

Washington Area Committee: Work Plan 2015 -16
PEOPLE

Area Priority	ACTIONS	Progress Report
Health and Wellbeing	1. Strategic Health Group (CCG, Public Health, SCC, VCS) to identify opportunities for partnership working and shared priorities.	Shared ownership approach developed - the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark, a local 'Hub' developed to deliver health initiatives including walking and cycling initiatives. Further Call for Projects for a 4th round re small grants to engage local people in activity re greenspace accesibility. Activities and courses already being delivered via Go Washington projects. Charter Mark scheme now has 24 organisations certified and working with an additional 6. Strategic Health Group will continue to meet to determine focus and proposals for joint working across AC's key priorities. AC aligned £50,000 SIB to develop this partnership approach. Delivery Partner Event held 29th February @ The Lifehouse to discuss collaboration, identify partnerships and determine gaps and issues. Following March Area Committee; collaborative partnership approached via WSHG and lead identified and agreed by partners. SIB application to be agreed at June Area Committee. . WSHG monitoring implementation of Home to Hospital .
	2. Improve participation in activity through ensuring Ensure use of Community Health and Green spaces Project is utilised to deliver initiatives to address health inequalities	Ensure links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking, Active Sunderland events and activities and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Works continue to be aligned with strategic developments. Update at Board highlighting initiatives which have been implemented via the Washington Way investment. Underspend from developing the Washington Way to be aligned for future work re health and green spaces. PR and launch of updated map and leaflet to be organised spring 2016.
	3. Identify gaps in Mental Health Services. Focus on self harm and suicide in young people.	Self harming in young people identified as a key priority. Cross cutting partnership approach in development as part of the proposed Time to Care Project. Delivery Partner Event held 29th February @ The Lifehouse to discuss collaboration, identify partnerships and determine gaps and issues. Detailed report included in April Board 'Project Update Report' with recommendations for project outcomes to inform Project Brief/C4P - to be determined June Area Committee .
	4. Drugs and alochol/substance misuse	There is a wider strategic issue.
Adult Social Care	1. Determine best practice and added value that AC funded projects have brought to the ASC Framework.	There is also a need to understand the impact of short-term funding projects. Adult Social Care and social isolation remains a priority. Additional health funding to AC to look at 'out of hospital' support and initiatives including self help. Home from Hospital C4P agreed at Area Committee 3rd March.
	2. Ensure any proposed outcomes and initiatives are linked to the VCS - opportunities to develop collaboration and/or consortia working to deliver shared priorities	Ensure opportunities for VCS involvement via the Area Network.
Community Inclusion and support for the VCS	1. VCS Network to continue to be the mechanism for collaboration and partnership working with the VCS re delivering shared priorities. Area Chair to continue role as Co Chair of Network. ACO continue to provide support and co-ordination re Area Network	VCS Network meets every 6 weeks. Proposed priorities was discussed and the production of a Network work-plan supported by Area Committee. Suggestion from Membership to look at the development of smaller community groups and encourage residents to become involved in Area Committee. Look at venues for meetings, publicity of meetings etc. AC currently considering how to sustain volunteering work currently being delivered. £35,000 SIB funding agreed at March Area Committee to further develop community inclusion and support for local VCS. Washington Network annual Plan and proposals for future working to be presented to June Area Committee.
	2. Co-ordinate and maximise volunteering in Washington.	Washington Trust appointed the Volunteer co-ordinator. Washington Volunteer forum to be set up. Updates to future meetings. Washington 100 initiative promoted. The Washington Trust volunteer project to be evaluated re project milestones, outcomes and performance. Progress report and detailed information re. progress presented to April Board.

	3. Influence and support the delivery of youth activity in the Washington. Consider continued support for young people to take forward initiatives develop capacity and engagement and encourage partnership working and participation, and to support the delivery of area priorities - links to health and well being initiatives and environmental/physical improvements and neighbourhood enhancements.	Youth Operational Group to continue to meet to influence delivery and development of activities for young people. Members continue to meet with youth provider to influence delivery of sessions. Continued support for local young people via the Washington Youth Council. Funding via a 'Can Do' fund for young people to contribute to delivering Area Committee priorities approved at October AC. Rolling programme of 'rounds' throughout the year.
Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning	1. Continue to monitor Youth Opportunities Project and School Opportunities Project.	Now merged as one project which commenced delivery 1st April 2015. On target with regular updates to Board.
	2. Determine support for financial inclusion projects to increase family resilience	Proposals to deliver a Washington based Skills & Enterprise Programme. December Area Committee aligned £15,000 SIB to develop and deliver the event. Project Brief to June Area Committee. £40,000 aligned to develop Washington Financial Inclusion Project - work underway regarding evidence gathering, determining what is already being delivered in the area, and what the gaps and issues are - especially the impact on families re implementation of Universal Credit. This to be carried forward to ensure consideration given to impact of strategic approach, further data gathering re local picture, and the impact of further welfare reform measures.
Safer Washington	1. Maintain key partnerships and collaborative working re LMAPs, links with Safer Sunderland Partnership priorities re reducing crime and disorder. Establish collaboration and partnership working re shared priorities for a Safer Washington.	Joint Police and cllr meetings to be scheduled. Opportunity identified for closer working in relation to inconsiderate parking around schools working with Network Management and Police. Ensure Sulgrave and Concord Neighbourhood Management Model links with other initiatives to add value to the approach and assist with sustainability.
Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee	1. Develop New Relationship with Schools	At its meeting of 5th November Cabinet approved the Policy Statement on the role of the Council in relation to schools and the wider education system. The Statement determines the role of the Council in improving educational outcomes and defines the key elements of the local authority's role. Additionally, next steps were agreed in order to develop the necessary relationships, systems and processes to reflect the changing education landscape, the educational priorities within the city's key strategies, the Council's Community Leadership role and its statutory duties. One of those key actions is to develop arrangements whereby Elected Members are enabled to play a role in strengthening the local accountability of schools and in sharing local intelligence. Currently arrangements are underway to discuss this approach with members early in the new municipal year.' Members have also asked for information as to the number of reception class placements available for this year 15/16. LB to report back to Board.