

### WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

### Meeting to be held in the Main Hall, Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

#### Membership

Cllrs Lauchlan (Chair), Laws (Vice Chair), Donaghy, Farthing, Fletcher, Guy, F. Miller, G Miller, Dianne Snowdon, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, M. Walker, Warne and Williams

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# Item 1d

# At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE MAIN HALL, CONCORD, WASHINGTON on THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022 at 6.00p.m.

#### Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors Fletcher, Guy, Laws, F. Miller, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, M. Walker and Williams

#### Also in Attendance:-

Mrs. Karon Purvis	-	Area Officer – Sunderland City Council
Ms. Jill Colbert	-	Chief Executive Together for Children, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Denise Gilholme	-	Community Support Worker
Shirley Gillum	-	Area Network Representative
Mr. Alan Duffy	-	Gentoo
Ms Bethan Wilkie	-	Gentoo
Mr Martin Farrow Farrow	-	TWFRA
Mr Paul Thompson	-	TWFRA
Inspector Steve Passey	-	Northumbria Police

#### **Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Farthing, G. Miller, D.E. Snowdon and Warne. Also apologies from Sylvia Coptley and Julie McBurnie

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

#### Minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

 RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the typo on page 3 of the minutes being corrected to "around".

#### Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

The Chair of Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan which would be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2022-2023 and also provided an update on the Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022-2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Laws, Chair of the Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board presented the report, highlighting the key points of action within the relevant Task Groups and was on hand with Karon Purvis, Area Officer Washington to answer any queries raised by Members.

Mrs Purvis advised that Councillor Laws would replace Councillor F. Miller as the representative on LMAP's

- 2. RESOLVED that the Committee
  - i) Considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020- 2023, and agreed the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1 of the report;
  - ii) Noted that Area Committee Governance arrangements for 2022-2023 outlined in Section 3 and Item2 Annex 2 of the report;
  - iii) Noted the Area Committee Year in numbers from 2021/22 as detailed in Annex 3 of the report;
  - iv) Noted the Area Facebook page key statistics from the Communications Plan from 2021/22 as detailed in Annex 4 of the report;

#### Washington Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest as well as presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Purvis presented the report and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

In relation to the extension of the Washington Clean and Green Project, Councillor P. Walker advised that he had attended two other of the City's Area Committee meetings and the feedback on this project had been tremendous and across the city we could not put a price on the work they were doing which was fantastic.

The Chairman wished to echo those comments as we received so much benefit from the project out of such a small amount of money given. It was amazing the amount of work the people of Washington were doing and it was money well spent.

Mrs Purvis also advised of the benefits the volunteers of the project received such as the gained confidence which had led them to progress into other areas.

With regards to the Project Brief for the Washington Events Programme, Councillor Williams commented that the money was worth every penny but was unsure if the programme was deliverable on £60k and suggested that this be increased by £70k, this proposal was seconded by Councillor F. Miller.

Councillor Williams also raised concerns regarding the timescales for organisations to turnaround the upcoming events such as the carnival.

Councillor M. Walker agreed that a 10 week turnround would mean that the applicants needed to be agreed as soon as possible.

Mrs Purvis advised that if approved, she could put out a Facebook post and that she knew of one organisation that had delivered in the past and would be ready to go if successful but it depended on if any other bids were received.

In response to Councillor P. Walker's enquiry, Mrs Purvis advised that funding for road closures for events such as Remembrance Sunday were not included in this and that the groups were expected to organise these themselves however it could be done via the Council and sometimes had been funded via Community Chest.

Councillor H. Trueman advised that during his term as Mayor he had noticed the prices of the vendors on these events with some charging as much as £9 for a sandwich. Councillor H. Trueman commented that as we faced a cost of living crisis, if we had any influence and suggested if vendors could cap their prices, they could possibly receive some kind of discounted rate. Mrs Purvis advised that this would be up to the successful applicant and suggested that something could be included in the brief as to how they would bring in extra revenue and a possible direction of travel to consider cost benefits for residents. Councillor Williams suggested that if the additional £10k proposed was approved, that this could be used to look at reducing the costs for those families that were struggling.

With regards to the Positive Activities Programme Project Brief, Councillor Fletcher commented that we also needed to remember the smaller organisations that lose out on scoring which puts them off applying for such projects. Mrs Purvis advised that they do work with those organisations to help achieve funding and this had happened just recently.

In respect of the Call for Projects- Youth Matters, Mrs Purvis advised that both applications received had failed to meet the criteria on scoring and that the recommendation was to decline the applications and take this back to the July Board meeting for further discussion on a revised project brief.

- i) Noted the financial statements set out in Tables One, Two and Three of the report;
- ii) Considered and agreed the approval of NF funding of £24,775 to Community Opportunities to extend the Washington Clean & Green Volunteering Programme as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Considered and agreed the approval of NF funding of £100,000 to Sunderland City Council to deliver proposals for the NE Community Forest and management and maintenance of plantations in Washington as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iv) Considered and agreed the approval of NF funding of £70,000 (amended) and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Events Programme 2022/23 as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- v) Considered and agreed the approval of NF funding of £100,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Positive Activities Programme 2022/23 as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- vi) Considered and agreed the approval of NF funding of £12,000 to Sunderland City Council to deliver the Area Committee Communications Plan as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- vii) Considered and approved the approval of NC funding of £100,000 for the delivery of the Washington Fixed Play Survey as set out in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 of the report;
- viii) Noted the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed Item 3 Annex 3 of the report; and
- ix) Noted the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item 3 Annex 4 of the report.

#### Partner Agency Reports

#### a) Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network.

(for copy report - see original minutes)

Shirley Gillum, Area Network Representative presented the report on behalf of the VCS Network along with Denise Gillholme, Community Support Worker.

The Chairman wished to thank both Ms Gillum and Ms Gillholme for the presentation, for a great annual report and for all the work that they did within the Washington community.

Councillor Fletcher commented that we needed to acknowledge the great work done by the volunteers of Keep Washington Tidy and also Mickey's Place who now had a great deal of elderly residents using the facility, especially within the last two weeks, it was working extremely well.

Councillor P. Walker commented that it was great to see the Alliance knocking on corporate doors and that whilst Nissan had always been a great employer for the City, they hadn't always been considered a good neighbour to have by the residents so it was nice to see them becoming more involved and stepping up to the plate.

Ms Gillholme advised that if Members had any other suggestions/contacts of organisations and companies for partnership working then to get in touch with her.

Mrs Purvis advised that social values were playing a greater part within any new contracts drawn up for any new developments that came in and there was effectively a shopping list of community needs and a monitoring service for this.

In response to Councillor Guy's comments, Mrs Purvis advised that the residents association and community associations have been offered training with three offers in the last few months but many don't take this up. Ms Gillholme has the time to support these groups more and there was the offer of training, support and governance for any organisation that wants to utilise it.

