

## WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.00pm

This meeting will be held remotely. Joining details will be emailed to all participants.

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<https://youtu.be/iIoKOUiEYqQ>

### Membership

Cllrs Lauchlan (Chair), F. Miller (Vice Chair), Armstrong, Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, G Miller, Scaplehorn, David Snowdon, Dianne Snowdon, T. Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, and Williams

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**ELAINE WAUGH**  
**Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

**8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019 at 6.00p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors Armstrong, Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, G. Miller, F. Miller, Scaplehorn, D.E. Snowdon, D. Snowdon, Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman and P. Walker.

**Also in Attendance:-**

Mrs. Karon Purvis	-	Area Officer – Sunderland City Council
Mr. Jon Ritchie	-	Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mrs. Helen Peverley	-	Area Co-ordinator – Sunderland City Council
Mr. David Groark	-	Senior Environmental Services Manager – Sunderland City Council
Ms. Debbie Hall	-	Environmental Services Manager – Sunderland City Council
Ms. Shirley Gillum	-	VCS Representative
Mr. Phillip Sowerby	-	TWFRS
Mr. John Chapman	-	Gentoo

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Williams and Inspector Gjorven

## **Declarations of Interest**

Washington Area Budget Report

### Community Chest

Councillor Fletcher made open declaration in the noting of the Community Chest applications as a volunteer for Micky's Place.

## **Minutes of the last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment on page 6 paragraph 4:-

Councillor Taylor referred to Wormhill Terrace and that the travellers actually left the encampment early, before the 14 days because of the weather.

Councillor Taylor queried if there had been an update with regard to costings for the unauthorised encampments and raised the point that he had still not received a response directly from Mr Scanlon as promised on page 10 of the minutes. Mrs Purvis advised the Committee that within the report that was presented to the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board there had been some response with regards to the costs but she can appreciate Councillor Taylor requested a response from Mr Scanlon so she would mention that this conversation was still needed.

## **Community Wealth Building Champions**

The Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture submitted a report (copy circulated) to advise the Committee of the next steps, following Cabinet Approval in March 2020 of the Community Wealth Building Strategy, taking into consideration the additional action to be taken to continue to grow community wealth across our communities.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Helen Peverley presented the report and was on hand to answer Members enquiries.

Councillor Kelly commented that he was involved with a lot of the Community Wealth Building and it was a real positive step going forward, however he did have a lot of concerns around the changes to how the VCS Networks would run and the new posts that were being created.

Councillor Kelly requested clarification as to where the 5 new Area Co-ordinator roles would sit, and if these would be with the VCS or with the Council as preferably he wanted this to sit with the VCS rather than be another bureaucratic element.

Ms Peverley advised that the proposal was to develop 5 support worker roles which would work across the 5 areas, these would be in post within the Council as they need to make sure their activity was co-ordinated. They would be out within the area working with the VCS to support them in funding applications, securing additional funding and bring extra capacity into the area.

Councillor Kelly wished to record his concern that this would become a bureaucratic layer within the VCS movement and suggested a rethink be had on this because ultimately it would be the Council running the VCS rather than supporting the VCS who had over recent months, played a tremendous role for all of us. Councillor Kelly suggested that he personally would make the role a VCS role that could feed into the Council.

Councillor G. Miller commented that these 5 posts were with the Council at the moment but the intention was clearly to have them end up as part of the VCS, we had to do something to support them and the 5 area roles plus the manager to sit above them had to sit with the Council at the moment but the intent was certainly for these to end up where they needed to be with the Voluntary Sector. We could not put them there at the moment as there was no vehicle for them.

Councillor Scaplehorn advised that he had been in agreement with Councillor Kelly's concerns but would be quite happy so long as the roles eventually ended up under the VCS as Councillor G. Miller had explained.

The Chairman commented that he was extremely happy to take on the Community Health Building Champion role but wished to state that he agreed as per the presentation that all Members were Community Champions here and we needed to make sure that this worked.

## 2. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the contents of the report and acknowledged the work undertaken to support the growth of Community Wealth across Sunderland and agree to continue to support the delivery of the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy; and
- ii) Agreed to support the Area Committee Chair to deliver their Community Wealth Champion role on behalf of the residents of Sunderland, demonstrating the commitment of Washington Area Committee to support growth .

## **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)

Ms Shirley Gillum, presented the report and wished to comment that the Council's contribution to the Hub Network carried out with the residents of Washington had been really successful. People had been most appreciative of support through the COVID crisis and they continued to do this. It really had been positive and proactive.

Members having considered the report, it was: -

3. 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) 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 Gjørven had been unable to attend the meeting therefore the Chairman suggested that if Members had any comments or questions that these could be passed on.

The Chairman commented that the report looked good with the crime figures appearing to be down.

Councillor Taylor wished to inform that in relation to Motorcycle ASB, he had witnessed quad bikes riders during a walkabout of James Steel Park and had managed to take of video of these and had gotten the registration numbers, unfortunately they were putting black tape over their numbers and Councillor Taylor was not quite sure if a long lens camera was the right approach as we needed to think more outside of the box.

Councillor Taylor suggested collaborative working possibly using the Councils Gator vehicle on weekends as we knew where the riders were going to be there. These incidents were annoying a lot of people with lots of reports by members of the public so there was a log now.

Councillor F. Miller commented that they had caught these Quad Bike riders on numerous occasions but the problem was that even if you could get there registration plates, they were often false so queried how we would be able to distinguish who these people were. We had purchased the smart water previously yet Councillor F. Miller felt it would ultimately be down to local intelligence to identify and report these people.

Councillor F. Miller also wished to add that there could be an element of intimidation stopping people from coming forward to report perpetrators. She was willing to try the long lens camera option to get this sorted and queried if the Fire Authority could have any input.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that the Committee had paid for the smart water as mentioned previously, this was still sitting unused in the Police Stations and queried why this had not been successful when Councillor Taylor has been able to provide dates and times of the perpetrators using the area.

The Chairman commented that he did not believe the Inspectors were a great advocate of the usage of the smart water as it was a possible health and safety aspect involved in order to gain close proximity to the quad bikes etc.

Councillor Scaplehorn agreed with Councillor H. Trueman and commented that Washington West and North Wards had spent a considerable amount of money on this Smart Water and queried if this money would be returned if the water was not going to be used.

Councillor Taylor advised that the smart water would require someone to get up close and on this occasion there had been 6-7 quad bikes there. Some of the bikes aren't necessarily on false plates but they haven't changed the ownership/log books so are still in previous owners name. Councillor Taylor also suggested the smart water could be used in tackling underage drinking by possibly asking shopkeepers to tag their bottles and asking the Youth Teams to go out and confiscate drink which could be traced back to the original point of sale then.

Councillor Fletcher agreed with Councillor Scaplehorn that the Washington North and West Ward spent a considerable amount of money on the smart Water upon the advice of the Police and suggested that if they were not going to be using this then the money should be returned. Councillor Fletcher also advised that she had been quite vocal in the sense that she would not support the implementation of a long lens camera, along with many other Members who did not wish to throw more money away on top of what had already been spent.

Councillor Kelly commented that he was sick of buying Police equipment. This was the Police's responsibility to tackle and felt if they were to use the Council's Gator, it would result in our equipment becoming damaged and out of order, therefore the jobs it is meant for couldn't be done.

Councillor Kelly commented that he felt it was time the Police stepped up to the mark. The motorcycles were being rode illegally, this was a crime and therefore a Police responsibility to tackle. We had paid a tremendous amount for both Police time and equipment and it needed to stop.

Councillor Scaplehorn commented that without a shadow of doubt it was Police responsibility to tackle crime. We could assist wherever we could but he agreed with Ward Members that we would be paying out money for something that they knew wasn't working and this would be the same with the long lens camera. Councillor Scaplehorn acknowledged the pressures the Police were under but this Committee should not keep funding initiatives that would not work.

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and 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 Coalfield Area Committee (Washington) from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020, compared with the same period in 2019.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Phil Sowerby, Station Manager provided the report and commented that the report timescale was mirrored over the COVID period and felt it worthwhile to give a blanket report during this period.

Ms Sowerby advised that the Service had continued to prioritise their front line appliances to save life so that meant their community involvement was triaged and limited to essential work to protect staff and ensure the fire engines remained on the road.

COVID had seen a big impact on the figures within the report possibly due to less movement of people.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

The Chair of Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and also provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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



Councillor Scaplehorn referred to the action to involve the Police with Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and commented that as we all knew the Police were unfortunately so understaffed that they could not support the existing schemes in place so he did not see the point in the request to start new ones.

Mrs Purvis advised that at a recent joint Police and Councillor meeting this was raised with the Inspector and he had informed the meeting that there is an alternative scheme being trialled in North Tyneside and he was going to feed back to us on that and what the options might be for implementation.

Councillor Farthing referred to the Love Where you Live and Bloom activities and enquired if the groups the additional planters were to be intended to go to had to be a constituted group or if it could be an informal group of residents.

Mrs Purvis advised that nothing had been cast in stone and she had been having discussions with Ms Debbie Hall and some of the stored planters were usable and the idea was to use them as part of a local action scheme or encourage organisations to take them on or possibly include as part of clean and green work. This was being worked out at the moment but obviously if an independent group took them they would have to have the wherewithal around maintenance etc.

Councillor Farthing advised that she had been approached by a group of residents who wished to enhance their area and had suggested having a planter so she would try and provide Mrs Purvis with the contact details once available.

Councillor Kelly commented that there had been a lot of work done through the task and finish groups but there was a mention of the Clean and Green programme and he would like to put on record the tremendous effort of Clean and Green and the volunteers we've had on that, they had done an absolutely outstanding job and we should be writing to those volunteers again at some point to thank them.

Councillor Scaplehorn wished to add that the same acknowledgement should be given to the Keep Washington Tidy group also.

Councillor F. Miller commented that she agreed wholeheartedly and that they had been prolific in the work they'd carried out and she was sure all Members would agree with that.

6. RESOLVED that the Committee considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020- 2023 as detailed in Annex 1 of the report, and the reports from the Task Groups as detailed under Paragraph 4 of the report.

## Washington Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Directorate submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund 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.

Councillor Kelly referred to the Usworth Hall Project and that we had been trying to get this progressed for a number of years and apparently it was requested that the Washington North Ward pay £6,000 for a Traffic Regulation Order. There had been an agreement that the TRO's would be done in bulk, therefore reducing the cost and given the fact this had gone on for well over three years he had replied to the Officer involved to suggest that the Council may wish to pay on this occasion and Councillor Kelly requested that this issue be picked up as it was an ongoing problem costing the Council a fortune in dealing with fly tipping and burnt out cars.

Mrs Purvis advised that she would contact Mark Jackson in relation to the cost of the Traffic Regulation Order and get back to Councillor Kelly

### 7. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial statements set out within the report;
- ii) Approved £9,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Usworth Park, as set out in Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Approved £28,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for a Tree Management Programme as set out in Annex 1 of the report;
- iv) Approved £62,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for mitigation measures as set out in Annex 1 of the report;
- iv) Noted the Ward Improvement Project Statement as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report; and
- v) Noted the approved Community Chest grants between April 2020 and November 2020 as set out in Paragraph 5 and Annex 2 of the report.

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

(Signed) L. LAUHLAN,  
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. Presents the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan

#### 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 Plan. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

#### 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 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.

- 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. The Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan (2020 – 2023) is attached as **Annex 1**

- 3.5 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be the working groups for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all Board meetings.

- 3.6 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 proposed work programmes and recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

#### 4. Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the four Task Groups established, up to March 2021, and additional work streams under development.

