

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**  
**16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**  
 Washington Area Budget Report

**Author(s):**  
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**Purpose of Report:**  
 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**Description of Decision:**

Committee are requested to:

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- (b) Consider the approval of NF funding of **£21,220** to Sunderland City Council to extend the Vehicle Activated Signs Programme as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (c) Consider the approval of NF funding of **£50,000** for the Cook Well Live Well Project Brief and Call for Projects as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (d) Consider the approval of NF funding of **£9,800** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Supporting Community Assets as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (e) Consider the approval of NF funding of £100,000 to Sunderland Culture to deliver the Washington Creative You Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (f) Consider the approval of NF funding of £150,000 to NE Business & Innovation Centre to deliver the Washington Heritage & Culture Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (g) Consider the alignment of NF funding of **£35,000** as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 3 Annex 2**
- (h) Consider the approval of NI Capital funding of **£90,200** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Supporting Community Assets as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 3**
- (i) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed **Item 3 Annex 4**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**  
 The Area Committee has an allocation of £464,444 (inc Youth allocation) for 2021/2022 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**  
 The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

**Item 3 WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

**Washington Area Budget Report**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund**

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2021/2022:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2021/2022</b>					<b>£464,444</b>
Support for Friends Groups	20.10.16	£4,807			<b>£469,251</b>
Purchase of grounds Equipment	26.09.19	£5,700			<b>£474,951</b>
Area Committee Communications	01.07.21			£10,000	<b>£464,951</b>
Delivering Heritage & Culture	01.07.21			£150,000	<b>£314,951</b>
Clean and Green Local Action	28.09.21			£11,000	<b>£303,951</b>
Washington Can Do	28.09.21			£10,000	<b>£293,951</b>
Washington Creative You	28.09.21			£100,000	<b>£193,951</b>

**Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2021/2022**

2.2 Area Committee has been allocated £464,444 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.

2.3 There are 5 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**

<b>i) Extend Vehicle Activated Signs Programme</b>	<b>£21,220</b>
<b>ii) Cook Well Live Well</b>	<b>£50,000</b>
<b>iii) Supporting Community Assets</b>	<b>£9,800</b>
<b>iv) Washington Creative You</b>	<b>£100,000</b>
<b>v) Delivering Washington Heritage and Culture</b>	<b>£150,000</b>

2.4 There is 1 proposal to align Neighbourhood Fund. At the November meeting of the Neighbourhood and Communities Board it was agreed to recommend aligning £35,000 to develop

a financial Resilience Project for Young People in Washington. Further detail is included at **Item 3 Annex 2**

**i) Youth Matters – Financial Resilience** **£35,000**

2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval, award (applications) and alignment is **£366,020**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£77,931**

**3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023**

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Washington Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020 / 2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023</b>					<b>£500,000</b>
Festive Lighting	16.07.20			£10,000	<b>£490,000</b>
Usworth Park Development Plan	17.12.20			£9,000	<b>£481,000</b>
Washington Tree Management Project	17.12.20			£28,800	<b>£452,200</b>
Safety Measures	17.12.20			£62,000	<b>£390,200</b>
Bowes Railway Museum	18.03.21			£60,000	<b>£330,200</b>
Invest in Parks	18.03.21		£50,000		<b>£280,200</b>
Invest in Play	18.03.21		£80,000		<b>£200,200</b>
Safety Measures (Phase 2)	01.07.21		£58,000		<b>£142,200</b>
Usworth Park Development Plan	28.09.21			50,000	<b>£92,200</b>
Time to Talk	28.09.21		£2,000		<b>£90,200</b>

**Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023**

3.2 Washington Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.

3.3. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.

3.4 There is 1 application to the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 3**

**i) Supporting Community Assets** **£90,200**

3.5 The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund budget requested for approval is **£90,200**. If approved, the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding will be fully allocated.

**4. Community Chest**

4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same. With Ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it becomes difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

- 4.2 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2021/2022. **Annex 4** shows the approvals supported, June to September.

Ward	2021/2022 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£1,450	£8,550
East	£10,000	£0	£2,570	£7,430
North	£10,000	£0	£2,509	£7,491
South	£10,000	£0	£2228.50	£7771.50
West	£10,000	£0	£2,000	£8,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£10,757.50</b>	<b>£39,242.50</b>

**Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2021/2022**

**5. Recommendations:**

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Tables One, Two and Three.
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- 5.9 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed **Item 3 Annex 4**

**Annex 1:** Neighbourhood Fund Approval Proposals

**Annex 2:** Neighbourhood Fund Alignment Proposals

**Annex 3:** Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Approval Proposals

**Annex 4:** Community Chest Grant Approvals

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