

## **WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 at 6.00 pm**

**VENUE – THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE, CONCORD, WASHINGTON,**

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**At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at the MILLENNIUM CENTRE, CONCORD on THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Scaplehorn in the Chair

Councillors Fletcher, Kelly, Lauchlan, G. Miller, Padgett, Snowdon, Thompson, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, Walker and Williams.

John Rostron	-	City Services
Brian Hodgkinson	-	City Services
Victoria French	-	City Services
Mike Poulter	-	City Services
Tim Ducker	-	City Services
Graham Burt	-	City Services
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Karen Alexander	-	Chief Executives
Allison Patterson	-	Chief Executives
Sandra Mitchell	-	Children's Services
Lorraine Hughes	-	Children's Services/Sunderland PCT
Neil Revely	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Marion Marshall	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
Paul Wood	-	Commercial and Corporate Services
Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Sgt Ron Hyde	-	Police
James Third	-	Nexus

Members of the Washington Community.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors F. Miller, I. Richardson and Wake, Sarann Valentine and Inspector Paul Barrett.

**Declarations of Interest**

Item 3a – 3.4 – Community Action in Washington, Education and Heritage Update

Councillor G. Miller declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as Managing Director and CEO of TWEBLO.

### Item 3b – Financial Statements and Proposals – Community Chest

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as Vice-Chair of Governors at Usworth Colliery Primary School.

Councillor Thompson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as Chair of Washington Scout Group.

Councillor Scaplehorn declared a personal interest in the item as a Member of Springwell Village Community Association.

Councillor Walker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as a Gentoo employee.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **Community Action in Washington: Identifying New Issues and Agreeing Actions (2010/11 Work Plan)**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to inform the Committee of the recent restructure within Children's Services in response to changes happening both locally and nationally. The restructure provided sharper focus on improving key outcomes, delivered against five key service areas.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Sandra Mitchell, Head of Early Intervention and Locality Service presented the report and briefed Members on the aims of the Early Intervention Service.

Ms. Mitchell informed the Committee that the new Team expected to move into Washington Library in January 2012 and that it was disappointing the key post of Operational Manager was still vacant at present but it was hoped they would also be appointed in January. Most staff were already in place and details would be circulated to Members.

In response to Councillor Miller's enquiry as to how big the Team would be, Ms. Mitchell advised that it included staff from Risk and Resilience, Family Workers, Connexions, Educational Psychology Service, Youth Team Leader, a small number of supporting staff and city-wide staff not just unique to Washington.

Councillor Miller queried how the Team would fit into the Library. Ms. Mitchell advised that there were vacant rooms which the Team were taking over and the expectation was that staff would not be sitting in the office all day as they would be out working with families and such like.

Councillor Kelly requested clarification if Connexions would still be operating after March.

Ms. Mitchell advised that changes were planned in September next year, careers advice would become the responsibility of the schools whilst NEET and learning disability would remain with the Authority but Service Level Agreements were being looked at.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that Early Intervention was key and enquired as to what role Elected Members were to have in this.

Ms. Mitchell advised that if Members were aware of any young people with issues, anyone could make a common assessment referral ("CAF") and could speak to a member of the Team.

2. RESOLVED that when appointed, the Washington Locality Operational Manager be invited to attend Washington Area Committee to represent Early Intervention and Locality Services (Children's Services).

## **Community Action in Washington – Progress Review**

### **Progress Report on 2011/12 Work Plan**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan (Annex 1).

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Karon Purvis, Area Officer presented the report and updated the Committee on the work of the Employment Task and Finish Group and the recommendation to allocate £10,000 SIB to deliver their proposals.

### **Youth Opportunities (NEET Support and Co-ordination)**

The Chairman introduced Nikki Vokes of Sunderland North Community Business Centre (S.N.C.B.C.) who commented that she was really pleased to be given the opportunity to run the project and wished to thank everyone for making them welcome.

Ms. Vokes advised that the first apprentice had started at Images and Ian Gardner advised that a further three apprentices had been recruited into the Council's Street Scene, even though the project had not yet officially started.

The Chairman commented that it was a great beginning for the project.

In response to Councillor Kelly's request for an update on the apprentice at Images, Ian Gardner advised that the apprentice had already been with the Company as a work experience placement and with their help had managed to secure an apprenticeship.

Ms. Vokes informed that the Company was also looking to take on another person.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that the main concern raised had been that young people could not afford the transport to travel to employment opportunities.

Karen Alexander, Employment and Training Manager advised that this year, they had received funding for travel passes but as the funding was to be much reduced, she could not say for certain if the funds would be there in the future for this.

James Third, Nexus advised that he would look into the matter further.

Councillor H. Trueman enquired if there was any way the Committee could raise the funding to help this along.

Mr. Gardner advised that the Riverside Training Programme would cover the travelling expenses for all the apprentices involved.

### **Education and Heritage Project Update**

The Chairman, Councillor Kelly and Councillor Miller all wished to congratulate the Education and Heritage Officer (EHO) and Trainee Apprentice for the work they had done and the money they had saved the Community Associations since they were appointed.

Councillor Miller commented that four months into their appointment, every target had been achieved and they were continuing to expand the project, which was down to their hard work.

### **Operation Choice**

Sgt Ron Hyde, Northumbria Police, presented an update on Operation Choice and their new approach to find a long term response to anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Thompson wished to compliment the Police as this had been an excellent piece of work which was found to be a sustainable operation through working with agencies and provided excellent figures and feedback.

Councillor Williams informed of a recent residents' meeting at St. Robert's School where hotspots of ASB had been identified and interventions had been made, but these had not been recorded, therefore no evidence base was being formed.

Sgt Hyde advised that there were ebbs and flows of instances through areas and he would take the information back to Inspector Barrett for him to feed back on.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that the figures showed an improvement, but the message was not getting across to the older generations or changing their perceptions. Councillor H. Trueman also queried if the hotspots of ASB were moving to different areas, was it a case of the same youths just being moved on and queried if this was not defeating the purpose.

Sgt Hyde commented that an element of tolerance was needed by older generations as not all groups of youths were causing ASB, and in relation to the hotspots, Officers do try to tackle the issues, rather than just moving the youths on to another area, through measures such as writing letters to parents and so on.

Councillor H. Trueman suggested that a statement be circulated to the PACT meetings informing of the good work being carried out.

Sgt Hyde advised that they did intend to spread information of the good news and practices being carried out.

Councillor Kelly commented that there had been no issues of ASB raised at his PACT meetings and wished to congratulate the Police on their work.

Councillor Miller agreed that there were very few issues of ASB raised at his PACT meetings and residents attending appeared to be much happier, also this he believed was down to Operation Horizon and the Youth Villages for example. Councillor Miller also believed that perceptions were changing and there was a need to keep doing this as it was working.

Sgt Hyde informed the Committee of a planned site visit at Oxclose to look at a long term solution to issues going on in the area.

The Chairman commented that Members were very happy with the work being carried out and the excellent partnership working and requested this be relayed to Inspector Barrett.

### **Attractive Neighbourhood**

The Chairman introduced Brian Hodgkinson, Washington Area Response Manager who advised that from the 253 Member requests to date, only two were outstanding with the main service requests involving pruning, litter, leaves, graffiti, dumping of waste and dog fouling.

Further meetings had taken place over Persimmons' maintenance programmes and how to drive progress forward.

ASB was mainly occurring in the Lower Oxclose area and they were working in partnership with the Police and Gentoo. The Police would be attending a walkabout on the 6<sup>th</sup> December at Oxclose to combat issues around the area.

They were working with the Probation Service and the Fire Brigade to open up the area and prevent ASB, including fires which had been problematic in recent times.

Neglected roundabouts at Parsons Road had been tended to and they would be moving onto other areas of priority, including the roundabout at Parkway leading to the Galleries.

In relation to customer satisfaction, Mr. Hodgkinson advised that through working with the Complaints Team and the help of Gentoo also they had been successful in closing a category three complaint and turned it into several thank you letters.