Priority/Issue	Update
Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood  TG1 Report: Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement	TG1 met in January to confirm the detail of the proposed Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project, based on information presented with regards to the 5 x hotspot areas agreed and corresponding evidence re need. Update presented to February Board. Application for Neighbourhood Fund for a 2year project presented to March Area Committee under <b>Item 3 Area Budget Report</b> . The Task Group also discussed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current enforcement work is much appreciated and starting to have an impact at a local level with a number of Section 46 notices served across the area. Cllrs are</li></ul>

	<p>working closely with Enforcement Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly tipping and litter are increasing across the area. One KWT volunteer was picking up between 100 and 200 bags of litter in a week.</li> <li>• Industrial areas problematic</li> <li>• Need close partnership working with Gentoo to be maintained especially in areas which are predominantly Gentoo tenancies and to promote more joined up working and commitment with regards to the environment</li> <li>• PR &amp; Comms required to highlight prosecutions, action, enforcement. Publicise notices and warnings – this was also identified at the Together Clean &amp; Green Partnership Group with a key action from that group to determine a schedule of education and engagement, PR &amp; Comms campaign and a programme of action to show a joined-up approach between Gentoo &amp; SCC. Meetings currently being scheduled.</li> <li>• Strengthening the Public Space Protection Order currently out to consultation</li> <li>• Abandoned trollies – Bi-monthly meetings with SCC and Trolleywise. Gentoo invited to attend. Future 'day of action' to be organised re trollies at Galleries site (in conjunction with SCC Enforcement Officers)</li> </ul> <p>Together Clean &amp; Green Partnership (TCGP) working group met January and 2 of the group's priorities are included in the new NMEP proposals. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly.</p> <p>Together Clean &amp; Green keen to roll out extensive education and PR campaign - to promote enforcement messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective Neighbourhood Management. Next Partnership meeting to be scheduled for early April - discuss adding industrial estates to Action Plan</p>
<p>Invest in Parks, open spaces, play, cycle routes and embed Love Where You Live</p> <p>TG2 Invest in parks and play</p>	<p>TG2 met in January and discussed progress to identify how to build on the Area Committee decision (December Committee) to continue the work already funded and supported and determine any new proposals for enhancement to parks and play facilities. Updates with regards proposals for Usworth Park, Princess Anne Park and improvements to fixed play sites across Washington were presented to February Board. The Board requests the March Area Committee to align Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding under <b>Item 3 Area Budget Report</b> to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance Usworth Park Development Plan</li> <li>• Enhance Princess Anne Park Master Plan –</li> <li>• To contribute to implementation of proposals identified in the Fixed Play Survey as presented.</li> </ul> <p>Members also want to understand where SCC might contribute to some of the measures – whether that be through current budgets or new funds for parks and play (including S106) and work together to deliver the projects. Officers are invited to attend the next Task Group and the April Board to commence planning.</p> <p>The Board also received an update and were consulted with regards to the Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan</p>

<p>Support spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</p> <p>TG3 Young People Services and provision</p>	<p>Due to restrictions the Washington Youth Council has not met or managed to carry out the additional consultation exercise. They have requested a 4 - 6week period in order to engage with 20 – 35 peers (to be representative of young people re age, gender etc.) and submit their findings and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Board considered the TG3 request to agree the next Project Brief to deliver the 'School Holiday Activities/Holiday hunger' programmes 2021/22 and recommends a 12mth programme, additional sessions to provide activity across all holiday periods, and additional £25k be added to the budget – resulting in £15k per Ward to deliver activities over both age group. March Area Committee will be asked to approve the Project Brief and funding under <b>Item 3 Area Budget Report</b></p>
<p>Events, culture and heritage</p> <p>TG4 Washington Heritage &amp; Culture Strategy</p>	<p>The Board considered the TG report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capital funding application to be presented to March Area Committee for investment in Bowes Railway Museum under <b>Item 3 Area Budget Report</b></li> <li>2. Consideration of a further Project Brief and Call for Project for identify a 'heritage and culture' organisation to work with the Board and Area Committee to deliver the aims and action plans of the Washington Heritage Strategy. This would also include building the capacity of the smaller heritage and culture-based grassroots groups and organisations, helping heritage organisations and 'assets' with regards to accessing funding opportunities and ensuring Washington heritage assets and the developing broader heritage offer are linked together.</li> </ol> <p>Next Task Group to discuss and determine project outputs and outcomes for discussion at the next Neighbourhood &amp; Community board scheduled in April</p>
<p>ERG Mitigation Measures</p>	<p>Following meetings with relevant Officers, the February Board meeting received feedback with regards to outstanding actions raised relating to, sharing of authorised sites to signpost illegal encampments for 'stop over' and police powers. Final costs for 10 barriers to be confirmed along with requirements re planning permissions</p>
<p>Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2021/22</p>	<p>Officers presented the report, attached as Item 2 Annex 2 and agreed the prioritised list identified in the attached Appendix A</p>

## 5. Recommendations

### Members are requested to:

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan (2020/2023) as detailed in **Annex 1**, and the reports from the Task Groups as detailed under Paragraph 4
- 5.2 Agree recommendations for the completion of Highways Maintenance Capital Maintenance programmes 2021/22 in Washington, as detailed at **Item 2 Annex 2**

### 5.3 Note the Area Committee Video

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**Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023****(Agreed 30th July 2020)**

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 [www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk) as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Washington Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

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| 1. Tackle empty properties   | 10. Increase 5G access & support digital learning  |
| 2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities  | 11. Healthy and Well Being   |
| 3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood | 12. Support VCS to provide additional local services   |
| 4. Flood mitigation  | 13. Support local volunteering   |
| 5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes   | 14. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to help reduce fear of crime through partnership working |
| 6. Plantation and tree management  | 15. Local Events   |
| 7. Street furniture  | 16. Support for young people   |
| 8. Transport – Road Safety   | 17. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage  |
| 9. Highways, pavements and street lighting   |  |

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.

<b>Neighbourhood Investment priority</b>		
<b>1. Tackle Empty Properties</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Progress Report</b>
<p><b>Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board</b></p> <p><b>Illegal encampments raised as an issue</b></p>	<p>Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area</p>	<p><b>To attend Board regularly re relevant strategic updates. ACDL to confirm date of next Board attendance</b></p> <p><b>December AC approved £62k Capital funding to implement Mitigation Measures in Washington East and Washington South</b></p> <p><b>Following meetings with relevant Officers, the February Board meeting received feedback with regards to outstanding actions raised relating to, sharing of authorised sites to signpost illegal encampments for ‘stop over’ and police powers. Final costs for 10 barriers to be confirmed along with requirements re planning permissions. Once costs are updated an application to Area Committee may be required for additional capital funding</b></p>
<b>2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<p><b>Continue with Clean and Green community clean ups and litter picks and love where you live campaign projects and campaigns</b></p>	<p>2020/21 C &amp; G Programme of works confirmed C &amp; G Steering Group meeting 8<sup>th</sup> September amended due to restrictions and Covid response. ACDL to present update and confirmation of schedule of works to future Board when project recommences</p>	<p><b>Clean &amp; Green Programme on hold due to restrictions. Staff furloughed. Remaining budget to be reprofiled and combined with new allocation of £15k. Potential end date for project between Jan and March 2022.</b></p>
<p><b>Scheme: Additional planters – look into feasibility of resident groups adopting them</b></p>	<p>ACDL to confirm with Environmental Services how many planters are available, condition and requirements for maintenance and repair</p>	<p><b>38 planters available for reuse. Discussions underway with Area Manager with regards to options for community groups or VCS or residents to ‘adopt’ them.</b></p>

<b>Continue with Ward Improvement Project</b>	ACDL followed up on all outstanding works, all claims submitted.	<b>Community Resilience Officers working with relevant ES Officers re outstanding issues and projects. Claims now submitted and confirmed re historical projects</b>
<b>Launch Clean &amp; Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme</b>	ACDL release Call for Projects/Small Grants Scheme Spring 2021	<b>Next round to be released March/April 2021 if restrictions eased – options to link to work of Clean &amp; Green ‘Pride in the Neighbourhood’ proposals and Together Clean &amp; Green</b>
<b>3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Look into the feasibility of establishing a Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management &amp; Enforcement Project (WNMEP)- Focus on Neighbourhood ‘enforcement’ in village centres, littering on slip roads, use of cameras, vandalism and ASB in parks, play areas and green spaces, and support for environmental volunteers</b>	ACDL established Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to receive above information, consider and how they can enhance and support the current offer in Washington	<b>Detailed update report presented to February Board. Recommendation to March Area Committee for Washington Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement Project (NMEP) (Neighbourhood fund)</b>
<b>Together Clean and Green Partnership with Gentoo and other services to continue to tackle/support local enforcement to deal with fly-tipping, dog mess, abandoned trollies</b>	ACDL schedule Together Clean & Green Partnership working group Update to November Board	<b>Meeting January 2021 confirmed 2 of the key priorities for the group were to be included in proposals for the Washington NMEP (as above) - to focus on Barmston and encourage residents to manage household waste in Lower Oxclose. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly. Alongside proposals for the Washington NMEP, Together Clean &amp; Green keen to roll out extensive education and PR campaign - to promote enforcement messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective Neighbourhood Management. Next meeting April 2021 – discuss adding industrial estates to Action Plan</b>



<b>PR &amp; communications campaign re enforcement</b>	ACDL work with SCC Comms to determine PR & campaigns responsive to local issues. Consider how to fit with corporate approach re enforcement, messages & campaigns, and prosecutions when developing local project.	<b>Campaign/messages to support the proposed WNMEI and Together C &amp; G work – as above</b>
<b>4. Flood Mitigation</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Washington Flood Mitigation Scheme: Request update to Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW funded)</b>	ACDL request update to November Board	<b>Update report to be presented to April Board re Flood Mitigation Scheme</b>
<b>5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Assistant Director for Environmental Services to provide an update to Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board with regards to scope for a Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks</b>	<p>Washington Area Committee requested to consider update and how they can support the proposed review of Parks and Play in Parks in Washington</p> <p>ACDL to established Task &amp; Finish group to <b>develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington Parks and Play in parks.</b> To consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 S106</li> <li>• Which of our parks are parks? Or green/open spaces – Albany Park previously designated as open space?</li> <li>• Local issues identified including ongoing ASB/vandalism in parks and green spaces</li> </ul>	<b>Detailed update report presented to February Board. Recommendation to March Area Committee determine WAC contributions to Invest in Parks and Play</b> <b>Cycle routes – Officers attending February Board to provide strategic update with regards to the Local Cycling &amp; Walking Infrastructure Plan</b>

<b>Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan</b>	ACDL to redraft Usworth Park Development Plan. Include review and redraft of Action Plan re Improvements and refurbishment Update to November Board	<b>Detailed update report presented to December Area Committee. Proposals for additional funding included in the 'Invest in Parks' recommendation to March Area Committee</b>
<b>Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan</b>	ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>Detailed update report presented to December Area Committee. Proposals for additional funding included in the 'Invest in Parks' recommendation to March Area Committee</b>
<b>Investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds to improve parks and play</b>	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities	<b>S106 process flow chart and spreadsheet re Washington S106 included in the Performance Update Report to November Board and presented to Dec Area Committee. S106 queries considered as part of discussions re proposals for Fixed Play investment at Feb Board. Invite relevant officers to April board</b>
<b>6. Plantations and tree management</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Assistant Director for Environmental Services requested to update Neighbourhood &amp; 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)</b>	Strategic update to April 2021 Board.	<b>Following the successful implementation of the WAC funded tree management scheme (Phase 1 &amp; 2), SCC Officers invited to attend future Board to discuss strategic approach to manage large plantation areas in Washington</b>
<b>7. Street Furniture including litter bins</b>		
<b>Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to Cllrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme</b>	Update to future Board	<b>Requested</b>
<b>8. Highways, pavements and street lighting</b>		
<b>Update Neighbourhood &amp; Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme</b>	ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule	<b>VAS signs for the Washington Area received and deployed. Rotation programme agreed and included in previous Board Reports.</b>
<b>Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020</b>	ACDL organise meeting Road Safety Team re draft proposals and schemes – complete.	<b>Of the 10 schools contacted with regards to RSE campaign outside of schools only 2 have signed up – St Josephs (WC) and St Bedes (WN).</b>

