patient, not the centre staff. This strand offers patients an exit route from Move

to Improve or from a specialist service, so extends the period of support someone will have to help them get better or improve their health. Those who wish to will also have the opportunity to continue after the 12 weeks at a subsidised rate and that subsidy is the in kind contribution the centre will make to the project. This means some patients will have an opportunity to be supported by a range of teams for up to 36 weeks plus. Most activity will take place at the Millennium Centre, though as we develop work in other pockets of high need we will try to deliver an offer local to them and will need to hire venues for example churches, CAs. However because the ward stats do not identify those pockets we will be dependent on information from ward councillors and council officers to confirm which areas hit the project outcomes.

In addition counselling services will be brought in as appropriate via Washington MIND to help participants address mental health barriers that prevent them making informed lifestyle choices. Experience tells us that until other issues that impact on mental health are addressed and unhealthy coping strategies are challenged, the person will be unable to find the motivation or understanding, to make the necessary behaviour change to manage their health risks. Washington Mind advise us that these people will need on average 6 sessions to help them move on, make a commitment to set goals and work to achieve them.

People who need this support will be identified when they do the health screening and Washington Mind have advised to expect 40% of people referred will require some element of support and counseling and may also benefit from other wider wellbeing activities in a safe, familiar environment. Progress will be tracked by Mind during this phase of support and intervention. An example of this is a bereavement can trigger mental health issues that can then lead to excessive drinking or binge eating to, these people need support to help them to help themselves. Sessions can be delivered at both the Life House or at the Millennium Centre. Standardised evaluation tools will be used to establish pre and post outcomes and build an evidence base.

An additional service is to trial telephone support as well as using messages to keep people motivated. We propose to equip the project with the necessary software to record and track user's activities, how often they access the programme, how the project has interacted with them, and what support has been given. One option is to utilise the NHS Florence service – negotiation will commence if the proposal is approved. The project is also exploring using Text Magic as a way of targeting individuals to offer encouragement and motivation and looking at other ICT programmes to support the offer. These measures will form the report each participant will get and this will be the qualitative evidence we need to take a funding bid forward and to report to area committee on. It will inform the year one review as well.

The second strand is health promotion and education - prevention and giving people advice and information which helps them live healthier lifestyles. This part of the project will be much harder to show impact - we have said how we will attempt to track these participants through recording data when we do the health MOTs. The health MOTs allow us to discuss lifestyle issues and offer advice and give them the opportunity to have the tests redone. MOTs will be repeated at 12 and 26 weeks so any lifestyle changes or improvements can be recorded. If any contra-indicators come out of the health check they will be advised to go and see their practice nurse or GP, e.g. high blood pressure. The staff deployed on the project are fully trained and will follow the REP's guidelines, which is very clear about what they are qualified to do. The delivery of the health education messages will be done in various ways:

- A signposting service to direct residents to the most appropriate services to meet their needs ie Stop Smoking, weight management, alcohol support etc. This will be achieved through use of the Live Life Well service and wellbeinginfo.org operated by Washington

MIND, reducing duplication and making good use of a resource that is already recognised as good practise.

- Web pages will promote the project and regular health improvement information and project information will be uploaded.
- Health promotion messages, talks/workshops will be promoted and delivered within Washington Millennium Centre, addressing healthy lifestyle topics including the benefits of physical activity, healthy eating, smoking cessation, alcohol etc. and rolled out to other venues and groups.
- Set up a Facebook page for the project and use that. Experience has shown that is an effective tool with some.
- For others we will get pop up screens printed with health messages that can be put out in various centres.
- Leaflets and posters
- Give local groups and clubs an offer of staff attending their sessions or meetings to give talks on healthy living and undertake health MOT's.
- Utilise the Wellbeing.org website to give advice, steer people to activities posted on their by other groups and to promote the project and how people can self refer.

Centres in the North we hope to use include Albany, Sulgrave, Donwell and the local churches and groups in our centre and some of the others we mention have said they would welcome us to do that. During the life of the project we will work to build relationships with other groups that we know are based in Washington and who's users fall into the over 50 category like the WI, Age UK groups that Hazel supports and some of the U3A groups, some of whom we already have contact with. We will also talk to some commercial/community businesses about putting up displays, pull up message boards and giving talks in other areas of Washington once the work in the North Ward is up and running. In addition Washington Mind have a number of groups who use the Life House as a venue and we will have the opportunity to offer them access to the project and to benefit from it. We will provide regular updates on the work as it develops and the number of groups we work with increases.