Mr. Hodgkinson also advised that the next steps were for the clearing of several underpasses to help to improve the perception of safety.

Councillor Fletcher wished to congratulate Mr. Hodgkinson for the quick response received by Members and for how nice the Washington Area was looking.

Councillor Williams also wished to congratulate Mr. Hodgkinson on the work being done to the roundabouts in Washington and requested he circulate details/dates of the walkabouts.

In response to Councillor Kelly's request to have certain trees replaced in the Concord area, Mr. Hodgkinson advised that he would look into the matter.

Mr. Hodgkinson also advised that he would speak to Colin Curtis, Senior Waste Manager in relation to the schedule for the emptying of Bins/Brown Bins and report back to the Committee.

### **Equality, Community Inclusion and Engagement**

John Rostron, Area Community Manager informed the Committee of the progress being made by the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) and that one of their priorities was to increase networking and group work to support each other rather than competing against each other.

Mr. Rostron advised of the collaborative working being carried out and commented that he believed this was really good for Washington and showed the strength of the Voluntary Sector to adapt under the current financial situation.

Mr. Rostron also informed of a programme that would target employers in enabling them to keep carers in work and they would be requesting to attend the next Business Breakfast.

#### **3. RESOLVED that Members:-**

- (i) noted the report, progress updates and actions as detailed in this report and in the Work Plan attached as Annex 1;
- (ii) noted the recommendation as detailed in paragraph 3.1.7 of the report and in Community Action in Washington – Progress Review 3c Financial Statement and Proposals to allocate £10,000 SIB to deliver recommendations proposed by the Employment Task and Finish Group;
- (iii) agreed to receive further updates from Youth Opportunities; and
- (iv) agreed to receive a detailed progress report for the Washington Managed Work Space Project to be presented to the next Area Committee meeting.

## **Community Chest and Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to request the Committee's consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that would benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

### **4. RESOLVED that the Committee:-**

- (i) noted the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of the report;
- (ii) agreed the recommendations set out in Annex 1 with reference to the SIB applications;
- (iii) agreed to allocate a budget of £10,000 to deliver the proposals identified by the Employment Task and Finish Group (subject to receipt of detailed SIB application, assessment and consultation);
- (iv) agreed to allocate a budget of £40,000 to deliver the Heritage and Community Events as detailed under paragraph 2.2.4 (subject to receipt of detailed SIB application, assessment and consultation); and
- (v) approved the 13 proposals for support from 2011/12 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 2.

## **Interim Performance Report**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to inform the Committee of how the money it had allocated through SIB and SIP had been used during April 2011 – September 2011, how successful it had been in achieving its original objectives, and how the projects would continue to perform.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Purvis presented the report and introduced Tim Ducker, Cycle Network and Public Rights of Way Officer who updated the Committee on the progress of the River Wear Trail project.

Mr. Ducker advised that the Cox Green Bridge had been ramped, with work moving quickly and apologised for any delays, which had been down to land ownership issues.

In response to the Chairman's query, Mr. Ducker advised that they were looking for a total project completion date before Christmas.

Councillor Padgett raised concerns over missing parts of fencing, Mr. Ducker advised that he would speak to Councillor Padgett to find out exact locations and check if additional work was required.



Councillor Kelly commented that the Trail was 100% better than it was and he was perfectly happy with the project.

Councillor Snowden commented that upon viewing the photographs of the project, the Trail looked absolutely brilliant and felt it needed to be promoted and included in community fitness programmes for walks and such like.

5. RESOLVED that the performance information be noted.

## **Influencing Practice, Policy and Strategy**

### **Sunderland in 2012**

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) to engage with the Area Committee in relation to the proposed Sunderland in 2012 Programme.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Victoria French, Assistant Head of Community Services presented the report and short powerpoint presentation advising that they were on a journey in relation to what the programme would look like and with the Olympic torch passing through Sunderland, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to encourage communities to take part in sport, heritage and volunteering.

Ms. French advised that it was not just aimed at children and young people but to engage with the whole community.

The Chairman enquired if the £10,000 funding request would be allocated entirely for work to be done in the Washington area.

Ms. French confirmed that the money would be used to add value and determine what happened in the Washington area.

Councillor Miller commented that he believed this is what the Council should be doing every day as part of the Economic Masterplan and should not just be used because of the Olympics as he was not certain the London 2012 Olympics would be of a major benefit to Sunderland.

Ms. French agreed that this type of project was part of what they do in their day job and that this was an opportunity to maximise an event as they wanted to engage residents and almost say that we can do this better than London, and make sure there is a lasting legacy.

Councillor Kelly commented that Ms. French and her Team had worked extremely hard on this and Sunderland's reputation for events was growing enormously nationally and felt this was an excellent opportunity for the City.

The Chairman commented that originally he was sceptical but upon seeing a preview of the presentation he felt this would be fabulous.

Councillor Snowden wished the programme every success and informed of a memorial event hoped to be staged at the Skate Park and suggested this be tied in with the programme.

The Chairman proposed this be discussed further at the workshop which was due to be arranged.

Ms. French commented that they did want to introduce events that would last and not disappear in 2013.

In relation to the workshop, Ms. Purvis advised that as a number of Members would be struggling to attend, an alternative date would be sought. The Chairman also commented that Members could submit any ideas in writing/email.

6. RESOLVED that the Committee noted the content of the report and agreed to:-

- (i) inform and contribute to the development of the Sunderland in 2012 Programme;
- (ii) approved the financial contribution from Washington Area Committee (SIB budget of £10,000) subject to a full application, consultation and approval, to support the delivery of the Sunderland in 2012 Programme; and
- (iii) Members to be invited to inform the Sunderland in 2012 Programme through Task and Finish workshops as detailed in Section 3.15 of the report.

### **City Village Concept**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to offer Members the opportunity to be consulted on plans and strategies relevant to the area. The Sunderland Economic Masterplan identified the promotion of City Villages as a fundamental part of Sunderland's economic development. It sets out the need for a comprehensive approach to regenerating communities across Sunderland to help the people in those communities to engage in the wider economy of the City, to make their neighbourhoods attractive places where people want to live and to help promote Sunderland as 'a national hub of the low carbon economy'.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Allison Patterson, Scrutiny and Area Arrangements Manager presented the report and advised that they would be looking to come back to the Area Committee with five pilots to help shape and identify where they wanted to be. Learning from those would then help roll out the concept across the City into all areas.

Councillor Kelly commented that he had concerns over the process and queried what size the City Villages were going to be, if the different villages would have to compete for resources resulting in some losing out and felt that the different areas of Washington worked well together at present and did not want to disrupt that.

Councillor Snowden acknowledged that a lot of work had been done on this, but did not feel this would work as the Wards which she represented were split up under these proposals.

Ms. Patterson understood Members concerns and advised that what was in the report was just the starting point and would not necessarily define the neighbourhoods. Ms. Patterson also commented that they wanted to take all Members views on board.

Councillor Williams commented that Washington was already made up of villages, of which most people have an affinity to, and they may not wish to be tied in with others just to make the numbers up.

Councillor G. Miller advised that he looked forward to seeing how this would go but had concerns, in particular as to the distribution of funding/resources for service delivery and that the City Village Concept could make matters worse as we run the risk of having areas in competition with each other.

Councillor G. Miller also requested that plain English be used in getting the message across for future reports and consultations.

Councillor Kelly also raised concerns over the locality of schools for residents and the need to retain the five Wards.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that it would be interesting to see the comments from the residents of Washington on the Concept.

7. RESOLVED that Members:-

- (i) noted the information in the report; and
- (ii) agreed to future engagement and consultation with regard to the development of the City Village pilot areas and the benefits it could bring to Area Arrangements.

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

(Signed) B. SCAPLEHORN  
Chairman.