Councillor H. Trueman enquired as to groups working with Ukrainians in the City as he believed there were possibly 75 Ukrainians in the City and the majority of these were in Washington. Ms Gillholme advised that there were groups supporting, particularly in Columbia where a lot of fundraising had been done. There was also support available from the Council and Gentoo also.

Councillor Williams commented that these were an amazing group that had been very keen to help and it was wonderful to have then doing such an incredible job.

Councillor Williams also referred to the new changes in the Management structure of the Council and that whilst a new set of eyes can always be useful we had to be cautious that we didn't change ways that's already worked well and there was plenty of help out there, we just needed to ensure it was tailored.

Councillor Laws commented that whilst it was excellent to see the efforts being made for the people of Ukraine, he was still waiting to hear anything on behalf of the Afghanistan refugees. Jill Colbert, Chief Executive Together for Children advised that the Ukranian families were sponsored by a visa scheme and this was a different legal status from the Afghanistan refugees, where there was no demonstrable programme from the government.

Ms Colbert advised that they routinely receive asylum seekers from Dover/Kent with the national transfer scheme but with specific reference to Afghanistan there was no new information that could be given other than what had been briefed to Members already.

Councillor Laws commented that there was no criticism to be made of the Local Authority on this and that he believed there was no doubt there was a difference in how the Government was tackling the issue of Ukrainian refugees to that of Afghan refugees.

Members having considered the report, it was: -

4. RESOLVED that the content of the report and the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

#### b) Gentoo

Gentoo provided a report to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period March 2022 to June 2022.

(for copy report - see original minutes)

Mr Alan Duffy, Head of Operations, Gentoo presented the report and introduced Ms Bethan Wilkie who would be taking over his role for future Committees.

Councillor Laws referred to the tenant arrears of £2.5 million, commenting that this was a high figure and that whilst they could not look at all tenants situations to see who was struggling, enquired what they could do in terms of signposting.

Mr Duffy advised that they had the Money Matters Team to help and if they

couldn't they did signpost residents to others. Ms Wilkie advised that every Neighbourhood Co-ordinator had just been provided with training so they knew what could be offered also.

Councillor Laws acknowledged the Money Matters Team and the service they provided but questioned if they had the capacity to deal with the expected worsening position of the current financial climate. Ms Colbert informed the Committee that the Council spends a fair amount on there Welfare Advice Team and a household support fund would be available to pensioners and single people also had welfare support available. Ms Colbert commented that we may not have all the answers, but we should have the capacity to support.

Mrs Purvis advised that with the rollout of the Household Support Fund, the VCS were coming together to identify locals that needed support.

Councillor Williams requested that comparative data on arrears be included from the other Area Committees in the City and enquired if we would start to see a rise in evictions now that the ban had ended after Covid restrictions were lifted. Mr Duffy advise that in terms of arrears the figures hadn't really changed over the past 5 years and he would look at the data for comparative figures in the future.

With regards to evictions, Mr Duffy advised that there had been around 100 across the City and that this really was a last resort for them and the key priority was to speed up the re-letting process.

The Chairman thanked Mr Duffy and Ms Murphy for their report

5. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

#### c) TWFRS

The Tyne and Wear Fire Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided performance-monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022, compared with the same period in 2021

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Martin Farrow, Station Manager presented the report and expanded on the figures provided.

The Chairman thanked Mr Farrow for his attendance.

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

#### d) Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police submitted a report which provided data on crime and disorder in the Washington area comparing 'Year to date' figures with the preceding year.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Steve Passey presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Fletcher commented that it was great to see the long lens camera that the Committee had funded finally being utilised and had worked well in Princess Anne Park. Inspector Passey confirmed that the camera was being used more now and this was a definite priority.

Councillor Williams raised concern about certain vindictive messages being made on message boards about anti-social behaviour and one in particular about a child being assaulted in Princess Anne Park, yet upon investigation this had not been reported.

Councillor Williams also raised the issue of people driving through bus only links and requested clarification as to what the position was with these and if the Council were taking over responsibility for this.

Inspector Passey commented that bus lanes were a pet peeve for many but this all depended on the signage as some taxis could drive through certain links and that whilst this was a minor offence, he was sure Members could appreciate the pressures that the team were under that they couldn't be policing these lanes as much as other areas and priorities. However, Inspector Passey further added that Operation Butternut was about improving road safety which would hopefully impact upon this issue as well.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that as far as he was aware, no bus links allowed taxis to go through.

Mrs Purvis suggested that Graham Carr, from Highways be invited to the next Board meeting for clarification.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Passey for his attendance

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

#### Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) L. LAUCHLAN, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

#### Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:
  - a. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2022-2023.
  - b. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 -2023.

#### 2. Background

2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the Washington Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland.

#### 3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:
  - a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
  - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.
- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.
- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.
- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body, and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2021.

#### 4. Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023 Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which are being delivered within the Washington area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan is monitored by the Area Committee and actions will continue to be addressed up to 2023, via the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- 4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council's website which is available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk, as well as through

quarterly Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 3 Area Budget Report** 

- 4.3 Progress against the Delivery Plan has been reported regularly to Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee. Good news stories and promotion of projects and local information have been posted on the Washington Sunderland Community Facebook page.
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to September 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update
Neighbourhood Safety	Access control measures largely complete with 'snagging issues'
Measures	managed via D Guy. Awaiting final invoice from contractor to confirm total costs
	Recently Washington Central Cllrs have requested additional
	measures to help restrict vehicle access on Glebe Park. Building
	Property Services are looking at installing bollards and this is to be
	funded via the Washington Central Ward Improvement Project. Final
	quote and costs anticipated end of September
Love Where You Live/ Clean	The Steering group met 21 <sup>st</sup> September. Volunteers have been
and Green	involved and assisted a number of organisations:
	The Project co-ordinator keeps Cllrs up to date with progress and the
	ACDL regularly requests proposal and projects to be considered for
	future programming.
Enforcement &	The Washington Neighbourhood Enforcement Project is delivering to
Neighbourhood Management	target. Regular updates re Section 46 letters and notices, FPNs, and
	warnings are provided in detail at each of the Neighbourhood &
	Community Boards. Detailed report and review of successes to date
	to be presented to next Board
Parks and Play	Parks: Tender for refurbishment of pavilion in Usworth Park delayed
	as requests from planning. The first invite failed to appoint contractor –
	one proposal submitted which was in excess of available budget.
	Officers discussing with SCC Building services and looking to go back
	out to tender September 2022. Predicted costs continue to rise
	therefore budget increase of £50k (2 <sup>nd</sup> tender) required to deliver the
	plans as submitted. Total available for contract now £200k.
	<b>Play:</b> Procurement exercise is still ongoing. Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the
	council's landscaping team. Report to November Board with options to
	deliver the outstanding proposals included in the FPS and Harraton –
	anticipate a request for additional funding
Trees and Plantation	Neighbourhood Fund approved to SCC to assist with the delivery of
Management	community led proposals for the NE Community Forest, and to help
Managomon	facilitate solutions for plantation management. Next Task Group
	meeting to be scheduled end of September/beginning October to co-
	ordinate activity and Cllr priorities.
Supporting the Voluntary &	1. Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the
Community Sector	Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor'
,	organisations. Washington CSW Denise Gilholme is supporting
	partners and groups and attends the Network meeting to update the
	sector on support.
	2. Work continues to ensure the Networks are consulted and
	participate in the future modelling of the Sunderland VC Alliance. A
	number of workshops and presentations are taking place in each
	Area. The offer of the Sunderland VC Alliance is promoted widely and
	the Alliance is leading on delivering Social Value for the sector and co-
	ordinating volunteering.
	3. Various training opportunities and workshops are being delivered in
	areas by the Alliance, courses and information requested by the
	sector. This includes Social Intelligence workshops, funding, first aid
	training.