	Detailed report to November Board and December A with regards to proposals for campaign.	Barmston (WE), Blackfell (WW) and George Washington do not wish to be included in the Campaign - no issues at sites. Still awaiting responses from Biddick, Fatfield, Usworth Colliery, and Rickleton. Officers will follow up when schools return.
<b>Request strategic response to Traffic Management issues raised – enforcement of 20mph areas, speeding, need for additional signage re speed limits, enforcing the bus links and inconsiderate parking around/near to schools</b>	Area Co-ordinator (AC) to consider if other Area Committees are requesting the implementation of additional traffic calming measures and discuss the feasibility and timescales for implementation with relevant officers	<b>Mark Jackson and other members of the Highways Team attended the November Board to discuss and address members concerns. Traffic management/parking issues to be on agenda for April Board</b>
<b>Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.</b>	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	<b>A prioritised list of proposed streets for the 2020/21 Programme presented to February Board and for approval at the March 2021 Area Committee</b>
<b>9. Health and Well Being</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Develop a co-ordinated approach with relevant partners to support VCS to help the local community eat and learn to prepare/cook healthy meals - Social Kitchen/Learn to Cook Project</b>	ACDL to draft Project Brief/Call for Projects for agreement at next Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>Project Brief and Call for Projects to be discussed at April NCB with a recommendation to June AC</b>
<b>Continue the Neighbourhood funded Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project</b>	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs  ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. Request for extension included in the Performance and Review Report presented to the February Board. Recommendation to March Area Committee. No issues to report to Board</b>
<b>Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy Action in the Community' projects</b>	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>2 out of 6 projects complete. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. Update provided to board as part of the Performance and Review Report. No issues to report</b>
<b>10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues</b>		

Action		
<b>Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations</b>	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS	<b>Area Community Hubs remain operational with volunteers co-ordinated to provide befriending, shopping support and other practical help such as picking up prescriptions, dog walking etc for those isolating.</b> <b>Area Network Reps Joint meeting scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington. Review operational capacity of organisations following pandemic/restrictions/lockdown</b>	Number of WAC funded Project already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.  Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach	<b>Recruitment of 5 x Community Support Workers (1 for each area) now underway. To be employed by SCC to support and represent the local VCS and provide a link and joined up approach to the VCS Alliance.</b>  <b>Washington partners have already identified the need to explore and develop a collaborative approach to continuing the work of the Area Hubs as well as working together to meet the needs of those new ‘targets’ identified as needing support due to the pandemic. Partner meeting to discuss project outcomes, governance, opportunities etc and feedback idea and proposals to the next Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board in April</b>
<b>Continue the Neighbourhood Funded ‘Washington Individual Support Project’ to help local residents in acute crisis</b>	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs  ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board</b> <b>Increased numbers being supported during Covid crisis. Request for extension included in the Performance and Review Report presented to the February Board. Recommendation to March AC.</b>
<b>Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded ‘Social Isolation’ projects</b>	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. Update on progress included in the Performance and Review Report to February Board. No issues to report to Board</b>

<b>Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice</b>	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. Increased numbers being supported due to Covid crisis. Request for extension included in the Performance and Review Report presented to the February Board. Recommendation to March AC</b>
<b>11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.</b>	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	<b>Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs and co-ordinate volunteers who register on the Volunteer Platform 'Better Impact'</b>
<b>Evaluate the delivery model for the Neighbourhood Fund VCS Support Project and VCS Training Programme– to consider reprofiling outcomes and milestones based on learning from Community Hubs</b>	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs. Lead has already recognised need to design support around new gaps, beneficiaries recently identified via community hub work. Linked to strategic review re support for VCS. ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>VCS Support Project linked to Hub – review of outcomes and milestones included in the Performance and Review Report to Feb board. Anticipate project ends July 2021</b>
<b>Continue the Neighbourhood funded 'Fire Angels' Project working with vulnerable adults re home safety alarms</b>	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	<b>No further update received due to pandemic/restrictions. Request update as part of next QMR process</b>
<b>12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime through a partnership approach</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Develop local Neighbourhood Watch schemes</b>	ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr meeting (Microsoft Teams) with Inspector and bring information to future board meeting re potential for neighbourhood watch schemes Maintain communication and information sharing established through:	<b>Joint Police/Cllr meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> November (via Microsoft Teams) – Inspector confirmed a 'scheme' had been launched in north Tyneside. He would feedback to the next Joint meeting with regards to options and best practice</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Area News weekly bulletin</li> <li>• Area Face Book pages</li> <li>• Information sharing to known groups and volunteers</li> <li>• Joint Police/Cllr meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-agency approach</b>	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings	<b>ACDLs and Cllr Snowdon continue to report issues raised which require a multi-agency approach. Members were asked to note that LMAPs are intended to be utilised to determine a 'multi agency approach' that can't be resolved through usual channels. Where an issue requires a response from one specific service or partner, then that issue would not normally be considered as requiring a LMAPs response. In most instances a service response is likely to be more timely given LMAPs meets every 10 weeks</b>
<b>13. Support communities to deliver Local Events</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
<b>Continue to update Community Events offer as method to continue to involve local communities and build capacity</b>	Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Events 2020/21 programme	<b>Washington Events Programme rolled over to 2021/22. ACDL in discussions with lead with regards to options and alternatives for summer events – dependent on restrictions being eased</b>
<b>14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</b>		
<b>Action</b>		
<b>Positive Activities Oct 2020 Call for Projects proposed (NCB 30<sup>th</sup> April) re 'area' funding £20k</b>	ACDL to draft amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.	<b>Awarded to SNCBC &amp; ODYPP. Programmes currently being delivered for October half term (Covid secure) with further activities programmed for Christmas and Easter periods. Methodology and further programming to be considered as part of the Youth Provision Task Group (TG3). Proposal to February Board to recommend to March AC, a Project Brief and Call for Projects for 2021/22</b>

<b>Relaunch the 'Can-Do' Project</b>	ACDL to launch Generic 'call' as previous brief. September schedule for applications for presentation to November Board	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Round presented to November Board: Fatfield PS, Oxclose Academy. Washington Academy and Arts Centre Washington groups all successful. Next round anticipated April 2021</b>
<b>Develop a new 'offer' for young people– a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music?</b>	<p>ACDL to establish Task &amp; Finish Group established. Consider options for 'Remix' type initiative to encourage new delivery partners.</p> <p>ACDL to request all NF initiatives and Washington partners working with young people to survey young people asking for their preferred activities and support. Ask current youth staff for input</p>	<b>Due to restrictions the Washington Youth Council has not met or managed to carry out the additional consultation exercise. They have requested a 4 - 6week period in order to engage with 20 – 35 peers (to be representative of young people re age, gender etc.) and submit their findings and report to the next meeting. The February Board supported the request to agree the next Project Brief to deliver the 'School Holiday Activities/Holiday hunger' programmes 2021/22 was a 12mth programme, included additional sessions to provide activity across all holiday periods, and additional £25k be added to the budget – resulting in £15k per Ward to deliver activities over both age group. Project Brief/Call for Projects to be presented to March Area Committee for approval</b>
<b>Washington Safe Care</b>	ACDL to request lead for Washington Safe Care to share results of survey of young people currently being carried out with regards to need and to inform the group re the needs/gaps of young people at risk of risky behaviour (including increased use of drugs and alcohol during lockdown/Covid) and unhealthy relationships	<b>Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board Request for extension included in the Performance and Review Report presented to the February Board. Recommendation to March AC.</b> <b>WSC has surveyed all contacts (young people) asking for their preferred activities and support needs – the results of this will feed into the WYC Peer consultation for consideration at the next Youth Task Group</b>
<b>Washington Outreach Project</b>	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	<b>The project continues to address partner and Cllr hotspot areas re ASB. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board</b>

	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	
<b>15. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next steps</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway</b>	<p>ACDL to establish Task and Finish group. Bring together a number of strategies and documents to consider how best to support local heritage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Heritage Strategy</li> <li>• Feasibility Study F Pit/Albany Park</li> <li>• Bid for Culture documents – summarises some of the offer of local heritage groups</li> <li>• Need for archive for collections</li> </ul>	<p><b>Capital funding application to be presented to March Area Committee for investment in Bowes Railway Museum under Item 3 Area Budget Report</b></p> <p><b>Consideration of a further Project Brief and Call for Project to identify a ‘heritage and culture’ organisation to work with the Board and Area Committee to deliver the aims and action plans of the Washington Heritage Strategy. This would also include building the capacity of the smaller heritage and culture-based grassroots groups and organisations, helping heritage organisations and ‘assets’ with regards to accessing funding opportunities and ensuring Washington heritage assets and the developing broader heritage offer are linked together. Next Task Group to discuss and determine project outputs and outcomes for discussion at the next Neighbourhood &amp; Community board scheduled in April</b></p>
<b>Build on the work of Washington Trust re Blue Plaque installations</b>	As part of the Task & Finish Group, consider mechanism to deliver Washington Heritage Strategy Heritage Action Plan.	<b>As above</b>



**REPORT TO: WASHINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD  
24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

**HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021-22  
REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND  
TRANSPORTATION**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to consider and recommend to Area Committee the list of streets for their area, to a value of £100,000 that should be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2021-2022.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At November's Neighbourhood and Community Board members were informed of the process for developing and approving the 2021-2022 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme for works on the adopted highway network.
- 2.2 At the meeting Board members were informed that a citywide programme of priority schemes would be prepared by officers to a value of 75% of the available Local Transport Plan (LTP) Highway Maintenance budget allocation and that 25% of the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme would be allocated to the members for spend from a recommended list of maintenance schemes.
- 2.3 Subject to Cabinet approval and Council ratification the amount of LTP capital allocation for Highway Maintenance will be in the region of £2m. Based on this amount £500,000 in total has been allocated to the Regeneration Areas.

**3.0 PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 In determining the candidate streets for the proposed Highway Maintenance Programme 2021-2022, information has been analysed and considered from the following sources:

- Machine based and manual (driven and walked) condition surveys.
- Councillors' input throughout the year, as well as the recent submissions following October's emailed invitation.
- Reports from residents and businesses
- Highway inspectors' reports and engineers' inspections.

Officers also examine accident claim locations and consider whether scheme work would be appropriate to mitigate future claims.

- 3.2 Appended to this report is a table, which contains the candidate streets for consideration. To assist members deliberations officers have prioritised a list of streets (shown in bold), which totals the £100,000 (or thereabouts) area allocation and takes in to account local priorities.

- 3.3 Members may wish to endorse this list or, following discussions with their Area colleagues, choose to replace some of those streets highlighted in the table with those that are not highlighted. A set of A4 plans highlighting the limits of the works at each location will be distributed prior to the meeting and will be made available to the councillors to view online.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Neighbourhood and Community Board members are recommended to consider the streets listed in the table up to a value of £100,000 (or thereabouts), and confirm, the schemes to be recommended to the March Washington Area Committee for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2021-2022.

**WASHINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD**  
**APPENDIX A**  
**Members Options to consider for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance**  
**Capital Programme 2021-2022**

<b>STREET NAME</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>Area (m2)</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Estimate Footway £</b>	<b>Estimate Road £</b>
Biddick Village Centre	Washington Central	672	Resurface carriageway		7950
Cleeve Court	Washington Central	1900	Overlay road with Micro asphalt		14500
Glastonbury footway	Washington Central	95	Overlay footway	2100	
<b>JFK Estate (part)</b>	<b>Washington Central</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway</b>		<b>6500</b>
<b>Malvern Road (parts)</b>	<b>Washington Central</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway</b>		<b>16775</b>
Barmston Court	Washington East	900	Overlay road with Micro asphalt		6825
<b>Broadmeadows (part)</b>	<b>Washington East</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway</b>		<b>7625</b>
<b>Rivermead</b>	<b>Washington East</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway</b>		<b>8100</b>
South View	Washington East	1765	Resurface carriageway		20800
St George's Estate (part)	Washington East	555	Resurface carriageway		6550
Coach Road Estate (part)	Washington North	N/A	Localised patching and joint repair		10500
<b>Heworth Road Rear – 1 to 14</b>	<b>Washington North</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway</b>		<b>5400</b>
<b>Manor Park Road</b>	<b>Washington North</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway</b>		<b>5750</b>
<b>Marlborough Road (part)</b>	<b>Washington North</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway</b>		<b>9250</b>
Muirfield Drive (part)	Washington North	1050	Overlay road with Micro Asphalt		8000
The Pantiles (part)	Washington North	900	Resurface carriageway		10600
Crowther Road footway	Washington South	175	Reconstruct footway	17000	

<b>Dunnock Drive footway</b>	<b>Washington South</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Resurface footway</b>	<b>4725</b>	
<b>Graylands footway</b>	<b>Washington South</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>Slurry footway</b>	<b>2425</b>	

<b>STREET NAME</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>Area (m2)</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Estimate Footway £</b>	<b>Estimate Road £</b>
<b>Petteril</b>	<b>Washington South</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>Overlay road with Micro Asphalt</b>		<b>6500</b>
<b>Warkworth Close (part)</b>	<b>Washington South</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway part and kerb works</b>		<b>4725</b>
<b>Heatherlaw</b>	<b>Washington West</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>Resurface carriageway</b>		<b>14125</b>
Oxford Avenue (part)	Washington West	100	Localised Carriageway patching		6200
<b>St Andrews Avenue (27 to 41)</b>	<b>Washington West</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>Footway resurfacing</b>		<b>8100</b>
Uplands Way	Washington West	510	Resurface carriageway		21500
Wingrove Terrace – gable end	Washington West	140	Resurface carriageway		6825
			AREA TOTAL	26250	212375
			<b>SELECTION TOTAL</b>	<b>7150</b>	<b>92850</b>

**TOTAL = £100,000**

**Schemes highlighted in bold represent officers' priorities based on members requests and/or local need considering the budget constraints.**

<b>WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE</b> <b>18th March 2021</b> <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b>	
<b>Title of Report:</b> Washington Area Budget Report	
<b>Author(s):</b> Assistant Director of Community Resilience	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> 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.	
<b>Description of Decision:</b>  Committee are requested to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Note the financial information detailed in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1</li> <li>(b) Approve the 6 projects, detailed in section 2 and Annex 1, from the Neighbourhood Fund</li> <li>(c) Approve or Align the 3 projects, detailed in section 3 and Annex 2, from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme</li> <li>(d) Note the approved Community Chest grants within section 4, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 as detailed in Annex 3</li> </ul>	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? <span style="float: right;">Yes</span>	
<b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b> The Area Committee has an allocation of £449,325 (inc Youth allocation) for 2020/2021 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.	
<b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b> 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	

18th March 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 the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2020/2021:

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2020/2021 – (inc youth funding £20k)</b>					<b>£449,325</b>
Positive Activities for Children & Young People Summer Programme	16.07.20	-	-	£28,000	£421,325
Phoenix Project	26.06.19	£4,560	-	-	£425,885
Ward Improvement Programme	24.09.20	-	-	50,000	£375,885
Positive Activities for Children & Young People (October & Easter Holiday 20/21)	24.09.20	-	-	19,999	£355,886
Tree Management pilot	26.09.19	£14,880	-	-	£370,766

- 2.2 There are 6 funding proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2020/2021 Neighbourhood Fund, set out below and further detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**

- **Washington Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement Project (NMEP)** **£130,664**
- **Washington Individual Support Project (WISP)** **£ 14,648**
- **Washington Safe Care Project** **£ 19,156**
- **Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project** **£ 20,096**
- **Washington REACT** **£ 50,000**
- **Positive Activities for Children & Young People** **£ 75,000**

- 2.3 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£309,564**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£61,202**

## 3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

- 3.1 Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Coalfield Area Investment Delivery Plan. The table below shows the financial position of the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, 2020/2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2020/2023</b>					<b>£500,000</b>
Festive Lighting Project	16.07.20	-	-	£10,000	£490,000
Usworth Park Development Project	17.12.20	-	-	£9,000	£481,000
Washington Tree Management Project	17.12.20	-	-	£28,800	£452,200
Encampment Mitigation Measures	17.12.20	-	-	£62,000	£390,200

- 3.2 There are 3 funding proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2020/2021 Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme, set out below and further detailed at **Item 3 Annex 2**

- **Invest in Parks (Align)** **£100,000**
- **Invest in Play (Align)** **£ 80,000**
- **Bowes Railway Museum** **£ 60,000**

- 3.3 The total Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme budget requested for approval or alignment is **£240,000**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£150,200**

#### 4. Community Chest

- 4.1 The table below shows the financial position of the Area Committee, Community Chest Fund 2020/2021. Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, detailed in **Annex 3**

Ward	2020/2021 Allocation	Budget Returned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Central	£10,000		£4,536	£5,464
East	£10,000		£3,548	£6,452
North	£10,000		£5,133	£4,867
South	£10,000	£4,496.11	£10,777	£3,719.11
West	£10,000		£3,459	£6,541
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£4,496.11</b>	<b>£27,453</b>	<b>£27,043.11</b>

#### 5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial information detailed in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1
- 5.2 Approve the 6 projects, detailed in section 2 and Annex 1, from the Neighbourhood Fund
- 5.3 Approve the 3 projects, detailed in section 3 and Annex 2, from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
- 5.4 Note the approved Community Chest grants from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, as detailed in **Annex 3**

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**Executive Summary**  
**Applications for WAC Neighbourhood Fund**

**Application No.1**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Washington Neighbourhood Management &amp; Enforcement Project</b>
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Sunderland City Council</b>

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£133, 664	£3000	£130,664
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 years	April 2021	April 2023

**Information is taken verbatim from the application form.**

**Project Description:** Washington Area Committee Members identified environmental crime as one of their Area Committee priorities, and as part of a Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement Task Group, a scoping exercise was undertaken by partners (Area Committee, Police, Gentoo and Sunderland City Council). The outcome from this, together with hot spot mapping and additional intelligence from current area projects (Clean and Green and Together Clean and Green), determined levels of environmental crime, environmental issues, emerging issues and current working arrangements and remits.

To help shape this proposal, Members identified 5 hot-spot areas for more detailed work to provide information to aid discussions around possible options:

- Glebe – (Central Ward)
- Barmston – (East Ward)
- Sulgrave – (North Ward)
- Oxclose – (South Ward)
- Blackfell – (West Ward)

The Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement Task Group undertook further analysis to agree potential partnership actions which could proactively deal with issues in each ward and this was presented to the Neighbourhood and Communities Board in February 2021. A dedicated officer would allow for proactive work with partners in take place in the identified wards. It was also noted, in these discussions that Washington benefits from a large number of passionate environmental volunteers who could benefit from a named 'go-to' person to provide information, advice, guidance and support. These issues and the potential approaches to deal with those issues were discussed at the Board and options identified.



The preferred option, which the Neighbourhood and Communities Board members wished to be progressed to full application and presented to Area Committee for a decision, is as follows:

1. Fund an Environmental Enforcement Officer, and associated costs, for a 2-year period as part of a wider Washington Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement Project. This will complement and add value to the current Sunderland City Council and Gentoo provision and allow for the flexibility to respond to Councillors requests and reporting of incidents as well as forging relationships with, working in partnership with and supporting other current initiatives such as Clean and Green and Together Clean and Green.
2. Provision to provide replacement equipment and bins as part of the approach to better management of household waste; costs for overt or covert cameras and signage. Further work to be undertaken with refuse services to determine the number and size of bins required.
3. Purchasing of additional enforcement signage. Environmental Crime Signage is already designed, and external print company identified.
4. Explore if the purchasing of CCTV equipment may help prevent issues. Site visits to be undertaken with Gentoo and Enforcement Team to determine areas of most need within the 5 identified wards. This will ensure the right specification of camera is explored as its recognised not one type of camera will suit all areas dependent upon the issue. Locations for deployment of cameras funded as part of this project will be considered via the Neighbourhood and Communities Board in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Enforcement Manager.  
The purchase of any cameras will include 5-years airtime cover and a 2-year warranty arrangement in the costs provided. Those cameras will be monitored by existing resources in the Council's Security Team. If additional warranty, airtime, maintenance or repairs required at the end of the periods specified costs would not be covered by the Council's Security Team and future funding would have to be sought.
5. As areas of priority are completed the Neighbourhood Enforcement Manager will work with the Neighbourhood and Communities Board to identify further areas for action.

**Partnership:** It is recognised that a robust partnership arrangement is needed to drive forward and meet the outcomes from any Neighbourhood and Enforcement Management Project discussions and requests. The project will be led and delivered by Sunderland City Council's Neighbourhood Enforcement Team working closely with the Council's Security, Refuse and Environmental Services Teams. There will also be involvement from wider partners including Gentoo and Northumbria Police. However, other partners may attend meetings as and when required i.e. Police, Trolleywise, Shopping Centre reps, Industrial Estate links, Fire Service, Clean and Green and Together Clean and Green as well as other invited attendees when necessary.

A Project Management Group (PMG) will be established to ensure co-ordination across the partner organisations and best use of resources. The PMG will report to and consult the Area Committee via the Neighbourhood and Community Board. This group will include those 'officers' delivering at point and will include the EEO, Security Service, Waste Management, Environmental Services and Gentoo. The PMG will also link to the work of the SCC/Gentoo Together Clean & Green Partnership Group, ensuring a joined up and co-ordinated approach.

Officers involved are members of Washington LMAPs which will ensure that there is no duplication in relation to the location of the cameras within their remit and best use of resources available across the hotspot areas.

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Recruitment of Environmental Enforcement Officer	Out to advert – 22/03/21
Purchase of Cameras	May 2021
Purchase of Signs	May 2021
Purchase of bins	May 2021
Development of 5 area action plans	30 April 2021
Targeted Activity commences	May/June 2021 – this may be earlier dependant on recruitment process
Neighbourhood Enforcement Manager to attend agreed meetings as required to determine targeted areas for activity, agree action and performance measures.	Ongoing
Review	April 2022

<b>A Vibrant City</b>		
<b>More resilient people</b>		
Support families in need (food, uniforms, debt advice, etc)	311	
People supported through a crisis / mental health concerns	312	
People supported by a food parcel / foodbank	313	
People receiving information, advice and guidance on benefits/debt	314	
People receiving support due to Welfare Reform	315	
<b>More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</b>		
People feeling safer in their communities due to interventions	321	
Number of ASB schemes supported	322	
Number of Enforcement actions supported	323	280

- Number of reports into CSN for identified areas - 20
- Number of fixed penalty notices issued – 50

- Number of investigations commenced - 10
- Number of written warnings - 50
- Number of community protection warnings - 50
- Number of community protection notices - 20
- Number of section 46 notices - 20
- Number of camera deployments - 20
- Number of enforcement actions taken by Gentoo - 20
- Number of enviro crime signs installed - 20

(Estimated)

The outputs quoted above are a minimum over the lifetime of the project with a view to confirming specifics per initiative as activity is identified and commences. As new areas of need are identified the likely output will then be agreed. The Board and WAC will be kept updated via the usual performance and reporting procedures for Neighbourhood Fund. Propose a review of targets/outputs at 12 months and via the Project presenting to each Board meeting.

### **Performance Management Arrangements & Budget Management**

The project will be managed by Michelle Coates who has a vast experience of managing budgets and project delivery, including the Hendon and Southwick Multi-Agency place-based initiatives. Regular reports will be provided to the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board. A comprehensive comms and media plan will support the Washington Neighbourhood and Enforcement Management Project and will link to the Clean & Green Education and Awareness Project (Comms) and the Together Clean & Green Partnership Group communications and PR. The Project Management Group (PMG) will ensure co-ordination across the partner organisations and best use of resources.

### **Budget**

<b>Item and Description</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>Match Costs</b>	<b>NF Contribution</b>
Environmental Enforcement Officer plus on costs for 2 years	76,664		76,664
Car mileage allowance for 2 years	3,000		3000
Set up costs pc, mobile phone, body worn camera, tablet, PPE etc.	2,000	1000	1000
CCTV cameras, camera relocation, Airtime for cameras for 5 years	40,000		40,000
Enforcement Signage	2,000		2000
Provision for equipment / replacement bins	10,000	2,000	8,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,664</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>130,664</b>

1. Discussions underway with Gentoo with regards to contribution to bins, equipment and cameras.
2. Estimates for camera and decision with regards to correct specification is dependent on issues to be addressed/area identified/poles required/power. To be confirmed via site visits with SCC Security Team as measures per hot spot area are agreed
3. Bins/equipment – numbers/type etc to be confirmed with Interim Waste Manager.

