Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within Washington, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Washington Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

- Tackle empty properties
- Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities
- Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood
- Flood mitigation
- Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- Plantation and tree management •
- Street furniture •
- Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting

- Increase 5G access & support digital learning ٠
- Healthy and Well Being
- Support VCS to provide additional local services
- Support local volunteering •
- Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to help reduce fear of crime through partnership working
- Local Events •
- Support for young people •
- Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage ٠

It is now the responsibility of Washington Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and inform the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.



Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1. Tackle Empty Properties		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City More and better housing		
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report
Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board Illegal encampments raised as an issue	Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area	 Following an update to all Area Chairs, presentation from Private Sector Housing Team to July Board. Access control measures: The following update with regards to completion dates Access control measures Area 1 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 15/07/2022 Area 2 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 Area 3 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 Area 4 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 Area 5 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 Area 6 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 Area 7 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 Area 8 – Shepherd Way Car Park – 15/07/2022 Area 9 - Staithes Road Car Park – 15/07/2022 Area 10 - Viewpoint Car Park – 15/07/2022 Area 11- Rickleton Park – 30/06/2022 The low-level fencing to James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge is estimated to be completed 30/06/2022.
2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activ	ties	
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More resi A Healthy City Smart City Clear Sunderland Community Wealth	dents participating in their comn per and more attractive city and i	
Action	Next steps	Progress
Continue with Clean and Green community clean ups and litter picks and love where you live campaign projects and campaigns	ACDL to work with the lead with regards to identify project sustainability post March 2022	Approved by Board and AC as a priority for 22/24. Following discussion with the lead and based on recent appointment of new Project Co-ordination team, Washington Clean & Green Volunteer Project applying for an extension of the current project and brief to March 2023 – to be considered at June AC

Scheme: Additional planters – look into feasibility of resident groups adopting them Continue with Ward Improvement Project	ACDL to confirm with Environmental Services how many planters are available, condition and requirements for maintenance and repair ACDL followed up on all	7 schemes agreed with 24 planters utilised – East Bridge St, Oxclose/Crighton, Building Blocks Centre, Usworth Park, Rickleton PS, Biddick PS, the Life House Sensory Garden. Clean & Green Team are project managing the scheme Ward Improvement Project identified as a priority for remainder of Delivery
	outstanding works, all claims submitted.	PlanFollowing recent agreement with regards to additional requests for servicesinternally, a new simpler process is being established for all Walk & Talk/WardImprovement Projects.ACDL to brief Members with regards to implementation of new methodologyand Internal Framework at July Board meeting
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	ACDL to present options/review of project outcomes to future Board	C & G: Local Action Small Grants Call for Projects planned release end June 2022. Funding in place to end of Delivery Plan
•	to tackle those who continue to t nd more attractive city and neigh	fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood
Action	Next steps	Progress
Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project (WNMEP)- Focus on Neighbourhood 'enforcement' in village centres, littering on slip roads, use of cameras, vandalism and ASB in parks, play areas and green spaces, and support for environmental volunteers	ACDL established Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to receive above information, consider and how they can enhance and support the current offer in Washington	 Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target Washington Central: S46 Advisory letters delivered to residents of Dryburgh, Bayland Court, Lumley Close and Cleeve Court, with the support from Gentoo. Follow up patrols of each area have also taken place to ensure residents had taken note of the advisory letters and bins had been returned following collection day Washington East: S46 work remains ongoing throughout Waskerley Road with Advisory letters delivered to residents and follow up patrols carried out to ensure residents are taking note and returning their bin after collection day. Reports to Gentoo about vegetation have been actioned and front gardens are looking much cleaner. Littering patrols have taken place around Nisa Barmston Centre with signage erected around the premises and inside shop window in an attempt to tackle ongoing issues near the store. Dedicated litter patrols have been completed and EEOs continue to work