**2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**COMMUNITY ACTION IN WASHINGTON: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2011/12 WORK PLAN)**

**Process for the Review of Local Area Plans for 2012**

**1.0 Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides a proposed approach and timeline for the Area Committee to review its Local Area Plan for 2012 onwards.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 In February 2011 Sunderland Council agreed the approach to refresh the Sunderland Strategy, the purpose of which is to examine the robustness of the strategic framework for each Aim and identify ways to strengthen it, as well as the targets, milestones and delivery models, in addition to producing options for streamlined governance and a clear set of service delivery options for individual Aims.
- 2.2 The approach acknowledges it is vital that elected Members are central to the refresh of the Sunderland Strategy to ensure it reflects the needs of their communities, and that they, as community leaders, are able to identify and champion priorities to be addressed in their communities. As such it was agreed that the review and further development of Local Area Plans (LAPs) is integral to refreshing the Sunderland Strategy and would take place toward the latter stages of finalising the Sunderland Strategy refresh.

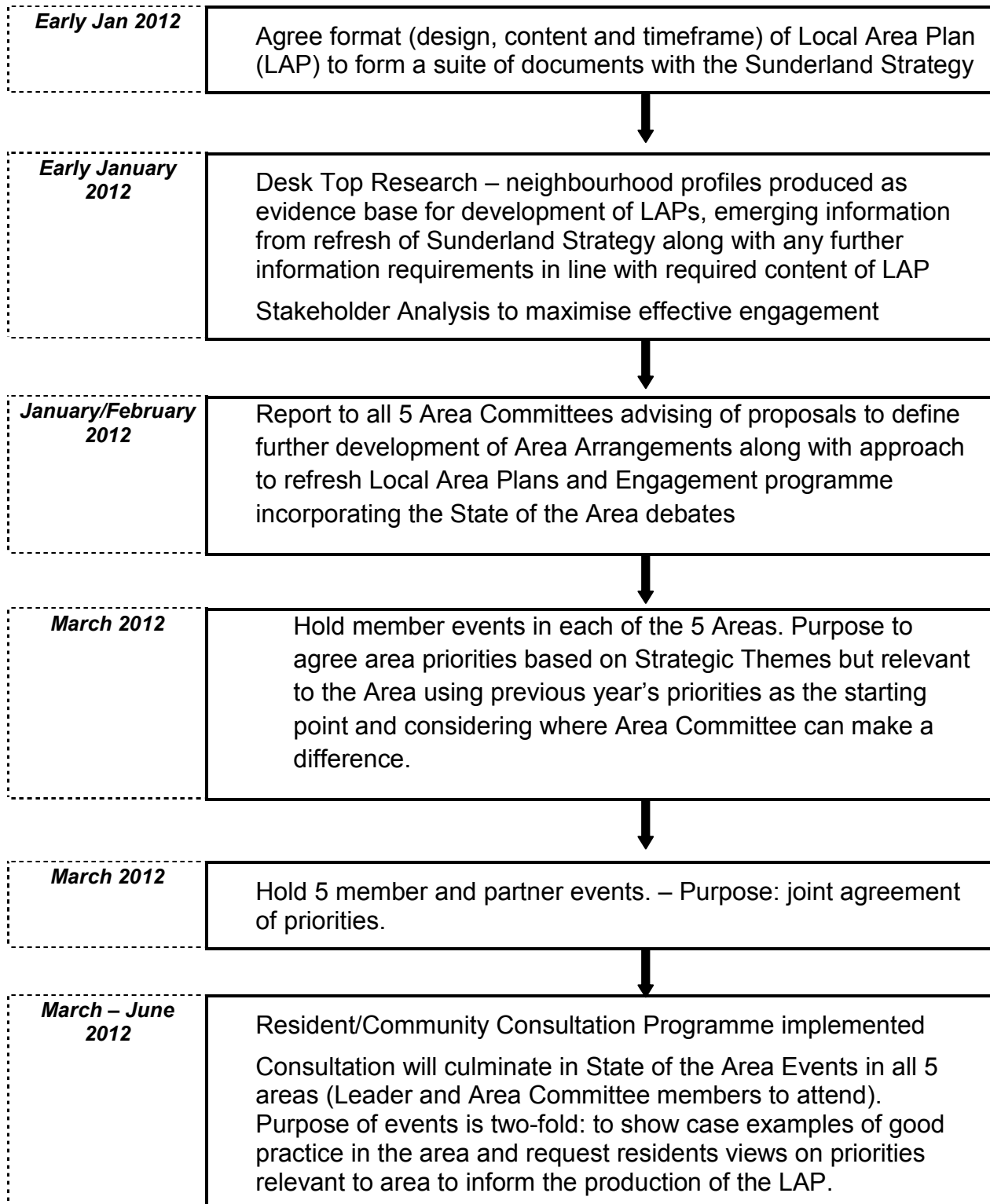
**3. Role of Area Committees in the development of the LAPs**

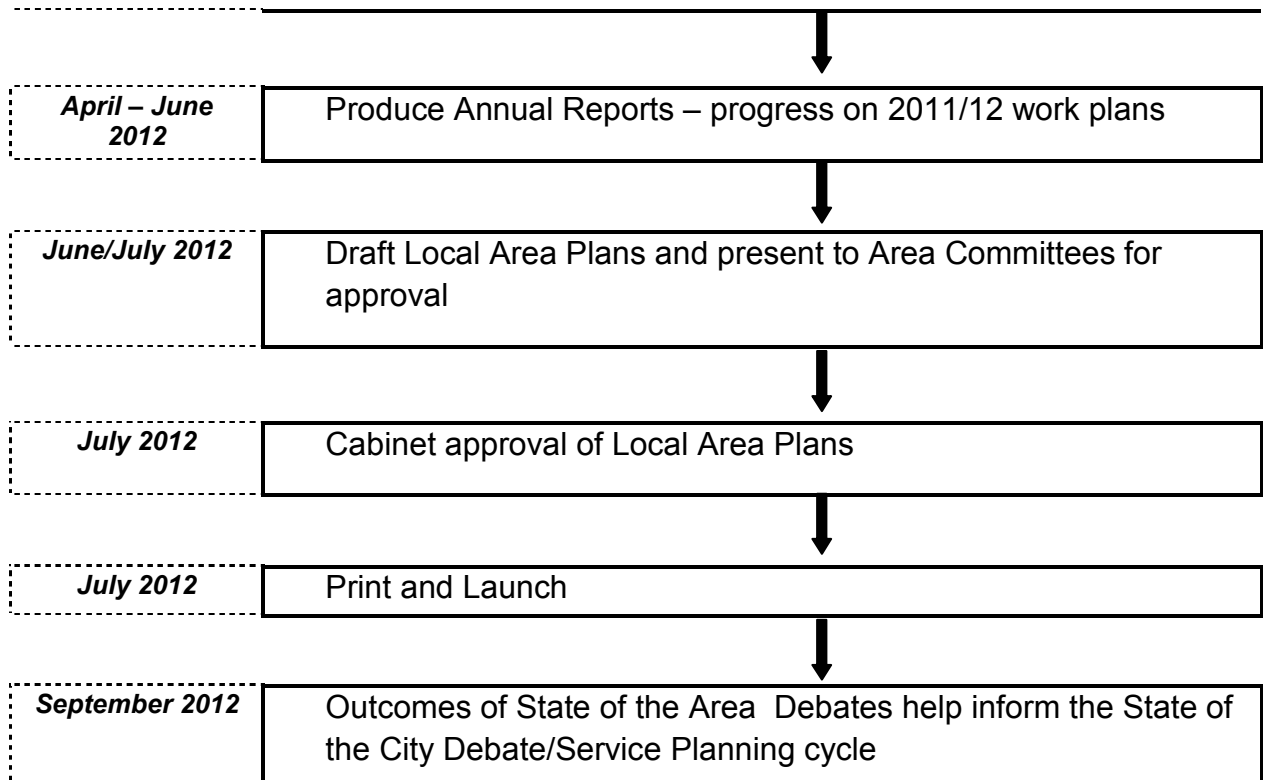
- 3.1 The role of Area Committee is to lead on the development and effective implementation of the Local Area Plan (as the local interpretation of the Sunderland Strategy, turning those priorities into reality and practical action for people in their area), monitor the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the Area and actively encourage local residents to become involved in decision-making on matters which affect them.
- 3.2 The LAPs were originally developed by Area Committees, and adopted by Cabinet, in July 2009. They provide the background history, Councillor representation on each Committee and a detailed profile of demographic information. The plan includes information on how the Area is performing in comparison with City standards, what the public is saying about their areas and the document's structure is in line with the Sunderland Strategy. LAPs provide the baseline of knowledge to inform priorities through which the Area Committees will work with partners and undertake actions to improve their area and improve the quality of life for their residents.
- 3.3 The development of LAPs is a structured, evidence led approach to priority setting and problem solving at a local level. It supports the Area Committees in achieving an enhanced partnership/joint working approach which both supports Elected Members appreciation of the benefits of working closely together, and with Sunderland Partnership colleagues, to

address issues at a grass routes level, and inform the city's strategic framework. Providing for a more pro-active way of working with partners to address issues and grasp opportunities.