	<ul> <li>4. VCS Area Network continues to meet regularly. Washington VCS Network has now appointed its 3<sup>rd</sup> VCS Representative –Jemma Hutchinson of Washington MIND.</li> <li>5. The recent review of the Delivery Plan confirmed the following projects will continue until March 2023 and beyond – Washington REACT, WISP, Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Outreach.</li> <li>6. Local VCS organisations are firmly embedded in working with the Council and other public sector partners to deliver identified and much needed community services and support at a local level</li> <li>7. 2 x rounds of Improving Community Assets now approved. 3<sup>rd</sup> round of ICA/invite to apply released 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022</li> <li>8. VCS Support Project has now completed. Successes and achievements and exit strategy presented to this meeting</li> </ul>
Events	Report to November Board to consider funding required to ensure delivery of the September 23 Event
Supporting young people	<ul> <li>Can Do - Next Round September 2022 with presentations to November Board</li> <li>Creative You - First Taster sessions fully booked over summer periods. 3 or 4 courses to be launched from September at local venues over next 12 months.</li> <li>Youth Matters – Amended Project Brief to be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report</li> </ul>
Local Heritage & Culture	An application to enhance the siting of the replacement 'Albany Wheel' to be considered at November Board

#### 5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Annex 1**.
- 5.2 Note the presentation of the VCS Support Strategy
- Annex 1 Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023
- Contact Officer:karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.ukKaron Purvis, Washington Area Community Development Lead

#### Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within Washington, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at <u>www.sunderland.gov.uk</u> as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Washington Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

- Tackle empty properties
- Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities
- Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood
- Flood mitigation
- Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- Plantation and tree management
- Street furniture
- Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting

- Increase 5G access & support digital learning
- Healthy and Well Being
- Support VCS to provide additional local services
- Support local volunteering
- Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to help reduce fear of crime through partnership working
- Local Events
- Support for young people
- Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage

It is now the responsibility of Washington Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and inform the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.



Neighbourhood Investment priority				
1. Tackle Empty Properties				
Links to: A Dynamic Smart Cit	y More and better housing			
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report		
Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board Illegal encampments raised as an issue	Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area	<ol> <li>Following an update to all Area Chairs, presentation from Private Sector Housing Team to July Board.</li> <li>Access control measures largely complete with 'snagging issues' managed via D Guy. Awaiting final invoice from contractor to confirm total costs</li> <li>Recently Washington Central ClIrs have requested additional measures to help restrict vehicle access on Glebe Park. Building Property Services are looking at installing bollards and this is to be funded via the Washington Central Ward Improvement Project. Final quote and costs anticipated end of September</li> </ol>		
2. Love Where you Live and Blo				
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their community</i> A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>				
	ity Wealth Strategy Community empowern	-		
Action	Next steps	Progress		
Continue with Clean and Green community clean ups and litter picks and love where you live campaign projects and campaigns	ACDL to work with the lead with regards to identify project sustainability post March 2022	Approved by Board and AC as a priority for 22/24. An extension of the Washington Clean & Green Volunteer Project approved at June AC. End date now July 2023. Last Steering Group held 21.09.22. The project volunteers continue to work proactively with groups and organisations across Washington. Detailed performance reports to next Board 24.11.22		
Scheme: Additional planters – look into feasibility of resident groups adopting them	ACDL to confirm with Environmental Services how many planters are available, condition and requirements for maintenance and repair	7 schemes agreed with 24 planters utilised – East Bridge St, Oxclose/Crighton, Building Blocks Centre, Usworth Park, Rickleton PS, Biddick PS, the Life House Sensory Garden. Clean & Green Team are project managing the scheme		
Continue with Ward Improvement Project	ACDL followed up on all outstanding works, all claims submitted.	Ward Improvement Project identified as a priority for remainder of Delivery Plan Following recent agreement with regards to additional requests for services internally, a new simpler process is being established for all Walk & Talk/Ward Improvement Projects. ACDL briefed Members at July Board with regards to implementation of new methodology and Internal Framework		

Launch Clean & Green Local Action	ACDL to present options/review of project	C & G: Local Action Small Grants Call for Projects 10.10.22.		
Small Grants Scheme	outcomes to future Board	Funding in place to end of Delivery Plan		
		fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
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	Cleaner and more attractive city and neigh			
Action	Next steps	Progress		
Multi-Agency approach to develop a	ACDL established Task & Finish Group for	Detailed updates provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The		
Washington Neighbourhood	Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement	project remains on target with enforcement activity in all Wards. Street Cams		
Management & Enforcement Project	Initiative to receive above information,	now deployed in Washington and Cllrs consulted via Board for priority sites and		
(WNMEP)- Focus on Neighbourhood	consider and how they can enhance and	hotspots. As part of a city-wide approach drones are also deployed to help		
'enforcement' in village centres,	support the current offer in Washington	combat ASB, vandalism and flytipping		
littering on slip roads, use of		Funding in place to end of Delivery Plan		
cameras, vandalism and ASB in parks,				
play areas and green spaces, and				
support for environmental volunteers				
Together Clean and Green	ACDL schedule Together Clean & Green	Alongside Washington NMEP, Together Clean & Green (Gentoo & SCC) keen to		
Partnership with Gentoo and other	Partnership working group	roll out extensive education and PR campaign to promote enforcement		
services to continue to		messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities		
tackle/support local enforcement to		to encourage effective Neighbourhood Management. SCC continues to work		
household waste management,		with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies		
abandoned trollies, neighbourhood		meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly. PSPO re abandoned trollies in		
issues		place. Next Partnership Group meeting 5 <sup>th</sup> October (SCC & Gentoo)		
4. Flood Mitigation				
	Cleaner and more attractive city and neigh			
Action	Next Steps	Progress		
Washington Flood Mitigation	ACDL request update to Board	Flood Mitigation Scheme update report presented November Board		
Scheme: Request update to				
Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW				
funded)				
5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes				
-		idents informing & participate in cultural events, programmes & activities		
A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods				
Action	Next steps	Progress		

Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks	<ul> <li>ACDL established Task &amp; Finish group to develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington</li> <li>Parks and Play in parks. To consider</li> <li>Service Capacity</li> <li>City's Play Strategy</li> <li>Inspection and maintenance regimes for any new development</li> <li>Plans for investment in parks and green spaces</li> <li>Dealing with and response to ASB and vandalism of play areas and parks</li> <li>Opportunities to access \$106</li> </ul>	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agree investment in Parks and Play remains a priority for 2022/23. Funding approved for both parks and play to end of Delivery Plan
Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan	Usworth Park Development Plan reviewed and SCC Officer Group established to oversee delivery.	<ul> <li>Tender for refurbishment of pavilion in Usworth Park delayed as requests from planning. The first invite failed to appoint contractor – one proposal submitted which was in excess of available budget. Officers discussing with SCC Building services and looking to go back out to tender September 2022. Predicted costs continue to rise therefore budget increase of £50k (2<sup>nd</sup> tender) required to deliver the plans as submitted. Total available for contract now £200k.</li> <li>The Friends Group for Usworth Park established and now organising events in the park. The Friends are also working with the Clean &amp; Green team to tidy the park and carry out smaller scale landscaping, border maintenance etc. and are to look after a noticeboard in the park. 1<sup>st</sup> AGM held x September 22</li> <li>Delivering the agreed Usworth Park Development Plan remains a priority with the Council fully committed to supporting Usworth Park Green Flag status application. The main priority will be to put the tender for refurbishment of the pavilion back out, work with the Council to resolve the issues relating to an abandoned allotment at the entrance and involve local residents and the Friends Group in the design and development of new gates</li> </ul>
Implementation of review of Princess	ACDL to continue working with Project Lead	Capital funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess
Anne Park Master Plan	to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	Anne Park Play Update requested for November Board
Improve play areas	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and	Fixed play survey (FPS) presented to Board and Area Committee. WAC approved a total of £100,000 NCIP at June Area committee. SCC confirmed £85,000 capital

6. Plantations and tree manageme Links to: A Vibrant Smart City		as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington. The procurement exercise is still ongoing. Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council's landscaping team. Report to November Board with options to deliver the outstanding proposals included in the FPS and Harraton – anticipate a request for additional funding
	Cleaner and more attractive City and neigh	
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services requested to update Neighbourhood & Community Board with regard to the Strategic approach for future management of large plantations close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Strategic update to Board.	Remains a key priority for 2022/23 £100,000 Neighbourhood Fund approved to SCC to assist with the delivery of community led proposals for the NE Community Forest, and to help facilitate solutions for plantation management. Next Task Group meeting to be scheduled end of September to co-ordinate activity and Cllr priorities.
7. Street Furniture including litter		
-	More people visiting Sunderland. More res Cleaner and more attractive City and neigh	idents informing & participate in cultural events, programmes & activities bourhoods
Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to ClIrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme		SCC presentation outlining future capital investment in parks and allotments at the July Board included confirmation of £65,000 investment in bins and signage in Ayton, Holley Park, Rickleton and Seldom Seen. Ward ClIrs continue to invest Ward Improvement Budgets to repair, and replace bins across Washington
8. Highways, road safety, paveme		
-	People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods City Cleaner and more attractive city and n	
Update Neighbourhood & Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme	ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule	Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target.

Implement Road Safety Education	ACDL to organise regular meetings with	Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The
Programme September 2020	Road Safety Team for proposals and	project remains on target
	schemes	P Muir to attend July Board and presented a summary of activity to date. The
		Road Safety Team will continue to roll out initiatives at schools to discourage
		inconsiderate parking
Request strategic response to Traffic		Traffic management/parking issues on agenda at Board as required
Management issues raised –		Enforcement Officers and Highways to attend July board re discuss enforcement,
enforcement of 20mph areas,		speeding, bus links
speeding, need for additional signage		
re speed limits, enforcing the bus		
links and inconsiderate parking		
around/near to schools		
Update to be provided on amount of	Highways Maintenance Programmes	A prioritised list of proposed streets for the 2022/23 agreed at the Feb 2022
investment planned by Highways	annually presented to Neighbourhood and	Board and presented for approval at the March AC 2022.
Services for highways, pavements	Community Board for discussion and	Highways Maintenance Programme 2022-23 and then city-wide programme
and street lighting replacement	recommendation to Washington Area	submitted to Cabinet for approval April 2022
programme.	Committee	Anticipate HMP presented to November Board as first stage to agree 23/24
		programme
9. Health and Well Being		
	Reduced health inequalities enabling more	e people to live healthier longer lives
	People enjoying independent lives	
	ity Wealth Strategy Improving community	
Sunderland Commun	ity Wealth Strategy Business growth and i	nvestment in VCS
	Next Steps	Progress
Develop a co-ordinated approach	Task Group established	Cook Well Live Well Project Brief released. 9 applications received to the 1 <sup>st</sup>
with relevant partners to support VCS		round – 3 approved at the March AC.
to help the local community eat and		Round 2 – 7 applications received. Presented to July Board for consideration and
learn to prepare/cook healthy meals		all approved. Project now complete. £8,888 returned to the budget
Continue the Neighbourhood funded	ACDL to continue working with the Project	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee
Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project	Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to	approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
	adapt the programme to current needs	
Continue to monitor delivery of		All completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit
Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy		evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review
Action in the Community' projects		processes
		e additional services and extend opening times within local community venues

	ity Wealth Strategy Business growth and in	nvestment in VCS
Action Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance	Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. Washington CSW Denise Gilholme is supporting partners and groups and attends the Network meeting to update the sector on support. Work continues to ensure the Networks are consulted and participate in the future modelling of the Sunderland VC Alliance. A number of workshops and presentations are taking place in each Area. The offer of the Sunderland VC Alliance is promoted widely and the Alliance is leading on delivering Social Value for the sector and co-ordinating volunteering. In addition, various training opportunities and workshops are being delivered in areas by the Alliance, courses and information requested by the sector. This includes Social
Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington.	Number of WAC funded Project already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.	Intelligence workshops, funding, first aid training. VCS Area Network continues to meet regularly. Washington VCS Network has now appointed its 3 <sup>rd</sup> VCS Representative –Jemma Hutchinson of Washington MIND. The recent review of the Delivery Plan confirmed the following projects will continue until March 2023 and beyond – Washington REACT, WISP, Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Outreach. Local VCS organisations are firmly embedded in working with the Council and other public sector partners to deliver identified and much needed community services and support at a local level 2 x rounds of Improving Community Assets now approved. 3 <sup>rd</sup> round of ICA/invite to apply released 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Social Isolation' projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	All completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review processes. £2,950 returned to the budget
Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	REACT has been extend to March 2023 but with the recent addition of Community Renewal Fund likely to be extended further. Lead will confirm new end date. Project delivering to target