		with community groups including Keep Washington Tidy in an attempt to
		keep the area clean
		 keep the area clean Washington North: Marlborough Rd S46 work has been completed although checks/walk abouts continue. Sulgrave Road S46 work began including the issuing of S46 advisory letters to residents and S46 Notices have been issued to a small group of properties. Additional litter, fly-tipping and PSPO signage continues to be erected around the residential areas in an attempt to tackle all issues of environmental crime. Dog fouling in Gladstone Terrace has been addressed with warning letters issued to residents and signage erected in the area. Washington South: All properties in Upper Oxclose have now been issued with S46 advisory letter (not including the private complex in Lumley Close). Officers continue to work closely with Gentoo and carry out regular joint patrols with partners addressing any issues observed collectively. New PSPO trolley signage has been erected, leaflets delivered and engagement with residents around the introduction of the new PSPO Trolley offence. Washington West: Stridingedge continues to be the focus in this area with S46 Advisory letter issued to Gentoo and Sunderland City Council. One fly-tipping report for this area has resulted in FPN to be issued. Officers have also spent time advising and educating residents around the new Trolley PSPO in Washington. Signage has been erected and a leaflet letter drop completed around Glebe with Gentoo. Various general walkabouts have taken place with any abandoned trolleys, overflowing skips and cleansing concerns reported during the patrols. Street Cams - locations are identified following consultation with the Neighbourhood Board. Officer appointed and undertaking relevant training.
		Delivery of protective parts for columns awaited and expected to be in a position to deploy within 4 weeks. Councillors will be kept informed of
		deployment and any issues. The Board meetings will be utilised to rotate the
		cameras based on intelligence and need.
		Funding in place to end of Delivery Plan
Together Clean and Green Partnership with	ACDL schedule Together Clean &	Alongside Washington NMEP, Together Clean & Green keen to roll out extensive
Gentoo and other services to continue to	Green Partnership working group	education and PR campaign to promote enforcement messages, encourage
tackle/support local enforcement to household		tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective

waste management, abandoned trollies, neighbourhood issues		Neighbourhood Management. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly. PSPO re abandoned trollies in place.
4. Flood Mitigation		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner of	and more attractive city and neigh	nbourhoods
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Washington Flood Mitigation Scheme: Request update to Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW funded)	ACDL request update to Board	Flood Mitigation Scheme update report presented November Board
activities	pple visiting Sunderland and more	residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and
A Healthy Smart City Cleaner a	and more attractive City and neigh Next steps	Progress
Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks	 ACDL established Task & Finish group to develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington Parks and Play in parks. To consider Service Capacity City's Play Strategy Inspection and maintenance regimes for any new development Plans for investment in parks and green spaces Dealing with and response to ASB and vandalism of play areas and parks Opportunities to access S106 	 Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agree investment in Parks and Play remains a priority for 2022/23. Funding approved for both parks and play to end of Delivery Plan Parks: Tender for refurbishment of pavilion in Usworth Park delayed as requests from planning for Bat Survey and Ecology Survey. The first invite failed to appoint contractor – one proposal submitted which was in excess o available budget Parks: Capital funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess Anne Park Play: Play: April Board received a report on the delivery of the Washington Fixed Play Survey. The procurement exercise is still ongoing – the first stage of the procurement route adopted will take place over June followed by the second soon after. Following the procurement exercise it is the intention for works to begin around September to minimise disruption to the play areas over the summer holidays. Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council's landscaping team who

		The Area Committee is requested to approve £80,000 Neighbourhood Investment Capital funds for play (currently aligned) together with additional returned capital funding to deliver the Play Strategy at the June AC
Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan	Usworth Park Development Plan reviewed and SCC Officer Group established to oversee delivery.	The Friends Group for Usworth Park established and now organising events in the park. The Friends are also working with the Clean & Green team to tidy the park and carry out smaller scale landscaping, border maintenance etc. and are to look after a noticeboard in the park. Delivering the agreed Usworth Park Development Plan remains a priority with the Council fully committed to supporting Usworth Park Green Flag status application. The main priority will be to put the tender for refurbishment of the pavilion back out, work with the Council to resolve the issues relating to an abandoned allotment at the entrance and involve local residents and the Friends Group in the design and development of new gates - to be installed after the refurbishment works are complete
Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan	ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	Funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess Anne Park. Update requested for July Board
Improve play areas	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds	 Fixed play survey (FPS) presented to Board and Area Committee. WAC aligned £80,000 NCIP and SCC confirmed £85,000 capital as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington. Report to April Board outlined the need to complete a procurement exercise which is currently underway Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council's landscaping team who will present a proposed design to the July Board. June AC will be requested to approve adding returned capital funding to deliver the Play Strategy.
6. Plantations and tree management		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More peop activities	ple visiting Sunderland and more	residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and