3.4 LAPs are required to be reviewed and finalised in readiness for the new municipal year.

#### 4. Proposed Approach and timeline





## 5. Recommendation

Committee is requested to:

- i) Area Committee is recommended to consider and provide feedback on the information provided.
- ii) Agree the proposed approach and timeline outlined in Section 4.

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**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Community Chest, and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

**Author(s):**

Chief Executive

**Purpose of Report:**

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

**Description of Decision:**

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

1. Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report
2. Agree the recommendations set out in **Annex 1** with reference to SIB applications and approve the 2 SIB proposals from the 2011/12 budget
  1. Concord Bus station Enhancement £2,250 Approve
  2. Usworth Grange Primary School £10,999 Approve
3. Approve the 12 proposals for support from 2011/12 Community Chest as detailed in **Annex 2**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Washington LAP. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area. The Area Committee has been allocated a budget of £287,261 for 2011/12. £12,321 has been carried forward from 2010/11 giving the Area Committee a budget of £299,582 for 2011/12.

The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

**Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?**

No

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

**Relevant Scrutiny Committees:**

Regeneration Review Committee.  
 Management Scrutiny Committee.

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**COMMUNITY ACTION IN WASHINGTON – PROGRESS REVIEW**

**Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan**

**1 Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan (**Annex 1**).

**2 Background**

- 2.1 The purpose of the work plan is to clearly identify the key priorities for Area Committee to discuss, deliver actions and monitor throughout the year, with the overall outcome to improve the quality of life for residents within the Washington area.
- 2.2 This report presents an update with regard to the key priorities for 2011/12 and other priorities carried forward from 2010/11.

**3 Helping local people access employment opportunities**

**3.1 Employment Task and Finish Group**

- 3.1.1 The Employment Task and Finish Group meets monthly to discuss future activity and receive an update with regard to progress of the Youth Opportunities Project. The Group is well attended by a number of partners.
  - 3.1.2 Further Business Breakfast Events are proposed in early Spring 2012 and will look at how to support employers re apprenticeships and placement schemes, look at what opportunities are available, what can be done to help businesses, what other support might be needed, and how to provide and co-ordinate more opportunities for young people. There will also be a focus on publicising services and activities to businesses that need that assistance to take on apprentices or work placements. The proposed events need to take into consideration the current work being carried out by a Cabinet Working Group which is looking at how to stimulate apprenticeships across the City.
  - 3.1.3 In addition to further events with employers, the group also proposes further work with young people to consider what's working, lessons learned and best practice from the Youth Opportunities Project. A targeted event for young people is proposed.
  - 3.1.4 The group has received briefings re the Harraton Centre and the current position of employability services in Washington. The Task Group proposes to hold the next group meeting at the Harraton Centre.
  - 3.1.5 The Employment Task and Finish Group is completing the SIB application form for assessment, as approved at the last Area Committee meeting in December 2011.
- 3.2 Youth Opportunities (NEET Support & Co-ordination)**
- S.N.C.B.C and Riverside Training attend the Employment Task and Finish Group and Area Committee to provide regular updates with regard to the project. A number of work stream are now underway.



- 3.2.1 Developing links in the local area: The Young Persons Key Worker (YPKW) has been developing links with a number of organisations which operate across and within the Washington locality, providing a brief overview of the project. Organisations include Job Linkage, Connexions (YPKW recently attended the NEET Panel Meeting at Connexions and will continue to attend the NEET Panel meetings as part of the Washington Youth Opportunities program), Sure Start Children's Centre Rainbow and Wessington which included meeting with the Community Involvement Worker/ Volunteer Co-Coordinator and Volunteers, Children's Centre Manager and the Child and Family Team. Following these meetings the Child and Family Team have already identified potential young people from the Washington locality who would benefit from the Youth Opportunities Project.

The YPKW has also developed links with Albany Bridge Centre (Young Women's Connect Group), Millennium Centre, Oxclose and District Young People's Project, Washington Mind, and Usworth Sixth Form College. Introductions have been made with colleagues from Princes Trust and Gentoo and with colleagues from CVS and Age UK to look at possible volunteering/ placement opportunities for some of our young people.

The YPKW is working very closely with Riverside/ Itec training providers and will be at Riverside/Itec on a weekly basis to work the young people from Washington's Youth Opportunities program, participating in the Foundation Learning Program and supporting Washington Youth Opportunity Apprentices as required.

Links with local schools are already in place with the YPKW working with Oxclose Community School to support current year 11s identified at risk of becoming NEET or not moving into EET when they leave secondary education. A further meeting has been arranged with Biddick School Sports College and YPKW will also be contacting Washington School and St Roberts School in the very near future.

- 3.2.2 Employer Engagement: The YPKW has met with local employers to introduce the project and to discuss the scope for businesses to create opportunities (employment/ training etc) for young people in the Washington locality. Following on from these discussions Riverside/Itec are now discussing possible engineering opportunities and apprenticeships with Charlton Engineering based in Crowther Industrial Estate Washington.

Washington Millennium Centre is working with the project to recruit a business administration apprentice. North-East Business and Innovation Centre hope to recruit an apprentice through the scheme with a view to filling a vacancy in the longer-term, when a member of staff retires. The YPKW has forwarded information onto Riverside/Itec about other employers from the Washington locality who may be interested in creating opportunities for Washington young people. S.N.C.B.C's Employer Engagement and Placement Officer will be working with the YPKW to identify work placements for Washington young people to gain employment experience as part of the programme.

- 3.2.3 Delivering the Programme: The YPKW commenced employment on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and has identified that to make the youth opportunities project accessible and for young people to feel safe and comfortable it was important to identify and recognise suitable venues where young people from across Washington would attend for one to one meetings, group work, job clubs etc. The YPKW is currently operating from 3 bases

across Washington which are Job Linkage Services (Galleries and Concord) Connexions Washington and the Washington Millennium Centre. Options to utilise Springwell Village Community Centre are also being discussed with the Centre.

The work with Oxclose Community School as detailed in paragraph 3.2.5 is underway. 11 young people are currently registered onto the project. One young person has moved into Foundation Learning at Riverside, eight young people are seeking employment or Apprenticeship opportunities with three of those young people also expressing an interest in volunteering. A meeting has been arranged to meet with the Children's Centre Volunteer Co-ordinator. One young person is looking for volunteering opportunities to help build confidence and to improve on literacy and numeracy and one has expressed an interest in a naval career. As part of the program, that young person will be supported to gain additional experience via work placements and volunteering. In addition, three young people have moved onto Foundation Learning provision at Riverside from ODYPP and will be registered onto the Washington Youth Opportunities program.

### **3.3 Education and Heritage Project Update**

3.3.1 The Education Heritage Project engages young people at both school age and those categorised as NEET to access heritage volunteering opportunities and training opportunities. Events held recently include a team challenge day with fifteen volunteers from Gentoo who redecorated the main hall at Harraton Community Association. Bowes Railway organised seventeen volunteers from Deloitte and six from Oxclose Youth Project for site and rail sleeper works as well as two volunteers for installation of female toilets. Negotiations with the Aircraft Museum for cladding works, Columbia Community Association, Springwell Community Association and Fatfield War Memorial are ongoing. A memorial plaque for local chimney sweep, Christopher Drummond which was donated from a local engineering company was unveiled at the Christmas festival 2011. The Education Heritage Officer and apprentice, who is placed at the Millennium Centre are now looking to engage with schools to promote local heritage. The project is meeting all targets set.