Partnership

The proposal supports Area Committee priorities re collaboration, supporting older people, addressing social isolation and tackling health inequalities. The proposal undertakes to link into current initiatives to ensure joint working, value for money and to ensure no duplication of provision. The project will both compliment and support the work of the **Sunderland Move to Improve (MTI) programme**. This project will signpost participants to MTI for those that are in need of additional support for specific long term conditions that are over and above what the project team can support. Alternatively, this project will provide exit route options for individuals graduating from the Move to Improve programme, so supporting the programme in Washington and offering residents additional support for a further 12 or 24 weeks.

The Millennium Centre has a track record of working in partnership and not duplicating the work of others. **Washington Mind** will deliver elements of the project when counselling or psychological support is need to help people make progress to improve their health and wellbeing. We have links with **Slimming World** and other services which are delivered by external partners on site and some of the council led services as listed below. The centre has worked with the **GP surgeries** in previous years when the centre delivered exercise referral and smoking cecassation in partnership with the council. Other partneships include **Active Sunderland Walking for Health programme** who will provide Volunteer Walk Leaders (VWLs) for initial delivery of health walks from WMC and VWL training for volunteers identified by WMC/Mind in order to ensure sustainability of the activity.

The walks will be promoted by Active Sunderland, WMC and the Wellbeing website. **Victoria Road Heath Centre (Concord Medical Practice, Dr Bhatt and Dr Benn, Dr Stephenson and Partners, Dr Thomas)** – GPs and Practice Nurses will be kept informed of the project and encouraged to refer patients to WMC for healthy lifestyle advice and physical activity as they have done previously with EOR. Local GP practices advised they were happy to work with us and refer patients to us and those links to the practices at Victoria Health Centre are still in place. We will grow those links through the project by meeting on a regular basis with health professionals to ensure we are up to date with health issues and challenges and we are sharing the impact of the project. **Local Pharmacies (Arndale House, Victoria Road and Heworth Road)** – pharmacist will be informed of the project and encouraged to refer patients to WMC for healthy lifestyle advice and physical activity.

The offer will not duplicate the council offer and will focus on education and Tier 1 support exercise referral. Higher need individuals will be signposted to either the council project or specialist services provided by the hospital or CCG as it would be the GP who would be the lead to refer into these specialist services. Staff working on the project will develop these link further and keep updated on provision through the Health Forum. During the life of the project we envisage more partnership working to be developed and will report on this in the quarterly returns.

Detailed research and consultation carried out with Centre user groups identified local provision is important, Washington North has a good transport hub, older residents prefer the informal atmosphere of a local centre to commercial gyms and centres.

Outputs of the Project

Description	Number
No. programmes tackling health	1
No. beneficiaries (200 MOTs 100 EOR)	300

Key Milestones and objectives for the Project

GP Practice/Pharmacy visits complete	April 2017
Monitoring systems in place	April 2017
Project Promotion underway	April 2017
Physical Activity Programme live	April 2017
Signposting services live	April 2017
Telephone service live	June 2017
50 users participating	April 2018
100 MOTs undertaken	April 2018
Year 1 mid term evaluation	May 2018
100 EOR participants and 200 MOTs	March 2019

Funding

Item	Total Cost	SIB
Staffing costs (on costs @ 20% included) 1 x 10 hours @ £19.20 = £20,000 1 x 15 hours @ £12.00 = £19,000 1 x 5 hours @ £9.60 = £5,000	£44,000	£44,000
Facility hire, room use, classes, venues, 1:1	£ 6,000	£ 3,000
Monthly gym passes 100 x 3 months @ £20 per month	£ 6,000	£ 5,000

Fitness instructor sessions @ £25 per hour	£ 5,200	£ 5,200
Travel and mileage	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Equipment (health and general)	£ 5,000	£ 5,000
ICT equipment and software	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
Telephones	£ 800	£ 800
Supplies and services	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
Management Fee (WMC) @ 7%	£ 7,000	£ 7,000
Washington MIND counselling services £35 per session (6 session per client)	£15,000	£15,000
Wellbeing.org – platform and support	£ 2,000	£ 2,000
Weeks 13 – 24:Project access to facility use	£ 5,000	£0
Staff training budget	£ 1,000	£0
Health Promotion material	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
TOTAL	£107,000	£97,000

Sustainability

The centre will use this project to collect data and experiences to enable it to bid for long term funding to deliver a healthy living project which will continue this work over a 3 to 5 year period. Whilst at the same time, the centre will look at how it can embed elements of the project into its daily offer to the community.