11. Launch of volunteer platform to	o support residents to get involved more within	n their communities. Support local volunteering				
-	More residents participating in their comm					
-	ity Wealth Strategy Increasing social value					
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS						
Action	Next steps	Progress				
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	VCSA lead matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs and the VCS Alliance Further funding to support vulnerable residents delivered via the established Hub partnerships and the Covid Community Champions partnerships. This model has also been utilised to deliver the Household Support fund.				
Evaluate the delivery model for the	ACDL to continue working with the Project	VCS Support Project linked to Hub –Anticipate project ends July 2022. All VCS				
Neighbourhood Fund VCS Support	Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to	support and volunteering support co-ordinated with the CSW Action Plan.				
Project and VCS Training	adapt the programme to current needs.	Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to				
Programme- to consider reprofiling	Linked to strategic review re support for	report to Board. Project complete. Presentation at the September Area				
outcomes and milestones based on	VCS.	Committee				
learning from Community Hubs						
	h Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime					
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City	More people feeling safe in their homes an	d neighbourhoods				
Action	Next Steps	Progress				
Develop local Neighbourhood Watch	ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr meeting	Joint Police and Cllr meeting held regularly.				
schemes	<ul> <li>(Microsoft Teams) with Inspector and bring information to future board meeting repotential for neighbourhood watch schemes Maintain communication and information sharing established through: <ul> <li>Washington Area News weekly bulletin</li> <li>Area Face Book pages</li> <li>Information sharing</li> <li>Joint Police/Cllr meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Sulgrave Partnership now established and led by Police Team – Gentoo, ASB Team, GP Alliance, Housing, Area Arrangements and Alliance attend as required				
Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and	ACDLs and Cllr Laws to continue to report issues raised which require a multi-				
for multi-agency approach	specific update meetings	agency approach.				
Continue the Neighbourhood funded	ACDL to continue working with the Project	No further update received due to pandemic/restrictions and new technology				
'Fire Angels' Project working with	Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to	now being agreed. Request update as part of next QMR process				
vulnerable adults re home safety alarms	adapt the programme to current needs					

	ACDL to provide updates to the	
	Neighbourhood & Community Board	
13. Support communities to delive	er Local Events	
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City	More people visiting Sunderland More re	sidents informing & participate in cultural events, programmes & activities
	ity Wealth Strategy Community empower	
Action		
Continue to update Community	Lead to confirm schedule and options for	Washington Events Programme for 2022/23 approved at June AC. The following
Events offer as method to involve	Washington Event programme	events included – Summer Carnival Sept 2022; Washington Illuminations
local communities and build capacity 14. Support Youth clubs and space Links to: A Healthy Smart City A Vibrant Smart City	es for young people to be together and feel sa Access to equitable opportunities and life More people feeling safe in their homes a	November 2022; Supporting Remembrance Parades November 2022, Christmas Event 2022, 1940s Springwell Weekend June 2023; Miners Picnic Usworth August 2023; planning for Summer Carnival 2023 Report to November Board to consider funding required to ensure delivery of the September 23 Event Queens Jubilee funding agreed at March AC has awarded 24 grants totalling f11,946 – with £33,054 returned to the budget under Item 3 Area Budget Report. Presentation of projects to July Board fe chances ind neighbourhoods
Action	ity Wealth Strategy Improving community	v resilience
Positive Activities	ACDL amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.	Continued support to deliver Positive Activities programmes – school holiday activity programmes plus address holiday hunger, with the project Positive Activities 2022/23 programme approved at June Area Committee. 5 organisations delivering 8 – 10 programmes – MBC (All Wards), Active Families (Washington North), Building Blocks (Washington North), Community Opportunities (All Wards), Springwell Village CV (Washington West). 1 organisation delivering 11 – 19s programmes in all Wards
Relaunch the 'Can-Do' Project	Review of scheme to July Board	Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. September Area Committee approved an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget). Round 16 awarded July – 1 application approved. Next Round September 2022 with presentations to November Board

Develop a new 'offer' for young	Task & Finish Group established. Consider	Creative You Project approved to Sunderland Culture at the December AC
people - a new programme to	options for 'Remix' type initiative to	Project to commence April 2022. Updates will be provided at Board via the usual
consider more arts and culture,	encourage new delivery partners.	NF Performance Reports. First Taster sessions fully booked over summer
creative and music?		periods. 3 or 4 courses to be launched from September at local venues over next
		12 months.
		Funded beyond the current Delivery Plan until March 2024
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March 2021 Area Committee
		approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board. Anticipate project
		ends September 2022 and will present performance report to future Board
Washington Outreach Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project	Extension of the current programme to March 2023 agreed at the March 2022
	Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to	Area Committee meeting. The project continues to address partner and Cllr
	adapt the programme to current needs	hotspot areas re ASB. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No
	ACDL to provide updates to the	issues to report to Board.
	Neighbourhood & Community Board	
Washington Youth Matters: Financial	Task & Finish Group established	June AC considered 2 applications to the original Project Brief and declined both.
Resilience		July Board agreed re-issue an amended Project Brief. Proposal to September AC
		to increase funding.
15. Invest in community heritage a	nd celebrate local heritage	
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City	More people visiting Sunderland and more	residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and
activities		
Sunderland Commun	ity Wealth Strategy Community empowerr	nent, engagement and involvement
Action	Next steps	Progress
Consider how to support local	Task and Finish group established to bring	Washington Heritage & Culture Project approved December AC – awarded to NE
heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre	together a number of strategies and	BIC – a number of local partners also included. Project commenced with
Washington and Bowes Railway	documents to support and celebrate local	Heritage Co-ordinator now appointed. Funding in place beyond the current
	heritage	Delivery Plan to March 2024. Performance update to November Board
	_	Replacement of relocated Albany Wheel - application for funding for options to
		the enhance the site and landscaping at Albany Village Centre to be presented to
		the November Board

# Item 3

#### WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I					
Title of Report:					
Washington Area Budget Report					
Author(s):					
Director of Health Housing & Communities					
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:					
<ul> <li>Committee are requested to:</li> <li>(a) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.1.</li> <li>(b) Consider the approval of additional £10,000 NF (to be added to a previous approval of £35,000) and the amended Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Youth Matters as set out in Item 3 Annex 1</li> </ul>					
3 Annex 2	<ul> <li>(c) Note the 20 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item</li> <li>3 Annex 2</li> </ul>				
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy	Framework? Yes				
<b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b> The Area Committee has an allocation of <b>£403,242 (</b> including Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 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