### **3.4 Washington Managed Workspace Project**

3.4.1 Legal processes are currently underway with regard to the award of contract. Further details will be presented to a future Area Committee meeting.

## **4 Activities for young people addressing youth anti social behaviour**

### **4.1 Operation Choice**

Since September 2011 Operation Choice has assisted in reducing youth related ASB by more than 20%, with a total of 768 incidents reported, and a reduction of 194 incidents. The working relationships between the police, the Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Team and the Youth Workers are developing to identify which teams are best suited to deal with specific ASB issues across Washington This work is looking to compliment other activities and operations to best utilise resources. The operation has also impacted upon non-youth related ASB with incidents dropping by 597 between April and September. It has focussed on the areas of Lambton, Oxclose, Fatfield, Concord and Albany and continues to bring about substantial reductions in youth related ASB with the year to date figures up to the end of December showing a reduction of 19%. This represents 258 less calls. All schools have now been contacted and sessions diaried.

## **5 Tackling Health Inequalities: Health Champions**

- 5.1 There are a total of 154 Health Champions across the city, 29 of which are based in, or are residents of, Washington. A further 603 people across the City are undergoing training, 122 of which are based in, or are residents of, Washington, which includes 1 councillor in Washington.
  - 5.2 After a competitive process Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust has commissioned Leeds Metropolitan University to carry out a full evaluation of the project, which will be completed by the end of February. It is proposed that committee receive a presentation and summary of findings at a future meeting.
  - 5.3 After the success of the Health Champions celebration event last year, another event is planned for 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012, where people who have completed all five modules will be invited to come and receive their certificate from the Mayor of Sunderland. The Health Champions Niall's Mile was held in late November in the Stadium of Light with Niall Quinn. Around 40 Health Champions and their families supported the event, and the programme made the local press through the Sunderland Echo and North East Tonight on ITV.
  - 5.4 Due to the success in Washington from January 2012 the programme will be open to all community and voluntary groups across the City of Sunderland. Sunderland TPCT will be starting a new quote process for training providers in late January and also looking at adding two more courses in 2012 to the programme for the people who have undertaken all five modules; one course around early signs and symptoms of cancer and the other around diet, nutrition and malnutrition.
- 6 Attractive Neighbourhood**
- 6.1 Service requests, complaints and resident surveys and satisfaction levels indicate that an attractive and cared for environment is still a priority for the area. Responsive Local Services continue to work with and report to Area Committee through the Area Response Manager. A verbal report will be presented at the meeting highlighting key successes, issues and activity.
  - 6.2 Area Committee has also maintained an influencing role with regard to roadways, highways and traffic management issues. That role is maintained with regular reports and updates to Area Committee together with the co-ordination of Members Requests for Service.
  - 6.3 Local buses play a vital role in supporting the economic and social life of the region, getting 141 million passengers a year to work, education, the shops and other services Nexus has been asked by the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority, with the support of the area's local councils, to look at possible new models for the delivery of bus services. Nexus is investigating the relative merits of a Quality Contracts Scheme, based on local franchising of bus services, or new Voluntary Partnership Agreements with operators, to see how they might bring improvements for passengers. These would represent a significant change to the current 'deregulated' bus market.
  - 6.4 Consultation with regard to the Bus Strategy Review is currently underway and Members will have had the opportunity to attend awareness raising sessions in January 2012. A Stakeholder Engagement event was also held in Washington on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Library and further consultation with Members will be through a survey. Information from all these events will help inform any draft proposals for March 2012.

## **7. Equality, Community Inclusion and Engagement**

- 7.1 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 between SCN and the Area Committee. Washington Area Network delegates will present a verbal report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

### **Recommendations:** Members are requested

- To note the report, progress updates and actions as detailed in this report and in the Work plan attached as **Annex 1**
- Agree further updates from Youth Opportunities
- Agree a detailed progress report for the Washington Managed Work Space Project to be presented to a future Area Committee meeting.

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Washington Area Committee 2011/12 Workplan

Priority: Helping local people access employment opportunities - focus on NEETs, links to heritage						
Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Co-ordination and support of services for young people NEET (Not in education, employment or training).	Youth Opportunities (SNCBC) funded Sept AC. 100 y/p worked with 40 into jobs or apprenticeships in 2 years	Nikki Vokes (SNCBC)	Young Persons Key Worker (YPKW) developing links with organisations which operate across Washington locality, providing overview of project. This includes Job Linkage, Connexions, Children's Centre Rainbow & Wessington, Albany Bridge Centre, Millennium Centre, Oxclose and District Young People's Project, Washington Mind, and Usworth 6th Form College. The YPKW is working closely with Riverside training supporting young people participating in Foundation Learning and Washington Youth Opportunity Apprentices as required. Links with local schools are in place with the YPKW working with Oxclose Community School to support current year 11's. The YPKW has met with local employers to introduce the project and to discuss the scope for businesses to create opportunities (employment/ training etc) for young people in the Washington locality. Washington Millennium Centre is working with the project to recruit a business administration apprentice. North-East BIC hope to recruit an apprentice through the scheme. 11 young people are currently registered on the scheme.	Review activities of other agencies. Commission activity. Engage and involve.	Reduce No. NEETs	
Availability of apprenticeships, work placements etc. for young people	Confirm provision re training, apprenticeships etc. for young people being delivered by partners in Washington. Gather evidence of jobs or ability to be placed in the work place following apprenticeships and schemes.	Karen Alexander (OCE)	Further activity planned throughout 2012 following approval of £10,000 SIB at Dec meeting. Further Business Breakfast Events are proposed in early Spring 2012, further work with young people to consider what's working, lessons learned and best practice from the Youth Opportunities Project. Proposals need to take into consideration the current work being carried out by a Cabinet Working Group which is looking at how to stimulate apprenticeships across the City. Expected report to Cabinet by Working Group early Spring.	Consult and engage organisations and partners.	Increase No. young people in training education and employment	

Links with local employers	Build links between young people and local businesses. Local Business Breakfast. Assistance for small local businesses to take on apprenticeships. Completion and promotion of Demand Survey	Karen Alexander (OCE)	As above	Engage and involve partners. Challenge providers to improve standards. Promote and publicise initiatives to improve local	No. of local businesses engaged. OR No. apprenticeships	
<b>Priority: Activities to 'engage' young people' linking young people and the broader community.</b>						
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Local Action to Influence Services</b>	<b>Lead Agent</b>	<b>Progress Report</b>	<b>Area Committee's Influencing Role</b>	<b>Outcome Measure</b>	<b>RAG</b>
Proactive preventative work with the younger age group required (8 - 13yo)	Young Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in partnership with Primary Schools. Engaging young people and schools in the Heritage offer in Washington	Alan Scott Children's Services & VCS	Blackfell Junior Neighbourhood Watch established. Also Springwell JNHW. Looking to develop Albany JNHW. Education and Heritage Officer in post and building links with schools, CAs and VCS. Details of holiday activities for young people, and Operation Choice under Item 3a.	Review activities of other agencies to ensure delivery meets local requirements. Commission activity.	Increase no. young people taking part in diversionary activities	
Gaps in provision following cuts. In particular holiday and weekend programmes	Activities in school holidays delivered by ODYPP. YDG co-ordinating programme and providers for both 13 - 19 and 8 - 12 year olds.	Alan Scott SCC Children's Services + VCS	Alignment of £30,000 Children's Services budget to Area Committee Workplan and Priorities. Item 3a for detail of programmes being developed and delivered.	Review activities of other agencies to ensure delivery meets local requirements. Commission activity.	Increased no. of youth activities and programmes	
Young people to have a valuable role in the community	Programme of volunteering and citizenship opportunities for young people.	Children's Services	Development of Blackfell Junior Neighbourhood Watch. Further Junior Neighbourhood Watch groups being developed. Development and delivery of Youth Opportunities Programme (re NEETs above) Education and Heritage Officer in post and building links with schools, CAs and VCS	Engage and involve local community.	Increase no. of young people volunteering.	