**Recommendation – Approve subject to the following:**

1. PMG to report via Neighbourhood Fund performance management processes and the Neighbourhood and Communities Board
  - a. outputs achieved per Ward initiative
  - b. budget allocation for cameras to a maximum of £40,000
  - c. budget allocation for equipment to a maximum of £10,000
2. Standard terms and conditions allow for any substantial variances to be considered and managed via the agreed Performance Management processes

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Enforcement powers used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood by establishing a Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project

### Application No.2

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Washington Individual Support Project (Extension)</b>
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>ShARP</b>

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£14,648		£14,648
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 year	April 2021	March 2022

#### **Information is taken verbatim from the application form.**

**Project Description:** The WISP project is part of ShARP and managed through ShARP's policies and procedures. ShARP holds the Advice Quality Standard (AQS) which means that all of our advice services are independently inspected every 2 years. Since 2017 the project has supported people of Washington experiencing crisis. Over that time the project has proved a very cost-effective way to provide support to some of the most vulnerable and impoverished people in Washington. The WISP project was developed to work with those people who are often not known to services, presenting at foodbanks frequently because of repeated episodes of crisis. We are applying for an extension of funding and a change to the WISP project based on our learning from the past year when we were part of the Sunderland

response to support Washington residents during Covid – 19 lockdown and restrictions.

Throughout 2020 we continued to deliver and develop the project to meet need and emerging priorities. We want to extend the project for 12 months and provide additional hours Advice Worker time. This is to cover the need for ongoing support through casework or referral to specialist services for debt, housing and employment advice.

WISP was originally developed and delivered as a unique and innovative project providing a qualified, experienced Advice Worker to engage and work with people repeatedly experiencing episodes of crisis which led to them frequently seeking help from foodbanks.

The people supported through WISP were often not known to other services or not accepting of support available through mainstream services. Their periods of crisis were found to have underlying causes and included a range of complex, multiple problems including drug/alcohol dependency, mental ill health, homelessness, PTSD or domestic abuse.

During the Covid – 19 pandemic and national lockdown WISP continued to operate throughout. The Advice Worker supported the Community Hub arrangements and worked in Washington foodbanks – primarily Mickey's Place which remained open.

We have reshaped the project based on learning from the last 12 months and the project will now provide the following:

- WISP available Mon – Fri between 9.00 – 4.30
- Out of Hours availability depending on need (issue will be dealt with end to end if needed eg Mental Health)
- 10 hours per week direct delivery into foodbanks/other venues

- Daily attendance at school holiday sessions where parents and children can access food and activities
- 6 hours per week dedicated time for casework and related activity
- Establish and maintain relationships with new “Pop Up” foodbanks and new groups to link them into the Area VCS Network
- Connect with Washington MIND, SNCBC, Social Prescribers, VCS groups
- Act as a resource to other providers to help others in working with crisis

#### Outcomes

- 100% of people will be offered a full benefit check
- 100% of people will receive a welfare check with referral into Community Hub if needed
- 100% of people needing support to access other services will be offered supported referral across to the most appropriate service to meet their needs.

The change broadens the WISP approach, increases reach and gives more time to work closely with other neighbourhood-based provision.

**Need for change:** This change is to help Washington residents meet the continuing challenges of restrictions and other impacts on their lives resulting from ongoing uncertainty caused by the impact of Covid – 19.

Responding to the pandemic meant that WISP had to evolve rapidly to meet the needs of a new diverse group of people who suddenly had to navigate their way through an unfamiliar welfare system as they found themselves in crisis due to physical and/or mental health problems, sudden bereavement, furlough, loss of income – Zero Hour contract, self-employed as well as being thrust into isolation separated from family, friends and usual support networks.

The flexible approach of the project and skill of the team mean that crisis is dealt with swiftly, solutions are identified and actioned. This approach can help reduce the impact of the crisis by shortening the period of uncertainty as well as offering a referral into key support services and the Community Hub arrangements.

Feedback from those people helped through WISP is positive, the rate of engagement is high and links to other providers are well established.

WISP is flexible and once crisis is dealt with can link people into other ShARP advice services which means that services eg Together4Children can use the support as part of the plan with families they are working with – sometimes as part of exit strategy.

The original outcomes will still be met as the focus of the project is still crisis.

The additional outcomes will be achieved by reaching people who ordinarily pre – Covid would have been unlikely to require the support provided through WISP, Community Hubs or foodbanks. New and stronger partnerships have been formed which will develop throughout the next 12 months to provide a wider support network for residents – eg Together4Children Early Help Team, MIND, SNCBC, Mickey's Place, WCFP, Gentoo, WWIN, Wear Recovery and JobCentre Plus

Item and description	Total Cost	NF Contribution
Salaries – Advice Worker x 16 hours @ £16ph	13,312	13,312
Mileage @ .45p per mile	972	972
IT/telephone @ £7.00 per week	364	364

## Outputs

<b>A Vibrant City</b>		
<b>More resilient people</b>		
Support families in need (food, uniforms, debt advice, etc)	311	40
People supported through a crisis / mental health concerns	312	40
People supported by a food parcel / foodbank	313	200
People receiving information, advice and guidance on benefits/debt	314	200
People receiving support due to Welfare Reform	315	

## Milestones

Update Joan Reed and team on WISP extension. Agree parameters and pathway/support into SCC and First Tier provision	April 2021
Refresh key contacts – SCC (FTWR contract manager and Welfare Reform)/ SIP/ MIND/Gentoo/Social Prescribers/JobCentre/ Early Help Team	April 2021
Update VCS Network and other community groups	April 2021
Continue search for continuation funding	April 21 – March 22

## Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of ‘Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services by continuing the ‘Washington Individual Support Project’ to help local residents in acute crisis

### **Application No.3**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Washington Safe Care (Extension)</b>
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Washington Mind</b>

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£19,156		£19,156
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 year	April 2021	March 2022

**Information is taken verbatim from the application form.**

**Project Description:** The proposal is to extend the Washington Safe Care Project (due to close 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021) and build on all the good practice established despite the restrictions of lockdown. The outreach team would visit a range of local venues and groups which cater for young people i.e. Washington Boxing Club, Toukan Martial Arts club, Washington AFC, Uniformed groups, Arts Centre Washington, Primary (year 6s/11 year olds), Secondary schools, College sites, Leisure centre, Skate park and other places where young people may hang around such as shopping areas, parks and subways. We would also attend local area events such as Washington Carnival. The new work will provide young people AGED 11+ with a wide range of up to date information and also signpost to services such as Connexions, REACT, Carers Centre, Stop Smoking service, C-Card, YDAP-Youth Drug and Alcohol Project, Together for Children, Rainbow Renegades, Gentoo and the Police Violence Reduction Unit. Building on the partnerships already established, the project co-coordinator will develop further partnerships with services who will allocate qualified and experienced staff on a rota basis to accompany the team and also in line with local, national and international campaigns promoting public health i.e. World Aids Day and Stoptober. The outreach service will include the MHZL Archive, a pop-up collection of zines and publications written by young people. See Twitter @mhzinelib

We will actively encourage young people to explore creative ways to express themselves and manage their mental health and wellbeing. 'You're Not Alone' Advisors will be part of this detached work building on the community approach to tackling loneliness <https://www.yourenotalonewm.com/>

The new project will continue to consult with young people on their views/needs of mental health and wellbeing services and to advocate to service leads on young people's behalf. We aim to increased health and wellbeing outcomes and life chances for young people

**Need for change:** The project aimed to work directly with young people and whilst all attempts were made to meet with young people via a variety of virtual platforms, this was only possible with pre-existing groups, and proved a challenge when attempting to set up new ones. Now that restrictions are being lifted, we aim to roll out a 'One Stop Shop' community model and reach out to young people using our new Outreach van. Young people have told us of the barriers to accessing services including transport, costs



and stigma therefore our multi-disciplinary approach will take services to the young people and enable them to receive help and support on a wide range of issues in one place and at the time when they need it most without the need to travel into the city centre or other areas of the city.

#### **Budget**

Project Co-ordinator 18.5hr post @ £13.05ph	14,714
Overheads i.e. utilities, printing photocopying @ 10%	1,471
Management costs @ 10%	1,471
Contribution towards Outreach Van running costs	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,156</b>

NF Output code	Target 2021/22			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
212 - People benefiting from healthy lifestyles initiatives	18	18	18	18
223 - Young people (11-18) participating in area activities	10	10	10	10
224 - Secondary schools engaged in neighbourhood activities	1	1	1	1
312 - People supported through a crisis / mental health concerns	9	9	9	9
321 - People feeling safer in their communities due to interventions	15	15	15	15
339 - Number of children and young people participating in decision making	8	8	8	8

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Induction to project – new staff and colleagues	30/04/21
Partnership agreements with service providers	17/05/21
Summer outreach model begins on last day of the school term	28/05/21

#### **Recommendation – Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Support for Young People and 'Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services.'

#### Application No.4

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Washington Healthy Lifestyles (Extension)</b>
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Washington Millennium Centre</b>

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£26, 096		£20,096
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 year	October 2021	September 2022

**Information is taken verbatim from the application form.**

**Project Description:** The original project was due to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and run for a year. Due to covid restrictions and national and local guidance/lockdowns, the project did not commence until August 2020 and was forced to pause in late December due to the latest national lockdown. A number of the key target groups could not be enrolled on to the project because the individuals were classed as vulnerable or extremely vulnerable and were either shielding or only allowed to exercise outdoors as per the national guidance. These restrictions have had an impact on outcomes, reducing them and on the projected spend, we predict an underspend of £6,000 which we propose is rolled forward to the 1 year extension. Part of the underspend is due to no claim being submitted in Q2 as the centre used matched funding to cover these costs. We are therefore requesting £20,096 for the one-year extension rather than the £26,096 initially requested. **The Covid pandemic has changed what we do and how we need to adapt delivery, to meet new Covid guidance for the operation of gyms and physical activity indoors, plus issues that are arising for some, from having Covid are impacting on peoples wellbeing.**

We propose to add long Covid and fatigue as two new issues to the list of conditions that qualifies someone to be eligible to participate in the project. We expect that restrictions will remain in place for some time and potentially the life of the project and any agreed extension, so we need to change some elements of delivery. To support those with long term Covid and individuals who need a higher level of support in the initial phase. We would offer participants 1 to 1 sessions, to motivate them and help them develop the confidence and commitment to engage fully in the project and improving their wellbeing, whilst at the same time ensuring the sessions are Covid compliant and safe for all.

We will replace group/class sessions which are not allowed under current guidance, by offering supervised sessions, using the easyline equipment for up to 3 individuals at one time under the guidance of a member of the gym staff, a number of times a week. This approach will facilitate participants who need to gradually build their levels of physical activity. As initial feedback is showing those with long term covid can take over 6 months to recover and that gentle exercise is a key component to that recover. They then build over time, their levels of activity to enable them to return to their normal. This means a higher level of support and motivation is required over a longer period of time. To achieve this more

gym staff time will be required so this level of support can be maintained and offered within the current regulations and guidance for gym operators. We will no longer have a project manager or admin support as the gym staff will take on these roles to streamline delivery and focus on the participants.

**Need for change:** Health issues in Washington have not changed for the better since the project was approved in 2019 and the pandemic has shone a light on longer term issues like obesity which needs to become a more urgent priority, as the government now see this as a national priority to tackle, to reduce the risk of this cohort needing to be in hospital when they have Covid. In addition, due to the numerous lockdowns, groups of residents will have seen a decline in their health and wellbeing and it's important that they can access support to address this decline and reduce the likelihood that they will place pressures on the NHS. Some have been forced to shield at home and therefore have not been able to exercise and they will need support to increase levels of activity.