29th September 2022



£10,000

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH HOUSING & COMMUNITIES

#### Washington Sunderland 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 2022/ 2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2022 This includes the Neighbou allocation) for 2022/2023 to	rhood Fund allo				£404,195
Queen's Jubilee Project	17.03.22	£33,054			£437,249
Clean and Green (Extension)	30.06.22			£24,775	£412,474
Plantations & NECF	30.06.22			£100,000	£312,474
Washington Events	30.06.22			£70,000	£242,474
Positive Activities	30.06.22			£100,000	£142,474
AC Comms Plan	30.06.22			£12,000	£130,474
Cook Well Live Well	29.09.22	£8,888			£139,362
Social Isolation – Keep Active	29.09.22	£2,950			£142,312
		44,892		306,775	£142,312

#### Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

- 2.2 Members are asked to note the return to budget of £11,838 an underspend from the Social Isolation Grants (approved just ahead of the pandemic), and the Cook Well Live Well allocation resulting in a balance of **£142,312** available.
- 2.3 There is 1 x application for Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23 presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**

#### 1. Youth Matters

2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval at this meeting is **£10,000.** If approved, the remaining balance will be **£132,312** 

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

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020	/ 2023				£500,000
Festive Lighting	16.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Usworth Park Development Plan	17.12.20			£9,000	£481,000
Washington Tree Management Project	17.12.20			£28,800	£452,200
Safety Measures	17.12.20			£62,000	£390,200
Bowes Railway Museum	18.03.21			£60,000	£330,200
Invest in Parks	18.03.21		£50,000		£280,200
Invest in Play	18.03.21		£80,000		£200,200
Safety Measures (Ph2)	01.07.21		£58,000		£142,200
Usworth Park Development Plan	28.09.21			£50,000	£92,200
Time to Talk	28.09.21		£2,000		£90,200
Improving Community Assets	16.12.22			£90,200	Fully allocated
Safety Measures	30.06.22	£20,000			£20,000
Invest in Play	30.06.22			£20,000	Fully allocated
Safety Measures	29.09.22	£10,356			£10,356

 Table Two:
 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 Washington Area Committee was allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complemented the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members have been responsible for allocating the funding through majority decisions at Area Committee.
- 3.3. The Capital Programme could have been allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals came forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee has had up to three years to allocate the full amount. The Washington Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding has a balance of £10,356 to allocate, following further funds returned to budget from the Safety Measures Programme.

#### 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 of the Community Chest approvals supported April to September 2022, and the balance remaining.

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£2,782	£7,218
East	£10,000	£0	£3,729	£6,271
North	£10,000	£0	£3,503	£6,997

South	£10,000	£0	£3,638	£5,816
West	£10,000	£0	£2,424	£7,576
Total	£50,000	£0	£16,122	£33,878

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

#### 5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Tables One, Two and Three.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£10,000** and the amended Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Youth Matters Project as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Note the 20 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item **3 Annex 2**

Annex 1	Neighbourhood Fund Applications
Annex 2	Community Chest Approvals 2022/23

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#### Applications for Neighbourhood Fund 2022-23

#### Application No.1

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has recommended the following Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects for the Washington Youth Matter Project

#### Washington Area Committee: Funding Opportunity

#### **Project Brief for Washington Youth Matters**

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and public sector partners to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which support delivery of their Supporting Young People priority (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

There is an opportunity for organisations with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver this project on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Formally constituted and 'not for profit' groups which include charities, schools, voluntary and community groups and public sector organisations can be involved. CICs can apply but must have **three or more Directors that are not related.** Registered organisations must be up to date with governance requirements. Applications demonstrating partnership working are encouraged.

#### **Project Description**

Washington Area Committee have agreed funding to deliver a financial inclusion and education project for **young people**, targeting education and courses with regards to money management, budgeting, and debt management. Within the context of the Councils Financial Wellbeing and Financial Resilience Project 'Being in control' this Call for Projects is requesting applications to deliver a Washington pilot working with our 4 senior schools and relevant youth providers to deliver engagement and messaging to support our young people to develop financial resilience and develop age-appropriate resources. At the same time the programmes will also need to assist young people to build confidence and raise aspirations with regards to career choices and 'life after school'.

#### Project outcomes

All proposals should identify how it will:

- 1. Work in all 4 'senior' Washington schools and with the relevant youth providers delivering Washington to deliver innovative engagement programmes, messaging and age-appropriate resources. All applicants to evidence how they will
  - Place financial education into the curriculum and key stages within the secondary education setting
  - Target Year 7 and Year 10 students with age-appropriate content and methodologies that is inclusive to students from different socio-economic backgrounds please provide some examples of the proposed content
  - Link financial wellbeing and resilience to aspiration and attainment, exploring links to careers events/advice as well as pastoral care
  - Include Reality Check events in the schools and also community settings where young people what it takes to manage finances in the real world
  - An engagement plan clearly identifying how the organisation will work with schools is required this should outline approach and methods

It is important that positive messaging is used throughout the project and that engagement activity is interesting to young people, with a creative and novel approach. Please tell us how this will be achieved by your proposal

- 2. Work with and co-ordinate all activity with the Council's 'Being in Control' project The applicant should show how their proposal will align with the Councils wider Financial Resilience Programme (FRP) offering an integrated offer and collaborative approach to ensure a blended delivery using recognised branding, existing relationships. This will include opportunities for co-production of sustainable resources including downloadable web resources for other schools and community providers to use or to include in their financial education in their offer. Examples include
  - Reality Check Event Programme and materials (see below)
  - Sunderland Version of the relevant MAPs resources delivered via the Live Life Financially Well Project

Applicants are encouraged to consult with <u>Joan.Reed@sunderland.gov.uk</u> to understand the planned and existing offer and to be able to orientate their proposals within that context

3. Improve and support emotional resilience, community cohesion and enable young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations.

Applicants will need to ensure that the skills they give to the young people increase their confidence and encourages behaviour change to choose financial services and products that suit them. Please include **how** you will measure this and provide evidence.

(This will involve working with SCC on the concept of "reality checks" to give young people students foresight into what life may be like as an adult including responsibility and career choices)

4. Complement and add value to existing young people's provision and where appropriate, work in partnership with existing initiatives.

Applicants must evidence that they have strong links with young provision <u>in the area</u> and clearly describe how they can work in partnership to make the activity attractive and interesting to young people to ensure maximum take up, complimenting school-based activity

5. Build skills and confidence amongst young people

The applicants to show how they will embed skills they give to young people to build confidence to manage their finances and encourage behaviour change to choose services and products that suit them. (MAPS UK Strategy for Financial Wellbeing - Financial Foundations.

- 6. Evidence knowledge of relevant local provision, projects, activities, and initiatives. The proposed programme(s) must make use of existing networks, programmes and activities to create opportunities for wider engagement. Please include information and evidence of the opportunities you have sought, or contacts already approached
- 7. All materials and content must be adapted to include Sunderland information and link to the Sunderland identity

All proposals must be able to

- Evidence the organisation's experience and understanding of 'Financial Resilience' and the current challenges affecting financial stability
- Evidence the organisation's experience in working with young people and have an understanding of the role of 'Financial education'.