Health Statistics: As mentioned North Ward stand outs and is much worse than other wards - unfortunately health stats for the other wards do not identify deprivation or challenges where the health of residents is worse than that of the average resident in Sunderland. The last health initiative that targeted the North Ward was healthy living centres and since then there has been no targeting of the area to address the health inequalities and issues of residents. The health stats we mention in the bid highlight how big the challenge is in the North ward, how they are worse than the Sunderland average and it is the only one of the five wards in Washington that is in this position. So the need is there - the need to challenge lifestyles issues is reinforced by the stats and the concern has to be that no improvements will be seen and the health of residents in the ward may deteriorate if nothing is done. We know from various health reports going back to Wanless, there is no magic wand that will solve these inequalities but doing nothing is not an option and Wanless identified in the early 2000's that prevention was key to delivering change and was a cost effective approach. That then led to the white paper, the choosing health consultation and some of the changes in approach to health inequalities over the last 10 years.

This is why we are committed to using this project as a pilot to facilitate a funding bid to one of the larger funds as that might be the best way to sustain the work in the longer term and have the biggest impact. We will continue with the MOT's on site and will continue to support residents through exercise referral after the life of the project but some elements will need to have a charge attached to it. We will discuss what other elements of the project could be embedded in the centre offer once we have feedback from staff and participants on this project and we have undertaken the year 1 review.

Additional information

- Why will this approach work? Why aren't others already established able to deliver these outcomes?
 - Following the changes that were made to the old citywide EOR programme when the new contracts went out to tender, the focus switched to support reducing the pressure on hospitals and specialist services. People who would have previously benefitted from the scheme no longer can, so there is a gap and some people's needs are not being met. This means their health issues are at risk of deteriorating and then the strain on the health service, which is well documented, becomes greater.
 - Local provision is preferred
- The statistics for the North Ward show that with unplanned admissions and visits to A&E being greater than the Sunderland average and worse than the national average, failure to be pro-active will only compound these problems and pressures and we know these people then find their way into the Adult Services system and become a pressure on the local authority.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's Call for Project and using the formal SIB governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is [133 out of 200](#)

This application:

1. Evidences a good track record of successful delivery and experience

- This application evidences previous experience of similar projects, the organisation is based in the area and all beneficiaries will be from Washington.
- Project Management and monitoring systems robust and clearly explained with examples given. Work monitored against planning, electronic financial systems, regular updates and reporting mechanisms identified. Experience of managing and monitoring other SIB projects.
- Milestones realistic.
- **There is reference to purchasing IT equipment/package where users of the service can track their progress. There are already tools out there that people can sign up to and track progress against targets (LLW and Change 4 Life do something similar) which should be explored before final design of project is agreed.**
- **Risks and potential issues not identified in relation to this particular application. No reference to risk of lack of referrals.**
- Requires some flexibility to be able to respond to demand as the project is developed.
- Sustainability addressed – intends to data gather in order to provide evidence of need and apply for longer term funding. Mid-term evaluation identified although how and who needs confirming.

2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington and co-ordinates with a range of activities and projects:

- This proposal meets three of the Area Committee priorities - health and well-being, adult social care and VCS collaborative working,
- The project is clear that it will deliver more healthy lifestyles and support older and socially isolated individuals to become more active using a two strand approach.

- It is co-ordinated with and works in partnership with SCC Move to Improve Initiative, GPs, and other health partners such as Washington MIND. **However some key health providers delivering similar activities in the area (health plans and MOTs) are not identified as partners.**
- The proposal mentions signposting to the Live Life Well Service following initial 1:1 work and completion of the EOR programmes. **The Live Life Well service, commissioned by Sunderland City Council is available in all areas and provides much of the service described in the project brief e.g. health promotion, 1-2-1 support, health MOTs, stop smoking services, weight management etc. free of charge. This should be delivered as standard, with the WMC project picking up additionality, gaps etc. utilising a partnership approach and protocol. From the information provided it is not clear that the WMC engage or work in partnership with services already provided via LLW.**

3. This proposal has evidenced good partnership working and is committed to further developing local inclusion and collaboration.