**Washington Area Committee 2010/11 Workplan**

<b>Helping local people access employment opportunities</b>						
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Local Action to Influence Services</b>	<b>Lead Agent</b>	<b>Progress Report</b>	<b>Area Committee's Influencing Role</b>	<b>Outcome Measure</b>	<b>RAG</b>
Washington Workspace Project	Influence and support the development of the Washington Workspace Project, a £6m investment to provide managed workspace in Washington by 2013.	Bernie Whittaker (OCE)	Tenders have now been appraised although a legal process is still on going re award of contract. Further reports to a future Area committee re progress.	Review activities of other agencies. Commission activity. Engage and involve.	New workspace developed. Local business start ups.	
Employability Services	Consider likely gaps re provision of services and beneficiaries following implementation of Work Programme contracts	Karen Alexander (SCC)	Report to next Task & Finish Group November 28th re future provision at Job Linkage sites in Washington. To consider Work Programme contracts, beneficiaries, gaps in service, current JL clients and likely provision available post March 2012.	Review activities of other agencies. Commission activity. Engage and involve.	Residents accessing information advice and guidance re employability	

Tackling Health Inequalities						
Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Support the reduction of health inequalities in Washington by tackling social determinants of health	Washington Health Champions being delivered. More than 200 local people on courses	Teaching Primary Care Trust - Julie Parker	Over 603 people are on the Health Champions database with 122 of them being from Washington only. Currently there are 29 Health Champions in Washington, with a potential of another 35, but overall 154 working over the city which includes Washington. More than half the people on the database are from Washington voluntary sector. The celebration event was held on Thursday 13th October at the Stadium of Light, to celebrate and thank the people of Sunderland who have given their time to go through the Health Champion training programme. Over 100 people attended. A grant process to commission a university to evaluate the Health Champion Programme is now underway. The evaluation will be complete by end of February 2012. Sunderland City Council are looking to commission more courses for Council employees, and to undertake an exercise to see if Health Champions can be broadened out to the whole of Sunderland. A further two more courses may be added to the 2012 programme.	Consult and engage organisations and partners. Commission activity.	No.s enrolled on course. Sharing health improvement messages and provide basic interventions and signposting to help local people take the first steps towards healthier lives.	
Attractive Neighbourhood						
Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Make estates/residential areas more attractive & accessible and address neighbourhood issues re litter, environmental, dog fouling etc	Area Response Team in place	Brian Hodgkinson (SCC)	Dedicated Response Team now in place for each area including Area Response Manager, Response Officer, Ward Team Leaders and Environmental Enforcement Officers. Addressed numerous complaints with regard to dog fouling and litter, landscaping, flytipping and graffiti in several Wards, erecting additional bins in response and monitoring through environmental Enforcement Officers. Community walkabouts established with residents, Members and partners. Area Response Teams now working with Neighbourhood Police Beat Managers re the co-ordination of joint working re quality of life and confidence issues through Operation Lantern. Community Respect Days, Walk Abouts and joint meetings organised to facilitate this co-ordinated approach as part of Operation Lantern Project. BH to present verbal update at each Area Committee meeting.	Consult and engage organisations and partners.	Increase in residents satisfied with services provided in their neighbourhood.	



Traffic and highways issues	Road Safety scheme and traffic management works implemented	Craig Wilkinson (SCC)	Vehicle Activated Signs Programme implementation underway with Round 2 deployed December 2011 Bonemill Roundabout installation completed various traffic and highways projects and dropped kerbs programmes implemented. Monument Park waiting restrictions implementation Spring 2012.	Consult and engage organisations and partners.	Reduced speeding incidents and accidents. Road safety improved.	
Transport issues	Public Transport provision	James Third - Nexus	Nexus has been asked by the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority, with the support of the area's local councils, to look at possible new models for the delivery of bus services. Nexus is investigating the relative merits of a Quality Contracts Scheme, based on local franchising of bus services, or new Voluntary Partnership Agreements with operators, to see how they might bring improvements for passengers. These would represent a significant change to the current 'deregulated' bus market. Consultation with regard to the Bus Strategy Review is currently underway and Members will have had the opportunity to attend awareness raising sessions in January 2012. A Stakeholder Engagement event was also held in Washington on January 25th at the Washington Library and further consultation with Members will be through a survey. Information from all these events will help inform any draft proposals for March 2012.	Consult and engage organisations and partners.	Public transport and network improvements for passengers	

Equality, Community Inclusion and Engagement						
Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Community Inclusion	Area Committee to identify initiatives to deliver community benefit and support inclusion. Opportunity to deliver cross cutting work re inclusion, heritage and lifelong learning.	Various - cross cutting priority	Number of projects implemented which engage local communities and partners. Community facilities developed in schools and available to the wider community. Christmas celebrations received huge support from the local community and encouraged 'a local identity'. Local primary schools encouraging a cohesive community, recognising and celebrating diversity. Community gardens and facilities in schools to encourage intergenerational initiatives. Area Committee continues to accept applications to support community activity and engagement to deliver the work plan	Consult and engage organisations and partners. Commission activity.	Residents and partners engaged and taking part in decision making	
Community Inclusion	Solutions to provide more support to CAs - need to confirm citywide perspective	Area Community Voluntary Sector Network	Proposals to develop support for Washington based CAs to develop business plans and forward strategy and plans through city Services Area Community Co-ordinator. <b>Further update required</b>	Consult and engage organisations and partners. Commission activity.	Residents and partners engaged and taking part in decision making Volunteers supported	
<b>Closed/Complete</b>						
Demand Survey with Employers	Identify what the skills gaps are for Employers to employ local people. SWashington focus study also completed.	Bernie Whittaker (OCE)	Discussion at Task & Finish Group 24th October re recommendations and opportunities identified through Demand Survey. <b>COMPLETED</b>	Identify priorities for support by AC. Involving partners in delivering the LAP and ensure services meet local requirements.	Employers engaged	
Addressing anti social behaviour and youth disorder	Operation Choice approved June 2011, confirm use of Youth bus as part of the 'Primary School' workstream	Northumbria Police Team	Operation Choice now underway. Youth bus with appropriate activities and information to be utilised by Police working/visiting all 19 Primary Schools. Focusing on ASB hotspots still being carried out.	Review activities of other agencies to ensure delivery meets local requirements. Commission activity.	Reduction in ASB. More children and young people engaged in positive activity	

Linking young people and the community to opportunities in the Heritage Sector in Washington	WAC Call for Projects re Heritage and Education Project. Co-ordinated approach and Action Plan to take forward recommendations from the Washington Heritage Offer Feasibility Study	Culture and Tourism (SCC)	SIB £30,000 Education and Skills Development Project to be approved June 2011. <b>Officer and apprenticeship now in post with TWEBLO. Activity and engagement underway. Update and progress report to September Area Committee. COMPLETED</b>	Commission activity.	No. volunteers in Heritage Initiatives in Washington. Increase no. NEETs	
Co-ordination of services for young people NEET (Not in education, employment or training).	Call for Project for <b>Support and Co-ordination for NEETs</b>	Area Committee	Call for project published 29th July. Applications to close 25th August. <b>Recommendations to September Area Committee. COMPLETED</b>	Review activities of other agencies. Commission activity. Engage and involve.	Reduce No. NEETs	
Co-ordination of services for young people NEET (Not in education, employment or training).	NEET Co-ordinator appointed.	Connexions - Faye Gething	NEET Co-ordinator in post to audit provision, identify gaps, encourage partnership approach and promote available opportunities for NEET young people, boosting engagement and reducing NEET figures in Washington. <b>Research completed. Report presented to July Area Committee - conclusions and recommendations to inform Call for Projects.</b>	Review activities of other agencies. Commission activity. Engage and involve.	Reduce No. NEETs	
Address barriers to training, education and employment for NEETs in Washington	Work with ESP Project to ensure barriers to opportunities are addressed.	NEET Co-ordinator	Contact ESP Project Manager (Brenda Cogden) to identify where added value for Washington can be brought. <b>Update to every Area Committee through Employment &amp; NEETs Task and Finish Group. COMPLETED</b>	Identify priorities for support by AC. Involving partners in delivering the LAP and ensure services meet local requirements.	Reduce No. NEETs	
Gap in low level first step training.	Primary level research with young people by proposed NEET Co-ordinator re provision, gaps and issues.	NEET Co-ordinator.	Research NEET Co-ordination Project <b>COMPLETED</b>	Improve standards. Consult and engage organisations and partners.	Increase No. young people in training education and employment.	
Suitable venues for courses in Washington	Audit of suitable venues available to accommodate partners and statutory providers re courses and opportunities for young people NEET.	NEET Co-ordinator	Research NEET Co-ordination Project. <b>Included in Research Report presented to Area Committee July 2011 COMPLETED</b>	Engage and involve partners. Challenge providers to improve standards.	Increase No. young people in training education and employment	