- Evidence the organisation's experience of delivering advice to young people, e.g. for careers guidance
- Show how it will compliment and add value to other initiatives being delivered across the area (not just young people's projects)

Applicants should evidence their knowledge of

- 1. Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan
- 2. SCC Projects delivering Financial Resilience initiatives and resources, and other ageappropriate resources already available as detailed in the Project Outcomes outlined above
- 3. Sunderland's City Plan
- 4. Community Wealth Building Strategy (SCC)
- 5. Low Carbon Sunderland

**Budget:** The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£45,000** and the Washington Area Committee expect a 24month project as a minimum.

#### **Next Steps**

Any interested organisation should contact the ACDL to request an application pack Email: <u>karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk</u>, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have.

#### Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria. The results of that assessment and a recommendation will be presented to the next available Area Committee.

#### Timescale

Call for Projects	03.10.22
Deadline for Full Applications	31.10.22
Assessment and Consultation completed	14.11.22
Award of grant (next available Area Committee)	15.12.22

#### Washington Area Committee

#### September 2022



#### Community Chest Awards April 2022 to March 2023

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval		
-	Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project	01.06.22	-	£719
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
South Tyneside Mesothelioma Self Help			
Group		-	
	01.09.22		£575
Washington Glebe Bowling Club	01.09.22	-	£500
Remaining balance			£7,218
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval		
	Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
1st Fatfield Scout Group	01.06.22	-	£780
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
North Biddick Bowl Club	01.09.22	-	£191
Fatfield RA	01.09.22	-	£373
The Forage	01.09.22	-	£988
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£409
Remaining balance		-	£6,271
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval		Approvals
	Date	Returned	Approvais
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
Oxclose & District Young peoples project	01.7.22	-	£500
Active Families NE CIC	0107.22	-	£500
District Youth ABC	01.09.22	-	£500
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£515
Remaining balance			£6,997
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project	01.06.22	-	£650
Woodland Trust path the Chase Rickleton SCC	01.06.22	-	£2,000

Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
Rickleton RA	01.09.22	-	£546
Remaining balance			£5,816
Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
St. Bedes ladies Friendship group	01.06.22	-	£1,045
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£391
Remaining balance			£7,576

#### REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update with regards to the Washington Area Community & 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 sector 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 informing Members of recent activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector
- 2.3 The delegates will also represent the Network at the VCS Alliance meetings.

#### 3. Washington Network

- 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 VCS groups and organisations. Collectively these organisations provide Washington residents with a wide range of local services, activities and opportunities and have a significant role within community life.
- 3.2 As well as partner updates re what is happening across the area, events, opportunities etc., partners regularly attend the networks to present information, consult and to offer numerous opportunities to develop partner approaches.
- 3.3 The Area Network partners also contributed to and supported the SCC Let's Talk Resident Engagement Strategy, assisting with resident engagement, completing questionnaires and being involved in the Area Conversation Events to contribute to the Area Committee's Neighbourhood Investment Plans
- 3.4 The Area Network also provides a direct link between the Sunderland VC Alliance and the VCS Sector and continues to engage the sector in the

#### 4. Washington Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 4.1 The Washington Network has continued to meet with 'in person' meetings held every 6 – 8 weeks at the Washington Millennium Centre
- 4.2 The Sunderland VCS Alliance Community Support Worker continues to support organisations across the area and is currently supporting with funding applications, sustaining buildings, and providing governance advice:The VCS Alliance is now distributing the Sectors E bulletin, providing a range of training opportunities identified as needed by the sector, and organising workshops in all areas.
- 4.3 Washington Network has met twice since the last Committee meeting. At the meeting in July the Network received a presentation from the VCS Alliance:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> VCS Area Representative elected Jemma Hutchinson Washington Mind
  - Weedkilling pilot
  - Sunderland VCS Alliance support for the Sector, training opportunities and the future 'business model' for an independent Alliance
  - Area Committee updates
  - Partner updates and information sharing
  - Taking Stock Survey promoted

Meeting held August 2022 received the following:

- New online process for applying for Community Chest
- Volunteer training from the Sunderland VC Alliance 21<sup>st</sup> September at the WMC
- Next meeting brought forward to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept (from October) to discuss Social Value programme
- Taking Stock Survey promoted
- Update from Area Committee/Neighbourhood Board
- Partner updates and information sharing introduction of 2 x Peer Support Community Connectors (Washington Mind)

#### 5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington AVCS.

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- 3. Jemma Hutchinson. Area Network Representative Email: jemma@washingtonmind.org.uk Tel: 0191 4178043

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#### **REPORT OF GENTOO**

#### 1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee from July to September 2022.

#### 2 Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

#### 3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 You should all have received emails from the Neighbourhood Coordinators with their contact information and invitations to their next quarterly multi agency Estate Inspections and would really welcome your input and attendance on these.
- 3.2 At last committee we shared with you that further work was required in allocating our properties more efficiently and I am pleased to confirm that steady progress has been made with this and our void property numbers continue to decrease on a weekly basis.
- 3.3 Peabody Report, following the publication of the death of a Peabody Housing association tenant whose body lay undiscovered for such a long period of time, Gentoo undertook a piece of work to look into the 'lessons learned' from Peabody's failures to identify concerns for this tenant earlier. Due to our processes in relation to gas safety, income collection and property inspections we are confident that such a landlord failure would not happen in one of our tenancies.
- 3.4 We have placed further staffing resource into the local teams to support our tenants who maybe struggling with the cost of living. The staff are primarily supporting customers with budgeting those on Universal Credit / low incomes and referring tenants on to a number of support agencies such as the Green Doctors, they are energy efficiency experts who identify waste that costs people money, in turn making homes cheaper to heat and reducing the amount of electricity or gas that tenants use. They also look at support from Northumbria Water for their water bills, and benefit maximisation.
- 3.5 Gentoo have entered into an agreement with other Housing providers called 'The Bread & Butter Thing'. The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) is a charity that makes life more affordable for people on a low income. Their mission is to create a fair solution for people in poverty and their long-term aim is to address the premiums that people in poverty pay for food, loans, energy and other everyday essentials, simply because of their personal circumstances. It works by collecting surplus food and staple goods that often end up going to waste from supermarkets, factories, and farms and distribute them at a discount price through community hubs. For just £7.50, shopping bags can be filled with an average of £35 worth of items made up of quality, nutritious food. Each week tenants can access three bags of produce, including fresh fruit and vegetables, chilled goods, as well as cupboard staples such as pasta and cereal.

