

OPLE

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.	The Board recommended three separate opportunities to develop a shared ownership approach for developing the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark, a local 'Hub' to develop and deliver health initiatives and an opportunity for small grants to the VCS and key partners to deliver health projects to help residents become more active. Co-ordinating these opportunities will add value to current WAC funded initiatives linking the CHGSP (The Washington Way) and Maximising green spaces for the 5 Ways to Well Being.. March AC agreed the award for Physical hub and Charter Mark. 4 grants now awarded under Go Washington. It is proposed that the next round be deferred until the Physical hub and Charter Mark are underway allowing organisations to gain a better understanding and ideas of how they can link in thus maximising opportunities.
	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	Steering Group continues to meet ensuring links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as Walking forums, new walking trails, way marking and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Project launch event Tuesday 26th May at Springwell Community Venue. Further works on Washington Way to be aligned with the strategic
	3. Identify gaps in Mental Health Services. Focus on self harm and suicide in young people.	Self harming in young people identified via Area Network and adopted by Area committee as a key priority. Need the development of a cross cutting partnership approach. A number of risks and issues identified - communication, transition between children's services and adult services, links to drugs, alcohol and substance misuse. Awaiting Scrutiny Report and recommendations relating to suicide prevention. suicide audit taking place July 2015. Need to understand where referrals are coming from. Further information required regarding the Integrated Teams, Living Well Service etc. Possibly be invited to a future board.
	4. Drugs and alcohol/substance misuse	Take forward as a priority to June Area Committee. There is a wider issue particularly around alcohol as to how Cllrs can influence and prevent more licensed out-lets. Proposals to consider: - influencing local community, smoking and tobacco control, families and carers in crisis, new understand links and proposals for Integrated working in Children's Services.
	5. Promote the take up of Health Champions Training including the Dementia Module and the promotion of dementia friendly communities	Dementia Awareness modules underway. Health champions and dementia friendly approach to be included in proposed charter mark scheme. The Dementia Awareness Training is due to cease in June 2015. A report will be brought to People Board following the end of the project.
	6. Influence work relating to Integrated Wellness Review recommendations	Further information required regarding Integrated teams, Living Well Service.
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 - should a city-wide approach be taken with Area Committee provided the additional value with sustainability - if required. 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.
	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. Last meeting 21st April - proposed priorities was discussed and a new VCS Network representative elected. Other issues being addressed via the Network meeting include the production of a work-plan. The sector also keen to be part of the development and delivery of the community led programme of entertainment and activities at the proposed Summer Carnival 2015 (Project Brief approved a March Area Committee). The Washington Trust Volunteer Coordinator can assist groups who come forward with proposals etc.

	2. Co-ordinate and maximise volunteering in Washington.	Washington Trust now appointed the Volunteer co-ordinator. Washington Volunteer forum to be set up. Updates to future meetings. A draft Washington Volunteering Plan is currently being developed.
	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.	Continued support for local young people via the Washington Youth Council. Youth Operational Group to continue to meet to influence delivery and development of activities for young people. Discussions relating to youth contract review to February People Board. Further meeting of all AC Members was held 5th March to determine AC influencing, and options relevant to the area delivery in relation to the youth contract. Members continue to meet with youth provider to influence delivery of sessions.
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. New targets and milestones. Detailed report to next board.
	2. Consider options for schemes to provide support for local residents to access appropriate 'employability' support and help those residents who experience problems accessing JC+ provision, and providing the required evidence to enable compliance and avoid repercussions.	Working Group established to discuss issues. December Area Committee agreed to align £20,000 SIB to develop a proposal to determine resources, local need and capacity of local organisations and relevant partners, determine where there are gaps in provision at a local level, develop measures to support those local need and gaps, and develop a sustainable approach to continue to support local residents and to help the VCS organisations work in partnership and collaboration to provide the required services for residents in need. March Area Committee agreed that People Board could agree the Call for Project Brief in relation to this priority via the VCS.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>