

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
26th September 2019
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Neighbourhood Fund (NF) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 the Neighbourhood Fund, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in the report
- (b) Consider and award **£15,220 NF 2019/20** and **£40,000 (CCG funding)** for 6 applications for Healthy Action in the Community as presented in **Annex 1**
- (c) Consider and award **£40,000 NF (2018/19 previously aligned)** to Washington Mind for the Washington Safe Care Project as presented in **Annex 1**
- (d) Consider and approve **£50,000 NF 2019/20** for the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Washington Social Isolation Project (Small Grants) as set out in **Annex 2**
- (e) Consider and approve **£10,000 NF 2019/20** for the Washington VCS Support Project as detailed in **Annex 3**
- (f) Consider and approve **£15,000 NF 2019/20** to extend the Washington Young Peoples Can Do fund as set out in **Paragraph 3.4**
- (g) Consider and align **£28,114** to develop a new approach to delivering young people's activities programmes as set out in **Paragraph 3.5**
- (h) Consider and approve **£10,000 NF 2019/20** for the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Washington Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) as set out in **Annex 4**
- (i) Consider and approve the Change of Project for the 'Support for Friends Project' as detailed in **Annex 5**
- (j) Consider and approve **£5,000 NF 2019/20** to Environmental Services to update the Princess Anne Park Master Plan as detailed in **Paragraph 4.3**
- (k) Consider and approve **£20,800 NF 2019/20** to Environmental Services to purchase additional grounds maintenance equipment for Washington as detailed in **Annex 6**
- (l) Consider and approve **£30,000 NF 2019/20** to Environmental Services for the Tree Management Project as detailed in **Annex 7**
- (m) Consider and approve **£45,000 NF 2019/20** for the Events 2020 programme as detailed in **Paragraph 4.6**
- (n) Note the Washington Ward Improvement balances as detailed in **Paragraph 5**
- (o) Note the Community Chest balances as detailed in **Paragraph 6** and **Annex 8**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD DIRECTORATE

The Neighbourhood Fund (NF), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 the Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Neighbourhood Fund (NF)

The table below shows the financial position of the Neighbourhood Fund for 2019/2020:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total NF available at the beginning of municipal year 2019/2020 is £452,860. This includes new allocation of £387,261 plus 'returned to budget' funds of £2,534 and £757 and unspent budget from 2018/19 of £2,308. Also added to the balance is £20,000 proposed for Activities for children and young people and £40,000 proposed CCG funding				
Project Name				
Opening balance 2019/20				£452,860
Positive Activities 2019/20	June 2019		20,000	£432,860
Washington Safe Care (previously aligned 2018/19 budget)	June 2019		40,000	£432,860
Phoenix Project	June 2019		12,000	£420,860
Washington Road Safety	June 2019		50,000	£370,860
Usworth Park	June 2019		30,000	£340,860
Balance				£340,860

- 2.1 Members are therefore asked to note the available balance of **£340,860** as detailed in the table above

3. People based priorities

Priority: Health & Well Being

- 3.1 Healthy Action in the Community

June Area Committee accepted **£40,000** CCG funding to support VCS led activities which meet local health outcomes. The Call for Projects was released July. Six Small Grants (£5,000 and under) and four Full Neighbourhood Fund application (over £5,000) packs were requested. Three Small Grants applications and Three Full Neighbourhood Fund applications were received back by the deadline of 9th August. Following Neighbourhood Fund procedures and protocols, all applications have been assessed and consulted on, and the Officer recommendation is presented in **Annex 1 Neighbourhood Fund Executive Summary**. Given the results of the scoring and assessments (CCG and SCC), breadth of reach, variety and range of proposals and the number of VCS organisations applying, the Joint People and Place Board held 9th September recommends Area Committee approve the Officer recommendation as detailed in **Annex 1** and agree an additional **£15,220** from the 2019/20 Neighbourhood Fund budget, to support more projects.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£285,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

Priority: Adult Social Care

3.2 Addressing Social Isolation

The July People Board recommended a Call for Projects for Social Isolation. This will be rolled out as a Small Grants Scheme. A draft Project Brief is attached as **Annex 2**. Members are requested to consider and agree **£50,000** and invite applications from local VCS organisations via an open Call for Projects, for bids not exceeding £5,000 (1 application per organisation).