As mentioned above the operational guidance for exercise indoors and the use of gyms has changed what we do and how we do it, to ensure users are exercising in a covid safe environment. So we have to ensure users socially distance, all sessions are booked and users details are retained for Track and Trace and we do not exceed the maximum number of users we are now allowed to have in the gym which is currently 18 users at any one time. We have to clean all equipment between bookings/each use and we do deep cleans weekly. These are just some of the changes impacting on the project and how we must operate

**Changes to original outcomes:** Due to the on-going uncertainty which will remain going forward and the restrictions we operate under the total number of participants will be reduced and within the current project we have taken the difficult decision to cease to operate exercise classes and will focus more on individual support or much smaller numbers of supervised activity on the easyline equipment. Whereas previously we could run an easyline supervised session with 12 to 14 participants that's now restricted to 3 and we have had to move the equipment in to a separate area. The overall number of participants will be lower than predicted and at this time it is difficult to predict what the figure will be and how quickly people return to regular exercise. We endeavour to do all we can to maximise participation

Item and description	Total Cost	NF Contribution
Staff time for easyline sessions	£2,500	£2,500
Gym Staff	£18,096	£18,096
Telephone costs	£500	£500
Gym membership	£3,000	£3,000
Management fee	£2,000	£2,000
Total	£26,096	£26,096

- £6k underspend rolled forward from original allocation

## Outputs

A Healthy City		
More people living healthier longer lives		

People benefiting from healthy lifestyles initiatives	212	30
People benefiting from this project	213	50

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Introduce the new criteria for the project participants	1.5.21
Introduce the revised easyline offer to participants	1.5.21
Review the offer to ensure it is meeting the needs of participants	1.10.21

### **Recommendation: Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Health & Well Being and 'Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services.'

### **Application No.5**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Washington REACT (Extension)</b>
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Sunderland North Community Business Centre</b>

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£93,353	£43,353	£50,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 year	April 2021	March 2022

#### **Information is taken verbatim from the application form.**

**Project Description:** The REACT employability model was initiated through support from Washington Area Committee, commencing delivery in January 2019. SNCBC were required to match the investment from WAC and did this through the Community Led Local Development Scheme (CLLD) and SNCBC reserves which enabled the programme to be delivered over a predicted 24-month period. In this time, we have engaged 174 residents of those 36 clients have entered employment and 25 have taken up further education/training. Working in partnership with local Organisations the project has developed a bespoke service for unemployed adults which we hope to develop in the longer-term into a social recruitment model. To date this has included Job Centre, SCC Welfare Rights, Washington MIND, SHaRP, local community volunteering projects such as Clean and Green, Bowes Railway and during the pandemic, Washington Community Hub. We support local residents to progress towards and gain skills to improve their opportunity of securing employment. The project will prioritise engaging the business/employer community primarily in the Washington area but more widely across the region to understand their recruitment needs and work with Washington residents through a mentoring approach to develop both their 'soft' and occupational skills to meet the requirements of employers.

We will continue to deliver the service to residents across the wards of Washington Central, East, North, South, and West with an enhanced service available to those client's resident in the CLLD areas of Washington. Our approach is underpinned by principles/objectives of Sunderland City Plan, employment and skills research paper, CLLD Sustainable development, and equal opportunities policies. The project will continue to address objective one of the CLLD Strategy by effectively engaging with male and female workless residents of the top 10% LSOA, who are not eligible to access alternative employability and skills support, enabling them to develop soft skills, progress towards and into employment. It will also contribute to CLLD objective 3 by working with the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in Washington to build capacity and improve partnership working and contribute to Washington Area Priorities by 'Improving the Job Prospects and Skills', linking with other VCS Organisations in the area, improving health/well-being by raising confidence/motivation, increasing household income in the Washington wards where unemployment rates are higher than the Sunderland and National average.

The current project staff include an Employment, Skills and Progression Officer, who delivers bespoke interventions, including facilitating learning opportunities in such as confidence and motivation, team working, budgeting and employment preparation courses targeted at a specific employer needs and emerging vacancies. We promote participation in community volunteering, providing clients with an opportunity to gain practical skills while also working in a team, improving motivation/confidence, making, and delivering a timed commitment, developing effective communication techniques as well as improving health and safety awareness, developing environmental, admin, kitchen assistant and customer service skills.

The IAG Employability Mentors (EM), who have experience of working with clients with multiple barriers (including health, age, literacy) provide individual and group interventions, producing better off in-work calculations, identifying individual/family living costs and effectively match client skills with emerging job vacancies. Support includes CV preparation, tailored job search techniques, support/completion of application forms, speculative letters, and interview techniques. Participants will complete an initial skills assessment which will inform an individually tailored and agreed comprehensive action plan to address employment barriers and progression and will be utilised as a review document to recognise progression/achievement and monitor progress towards individual goals.

The Employer Engagement Officer (EEO) delivers the third element of REACT working directly with local employers to secure emerging vacancies. We offer a bespoke recruitment service to employers and facilitate proactive matching/marketing of individuals skills. We promote the benefits of permitted work, part time hours, work trials, job sharing and job carving in line with clients' aspirations and capabilities. As each client secures employment, we will offer an ongoing in-work aftercare service to support both the employer and our client to identify any emerging concerns and issues and to facilitate addressing these in a timely manner.

The pre-pandemic prediction was that we would engage 241 residents over the 24-month period and predicted a 17% progression into work but to date have achieved a 22% conversion rate. The impact of the pandemic has understandably impacted resident's ability to look for work and this has impacted the number of registrations to the service. Also, those registered with the service have stayed within it for longer than was originally predicted and received more intensive handling and a wider breadth of support, particularly around budget management, mental health and well-being and befriending support. The reduced service that has run over the last year has led to savings in staff salaries which have enabled us to extend the predicted end date to July 2021 (NF project), with SNCBC meeting the additional running costs for the delivery base and beneficiary costs from their reserve allocation to the project. We do however feel that as the third lockdown starts to ease, and furlough tapers and closes as we move into early Summer 2021, there will inevitably be a rise in the unemployment rates, resulting in even more Washington residents needing help.

The service has continued to be delivered throughout the pandemic. As we went into the first lockdown, we moved staff to work from home offering a telephone and virtual service. We secured some funding through the Good Foundation to purchase tablets for some of our clients to enable home job search and zoom support meetings. We linked with the Community Hub to provide specific covid19 support and help with food parcels, fuel payment as well as befriending. In parallel we adapted our office layout to enable effective social distancing, sanitisation points etc and provided 'back packs' of individual resources to both staff and clients to minimise cross-contamination. We returned to a level of face-to-face meetings

across the Summer 2020 and continued delivering from our office base in Albany until the third lockdown when we have again reverted to home working.

£50,000 of investment would be matched with CLLD funds (secured) to enable the project to run for an additional 12 months. These figures are in line with the investment model set out in the original application submitted in 2018 and any inflationary increases are being met from the SNCBC match allocation to the project which will also be used to meet the additional costs of running the delivery base in Albany, additional admin support costs and beneficiary support for clients outside of the CLLD qualifying areas. The previous Neighbourhood Fund contribution has ensured the same level of support has been able to be offered to 'non CLLD eligible clients. We will engage with 150 people over the full 12 months delivery period and predict that 22% of those engaged (33) in 12 months will move into employment.

**Partnership:** SNCBC is an established delivery partner in Washington and as such we hold extensive knowledge of local provision. We have delivered employability support services since 1998 and have well established and effective working relationship with JCP. We currently deliver Wise Steps (Building Better Opportunities) programme from the Albany Centre and the provision identified in this application will complement that work. We are a member of Sunderland's Digital Partnership and ACES Financial Inclusion Partnership and work closely with the Citywide Welfare Rights Team and SHaRP. Our Employer Engagement Network enables partnership working with local employers and we manage a bank of work placement and volunteering opportunities. Locally we work with the Foundation of Light, Washington Millennium Centre, Washington MIND, Washington Trust, Bowes Railway Museum, Clean and Green project as well as local traders, schools, and we are an active member of the Washington VCS Area Network, being a nominated rep for the area. We have established working relationships with a range of grass roots Organisations from our delivery of the Washington Events programme, working with more than 50 local groups.

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Set quarterly performance targets	01/04/21
Provide marketing materials to circulate to potential client group	30/04/21
Liaise with local Organisation's to embed referral mechanisms	30/04/21
Provide Quarterly Update and Review	July 2021 and every three months thereafter

## Outputs

<b>A Dynamic City</b>		
<b>A lower carbon city with greater digital connectivity for all</b>		
People who have an increase in confidence in using IT	113	15
People carrying out digital job searches	114	75
<b>More and better jobs</b>		

People into employment	121	33
People receiving information, advice, and guidance on benefits/debt	314	150

### Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Salary Costs – CLLD match	£61,918.98	£30,959.49	£30,959.49
Premises, ICT, Tel etc – CLLD match	£24,767.60	£12,383.80	£12,383.80
Salary costs non-CLLD – Mentor average 7.5 hours per week x 39 weeks	£ 3,825.90		£3,825.90
Beneficiary costs – travel, training, interview clothes etc	£ 1,570.81		£1,570.81
Management costs inc personnel, finance, payroll, MI and returns	£ 1,250.00		£1,250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£93,333.29</b>	<b>£43,353.29</b>	<b>£50,000.00</b>

### Recommendation: Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of 'Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services' by helping local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice.



## **Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund**

### **Proposal for Project Brief and Call for Projects for Positive Activities for Children & Young People 2021/22**

The Neighbourhood & Community Board considered the Task Group request to agree the next Project Brief to deliver the 'School Holiday Activities/Holiday hunger' programmes 2021/22 and recommends a 12mth programme, additional sessions to provide activity across all holiday periods, and additional £25,000 be added to the original budget – resulting in £15,000 per Ward to deliver activities over both age group. This equates to £7,500 per Ward per age group

Washington Area Committee is requested to consider the draft Project Brief detailed below and approve £75,000 Neighbourhood Fund for the Positive Activities for Children & Young People 2021/22 Programme

### **Project Brief for Call for Projects – Washington Area Committee Activities for Children and Young People – Holiday Activities Programme 2019 (Washington 8 – 10year olds/11 – 19year olds)**

#### **CALL FOR PROJECTS**

Washington Area Committee would like to invite local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and non-profit making organisations to submit an application for each of the Wards of Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West, that will develop and deliver activities for children and young people in all holiday periods From **May 2021 (Whitsun) to Easter 2022**. Applications will be considered from VCS groups who have a Management Committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories. VCS groups must adhere to accounting requirements in accordance with the Companies Act.

#### **This call is to deliver activities in all Washington Wards**

##### **1. Introduction and Background**

- There is an opportunity for local VCS groups and organisations, with relevant requirements, qualifications/training, and a track record of working with children and young people in the Washington area, across a range of age groups, to deliver a project on behalf of Washington Area Committee.
- The Committee has identified a need to provide positive activities during all school holiday periods within each of the 5 Wards, for children and young people in two age groups: 8 to 10 years old and 11 to 19 years old.
- It is also recognised by Washington Area Committee that extended holiday periods can provide a challenge for some parents and families with regards to ensuring children have access to a nutritious meal during those periods.

##### **2. Project proposal**

Area Committee would like to offer an opportunity for appropriate groups and organisations to submit proposals which:

- Deliver a programme of activity from **May 2021 (Whitsun) to Easter 2022** which offers a range of opportunities for children and young people resident in the Washington area and offers activities for differing interests and abilities
- Recognises other provision in the area and ensures that this proposal will be in addition to and compliments existing or proposed provision during the holiday periods. You should demonstrate your knowledge of the relevant ward and

current/already planned provision available for this age group and if relevant, demonstrate proposed provision is in addition to the applicants core offer over school holiday periods

- **Applications should recognise the role that local grassroots organisations can bring identifying small groups who can add value to any proposed programme and be involved in the project**
- Deliver a range of choices for children and young people – some examples include indoor/outdoor physical activities, games, mentally stimulating fun activities, arts and crafts, and cooking, nutrition or health related
- All sessions/provision must include a nutritious snack or meal
- Increase the number of children accessing positive activities by setting achievable targets
- Whilst the Committee is not determining how many sessions per Ward per age group should be included in each proposal, the Committee would like to see provision of a **minimum** of 12 sessions delivered in each of the relevant **Washington Wards for each of the age groups** during the identified holiday periods.
- **Applicants are asked to involve local Ward Councillors in identifying the relevant hotspots and gaps in provision – tell us how this will happen in your application**
- Provide a creative and innovative programme of activity
- Identify locations/venues where sessions will be delivered using local facilities where possible (Washington facilities)
- **Include details of how the activities will be promoted and will acknowledge Washington Area Committee Sunderland City Council support.**
- Ensure all beneficiaries reside in the Washington area
- Identify and include details of match funding which could include income generation, linkages with projects/groups across the City and further external funding sources
- Provide a comprehensive breakdown of costs

### 3. **Context and Broader Strategies to Consider**

To ensure a joined up approach links should be established with the following:

- a. Sunderland City Council: Sport & Leisure
- b. Local VCS Organisations

### 4. **Budget and timescales**

Please note each proposal needs to provide value for money. The total budget for this call is **£7,500 per Ward per age group**. Please note this is the total budget available for all projects per Ward and age group received for this Call **NOT** per project application. Where applicants work in partnership or collaborate with other providers to deliver joint programmes, those applications will be weighted accordingly as part of the assessment process. Organisations are eligible to apply for one or more Wards and both the age group but need to show in your application the detail of each programme per Ward.