Impact of withdrawal of EMA	Impact Task Group (SCC) to meet March to consider how the Learner Support Funds will partially fill the loss of EMA Funding and what restrictions are to be placed on this spend.	Children's Services	Research NEET Co-ordination Project. <b>Included in Research Report presented to Area Committee July 2011 - see Task and Finish Group update COMPLETED</b>	Request and receive reports and updates.	N/A	
Suitable venues for courses in Washington	Audit of suitable venues available to accommodate partners and statutory providers re courses and opportunities for young people NEET.	NEET Co-ordinator	Research NEET Co-ordination Project. <b>Included in Research Report presented to Area Committee July 2011 COMPLETED</b>	Engage and involve partners. Challenge providers to improve standards.	Increase No. young people in training education and employment	
Support the reduction of health inequalities in Washington by tackling social determinants of health	Develop physical activity programmes to meet the needs of older people to promote health, reduce social isolation, increase physical activity and contribute to reducing health inequalities	Victoria French (SCC) Wellness Programme	Wellness Service, working with HHAs & City Services to increase participation in physical activity to improve independent living for older people submitting a <b>SIB application for £4,500</b> to install a set/circuit of 'outdoor gym' equipment in Extra Care Schemes at Woodridge Gardens. Part funded (50%) through Wellness Service/Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust. <b>To be presented to Area Committee December 1st Meeting. COMPLETED</b>	Consult and engage organisations and partners. Commission activity.		
Community Inclusion	Lack of co-ordination and support available to volunteers in Washington	Area Community Voluntary Sector Network	Members consulted and contribute to the draft Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy. Agreement and approval to be presented to January Cabinet. Further report to Area Committee following Cabinet approval February 2011. <b>COMPLETED</b>	Consult and engage organisations and partners. Commission activity.	Volunteers supported	
Extended services ending	Schools provide provision via Extended Schools.	Children's Services	Extended Schools budget ceases March 2011. Replaced by Pupil Premium rolled out March 2012.	Consult and engage organisations and partners.	Increase activities for children and young people	

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.

Report of the Chief Executive.

**Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources****1. Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan and work 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 up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest.

**2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT WASHINGTON COMMITTEE  
FUNDING STREAMS 2011-2012 as at 2nd February 2012**

<b>SIB: Washington SIB Statement after 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 Area Committee</b>					
* £287,261 was allocated for 2011/12, £12,321 has been brought back from 2010/11 allocations giving a total balance of £299,582, plus returned £10,449 = £310,031					
	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>SIB Budget</b>	<b>Allocated (not yet assessed)</b>	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
£10,449 -Wash Wheeled Sports Park*Return	02.06.11	Return		<b>£10,449*</b>	<b>£310,031</b>
<b>Available Funding 2011/12*</b>		<b>£310,031</b>			<b>£310,031</b>
<b>Project Name</b>	-	-		-	-
Operation Choice	02.06.11	-		£25,821	£284,210
Sunderland Festival	02.06.11	-		£3,000	£281,210
Christmas Festival	02.06.11	-		£15,000	£266,210
Aircraft Museum	02.06.11	-		£6,000	£260,210
Friends of Old Hall	02.06.11	-		£3,450	£256,760
Education & Skills Programme	02.06.11	-		£30,000	£226,760
Oxclose Church Hall	28.07.11	-		£6,500	£220,260
Young Carers Integration Pilot	28.07.11	-		£15,000	£205,260
Washington Business Breakfast	28.07.11	-		£1,500	£203,760

Washington NEET's Support Project	28.07.11	-		£2,000	£201,760
Houghton Feast (Multi)	28.07.11	-		£3,000	£198,760
Washington Christmas Illuminations	29.09.11			£7,500	£191,260
Youth Opportunities	29.09.11			£99,900	£91,360
Activities for young people	29.09.11			£11,000	£80,360
<b>Funds returned</b>	01.12.11	£18,390			£98,750
Wellness Programmes in Extra Care Centres	01.12.2011			£4,500	£94,250
Employment Task Group Activity (Subject to a SIB assessment and appraisal)	01.12.2011		£10,000		£84,250
Heritage and Community Events (Subject to a SIB assessment and appraisal)	01.12.2011		£40,000		£44,250
2012 Programme (Subject to a SIB assessment and appraisal)	01.12.2011		£10,000		£34,250
<b>New Balance</b>		<b>£310,031</b>	<b>£60,000</b>		<b>£34,250</b>

\*Subject to approval of figures in allocated column

### **Community Chest**

Available Funding 2011/12 includes the 2011/ 2012 allocation of £10,000 per ward, £13,041 unclaimed funding for 2008/2009 and £2,660 unallocated funding from 2010/ 2011.

	<b>Community Chest Budget</b>	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Central	14,248*	6,718	7,530
East	16,084*	12,453	3,631
North	12,385*	8,644	3,741
South	14,148*	7,938	6,210
West	13,040*	8,552	4,488

<b>Balance</b>	<b>£69,905</b>	<b>£44,305</b>	<b>£25,600</b>
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\* Includes returned funding from Washington Central= £1,812.98

\* Includes returned funding from Washington East = £65.88

\* Includes returned funding from Washington North = £1,000.56

\* Includes returned funding from Washington South= £150.73

\* Includes returned funding from Washington West = £55.40

## 2.2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.2.1 Following the December 2011 Area Committee meeting, a balance of **£34,250** remains to be allocated this financial year.

2.2.2 The following projects as detailed in **Annex 1** are recommended for approval, as follows:

	<u>2011/12</u>	
1. Enhancement of Concord Bus Station	<b>£ 2,250</b>	Approve
2. Usworth Grange Primary School Library	<b>£10,999</b>	Approve

2.2.3 Projects recommended for approval from the 2011/12 budget as above total **£13,249**. Should Area Committee approve this proposal, the remaining balance for the 2011/12 allocation would be **£21,001**.

## 2.3 Community Chest

2.3.1 The table below details the balances remaining to be allocated following the last meeting. An exercise to reclaim unspent and unclaimed Community Chest has been undertaken. A breakdown of funding returned per Ward is included as **Annex 3** of this report.

2.3.2 A total of 12 project proposals received are set out in **Annex 2**, together with remaining balances should those proposals be approved.

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Proposals	Balance Remaining
Washington Central	7,530*	£250	£7,280
Washington East	3,631*	£1880	£1,751
Washington North	3,741*	£1,750	£1,991
Washington South	6,210*	£720	£5,490
Washington West	4,488*	£2,250	£2,238
<b>Total</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
* Includes returned funding from Washington Central= £1,812.98			
* Includes returned funding from Washington East = £65.88			
* Includes returned funding from Washington North = £1,000.56			
* Includes returned funding from Washington South= £150.73			
* Includes returned funding from Washington West = £55.40			
A breakdown on the funds returned is attached as Annex 3			

## 3.0 Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

1. Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report.
2. Agree the recommendations set out in **Annex 1** with reference to the SIB applications.
3. Approve the 12 proposals for support from 2011/12 Community Chest as detailed in **Annex 2**
4. Note the Community Chest reclaimed amounts as detailed in **Annex 3**.