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£235,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

Priority: Community Inclusion

3.3 VCS Support: VCS Training Programme

The July Board recommended an extension to the VCS Support Project to deliver a training programme for Washington VCS grassroots organisations. Organisations have identified a range of courses/programmes they would like to see and a 'Change of Project' request is attached as **Annex 3**. Members are requested to consider and agree **£10,000** from the 2019/20 budget to support the delivery of a Training Programme for smaller, grassroots organisation.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£225,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

3.4 Washington Young Peoples Can Do Fund

The July Board proposed an extension to the Washington Can Do Project. That extension will include an additional **£5,000** to expand the project to include primary school aged groups, asking for projects with a focus on Clean & Green Environmental Champions (up to £500 per application), as well as extending and adding an additional **£10,000** to the 'senior' programme. The current methodology and model will remain in place. It is proposed the next invite/Call, to be released October 2019 with a view to presenting applications to November People Board.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£210,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

3.5 Positive Activities/Summer 2020 Programme

Following the approval of the October 2019 – Easter 2020 programme, detailed under **Item 4 People Board Progress Report**, the September Joint Board agreed to recommend the balance of **£3,114** be carried forward to fund the Summer 2020 Programme. The Board also agreed to request Area Committee to align **£25,000 SIB** and for November Board to receive a report from Officers identifying alternative models and best practise from other areas. A total of £28,114 would be available for the Summer 2020 programme

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£185,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

Priorities: Washington Safe

3.6 Washington Safe Care

June Area Committee approved a Project Brief to deliver the Washington Safe Care Project – which proposes activity to address and educate with regards to healthy relationships, support for locality working that delivers a range of Living Skills for young people and improve parenting practices in relation to what is acceptable as the social norm with regards to 'behaviours' and 'outcomes'. Two application packs were requested. Two applications were then received and under the Neighbourhood Fund procedures and protocols, assessment and consultation was completed. An Executive Summary and Officer Recommendation is presented in **Annex 1** and Area Committee is requested to approve **£40,000** (previously aligned) to deliver the Washington Safe Care/YAIC Project as detailed in Annex 1.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£185,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4. Place based priorities

Priority: Environment & Green Space

4.1 Washington Clean & Green: Local Action

July People Board recommended a Call for Projects for Clean & Green Local Action Project to encourage smaller grassroots organisations to be more involved in caring for the local environment and neighbourhoods. This will be rolled out as a SIB Small Grants Scheme. A draft Project Brief is attached as **Annex 4**. Members are requested to consider and agree **£10,000** and invite applications from local VCS organisations via an open Call for Projects, for bids not exceeding £500 (1 application per organisation).

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£175,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4.2 Washington Support for Friends

This project has reported the following support has been delivered:

- Cranberry Drive
- Springwell RA supported re plants, transport and support staff
- Contributed to costs for Usworth Park security
- KWT support for equipment, campaign and materials
- Friends of Princess Anne Park Notice Boards – agreed but not accrued.