- Focuses on delivering two strands – exercise on referral/health MOTs and checks, and delivering healthy lifestyle messages. It identifies working in partnership with Washington MIND, GPs, pharmacies, MTI, will target local residents with long term health needs, will provide outreach work throughout the area and will look to be flexible re demand and targeting.
- **It does not identify how it will engage a wider audience and in particular evidence that relevant partners such as Live Life Well have been engaged. This needs to be explored further.**
- **The application provides limited information and evidence of how beneficiaries will be reached. The application is weak in terms of ‘reaching in’ to the community. By the very nature of those not active, they are hard to engage therefore some reference to methods for engagement are required to strengthen the bid**

4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:-

- a. Address health inequalities of people aged over 50 years, in our most deprived neighbourhoods with a focus on Washington North but with a view to relevant services and support into other Wards, based on need. **Meets.**
- b. Provide a community led personalised approach to encourage people to live healthier lifestyles. This could include 1:1 health planning/interventions and engagement, and identification of relevant pathways and progression routes. **Meets**
- c. Identify partners and build and secure relevant partnerships and joint working protocols for those services and activities identified. **Partially Meets- need to further engage LLW and CIT**
- d. Identify and confirm robust referral systems for all activities and services. **Partially meets - needs to engage with relevant health providers and other VCS organisations. Whilst the proposal identifies how the referrals will come from the health checks etc. it does not identify how those participants will be recruited or how the opportunities will be promoted**
- e. Identify how relevant health messages, education and awareness raising to support the initiative will be implemented. **Meets**
- f. Identify how opportunities for outreach will be developed in other Centres. **Partially meets but accepted this element will develop as the project proceeds and need and demand is identified**

- g. Identify how activity and services can be sustained post SIB funding. **Meets**
- h. Identify the mechanism for a mid-term evaluation to provide evidence of effectiveness and assessment of impact. **Partially meets. The proposal indicates a mid-term evaluation but does not describe methodology or who will carry out this 'review'. The applicant has identified data gathering using both qualitative and quantitative data, as well as user satisfaction surveys.**

Consultation comments and queries

To note – the organisation's responses to be considered in the context of early discussions at People Board and requests from Members for the applicant to include additional and expanded activity even though the lead did not have access to evidence to identify similar need in wards other than Washington North. Members asked searching questions and requested that the original project proposal be added to and not just focus on the North Ward (the evidence that was available at the time). It is recognised that some of the successes will be difficult to measure as it is likely to be years before the benefits can be seen. Following a discussion with partners and the Chair of the WMC Trust the application sets out to accommodate the Member's requests although the project proposal will need some flexibility to respond as it develops.

Queries

1. Are we being asked to fund an enhanced exercise on referral (EOR) scheme - the enhancement being the delivery of healthy life style messages?
Response: In order to address health inequalities in the North Ward – 2 strands are required. One will be to encourage people to make lifestyle changes - this is where the success really comes from and where the savings to health budgets will be achieved. The EOR strand is addressing the "current" need and pressures that various diseases are having both on residents and the health budgets/adult care budgets. Both strands are equally important and both will deliver benefits to the individuals and various budgets. As mentioned during 'pre discussions at People Board, we will never be able to full express what the savings are in real terms, but we will measure where we can i.e. prescription changes and reductions in medication. In addition, by doing the outreach work we are meeting the request from Members to widen the reach beyond the North Ward. Whilst there is some evidence that health messages do work, we have stressed the importance of the health checks as this facilitates a 1 to 1 discussion which is much more meaningful and focuses on the individual. We also refer to Wanless and the various tools we plan to use, which are mentioned in the bid.
2. It seems that the majority of candidates to take advantage of the scheme will be self-referrers rather than from doctors on an exercise on prescription system. The latter scheme did appear to exist according to Sunderland Exercise Referral Programme. Is the latter still in place or has it folded due to withdrawal of funding?
Response: Changes were introduced around 2 or 3 years ago when the CCG put out the new tender and exercise referral as it was, ceased and the new contract which the Council won, resulted in the setting up of the current Move To Improve scheme – a partner included in this proposal. The Washington Healthy Lifestyle proposal/activities is not currently available and has not been for some time, We have shown how this scheme will support the Move to Improve work and how we will be an exit route for some of their participants. This is why, along with the health checks we will undertake, we expect more people to self-refer rather

than being referred by the GP. We have only included those figures because we were requested to and therefore have made the best judgement call we can, based on what we know. As discussed at the People Board only once the project is up and running will we know which pathway suits participants best. Perhaps the important point to note is that there are two pathways, which Members had identified as being important when it was discussed at the People Board meeting.