**SIB Funding Applications****Application No.1.**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Concord Bus Station Enhancement
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Responsive Local Services, City of Sunderland Council.

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£2,250	£0	£2,250
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
3 months	May 2012	July 2012

**The Project**

The scheme will provide a planted area to enhance the new feature in Concord bus station. Local school children and local residents will assist in the planting. The project will build on the recently awarded NIB Gold Medal. It will provide an improved setting for the proposed Miner's Memorial Statue which will be installed Spring 2012. This site will be a high profile 'heritage' resource for the neighbourhood and the new planting scheme will improve and enhance the site. The project will be designed to provide sustainable planting that meets the criteria to add additional interest to the project.

By involving the local community in the development of the project it is anticipated that they will take a pride in their work and do everything to ensure it continues to develop. The project will provide a pleasant and colourful display for residents and visitors to enjoy.

**Need for Project**

The project need to enhance the area has been discussed with the Washington Ward Members at the Area Committee and the local community. It will provide a much improved setting for the planned heritage memorial.

**Partnership working**

The VCS and the local community will be assisting with the planting of the scheme

**Outputs of the Project**

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	No. programmes of work to improve appearance of street/area	1
A6	No. community events held	1

**Key Milestones for the Project**

Design Scheme	Feb 2012
Order plants and materials	March 2012
Community involvement to participate in the development of the project	April 2012
Volunteers to prepare the ground and plant some of the selected species.	April 2012
Complete planting and aftercare	May 2012

**Recommendation : Approve**



## **SIB Full Application No.2**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Library Resource & Refurbishment
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Usworth Grange Primary School

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£11,999	£1,000	£10,999
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
3 months	April 2012	June 2012

### **The Project**

A survey by the National Literacy Trust in December 2011 found that one in three children do not have a single book of their own at home. The Trust said the figure has trebled in seven years, which is concerning as children with no books tend to have lower literacy standards.

Usworth Grange was put into Special Measures in September 2010. One of the criticisms was the poor standard of literacy. This project will help to develop reading across the school and improve standards of reading across the school so that all children meet age related expectations. The school is situated in an area that is in the lowest 10% of deprivation in the country. Children are not encouraged to read at home and therefore are unlikely to visit a community library. The project will refurbish the school library to provide an excellent reading environment to encourage children to spend time choosing and reading exciting books. The current school library is very outdated and has been neglected in recent years. New books and furniture will replace the very outdated and poorly stocked library. Modern portable display units and comfortable seating will give versatility and practicality to a modern school library. An attractive environment will encourage children to stay and enjoy the experience of reading books, stimulating their minds and improving their reading. A Junior Librarian coding system will also be installed which is the UK's most popular library management for primary schools. The Junior Librarian promotes reading and literacy whilst developing ICT skills. This project will result in improving the reading standards which was one of the criticisms in the September 2010 Ofsted report that placed Usworth Grange into "Special Measures.

### **Need for Project**

English was a key action point in the Ofsted Inspection of September 2010 resulting in Usworth Grange being put into Special Measures. The school will remain in Special Measures until such time as standards of reading are improved. A Quote from "The Impact of School Library Services on Achievement and Learning in Primary Schools" by Professor Dorothy Williams of the Robert Gordon University states that "Library provision can contribute to academic achievement particularly in reading literacy in primary level students". As mentioned above a recent survey by the National Literacy Trust discovered that one in 3 children do not have a book of their own at home. As Usworth Grange is situated in one of the worst areas of Washington it is likely that this will be the case in Sulgrave. A recent survey in school found that very few of our pupils visit the local community library. We hope that a modern exciting library in school will reverse this trend and promote the exciting world of books which in turn improves literacy skills. 200 pupils aged 3 - 11 years will benefit from this project.. Standards in reading will be improved and children will have full access to the library every day. Assessment in literacy will be closely monitored and success will be clearly evident.

### **Outputs of the Project**

Output Code	Description	Number
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A1	No. new or improved community facilities or equipment	1
A2	No. people using new or improved community facilities or equipment	200

### **Key Milestones for the Project**

Quotations obtained from suppliers	Feb 2012
Order and receive equipment and books	May 2012
Resources opened to children	June 2012
Improved Ofsted report re new library resources	June 2012

**Recommendation: Approve**



**COMMUNITY CHEST 2011/2012 WASHINGTON AREA  
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2011/2012	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
<b>Central</b>	<b>Washington Miners &amp; Community Heritage Group –</b> Launch event Miner's Statue, Concord.	£250			
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£250</b>	<b>14,248</b>	<b>6,718</b>	<b>£7,280</b>
<b>East</b>	<b>Washington Miners &amp; Community Heritage Group –</b> Launch event Miner's Statue, Concord.	£250			
	<b>Washington Grange Home –</b> Supply shed to house equipment for community project	£530			
	<b>Sunderland CC –</b> Memorial Seat Barmston.	£1,100			
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£1,880</b>	<b>16,084</b>	<b>12,453</b>	<b>£1,751</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>Washington Miners &amp; Community Heritage Group –</b> Launch event Miner's Statue, Concord.	£250			
	<b>Roseberry Court Residents –</b> Easter Celebration	£500			
	<b>Peacehaven Court Residents –</b> Easter Celebration	£500			
	<b>St Bede's Primary School –</b> Locking system for school	£500			
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£1,750</b>	<b>12,385</b>	<b>8,644</b>	<b>£1,991</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>Washington Miners &amp; Community Heritage Group –</b> Launch event Miner's Statue, Concord.	£250			
	<b>Washington AFC –</b> new equipment	£470			
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£720</b>	<b>14,148</b>	<b>7,938</b>	<b>£5,490</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>Washington Miners &amp; Community Heritage Group –</b> Launch event Miner's Statue, Concord.	£250			
	<b>Springwell Village Primary School –</b> Story sacks and books	£2,000			
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,250</b>	<b>13,040</b>	<b>8,552</b>	<b>£2,238</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£6,850</b>	<b>£69,905</b>	<b>£44,305</b>	<b>£18,750</b>

**Community Chest: reclaimed unspent and unclaimed funds**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Amount Reclaimed</b>
3rd Washington Scout Group	Central	8.89
Washington University of the Third Age	Central	60.00
Lambton Community Centre	Central	1000.00
Our Lady's Over 55 Club	Central	2.25
Pitstop Youth Project ODYPP	Central	565.00
Washington Glebe Bowling Club	Central	75.00
Sunderland Armed Forces Steering Group	Central	100.00
ODYPP	Central	1.84
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,812.98</b>
3rd Washington Scout Group	East	8.89
Shepherd Way Allotment Society	East	4.54
Washington Video and Editing Group	East	1.01
Harraton and District CA	East	0.97
Sunderland Armed Forces Steering Group	East	48.63
ODYPP	East	1.84
<b>Total</b>		<b>£65.88</b>
3rd Washington Scout Group	North	8.89
Bede's Babes	North	63.20
St Thomas Handicap Club	North	40.00
Washington Legends CSFC	North	393.00
Pensioner Club No.2	North	26.96
Roseberry Court Residents	North	113.77
Millennium Centre Friends	North	32.35
Roseberry Court Residents	North	31.16
Peacehaven Court Residents	North	176.00
ODYPP	North	1.84
St Thomas Disabled Club	North	113.39
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,000.56</b>
3rd Washington Scout Group	South	8.89
St Thomas Handicap Club	South	40.00
Lambton Community Centre	South	100.00
ODYPP	South	1.84
<b>Total</b>		<b>£150.73</b>
3rd Washington Scout Group	West	8.89
St Thomas Handicap Club	West	44.70
ODYPP	West	1.84
<b>Total</b>		<b>£55.40</b>