This project is now approaching 2year deadline for this initiative, and a proposed 'Change to Project' request is attached as **Annex 5**. The proposal is that the current project is closed and the balance of **£10,531** be transferred to Community Resilience to develop a support package/programme for the emerging 'Friends of Usworth Park' and to further support 'Friends of Princess Anne Park' with regards to proposals to update the Master Plan (as detailed in Annex 6 of this report)

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£175,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4.3 Princess Anne Park

Following discussions at both the July Place board and September Joint Board to produce a Development Plan for Princess Anne Park, Area Committee is recommended to approve **£5,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20 budget**, to Environmental Services to deliver an update of the 'original' Princess Anne Park Master Plan. Officers will report to November board to confirm specification and timescales.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£170,640** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4.4 Following a report to July Board with regards to the success and positive outcomes from a Gator purchased via Area Committee funding last year, the September Joint Board is recommending to Area Committee the purchase of a 2nd vehicle plus snow clearing attachments. The proposal is attached as **Annex 6**. Members are requested to approve **£20,800 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20 budget** to purchase additional Grounds Maintenance equipment as presented.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£149,840** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

4.5 Washington Tree Management Strategy

The Joint Board held in April 2019 identified the provision of a Tree Management Strategy/Plan for Washington as a new priority. Following further discussions at both July Place Board and September Joint Board, Area Committee is requested to agree to fund a pilot to deliver local activity as a priority, dealing with problematic areas, overgrown and unmanaged plantation areas, and addressing both Ward Members and resident's concerns. The proposed approach is detailed under **Annex 7** and Area Committee is requested to approve **£30,000 Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20 budget**.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£119,840** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

Priority: Heritage and Culture

4.6 Events Programme 2020

The Joint September Board recommends Area Committee agree a targeted approach to develop and deliver the Washington Events Programme for 2020. Building on the previous successful delivery of the last 3 programmes by SNCBC, the proposal is that SNCBC are invited to submit a full SIB application to deliver the following:

1. Miners Event/Picnic Usworth Park
2. Washington Family Carnival
3. Washington Illuminations
4. Washington Community Christmas Festival (enhanced via Community Chest if required).
5. Springwell Village 1940s event (enhanced via Community Chest if required)
6. Road closures – Durham Miners Gala plus Remembrance - via multi ward Community Chest
7. Durham Miners Gala Band and Bus – via multi ward Community Chest.

The Board recommends **£45,000** be approved from the **2019/20 budget** and SNCBC be invited to submit a full application via Neighbourhood Fund procedures and protocols. Officer recommendation would be presented at the next available Area Committee meeting December 2019 following assessment and consultation.

Should the Area Committee agree the above, a balance of **£74,840** remains available (Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20).

5. Washington Ward Improvement Project

The table below details the Washington Ward Improvement Balances to date:

Ward	Allocation approved	Project spend	Allocated	Balance
Washington Central	£20,000	£9,032	£3,734	£ 7,234
Washington East	£20,000	£9,258		£10,742
Washington North	£20,000	£9,317	£7,434	£ 3,249
Washington South	£20,000	£9,285	£ 450	£10,265
Washington West	£20,000	£2,763	£2,986	£14,251
Total	£100,000	£39,655	£14,604	£45,741

6. Community Chest

The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances for 2019/2020. **Annex 8** shows approvals to the end of August 2019.

Ward	Starting Balance 2019/2020	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£10,000	£6,609.94	£174.28	£3,564.34
Washington East	£10,000	£4,765	£0	£5,235
Washington North	£12,718	£5,759	£0	£6,959
Washington South	£15,005	£2,965	£0	£12,040
Washington West	£11,348	£1,965	£0	£9,383
Total	£59,071	£22,063.94	£174.28	£37,181.34

7. Recommendations: Members are requested to:

7.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report under paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2

7.2 Consider and award **£15,220** Neighbourhood Fund 2019/20 and **£40,000** CCG funding for applications for Healthy Action in the Community as presented in **Annex 1**

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Annex 1: Neighbourhood Fund Executive Summary: Neighbourhood Fund Applications

Annex 2: Project Brief Social Isolation

Annex 3: VCS Support: VCS Training Programme

Annex 4: Clean and Green: Local Action Project Brief

Annex 5: Support for Friends Groups

Annex 6: Grounds Maintenance Equipment

Annex 7: Washington Tree Management

Annex 8: 2019/20 Community Chest