3. If it is still in place could the Millennium Centre be included or used and the appropriate funding obtained from CCG?

Response: This is not an option as far as I understand the contract sits with the Council. The contract offer is different to the one the Millennium Centre is proposing as explained in the previous answer.

4. What is the current cost of EOR to an individual in other parts of the City?

Response: The EOR scheme as it was is no longer running and the Move to Improve scheme is different. When EOR was previously delivered at the Centre, the centre never charged for the use of facilities and had 2 EOR staff on site delivering on average 2 days a week. All participants came via the GP. We don't believe a like for like comparison can therefore be achieved. To ensure value for money we have explained that is the reason why the hours of staff deployed on the project, have been annualised and the project will only invoice for activities that are delivered. This also gives some of the flexibility we refer to as it means the delivery will be demand led, which is another way of ensuring value for money.

5. What is the current base line of referrals to the gym?

Response: As the Centre has not offered this service for several years there is no meaningful base line - as discussed at the People Board meeting when we explained our rationale and evidence to support need. The Centre sends on average 1 to 2 people per week to see their GP to request they sign off that they are fit to exercise, because they have presented with a medical condition when they have wanted to join the gym or take part in the easyline classes. This was also some of the evidence upon which we made our estimate when we were asked how many would self-refer.

6. What the target number of people for the enhanced healthy lifestyle messages is?

Response: Detailed on the outputs section of the application – we expect to achieve 100 EOR and 200 Health MOTs. We see the health checks as the mechanism to deliver healthy lifestyle messages – therefore the target number for enhanced healthy lifestyle messages is 200. Not included in this figure is how many people may attend outreach work, talks or presentations as it is difficult to estimate. From previous experience having conversations on a 1 to 1 basis does make a difference.

7. How will the messages delivered be different from those currently which could be provided by Health Champions?

Response: would question how effective Health Champions has been in Washington and how active some of them are now as many were trained from workplace organisations. Health Champions is a very different project to this proposal - they were given very basic training and their role was to signpost not to give "health advice" as this project will. The 2 key staff are trained and qualified to give out the information and know their own boundaries and when they will signpost or refer people on. They will as has been mentioned be undertaking health checks with individuals (Health MOT's) and discussing lifestyle issues be offering advice appropriately.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

Approve subject to the following terms and conditions:

- **Confirmation of partnership working arrangements with key health providers already delivering in the area – Live Life Well – and other local organisations working with older people, in order to avoid duplication re health promotion and health messages. This will allow more resources to be targeted to delivering activity.**
- **Develop a more ‘inclusive and joined up’ referral method which will include the partners to bring in added value**
- **Utilisation of current online resources and websites, ICT tools and equipment – LLW, SCC Community Directory, Change for Life. This will allow more resources to be targeted re delivering activities and expanding the services into other neighbourhoods**
- **SCC Public Health colleagues should also be contacted to see if any of the public health promotion information currently held can be better utilised.**

SIB application

Healthy Places Healthy People

Following a Call for Projects for the Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities Project, 2 applications were received and considered at the last Area Committee in December. Members requested that the Healthy Places Healthy People application from Groundwork NE was deferred to the Place Board for further consideration and clarification of issues.

