Washington Area Committee: Work Plan 2012 -13

PLACE

Budget: Allocated: Balance: £0

ОИТСОМЕ	ROLE FOR AREA COMMITTEES	ACTIONS	Place Board to Consider	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area committee update due	RAG
CORPORATE: An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time	Strategic Influencing Role	Strategy for dealing with dilapidated industrial estates and applications for changes of use and understand the corporate approach to enforcement in relation to environmental standards on private sector owned industrial estates.	Feb-13	Mike Poulter	Recently some progress has been made with the City Council meeting Ashtenne one of private sector owners to discuss localised fly-tipping and deliberate fires that have occurred and caused significant damage to underpasses. ASHTENNE advised the council that they do not own a large number of areas around the developments. Land ownership will need to be confirmed before further progress can be made. At Blackfell/Crowther where deliberate fires had been started, ASHTENNE arranged for the removal of fly-tipping identified around some units. They also agreed to arrange for locks to be fitted to the gates and also install some bollards to prevent vehicular access. Mapping exercise with Ward members to identify and prioritse issues and hotspots January 2013	Apr-13	
		Influence LDF/Core Strategy - approach to housing numbers and type for Washington, plans for the Ayton Primary School site, proposals for supermarkets.	Feb-13	Neil Cole	Area committee consultation workshop - to be confirmed The intention at present is to take the Draft Local Development Framework Core Strategy to the Cabinet meeting in March. Sessions will be organised in January and February 2013 that will provide an opportunity for members to consider and comment on the LDF proposals as they relate to their local area. The outcome of these sessions will be used to inform the development of the LDF as it progresses through the consultation process. Any amendments to the LFD programme that might require changes to the member engagement element will be communicated as soon as is feasibly exercible.	Apr-13	
		Monitor and receive information relating to development of the new Leisure Centre	Feb-13	Julie Gray/Victoria French	Consultation with users carried out August. Results and user priorities to be included in design options. The Council's November newsletter will share information on what has happened so far and where we are in the process. A report will go to Cabinet to make a decision on the preferred design option and procurement which is likely to be January 2013. Following this further consultation will be programmed to determine what programmes of activities customers would want to see taking place in the Leisure Centre. Member's were consulted October with regard to progress, work programme and next steps.	Apr-13	
Area: High quality built and natural environments in Washington	Local Action Key Priorities for Action: Investment in the built & natural environment	Monitor and receive information relating to development of Washington Managed Workspace	Feb-13	Berni Whitaker	Planning application now submitted and validated. Anticipate January approval with a 13 week planning period. Tendering for construction immediately after and start on site March 2013. Expected completion December 2013. BW to attend February Board meeting and present plans following approval.	Apr-13	
		5. Flood Risk Planning and	Feb-13	Barry Frost/Kevin Liddle (EP) David Laux (Engineers)	Independent Training Package for Elected Members held November through Emergency Planning College 2. Supply Kits: to confirm when and how out to Members. 3. David Laux to attend February board to discuss prevention measures and solutions and report progress. A number of actions ongoing with Northumbria Water. DL also to consider proposals for schemes re EA funding (2013 - 2014) 4. To identify how communities can be supported and work can be initiated through the Environment Agency with groups re Flood Watch Schemes.	Apr-13	

Item 2: Annex 1

			Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Rolling Programme	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward.				
t t	CORPORATE: A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change	Strategic Influencing Role:	7a. To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services which includes graffit removal, fly tipping, dog fouling, grass cutting, refuse collection, recycling - with the addition of parks repairs and inspections.	Feb-13		To encouraged external partners to find a positive solution and reduce need for RLS and the City council to implement enforcement powers, meetings with the Galleries Management and supermarkets with regard to better co-ordination to address the issue of dumping of shopping trolleys are underway. A number of supermarkets are now signed up to using Trolley Wise who now provide additional staff to cover weekends and a free phone number (08003161241) is now available to contact Trolley Wise direct and arrange the removal of abandoned trolleys. Galleries Management are working to encourage the only three supermarkets not using Trolley Wise to utilise the scheme (M&S, Wilkinson's and Matalan). Further proposals re a solution to illegal camping are now being considered. Safe subways and identification of issues/hotpsots to be included in day to day service provison. Audit of parks and green spaces in Washington - concerns re lack of Green Flag status park in Washington, and some resources and facilities not included/recognised as part of SCC Greenspace audit. Usworth Park identifed as potential Green Flag park.	Apr-13			
2			7b. Established Officer Working Group to develop proposals for Area Committee consideration	Feb-13		Officer Working Group established to consider how Members influencing role is further developed and to look at ways to help deliver responsive services through partnership working, co-ordination and collaboration. Information, proposals and solutions to be reported January AC. Members to access Service Directory to obtain appropriate contacts for requests. BH to liaise with Area Officer on engaging residents and organisations in the upkeep and improvement of their local area using LWYL campaign. Report and recommendations to Jan AC re confirmation of pruning and landscaping programmes and where gaps will be. Recommendation for partnership working to fill gaps. BH undertaking prioritisation of works.	Apr-13			
			8. Work with the Area VCS Network and the Washington Trust to help increase awareness of the services and support available to people in their community	Feb-13		Ongoing through communication and co-ordination with Area Network. Next network meeting Feb 2013. Reps continue to attend AC. Voluntary Sector actively involved delivering services and continue to collaborate to ensure sustainability. Washington Trust currently working to submit a cross cutting funding application to Reaching Communities (Big Lottery), invited to submit Stage 2. Progress report to future meeting.	Apr-13			
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	CORPORATE: A well connected city	Strategic Influencing Role	Influence LDF/Core Strategy - sustainable transport options for Washington	Feb-13		The intention at present is to take the Draft Local Development Framework Core Strategy to the Cabinet meeting in March. Sessions will be organised in January and February 2013 that will provide an opportunity for members to consider and comment on the LDF proposals as they relate to their local area. The outcome of these sessions will be used to inform the development of the LDF as it progresses through the consultation process. Any amendments to the LFD programme that might require changes to the member engagement element will be communicated as soon as is feasibly possible.	Apr-13			
			11. Area committee to be consulted on quality contract scheme (QCS)	Feb-13	Nexus - James Third	The QCS proposal has now been submitted to the ITA by Nexus. Decision by the ITA to be brought to Boards and Area Networks February/March 2013.	Apr-13			

