WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 3: Annex 3**

15th October 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

Washington 'Can do' Project

Young People 'Can Do' Small Grants fund (Priority: Community Inclusion/ Support for Young People)

Washington Area Committee has historically always supported local young people to participate and be involved in delivering local projects, partnerships and in developing approaches to ensure young people are heard. Support for young people and regular dialogue re youth provision has always been included in the committee's plans and proposals.

The following support has recently been made available:

- Holiday activities programme
- Influencing the youth contracted provision
- Influencing the delivery of XL Villages via a local operational group
- School Opportunities and Youth Opportunities initiatives
- Support for the Phoenix Project
- Addressing youth related ASB via partnership approach
- Various youth related events and initiatives (Graffiti project, Music Events)
- Development of the Washington Youth Council

Area Committee is asked to consider approving a small funding pot to support young people to participate, be involved, and deliver local initiatives. This approach will develop a level of 'ownership' and encourage young people to participate as active citizens.

The formal process would be as follows

1. October AC approves the project and the methodology for approving individual grants under procedures for Small Grants SIB
2. Washington People Board manages the award of small grants via rounds on behalf of the Washington Area Committee.

The proposed Project brief and application process is included under **Item 6 Finance Report** for Member's consideration