<b>Deadline date for return of applications</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2021</b>
Appraisal and consultation on applications	Xx April 2021

Area Committee decision (Neighbourhood Community Board)	Xx April 2021
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5. **Application form and Return date**

Please contact Karon Purvis at [karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk) for an application pack or to discuss developing the project. The deadline date to return the completed application with any necessary supporting documents is **xxx April 2021**.

6. **Queries**

If you have any questions regarding the application process please do not hesitate to contact Karon Purvis Area Community Development Lead (Washington) on 0191 561 2449 or at [karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk)

**Recommendation: Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Support for Young People and 'Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services.'

**Executive Summary**  
**Applications for WAC Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme**

**Proposals to align Neighbourhood Capital Investment Funds**

**1. Invest in Parks**

TG2 met in January to identify how to build on the Area Committee decision (December Committee) to continue the work already funded and supported and determine any new proposals for enhancement to parks and play facilities. Updates with regards proposals for Usworth Park and Princess Anne Park were presented to February Board:

**Usworth Park Development Plan**

<b>Proposed Activity/Activity to be delivered</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Create a community garden	Proposal for further investment
Develop an events space	Proposal for further investment
Condition survey of pavilion with view to repurpose as community base/cafe	Proposal for further investment
Arts Project for Pavillion	Proposal for further investment
Creation of wildlife or sensory garden or memorial garden	Proposal for further investment
Better signage both in and outside of park	Proposal for further investment

**Review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan**

<b>Proposed Activity</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<b>Short Term activity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement of park notice boards and Walk / cycle paths to be sign posted</li> <li>Installation of new street furniture throughout the site</li> <li>Bat/bird boxes - this should be quite an easy thing to do.</li> <li>Repair closed footpath</li> <li>Stairs in the northern part of the site to be repaired</li> <li>Thin existing woodland plantations</li> </ul>	<p>Full site check to determine how many? Assumed 7 across the site. To remove existing and replace with new approx. £10,000. Based on using metal notice boards. 35 x new sign-posts required (based on locating signs at entrances and path junctions) To install new metal finger posts would cost approx. £17,500</p> <p>Final locations to be agreed with friend's group but allow for £10,000 at this stage Allow £5000 for bat/bird and other animal housing throughout the site</p> <p>1x footpath currently closed because of condition requires resurface entire path (not patching up damaged sections). To remove existing surfacing and resurface tarmac path would cost approx. £15,000</p> <p>Circa £10,000</p> <p>Numerous areas across the site where self-sown willow and sycamore are overgrown. Also areas of self-sown ash affected by ash</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop woodland edge planting</li> </ul>	<p>die back disease (Chalara). Both the self-sown willow and sycamore should be removed as should the ash. Estimated cost 3 weeks work at £800 a day. This would amount to £12,000.</p> <p>Native understorey planting. A simple cost-effective method - to plant native woodland plug plants. Allow £5000 at this stage.  <b>Total = £84,500</b></p>
<p><b>Medium term activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighting</li> <li>Creation of a meadow area on Flag Pole Hill.</li> <li>Youth shelter</li> <li>Ensure the play area is in good repair</li> <li>Repairs to footpaths throughout the site and improve drainage where required - difficult to quantify.</li> <li>Improvement of stream banks</li> <li>Water flow look at stream modification/slow flow/ stream engineering to avoid erosion and use of plants to cleanse water</li> </ul>	<p>It is difficult to quantify how much new lighting is required and what existing lighting there is. Request quote/survey? Allow £30,000</p> <p>Take time to get established but could possibly be achieved through maintenance of the existing grass sward. Some clearance, over seeding and planting would be required. Allow £5000 at this stage</p> <p>£15,000  Fix damaged pieces of equipment or completely replace. Allow £50,000 to replace. * <b>Needs to be considered as part of the Fixed Play Condition Survey and Costings</b></p> <p>Allow £50,000 – identify what is already in place for drainage and footpath maintenance re SCC budgets. Phased programme?</p> <p>Existing stream banks have become eroded and would benefit from stabilising. Previously been done using willow and other natural materials. Allow for £20,000 at this stage.  Further to the point above it would be good to identify areas of the existing stream which could be altered to avoid erosion and clean the water. Modifications could also help to resolve potential flooding issues downstream. It would be worth speaking to our drainage engineers about this. In terms of cost this is difficult to estimate but at this stage allow for £50,000  <b>Total = £220,000</b></p>
<p><b>Additional maintenance/management activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orchid/ cowslip areas maintained</li> </ul>	<p><b>Request Environmental Services confirm if any activity already part of the Washington Environmental Services Maintenance Plan?</b></p> <p>Area of orchids identified on site during previous visit. It is unclear whether these are still growing as the area has become overgrown with taller species. Need to cut</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of fenland - as with the area of orchids the fenland has become overgrown and is now inhabited by self-sown tree species and willow herb. If not removed the self-sown trees will drain the site making this valuable habitat unviable. Immediate work should involve removal of self-sown trees and willow herb by hand. This should/could be done as part of the existing maintenance regime. Future maintenance work could then be set out in the habitat management plan.</li> </ul>	back all tall vegetation and remove from site before March. If the orchids are still evident then they should be allowed to grow until after flowering with a further cut being carried out in September. All arising should be removed. This would need to be an ongoing process over a period of years. If site is already maintained need to ensure maintenance teams are aware of existing habitats. This is the case with a lot of the habitats on site and so it might be worth allocating a set budget for specific maintenance operations, over and above the standard operations. To assist with this a habitat management plan should be produced. This would cost approximately <b>£2200</b> and is probably worth doing <b>as soon as possible. Additional £2200</b>
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Members also want to understand where SCC might contribute to some of the measures – whether that be through current budgets or new funds for parks and work together to deliver the projects. Should Area Committee approve the alignment of capital funding, Officers are invited to attend future Task Group/April Board to commence planning the projects.

**Recommendation:**

1. **Align £50,000 Capital Investment funds to contribute to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan**
2. **Align £50,000 Capital Investment funds to contribute to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Invest in Parks

## 2. Invest in Play

TG2 met in January to discuss investing in both Washington Parks and Play facilities. The Fixed Play Survey (Washington) was presented and discussed at the February Board. The Board requests the March Area Committee to align Neighbourhood Investment Capital to contribute to implementation of proposals identified in the Fixed Play Survey as presented. The Board proposes WAC funding to enhance SCC investment in fixed play sites in Washington, which includes S106 already aligned to Washington Central and Washington West sites.

**Recommendation: Align £80,000**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Invest in Play

## Proposals to approve Washington Neighbourhood Capital Investment funds:

### Application No. 1

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Capital Investment</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	Bowes Rope Haulage Project
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Bowes Railway Museum

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£61,800	£1,800	£60,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
9 months	April 2021	December 2021

Information is taken verbatim from the application form.

**Project Description:** Bowes Railway Company Limited (BRC) is situated in Springwell, Tyne and Wear and historically was the first industrial site to be recognised as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. It is listed on the heritage at risk register and is an Accredited Museum which is a previous Colliery site and has the only national example of a partially preserved rope haulage transport system. This project requests support for capital funding to carry out repairs and upgrades to the Springwell Hauler compound site, specifically by replacing timbers that have been removed during lockdown as a result of anti-social behaviour, restoring the guide rope system, replacing several sleepers and carrying out track realignment activities, replacing a number of small broken panes of glass, restoring paintwork and replacing the security fencing to the rear of the site which has become dilapidated and is allowing trespass. The project responds to the regional objective to protect historic places and keep them alive for current and future generations and build capacity in local communities to support access to that heritage and the local aim to preserve and celebrate local heritage. Further it links with the outcomes of the recent Let's Talk public consultations which identify the importance of heritage assets to Washington residents.

BRC will appoint a suitably qualified and experienced accredited conservation architect to produce a condition survey of the site, identifying the specific costs for each item of the works and producing the specification of heritage techniques that will need to be adopted and considered in carrying out the works. This information will be used as the basis for the tender to secure relevantly experienced heritage contractors. The Conservation Architect will support Bowes in documenting and submitting the required Schedule Monument approval to carry out the works, for submission to the Secretary of State. We have had initial verbal discussions with surveyors and Architects to set the budgets outlined in this application, but the condition survey will need to be undertaken to ascertain the accuracy of these and any specific heritage related requirements and the impact of covid in sourcing materials etc.

BRC have been working closely with colleagues from Historic England over the last 3 years with a view to fully restoring the Rope Haulage System. They invested significantly in Blackhams Hauler 10 years ago restoring the Hauler House equipment. They have also recently invested £18,000 to enable a comprehensive survey of the track and structures from Blackhams Hauler down to the Blackwell Hauler House and we have over the eighteen months been discussing in detail with them a revenue application in the region of £40,000 to support a training programme for volunteers. Bowes currently have 35 volunteers regularly attending and they carry out a range of site maintenance tasks. The Historic England investment would provide specific skills training in maintenance and repair of the trackside features including retaining walls, return wheels and track features in the area down from Blackhams to Blackfell

Hauler, which is outside the scope of this application. The contractors undertaking the capital works will be required to support this approach and engage volunteers in the process and support them to learn the skills to effectively maintain and sustain the haulage and platform structures. The investment requested will enhance the experience for local residents, the wider Sunderland community, the many local walkers who visit the green spaces around the site by making the site safe and easy to access and in turn will contribute to the longer term aim of actively using the hauler structures within the monument for public demonstrations of haulage and enabling Bowes to aspire to be one of the top tourist attractions in the North-East.

We recognise the opportunities to engage with others to develop the project and have met and discussed partnership working with Tanfield Railway, Sunderland University and Gateshead College rail training department.

Bowes, like many businesses in the North-East has been hit hard by the covid19 pandemic and have remain closed since March 2020, with intermittent volunteering to carry out essential works. Trustees recognise the sustainability of the business model relies heavily on the delivery of events and activities. While there has been a successful transition over the last year to creating a digital offer, we feel we need to encompass additional elements of the site in telling the story of our heritage past and we know a virtual experience does not replace the experience of visiting site. Trustees feel the uniqueness of the rope haulage system of industrial transportation provides the greatest opportunity to attract a new and diverse audience, both locally, nationally, and internationally. We understand that there is a cohort of enthusiasts that we are not currently reaching who represent a valuable new audience for such as photo shoots, visiting exhibitions etc. The project will be led by the Bowes Railway Company Secretary, Leon Walsh, who is an experienced Heritage Senior Surveyor in partnership Dave Hall the Chairperson. Trustees also recognise the opportunity to match any funding into a wider Heritage Fund application.

**Partnership:** Bowes Railway Company Limited have worked hard over the last five years to build effective partnership networks and delivery arrangements. We are now recognised as an active member of the Springwell Community and work closely with Springwell Village Residents and Springwell Community Venue to hold the 1940s weekend. We regularly attend the Washington VCS network, regional heritage forms and Tyne and Wear Archive and Museums training and events. Over the last two years we have forged effective partnerships with Tanfield Railway, Gateshead and Newcastle Colleges, Sunderland and Durham Universities and a range of local primary and secondary schools who have visited the site and accessed our virtual learning resources.