	AREA: A well connected Washington	Local Action	12. Investigate options and feasibility of developing integrated cycle network, promotion of walks and races to link villages	Feb-13	Brian Hodgkinson	Project proosal submitted to January AC with request to ringfence £50,000 SIB budget. The Community Health and Green Spaces Project meets a number of the key priorities of the Area Committee. This includes ensuring Washington has healthy outcomes and lifestyles, investing in built and natural environment as well as a connected Washington through the development of an integrated cycle network, improvements to green spaces, and the promotion of events to link villages. The project will tackle known health inequalities in Washington as well as delivering an integrated network. A number of partners and organisations are keen to collaborate and be included in the development and delivery of the project. The project will be delivering and contributing to an ever growing and evolving corporate agenda, will engage local communities in the strategic health agenda, and support those communities to make best use of health and well being provision locally. A detailed application will be submitted February subject to assessment and consultation.	Apr-13	
			13. Investigate options for improved broadband provision in Washington	Feb-13	Karon Purvis	Information for the Board to consider re options for improved Broadband in Washington. Clarity re previous funding and packages received.	Apr-13	
			15. Monitor and receive information in recognition of any new issues being raised from influencing role/reporting.	Rolling Programme	Karon Purvis	As issues are identified at Place Board, receive relevant information and reports to identify solutions and/or new activity for the board to take forward		
4	CORPORATE: A city where cultural identify and vibrancy act as an attraction	Strategic Influencing Role	16. Influencing role with City Services to determine future strategy for managing local events and celebrations.	Feb-13	Karon Purvis	Meetings and discussions underway with regard to approach to managing and funding local events. Future way of working and implementation to be confirmed following discussions with Head of Culture and Tourism, relevant Portfolio Holders and Area Committee Chairs. SIB funding applications for 2 x key local events to January Area Committee. Update request re establishment of Events company.	Apr-13	
	AREA: Washington's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Washington's culture and		17. Receive report updating WAC on progress Washington Heritage Offer Feasibility Study recommendations.	Feb-13	Karon Purvis	KP to organise meeting with Trina Murphy and appropriate VCS organisations. First meeting January 2013. Washington Trust also considering how to assist the implementation of recommendations from the study. Propose further discussions with the Washington Trust February 2013.	Apr-13	
	G A R	Progressing on target Progressing but behind s Not progressing	schedule (with plans in place to action)	G A R			-	
	CLOSED ACTIVITY & ISSUE:	S	To investigate the feasibility of CCTV networking for Washington.	CLOSED 04/09/2012	Mike Poulter	To consider options and need profile for Washington CCTV Network - police stats, identify what's currently in place(including provision through LMAPs), gaps and costs. A number of cameras already in operation across the area. Very few requests to redeploy LMAP resources. Costs prohibitive re new networked and monitored cameras -unable to fund form AC resurces. Agreed at Place Board 4th September to update AC and close this item.	CLOSED	
			Investigate feasibility and identify need for dropped kerbs and pavements programme across Washington.	CLOSED 04/09/2012	Richard Irving/ Terry Hutchinson	Reactive programming in place at city level	CLOSED	
			Flood Risk Planning	CLOSED	C.Mordecia	Service Directory updated to include Northumbria Water emergency numbers and emergency centre numbers (out of hours).	CLOSED	

	3		Hodgkinson	Operation Lantern @ Albany subway. Extra support in place via Community	closed included day to day RLS Services	
	Influence strategic approach to parking	CLOSED	Highways	Issues raised re bus links being dealth with and responded to by appropriate	CLOSED	
	and highways issues			agencies and departments.		