3.6 An initial discussion has been held between staff from Gentoo, the Council and Voluntary Sector Alliance to look at approaches to social value to see how we can work together to maximise the impact of any investment to meet the needs of our communities. This information is being discussed with the contractors appointed to deliver our programme of works and together we are developing and agreeing a list of interventions to address some of these local needs. Projects/services identified to date which will make a positive difference include crisis intervention relating to food and fuel poverty, food and cooking initiatives also linked to developing community allotments, projects to tackle young peoples' mental health issues, raising aspirations of young people, employment and training opportunities. Our contractors are also very keen to offer volunteering opportunities for their staff to get involved in campaigns and "team challenge" type activities. We are able to monitor the activities and projects the contractors support via TOMs Social Value portal which will also provide the social value generated via this investment.

#### 4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 The programme to remove Washington District Heating is ongoing, 1020 properties are included in the programme including owner occupiers.
- 4.2 A window replacement scheme is up and running within Washington, Sekura and Straightline being the contractors. No concerns or complaints from tenants who are benefitting from these upgrades to their homes. 680 properties have been completed, 717 are outstanding with a target completion date of February 2023.
- 4.3 External garage decoration is planned for Springwell garages between October 2022 March 2023. Bell Group are the contractor completing these works.
- 4.4 Low Rise Communal decorating is planned between September 2022 March 2023 several blocks across Washington will be included in the programme, letters will be sent shortly to advise those tenants whose blocks will be included. Bell Group are the contractor completing these works.
- 4.5 Modernisation works of kitchens, bathrooms and rewire works are due to start in November 2022 in Biddick area. Customers included in this programme are being consulted on works.

#### 5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of this report.

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# Washington Area Committee 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### **REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

Since the last Area Committee ASB in Washington has only increased by 3% when compared to the last reporting period. An increase was expected considering the period spanned the Summer months. However, the increase is far less than anticipated. Over the Summer months ASB in Washington formed part of our Summer Planning which saw increased and targeted patrols designed to suppress the anticipated increase in demand. The ASB hotspots currently are Barmston, Concord and Oxclose/Lambton.

#### Motorcycle Disorder

The levels of Motorcycle Disorder have remained the same since the last Area Committee, despite an increase being expected considering the period spanned the Summer Months. The Washington Neighbourhood Team has implemented bespoke operations to combat motorcycle disorder which have resulted in the seized of numerous motorcycles and the prosecution of several offenders. The current hotspot areas are Sulgrave and Mount Pleasant.

#### <u>Crime</u>

Since the last Area Committee crime across the whole of Washington has increased by 4%. With The Galleries accounting for 10% of all crime committed in the Washington area with the vast majority being retail-related crime. The Washington Neighbourhood Team have forged new links with The Galleries Management Team with consideration towards a collaborative approach to reducing crime in the area.

#### **Operation Butternut**

The Washington Neighbourhood Team have now taken receipt of the drug wipes that are to be utilised as part of the operation. The operational plan has been devised with training currently taking place with officers. It is envisaged that deployments will begin to take place in October 2022.

#### Sulgrave Project

The Sulgrave Project continues to go from strength to strength since the last Area Committee. Engagement with all services has increased exponentially. Over the Summer the Sulgrave Project supported several initiatives that provided food as well as activities for the community to access.

Steve Passey 7598 Inspector Neighbourhood Policing Southern

### **Current Planning Applications(Washington)**

### Between 01/08/2022 and 31/08/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01782/TPA	2 Buckland CloseBiddickWashingtonNE38 7HG	Fell 1no. Sycamore Tree	15/08/2022	10/10/2022
Washington Centra	al			
22/01919/FUL	The Lodge Dame Margaret HallThe AvenueWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7LE	Erection of a single storey side extension	25/08/2022	20/10/2022
Washington Centra	al			
22/01920/LBC	The Lodge Dame Margaret HallThe AvenueWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7LE	Erection of a single storey side extension	25/08/2022	20/10/2022
Washington Centra	al			
22/01272/FUL	56 Teal Farm WayWashingtonNE38 8BG	Erection of a 1.8 metre boundary fence to side	02/08/2022	27/09/2022
Washington East				
22/01039/PCZ	Griffiths Textiles MachinesAlston RoadPattinson NorthWashingtonNE38 8QH	Installation of 707kwp pv solar panels to roof.	11/08/2022	07/10/2022
Washington East				

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Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01637/LBC	Victoria ViaductWashingtonNE38 8LQ	Remove existing palisade fencing from existing Grade II* Listed Victoria Viaduct and replace with anti-trespass fencing.	22/08/2022	17/10/2022
Washington East				
22/01518/FU4	Washington Football ClubStephenson RoadStephensonWashington	Siting of a portable building in the north west corner of the site for sports/leisure purposes.	03/08/2022	28/09/2022
Washington North				
22/01747/PCZ	1 Stephenson RoadStephensonWashingtonNE 37 3HR	Installation of a 100KW Solar PV installation to existing roof.	30/08/2022	25/10/2022
Washington North				
22/01752/PRI	12A Lambton CourtRickletonWashingtonNE38 9HE	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 5.77m from the original dwelling, 3.70m in height and 2.95m to the eaves)	02/08/2022	14/09/2022
Washington South		neight and 2.95m to the eaves)		
22/01517/FUL	21 Skaylock DriveLambtonWashingtonNE38 0QD	Change of use form open space to private garden with 1.8 metre boundary fence	10/08/2022	05/10/2022
Washington South				
22/01617/FUL	Land AtCrowther RoadCrowtherWashington	Erection of a single storey office building and development of the site for brick storage including a single storey garage structure.	11/08/2022	06/10/2022
Washington South				

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Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01803/FUL	50 Monkside CloseLambtonWashingtonNE38 0QB	Change of use from open space to private garden with 1.8 metre boundary fence	15/08/2022	10/10/2022
Washington South				
22/01836/FUL	15 Hope ShieldRickletonWashingtonNE3 8 9JF	Replace existing pitched dormer windows and the construction of a new pitched roof above existing side extension.	19/08/2022	14/10/2022
Washington South				
22/01933/FUL	27 Danby CloseRickletonWashingtonNE38 9JB	Extend existing garden store to side.	26/08/2022	21/10/2022
Washington South				
22/01420/TPA	8 Sycamore GroveSpringwellGatesheadNE9 7SE	T1,T2,T3 and T4 Sycamore - Remove deadwood, reduce laterally by 3metres and remove	04/08/2022	29/09/2022
Washington West		overhang.		
22/01898/VAR	Land To The North OfMount LaneSpringwellGateshead	Variation of wording to Condition 9 (Drainage Verification) of approved planning application	22/08/2022	21/11/2022
Washington West 20/01754/FUL.				
22/01788/FUL	8 Rosse CloseParsonsWashingtonNE37 1ET	Change of use from B Class to E/B8 Class to create a martial art school.	24/08/2022	19/10/2022
Washington West				

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