Following the deferral the milestones have been reprofiled:

1. Consultation with established partners. Consultation with unknown partners to establish local priorities and project opportunities **20/3/2017 – 03/04/2017**
2. Establishment of *Healthy Places, Healthy People* Partnership Steering Group **10/04/2017**
3. Development of *Healthy Places, Healthy People* work programme **17/04/2017**
4. Delivery of first *Healthy Places, Healthy People* projects **01/05/2017 (ongoing)**
5. Delivery of *Healthy Places, Healthy People* projects across all five wards of Washington **31/05/2018**
6. Celebration event to mark the end of programme **15/06/2018**
7. Evaluation and Final Report submitted to Washington Area Committee **30/06/2018**

Following discussions at the Place Board, Members are now requested to approve the application as submitted in December and including the new milestones as detailed above, with the following terms and conditions applied to the project:

- Place Board representative to the project Steering Group is Cllr Dianne Snowdon who will liaise with and represent the Place Board at Steering Group meetings.
- Community Partnerships Service will also sit on the Steering Group
- The project will be subject to monthly reporting to Place Board via Project Update Report and through the Cllr representative
- The project to be co-ordinated with other 3 x work streams/projects included in the Washington Clean and Green approach
 - Washington Clean & Green – SNCBC – Plantations & Community Clean ups
 - Friends Group support – Place Management – support for identified groups to take on additional tasks and services in parks
 - Education and Awareness - Community Partnerships – co-ordination, PR, comms, education programmes & raising awareness
- The project will be subject to monthly financial monitoring and performance management through SIB procedures

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS ABOVE

COMMUNITY CHEST 2016/2017 WASHINGTON AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED December 2016 to February 2017

Ward	Project	Allocation 2016/2017	Project Proposals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned since April 2016	Balance Remaining
Washington Central	Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group – Production of a local interest booklet containing stories of local mining stories, maps and stories (Joint funding across all Wards)		£120			
	Total	£16,963	£120	£5,561	£0	£11,282
Washington East	Harraton Residents Association – Open evening to encourage new members to the Residents Association		£94.44			
	Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group – Production of a local interest booklet containing stories of local mining stories, maps and stories (Joint funding across all Wards)		£120			
	Total	£14,178	£214.44	£2,421	£0	£11,542.56
Washington North	Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group – Production of a local interest booklet containing stories of local mining stories, maps and stories (Joint funding across all Wards)		£120			
	2214 (Usworth) Squadron Air Cadets - Purchase of laptops to facilitate e-learning and examinations at Btech level for members of the Squadron		£690			
	Total	£12,881	£810	£5,251	£500	£7,320

Washington South	Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group – Production of a local interest booklet containing stories of local mining stories, maps and stories (Joint funding across all Wards)		£120			
	Oxclose & District Young People's Project – To host a Community Christmas party for local elderly residents on 13 th December		£390.78			
	Total	£19,773	£510.78	£1,894	£0	£17,368.22
Washington West	Washington Miners and Community Heritage Group – Production of a local interest booklet containing stories of local mining stories, maps and stories (Joint funding across all Wards)		£120			
	Blackfell Primary School - Development of an outdoor area for children to access outdoor learning within a range of curriculum areas		£1,800			
	Sunderland City Council - Installation of hardstanding on Donvale Road for members of the community to wait for public transport on dry ground		£2,008			
	Springwell Methodist Church - Replacement of kitchen cabinets, worktops and flooring for use by community groups		£3,000			
	Total	£16,664	£6,928	£201	£0	£9,535
	Overall Total	£80,459	£8,583.22	£15,328	£500	£57,047.78

Current Planning Applications(Washington)

