Washington Area Committee: Work Plan 2012 -13 PLACE

		ROLE FOR AREA COMMITTEES	ACTIONS	Place Board to Consider	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area committee update due	RAG
	CORPORATE: An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time	Strategic Influencing Role	 Investigate how to achieve safer subways, walkways, parks and green spaces (include lighting) 	Oct-12	Brian Hodgkinson	Members to provide Brian Hodgkinson with particular hotspots for Subways and Walkways. Audit already underway. See Sharepoint. Graffiti removal ongoing and pruning around subways underway. Some graffiti art work underway through Operation Lantern @ Albany subway. Extra support in place via Community Payback scheme. BH to update progress re resolving outstanding issues.	Jan-13	
			 Strategy for dealing with dilapidated industrial estates and applications for changes of use 	Oct-12	Mike Poulter	Board to understand corporate approach and identify what can be done at local level to improve areas re enforcement on Private Owners/Enforcement Policy on dilapidated Industrial Estates. MP to contact Colin Curtis and report city policy re enforcement to future meeting. Consider options for better signage and working with RLS to address some of the environmental issues.	Jan-13	
			 Influence LDF/Core Strategy - approach to housing numbers and type for Washington, plans for the Ayton Primary School site, proposals for supermarkets. 	Nov-12	Neil Cole	Area committee consultation workshop - to be confirmed	Jan-13	
	environments in Washington	t Local Action Key Priorities for Action: Investment in the built & natural environment	4. Monitor and receive information relating to development of the new Leisure Centre	Dec-12		Consultation with users will begin week commencing 27th August. This will take the form of posters placed in the existing Washington Leisure Centre and comment cards to get feedback from customers on what's important for them in the new centre. Wider consultation has taken place through the Council's Summer Survey and a series of planned focus groups with young people in schools are also planned. The Council's November newsletter will share information on what has happened so far and where we are in the process. A report will go to Cabinet to make a decision on the preferred design option which is likely to be by December. Following this further consultation will be programmed to determine what programmes of activities customers would want to see taking place in the Leisure Centre.	Jan-13	
			5. Monitor and receive information relating to development of Washington Managed Workspace	Oct-12	Berni Whitaker	Design stage underway with the developers. Working towards planning application being submitted in September. Following planning approval the developers will then go out to tender for contractors. Expected start on site of February 2013. The Developers remain confident that construction will be completed November 2013.	Jan-13	
			6. Flood Risk Planning		Barry Frost/Kevin Liddle (EP) David Laux (Engineers)	Flood risk and planning: 1. Independent Training Package for Elected Members to be confirmed (Cathy Mordecai/Kevin Liddle) 2. Supply Kits: Kevin Liddle confirm when and how he is going to get these out to Members. 3. Update Service Directory with Contact Details when instances of flooding. 4. Results of meeting with Northumbrian Water to be fed back to Members – David Laux * - to October meeting. 5. KP add list of Hotspots to Maps of Washington and hand over to David Laux who will attend October board to discuss prevention measures and solutions. 6. Kevin Liddle to identify how communities can be supported and work can be initiated through the Environment Agency with groups re Flood Watch Schemes. Full file of incidents and issues copied to David.	Jan-13	