We regularly liaise with Historic England and Sunderland Council on statutory matters and work closely with other City heritage sites including F Pit, Hylton Castle, Fulwell Windmill.

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Appoint preferred Conservation Architect	15/05/21
Agree scope of the condition survey	31/05/21
Condition Survey inception, mid-term and final review	10/06/2021
Provide report and recommendations to Heritage/Area Arrangements group	01/07/2021
Draft and submit scheduled monument application	15/07/2021
Gather quotations for works to be undertaken (in line with NF requirements)	15/08/2021
Capital works commence	01/09/2021
Ongoing capital work monitoring	08/09/21 and ongoing



Capital works complete	31/10/2021
Project Delivery report provided to Heritage Group/Area Arrangements	31/12/2021

## Outputs

<b>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</b>		
Environmental projects delivered (i.e. cutting trees, edging paths, painting, etc.)	251	1

<b>More residents participating in their communities</b>		
Volunteers recruited and participating	331	
Volunteer hours delivered	332	50
Volunteer's In-Kind Contribution (hours delivered x @ £12 p.h)	333	£600

**Project Management:** The project will be managed by BRC Trustees who will form a steering group including our Community Heritage partner, SNCBC, the Architect and the Area Arrangements Development Lead. We will provide bi-monthly progress reports to the Heritage sub-group/Area Board/Area Committee as deemed appropriate by SCC. A project plan will be documented at the inception of the programme, reflecting the milestones set out in this application. Steering group meetings will monitor progress against those milestones and the budget set and any deviations in the timeline will require written explanation from the Architects.

## Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NCIP Contribution
Conservation Architect	10200	0	10200
Timber replacement to platform	5976	0	5976
Rope guide structure repairs	12000	0	12000
Security fencing and gates	8100	0	8100
Track repairs and realignment	4500	0	4500
Equipment testing/servicing	8900	0	8900
Paint work	7250	0	7250
Small tools and equipment for volunteer training	1200	0	1200
Contingency	1874	0	1874
Project Management - BRC	1800	1800	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>60,000</b>

## Recommendation – Approve

1. The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage

**Item 3, Annex 3**

**Washington Area Committee**

**18th March 2021**

**Community Chest Awards April 2020 to March 2021**

<b>Central Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		<b>Approvals</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Washington Riding School (Multi Ward)	27.04.20	-	£250.00
Washington Boxing Club	13.10.20	-	£1,000.00
Keep Washington Tidy	16.12.20	-	£158.00
Northumbria Police (Multi Ward)	16.12.20	-	£458.00
Washington Trust NE	09.02.21	-	£200.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Washington Scouts	09.02.21	-	£1,000.00
Washington Mind	09.02.21	-	£750.00
Washington Village Hall	09.02.21	-	£720.00
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£5,464.00</b>
<b>East Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Washington Riding School (Multi Ward)	27.04.20	-	£250.00
Keep Washington Tidy	16.12.20	-	£158.00
Northumbria Police (Multi Ward)	16.12.20	-	£458.00
Washington Trust NE	05.02.21	-	£200.00
Teal Farm Residents Association	05.02.21	-	£1,832.00
The Forage Community Project	05.02.21	-	£650.00
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£6,452.00</b>
<b>North Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Washington Trust NE	22.04.20	-	£1,000.00
Washington Riding School (Multi Ward)	27.04.20	-	£250.00
Washington Trust NE (acting organisation for Washington Silvers FC)	27.07.20	-	£505.00
Tenants of Peacehaven Court	27.07.20	-	£395.00
Washington Trust NE	18.08.20	-	£1,000.00
Washington Trust NE (acting organisation for Willow Brook Residents Association)	21.08.20	-	£425.00
Rotary Washington Forge	13.10.20	-	£1,200.00
Keep Washington Tidy	16.12.20	-	£158.00

Washington Trust NE	09.02.21	-	£200.00
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£4,867</b>
<b>South Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Washington Riding School (Multi Ward)	27.04.20	-	£250.00
Sunderland City Council	07.07.20	-	£1,000.00
Sunderland City Council	08.09.20	-	£736.60
Sunderland City Council	08.09.20	-	£1,405.40
Sunderland City Council	03.11.20	-	£242.00
Sunderland City Council	19.03.20	£4,496.11	-
Keep Washington Tidy	16.12.20	-	£158.00
Northumbria Police (Multi Ward)	16.12.20	-	£458.00
Rotary Washington Forge	16.12.20	-	£400.00
Washington Trust NE	09.02.21	-	£200.00
Washington Cricket Club	09.02.21	-	£5,000.00
Oxclose Church	09.02.21	-	£927.00
<b>Remaining balance</b>		<b>£4,496.11</b>	<b>£3,719.11</b>
<b>West Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Washington Riding School (Multi Ward)	27.04.20	-	£250.00
Keep Washington Tidy	16.12.20	-	£158.00
Washington Trust NE	11.02.21	-	£200.00
Bowes Railway Company Ltd	11.02.21	-	£2,851.00
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£6,541</b>

# Item 4

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## WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Washington Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

#### 3. Washington Network

- 3.1 In Washington, the VCS is made up of a wide range of organisations ranging from independent local branches of national charities through to small, totally voluntary, community groups. Collectively these organisations provide Washington residents with a wide range of local services, activities and opportunities and have a significant role within community life here.
- 3.2 As well as partner updates re what is happening across the area, events, opportunities etc. partners regularly attended the Network meetings to present information.
- 3.3 The Area Network partners have 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 emerging Neighbourhood Investment Plan

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

- 4.1 The Washington VCS Network has continued to meet via Microsoft Teams and has kept in regular contact sharing information and ideas.
- 4.2 The Area Network became galvanised within days after the lock down was declared and transformed their services to ensure they continued to support those in need from across the area. Whilst many centres had to close, services continued to be delivered but in a different way.
- 4.3 SNCBC have worked with the Council, CCG, Gentoo, VCS Partners and volunteers to provide support for shopping, prescriptions befriending, dog walking and many more services. Together hundreds of residents across Washington have been supported and many new and lasting friendships have been made. This pandemic has strengthened the network and has shown what strong communities we have.

- 4.4 Network organisations were invited to apply for SCC funding to support children and families throughout the school holiday periods re holiday hunger. As well as VCS organisations, both residents and local businesses joined forces resulting in an incredible offer for food, packed lunches and hot meals being available for those families needing help. Network members were also invited to apply for SCC 'Winter COVID' funding, more recently Covid Support/Mental Health funding and the Targeted Covid Champions funding
- 4.5 The last virtual Network meeting was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January where 13 organisations were represented.
- Kathy McKenna of Washington MIND was appointed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Washington Area Network Area Representative
  - The network received a presentation about Census 2021
  - The network received a presentation about Moneywise Credit Union. Contact [Annie.murphy@moneywise.org.uk](mailto:Annie.murphy@moneywise.org.uk) for further information on services
  - Sunderland City Council in its continued commitment to support a thriving VCS in the city seeks to bring additional capacity to the sector through the recruitment of 5 Community Support Workers. Future meetings will receive further updates
  - The meeting was also updated on progress re the Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Plan
  - The meeting discussed future collaborative working to build on the success of the Area Hubs. A number of key organisations are keen to develop a Washington Partnership approach to continue to support the most vulnerable and isolated members of our community. Interested partners to meet and discuss needs, gaps, structure and governance to facilitate future collaboration and a partnership approach
  - Next Washington Area VCS meeting rescheduled for March 2021

## **5. Recommendations**

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

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**18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**

**Washington Crime and Disorder Report**

Please find below some data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Washington comparing Year to date figures with the preceding year. For comparison purposes data for the same period last year has been provided.

Crime statistics in Washington have decreased significantly since this same period last year. A lot of hard work has been completed over the last year, but these figures are affected by the previous and current lockdown period which had a significant effect on offending.

For a second period in a row, every section of core crime evidences a reduction and looking at other figures the only increases are on-line harassment and adult ASB. This is to be expected with many within the community staying at home and accessing social media. Adult ASB figures have increased tenfold as reports of breaches of Covid regulations are included in that category as well as neighbourly disputes.

Although there has been a decrease in motor vehicle crime we are aware of the spikes in Rickleton and Harraton although on a lesser scale. We have been working during the night using covert patrols and made an arrest of a prolific offender from Chester Le Street - offending has now tailed off significantly.

Motorcycle disorder will be the focus in the coming months looking at hotspots such as Albany Park, Fatfield and Mount Pleasant. Sgt Parish is leading the purchase of the long lens camera to detect off road motorcycle use and we will get that in use as soon as the final piece arrives.

A closure notice has been granted by the courts for an address in Lumley Close in Oxclose which will allow us to prevent anyone from entering other than the female occupant. The visitors have caused a multitude of issues on the estate making other residents lives difficult. This is testimony to the good work that Sgt Patrick Scott has done with his team and Michael Dodds from the Local Authority ASB unit.

A community protection notice was also granted for another female resident of Beech Square in Columbia. She has also caused a large number of issues for her neighbours and created vast demand for all of the emergency services.

Much of our time is spent managing domestic and public space Covid reports and potential breaches, issuing summons and fixed penalty notices for those that do not comply. Where businesses have been implicated we have also referred these to these Local Authority licensing department.

<b>Crime / Disorder</b>	<b>Current period 24<sup>th</sup> Nov to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>Previous period 24<sup>th</sup> Nov to the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020</b>	<b>+ / -</b>
<b>Youth ASB</b>	318	385	Down 67
<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	92	120	Down 28
<b>Commercial Burglary</b>	41	52	Down 11
<b>Violence against the Person</b>	338	428	Down 90
<b>Serious crime</b>	87	94	Down 7
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	128	202	Down 74
<b>Theft and handling</b>	280	445	Down 165
<b>Total Crime</b>	3686	4444	Down 758

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st December 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, compared with the same period in 2019/20.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

**3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update****3.1 L.I 02 - Number of Deaths from all fires**

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

**3.2 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles**

Zero incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 1 reported incident occurring in the same period during the previous year.

**3.3 LI 15 - Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire**

5 incidents have been attended within the reporting period; this compares to 2 incidents in the previous year.

<b>Ward</b>	<b>2019/20</b>				<b>2020/2021</b>			
	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Washington Central ward</i>	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Washington East ward</i>	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	3
<i>Washington North ward</i>	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
<i>Washington South Ward</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Washington West Ward</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), along with the support from Northumbria Police, investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends and prosecute offenders.



### 3.4 **LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)**

23 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 36 incidents in the previous year. Types of incident include;

<i>Car</i>	2
<i>Grassland, woodland and crops</i>	3
<i>Loose refuse (incl in garden)</i>	7
<i>Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)</i>	1
<i>Refuse/rubbish tip</i>	3
<i>Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)</i>	1
<i>Wheelie Bin</i>	3
<i>Towing caravan elsewhere (not on tow)</i>	2
<i>Van</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

3.4.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 8 to 1. Incidents have occurred in the following area;

<i>Oxclose</i>	1
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3.4.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen 5 deliberate fire related incidents within the reporting period. This number is the same per the previous year. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Barmston</i>	1
<i>Washington</i>	1
<i>Wear Industrial Estate</i>	1
<i>Hebden Court</i>	1
<i>Wettonmill Close</i>	1

3.4.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen a slight decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 11 to 10. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Concord</i>	1
<i>Sulgrave</i>	4
<i>Usworth Cottages</i>	4
<i>Well Bank Road</i>	1

3.4.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 7 to 4. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Oxclose</i>	1
<i>Washington</i>	1
<i>Sedling Road</i>	1
<i>Mitford Close</i>	1

3.4.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 5 to 3. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Albany</i>	1
<i>Fairhaven</i>	1
<i>Well Bank Road</i>	1

#### 4 **Lighter / Darker Nights**

- 4.1 Dark nights are still upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.
- Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

#### 5 **Summary**

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively. All supervisory officers are now equipped with Body Worn Video Cameras. These cameras have been purchased to positively impact people's behaviour towards firefighters and reduce the likelihood of physical and verbal attacks from occurring. It is unfortunate to report that this type of anti-social behaviour still exists within the communities of Tyne and Wear.

#### 6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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