Action	Next Steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services requested to update Neighbourhood & Community Board with regard to the Strategic approach for future management of large plantations close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Strategic update to Board.	ProgressRemains a key priority for 2022/23New Task & Finish Group set to consider opportunities and options for schemes for the NE Community Forest and Trees for Climate. The first Task Group met 25th May. The Task Group recommends the following to Area Committee:1. Environmental Services Manager responsible for managing the plantations to attend the next Board in July to discuss the council's strategic approach to plantation maintenance and management across Washington2. £100,000 Neighbourhood Fund to be approved to assist with the delivery of community led proposals for the NE Community Forest, and to help facilitate solutions for plantation management. To be considered by Area Committee at
		the June Area Committee
7. Street Furniture including litter bins	I	
A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to Cllrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme	nd more attractive City and neigh	SCC presentation outlining future capital investment in parks and allotments at the July Board included confirmation of £65,000 investment in bins and signage in Ayton, Holley Park, Rickleton and Seldom Seen. Ward Cllrs continue to invest Ward Improvement Budgets to repair, and replace bins across Washington
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Request strategic response to Traffic Management issues raised – enforcement of 20mph areas, speeding, need for additional signage re speed limits, enforcing the bus links and inconsiderate parking around/near to schools		Traffic management/parking issues on agenda at Board as required
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	A prioritised list of proposed streets for the 2022/23 agreed at the Feb 2022 Board and presented for approval at the March AC 2022. Highways Maintenance Programme 2022-23 and then city-wide programme submitted to Cabinet for approval April 2022
A Healthy Smart City People en		e people to live healthier longer lives resilience
-	n Strategy Business growth and in	
•	Next Steps	Progress
Develop a co-ordinated approach with relevant	Task Group established	Cook Well Live Well Project Brief released. 9 applications received to the 1 st
partners to support VCS to help the local community eat and learn to prepare/cook		round – 3 approved at the March AC. 2 nd round to be circulated June.
partners to support VCS to help the local	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	round – 3 approved at the March AC. 2 nd round to be circulated June. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
partners to support VCS to help the local community eat and learn to prepare/cook healthy meals Continue the Neighbourhood funded	the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee

-	Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS		
Action			
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance	Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. All 5 CSW posts now filled – Washington CSW Denise Gilholme is supporting partners and groups and attends the Network meeting to update the sector on support. Work continues to ensure the Networks are consulted and participate in the future modelling of the Sunderland VC Alliance. A number of workshops and presentations are taking place in each Area. The Alliance is hosting a workshop event for the sector June 14 th to introduce the UK Shared Prosperity funding opportunity The offer of the Sunderland VC Alliance is promoted widely and the Alliance is leading on delivering Social Value for the sector and co- ordinating volunteering.	
Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington.	Number of WAC funded Project already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.	VCS Area Network continues to meet regularly. Washington VCS Network has now appointed its 3 rd VCS Representative – Joan McSloy of Washington MIND. The recent review of the Delivery Plan confirmed the following projects will continue until March 2023 and beyond – Washington REACT, WISP, Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Outreach. Local VCS organisations are firmly embedded in working with the Council and other public sector partners to deliver identified and much needed community services and support at a local level Improving Community Assets Call released January. 6 applications approved March AC. The 2nd round of Improving Community Assets is currently live with a deadline for applications 25th June – to be presented to July Board .	
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Social Isolation' projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	12 projects approved – 10 either complete or have submitted new delivery milestones. 1 has withdrawn their application and the funds have been returned to the budget. I has been requested to confirm delivery or return funds. All the completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review processes	
Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	REACT has been extend to March 2023 but with the recent addition of Community Renewal Fund likely to be extended further. Lead will confirm new end date.	