		7. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Oct-12	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward .	Jan-13
CORPORATE: A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change	Strategic Influencing Role:	8. To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services which includes graffiti removal, fly tipping, dog fouling, grass cutting, refuse collection, recycling - with the addition of parks repairs and inspections.	Oct-12	Brian Hodgkinson	Standards now improved at Washington village Cemetry. Dedicated personnel now inn place. Meetings continue to be scheduled with supermarkets @ Galleries and further proposals to be discussed re collection of dumped shopping trollies. Discussions with Gentoo underway re joint protocols for maintenance of adjacent land and sites and alignment of services. Meeting re JSP agreed that a soil bund would be the best deterrent re illegal access. A cost has been provided awaiting final approval for the work to commence and strategic policy guidance. Audit of parks and green spaces in Washington - concerns re lack of Gren Flag status park in Washington, and some resources and facilities not included/recognised as part of SCC Greenspace audit. Usworth Park identifed as potential Green Flag park.	Sep-12
			Oct-12	Mike Poulter	Officer Working Group to be established to consider how Members influencing role is further developed and to look at ways to help deliver responsive services through partnership working, co-ordination and collaboration. BH to ensure Service Directory is updated re appropriate service and officer contacts re member's requests for service. Members to access Service Directory to obtain appropriate contacts for requests.	Jan-13
	Local Action Key Priorities for Action: Community support, resilience and inclusion, attractive neighbourhood & improved services and facilities	9. Engage residents and organisations in the upkeep and improvement of their local area.	Oct-12	Brian Hodgkinson	Liaise with Area Community Co-ordinator and Area Officer on engaging residents and organisations in the upkeep and improvement of their local area using LWYL campaign.	Jan-13
		10. Work with the Area VCS Network and the Washington Trust to help increase awareness of the services and support available to people in their community	Nov-12	Area Community Co-ordinator	Ongoing through communication and co-ordination with Area Network. Reps continue to attend AC and relevant Boards. Voluntary Sector activiely involved delivering services and continue to collaborate to ensure sustainability. Washington Trust currently working to submit a cross cutting funding application to Reaching Communities (Big Lottery). Through the People Board, identification of a mapping and audit exercise re services being delivered by VCS, issues and gaps, and what support is required to ensure sustainability of Washington's VCS.	Jan-13
		11. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Oct-12	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward	Jan-13
CORPORATE: A well connected city	Strategic Influencing Role	12. Influence LDF/Core Strategy - sustainable transport options for Washington	Nov-12	Neil Cole	Area Committee consultation workshop - to be confirmed (completed by October 2012)	Jan-13
		13. Area committee to be consulted on quality contract scheme (QCS)	Jan-13	Nexus	The QCS proposal has now been submitted to the ITA by Nexus. The North East Bus Operators Assoc (which has been established as a collective of bus operators to form a partnership bid) will also be putting forward proposals for a scheme in the coming weeks and both proposals will be considered at the November ITA. Further public consultation will be fundamental and follow any decision by the ITA with regard to influencing routes, times and fares. Under a QCS scheme, implementation would not be until at least 2015, under voluntary partnership implementation will be much sconer.	Apr-13

	AREA: A well connected Washington	Local Action	14. Investigate options and feasibility of developing integrated cycle network, promotion of walks and races to link villages	Nov-12	Brian Hodgkinson	Possibility of funding via PCT for green space/cycleway initiatives which help address obesity. Karon Purvis to update Brian and Tim re - any progress regarding potential funding for cycleways from PCT to address obesity. Brian, Tim Ducker met with Clive Greenwood to consider options for projects and development. Options and ideas for projects uploaded onto sharepoint. If PCT funding confirmed KP/BH/TD/CG to meet to discuss proposals. Place Board to consider recommendation for SIB match funding.	Jan-13
			15. Investigate options for improved broadband provision in Washington	Oct-12	Karon Purvis	Contact Tom Baker to discuss options for improved Broadband in Washington. Clarity re previous funding and packages received.	Jan-13
			16. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Oct-12	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward	
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		Strategic Influencing Role	17. Influencing role with City Services to determine future strategy for managing local events and celebrations.	Oct-12	Karon Purvis	Further discussions underway. Local strategy and way forward re local events to be confirmed at a later date. Meetings and discussions underway with regard to approach to managing and funding local events. Future way of working and implementation to be confirmed following discussions with Head of Culture and Tourism, relevant Portfolio Holders and Area Committee Chairs.	Jan-13
4	AREA: Washington's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Washington's culture and identity.		18. Receive report updating WAC on progress Washington Heritage Offer Feasibility Study recommendations.	Oct-12	Karon Purvis	KP to organise meeting with Trina Murphy and appropriate VCS organisations. Washington Trust also considering how to assist the implementation of recommendations from the study. Propose further discussions with the Washington Trust. Propose further update to October Board	Jan-13
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	CLOSED ACTIVITY & ISSUES		To investigate the feasibility of CCTV networking for Washington.	04/09/2012		To consider options and need profile for Washington CCTV Network - police stats, identify what's currently in place(including provision through LMAPs), gaps and costs. A number of cameras already in operation across the area. Very few requests to redeploy LMAP resources. Costs prohibitive re new networked and monitored cameras -unable to fund form AC resurces. Agreed at Place Board 4th September to update AC and close this item.	CLOSED
			Investigate feasibility and identify need for dropped kerbs and pavements programme across Washington.	04/09/2012	Richard Irving/ Terry Hutchinson	Reactive programming in place at city level	CLOSED
			Influence strategic approach to parking and highways issues	CLOSED	Highways	Issues raised re bus links being dealth with and responded to by appropriate agencies and departments.	CLOSED