Between 01/01/2017 and 06/02/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
17/00087/PCJ	Derwent HouseWashington Town CentreWashingtonNE38 7SR	Change of use from office (B1a) to residential (C3).	13/01/2017	10/03/2017
17/00021/FUL	45 Boston AvenueWashingtonNE38 7JF	Erection of a first floor side extension above existing garage and single storey extension to rear.	27/01/2017	24/03/2017
17/00242/FUL	4 Richmond AvenueWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7JG	Erection of a single storey extension to rear, new bay window to front, conversion of garage to kitchen, including installation of new windows and door with stepped access to rear.	02/02/2017	30/03/2017
17/00037/OUT	3 Buckland CloseBiddickWashingtonNE38 7HG	Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of 3 no. dwellings.	02/02/2017	30/03/2017
17/00184/FUL	Washington Church Of Christ Albert PlaceColumbiaWashingtonNE38 7BP	Change of use from D1 to combined D1 and B1 use.	03/02/2017	31/03/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
16/02308/VAR	Land North Of Station RoadBarmston RoadWashington	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref. 15/00259/FUL (substitution of house types within approved residential development at Teal Park Farm Phase 4 [Area D] (ref. 12/00333/FUL)) comprising substitution of house type of Plots 244, 246, 248, 249, 251, 252, 286- 295, 299, 306, 308, 309, 317-328 and 332	25/01/2017	26/04/2017
17/00155/FUL	9 Saint Georges EstateHarratonWashingtonNE38 9AU	Erection of a two storey extension to side and erection of a single storey extension to rear	31/01/2017	28/03/2017
16/02352/FUL	7 Baird CloseStephensonWashingtonN E37 3HL	Change of use from use class B1 and B8 (offices) to use class Sui Generis (dog grooming).	03/01/2017	28/02/2017
17/00028/OUT	Land Between 1-2Victoria RoadConcordWashingtonNE37 2SY	Outline application for erection of two storey building for Use Class A3 & A5 with all matters reserved.	10/01/2017	07/03/2017
17/00045/VAR	A D C Electrical Company Limited Brindley RoadHertburnWashingtonNE37 2SF	Removal of condition 3 of planning permission ref. 79/0142 (Erection of building for use as workshop,offices,storage and sale of leisure associated accessories. Use of land for the display, storage and sale of caravans and camping equipment with associated car parking facilities). to allow use as B8 storage	16/01/2017	17/04/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
17/00086/REM	Phase 1The Peel CentreGloverWashington	Application for the approval of reserved matters for the erection of a Class A1 food superstore with car parking, petrol filling station and associated works (Amended Scheme 31/05/13) pursuant to outline application ref 12/03137/OUT	24/01/2017	25/04/2017
17/00168/FUL	8 Norfolk DriveConcordWashingtonNE37 2NE	Erection of a single storey extension to rear.	03/02/2017	31/03/2017
17/00132/FUL	Land To East Of Heworth RoadWashington	Erection of a single storey unit for light steel fabrication business (Class B2)	06/02/2017	03/04/2017
17/00271/TEX	Nicholson EngineersBlue House LaneUsworthWashingtonNE37 2TD	Erection of a 17.5m high telecommunications tower, antenna, dish, cabinets and other associated infrastructure.	06/02/2017	28/03/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
16/01973/VAR	Smithers Oasis Uk LtdCrowther RoadCrowtherWashingtonNE38 0AQ	Variation of condition 7 (hours of operation) and condition 8 (delivery/loading/unloading) attached to planning application 09/02803/VAR (Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 07/01286/FUL to allow operating of warehousing and logistics Monday to Friday to operate 0600-2200 with vehicle loading restricted to 0745- 2000 Monday to Friday with no change required for Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holidays as per the original planning permission (Amended Description)) to allow 24 hour loading/operation Monday to Sunday.	16/01/2017	17/04/2017
17/00104/PCR	V G Foodstore21 StanhopeOxcloseWashingtonNE38 0LH	Change of use from shop (use class A1) to 1no bedroomed dwellinghouse (use class C3).	23/01/2017	20/03/2017
17/00017/PRI	19 Durham AvenueDonwellWashingtonNE3 7 1AQ	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 4m from the original dwelling, 3.43m in height and 2.41m to the eaves).	05/01/2017	16/02/2017
17/00116/FUL	The Mill HouseSpringwell RoadSpringwellGatesheadDH3 1RE	Erection of a Teepee events tent, creation of new vehicular access, re-arrangement of existing car parking and retention of storage containers and BBQ hut. Erection of wooden poles and ancillary outdoor seating areas.	25/01/2017	22/03/2017

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
17/00165/FUL	Land Adjacent1 Wordsworth CrescentSpringwell VillageGateshead	Change of use from amenity open space to private garden (Class C3), to include erection of 1.8m high fence. (Retrospective)	26/01/2017	23/03/2017
17/00138/FUL	Warren LeaSpringwell RoadSpringwell VillageGatesheadNE9 7QJ	Increase in roof height by 1.6m to provide first floor bedrooms, to include dormer window and velux windows to rear. (Retrospective)	01/02/2017	29/03/2017
17/00187/FUL	39 Wellburn RoadDonwellWashingtonNE37 1BZ	Erection of a single storey kitchen extension to rear. Demolition of front store and erection of a single storey extension to front to provide porch and wet room with erection of new front boundary wall, railings and gate	02/02/2017	30/03/2017