11. Launch of volunteer platform to support re	11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering		
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-		through procurement and wider activity	
-	Strategy Business growth and in		
Action	Next steps	Progress	
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and	Update volunteer platform to	Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs Further funding to	
link with our VCS.	enable matching volunteers to	support vulnerable residents delivered via the established Hub partnerships and	
	future VCS volunteer	the Covid Community Champions partnerships. This model has also been utilised	
Fuchasta the delivery weedel for the	requirements in the area.	to deliver the Household Support fund.	
Evaluate the delivery model for the	ACDL to continue working with	VCS Support Project linked to Hub –Anticipate project ends July 2022. All VCS	
Neighbourhood Fund VCS Support Project and	the Project Lead to deliver	support and volunteering support co-ordinated with the CSW Action Plan.	
VCS Training Programme- to consider reprofiling	proposed outcomes and to adapt	Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to	
outcomes and milestones based on learning	the programme to current needs.	report to Board	
from Community Hubs	Linked to strategic review re support for VCS.		
12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme a		through a partnership approach	
	ble feeling safe in their homes an		
Action	Next Steps		
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Develop local Neighbourhood Watch schemes	ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr	Joint Police and Cllr meeting held regularly.	
	meeting (Microsoft Teams) with	Sulgrave Partnership now established and led by Police Team – Gentoo, ASB	
	Inspector and bring information	Team, GP Alliance, Housing, Area Arrangements and Alliance attend as required	
	to future board meeting re potential for neighbourhood		
	watch schemes		
	Maintain communication and		
	information sharing established		
	through:		
	Washington Area News		
	weekly bulletin		
	 Area Face Book pages 		
	 Information sharing 		
	 Joint Police/Cllr meeting 		
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Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-	ACDL to co-ordinate through	ACDLs and Cllr F Miller to continue to report issues raised which require a multi-
agency approach	LMAPs and specific update	agency approach.
	meetings	
Continue the Neighbourhood funded 'Fire	ACDL to continue working with	No further update received due to pandemic/restrictions and new technology
Angels' Project working with vulnerable adults	the Project Lead to deliver	now being agreed. Request update as part of next QMR process
re home safety alarms	proposed outcomes and to adapt	now being agreed. Request update as part of next QWR process
Te nome safety alarms	the programme to current needs	
	ACDL to provide updates to the	
	Neighbourhood & Community	
	Board	
12 Support communities to deliver Local Fue		
13. Support communities to deliver Local Even	nts	
activities	-	residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and nent, engagement and involvement
Action		
Continue to update Community Events offer as	Lead to confirm schedule and	Washington Events Programme rolled over from 2021/22. ACDL in discussions
method to involve local communities and build	options for Washington Event	with lead with regards to options and alternatives events. Supported Springwell
capacity	programme	1940s Event and Miners Event 4 th September in Usworth Park 2021/22. Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Events Programme for 2022/23 will be presented to June AC for consideration.
		Queens Jubilee funding agreed at March AC has awarded 24 grants totalling £11,946 – with £33,054 returned to the budget under Item 3 Area Budget
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		Report.
14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young	people to be together and feel safe	Report.
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Railway	strategies and documents to	Heritage Co-ordinator now appointed. Funding in place beyond the current Delivery Plan to March 2024
F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes	to bring together a number of	NE BIC – a number of local partners also included. Project commenced with
Consider how to support local heritage including	Task and Finish group established	Washington Heritage & Culture Project approved December AC – awarded to
Action	Next steps	Progress
activities	-	residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and nent, engagement and involvement
15. Invest in community heritage and celebra	te local heritage	
		Youth Matters – Make Money Work Call for Projects is presented to Members under Item 3 Area Budget Report
		for Projects, the Officer Recommendation and amended Project Brief for the
Washington Youth Matters: Financial Resilience	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board Task & Finish Group established	Following consultation and assessment of 2 applications received to the Call
	proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	hotspot areas re ASB. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board.
	the Project Lead to deliver	Area Committee meeting. The project continues to address partner and Cllr
Washington Outreach Project	ACDL to continue working with	Extension of the current programme to March 2023 agreed at the March 2022
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March 2021 Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board. Anticipate project ends September 2022 and will present performance report to future Board
	delivery partners.	Funded beyond the current Delivery Plan until March 2024
creative and music?	initiative to encourage new	usual NF Performance Reports.
programme to consider more arts and culture,	Consider options for 'Remix' type	Project to commence April 2022. Updates will be provided at Board via the
Develop a new 'offer' for young people - a new	Task & Finish Group established.	Creative You Project approved to Sunderland Culture at the December AC
		budget). Next round to coincide with July Board for presentations with the invite to apply sent out June.
Relaunch the 'Can-Do' Project	Review of scheme to July Board	Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. September Area Committee approved an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22
		for Projects for the Positive Activities 2022/23 programme will be presented to June Area Committee for consideration under Item 3 Area Budget Report

	Replacement of relocated Albany Wheel - application for funding to the enhance the site and landscaping at Albany Village Centre to be presented to September
	2022 Area Committee