

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held at the WASHINGTON MILLENNIUM CENTRE on THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Williams in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, Middleton, G. Miller, Scaplehorn, D. Snowdon, D.E. Snowdon, Taylor, D. Trueman and H. Trueman.

Jemma Amer	-	SNCBC
Andrea Baxter	-	Groundwork NorthEast
Louise Butler	-	Chief Executives
Linda Butler-Blair	-	Biddick Academy
Sophie Farish	-	Pitstop
Shirley Gillum	-	SNCBC
Steve Graham	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Dylan Hannington	-	Pitstop
Jessica Hannington	-	Pitstop
Vicky Hannington	-	Pitstop
David Hardy	-	Community Services
Carl Jenkins	-	Biddick Academy
Chloe Jenkins	-	Biddick Academy
Melanie Jenkins	-	Biddick Academy
Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Thomas Matthews	-	Biddick Academy
Karon Purvis	-	Chief Executives
Ev Ripley-Day	-	Foundation of Light
John Rostron	-	VCS Representative
Joanne Stewart	-	Corporate Services Directorate

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Lauchlan, F. Miller, P. Walker and Mrs. Bryan Beverley and Ms. Jacqui Reeves.

Declarations of Interest

Item 5 – Strategic Initiative Budget and Community Chest

Councillor Fletcher made an open declaration in the application for SIB for the Healthy Place, Healthy People Project.

Councillor David Snowdon made an open declaration in the application for SIB funding for the Healthy Spaces, Healthy Communities Project as a volunteer and having worked with the Lead Organisation Washington MIND.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon declared a DPI in the application for SIB funding for the Healthy Spaces, Healthy Communities Project as an appointed member to the trust of Washington MIND and left the meeting during consideration of the application.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th October, 2016

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 20th October, 2016 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Partner Agency Reports

(a) Report of the Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

The Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) to inform the Committee of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

2. RESOLVED that Members noted the contents of the report.

(b) TWFRA

Steve Graham, Station Manager submitted a report (copy circulated) informing the Committee of the statistics for the Washington Area during the period of 1st September to 30th November 2016.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Graham advised that at this time of year the service focussed upon home fire safety checks due to the use of Christmas lighting and candles in the build up to the festive period. The service were happy to undertake these checks to any residents who may require them.

Councillor Scaplehorn asked if the service still undertook litter picks in areas of the city. Mr. Graham advised that they carried little picks out at hot spot areas and offered to have a conversation with the Councillor outside of the meeting if he had areas of concern that he could look to arrange volunteers for.

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(c) Northumbria Police

Inspector Vicky Quinn submitted a report (copy circulated) on the crime and disorder figures for the period 1st October to 30th November, 2016.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

There being no representative from Northumbria Police in attendance, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report from Northumbria Police be noted.

People Board Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the 2016/17 work plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

On behalf of the Chairman of the People Board, Councillor Williams introduced the report and drew Members attention to the work plan for 2016/17 and gave a summary of the key areas of influence and achievements of the Board up to 30th September 2016.

Councillor Williams advised that there were a number of representatives in attendance who had taken part in projects relating to the Can Do project that the Area Committee had allocated funding towards and invited each of them to address the Committee giving their experiences of the project and answering any questions Members may have. Each of the projects had provided photographs, copies of their publications, if relevant, and information on each of their projects was placed on display around the room for Members information. These were provided on behalf of:-

- Washington School – Activity Club;
- Wasps (Pitstop) – Activities for young people with disabilities;
- Biddick School Khorus Group; and
- ODYPP – Study Programme.

Councillor Kelly referred to the two publications that had been produced by Biddick School and commented that the Committee may wish to look to provide further funding through Community Chest to allow further copies to be produced to be distributed in other schools in the Washington area.

Members congratulated the young people who had taken part in the projects as they had done a fantastic job in coming along and presenting to the Area Committee.

The Can Do project clearly showed that they had all been good value investments for the outcomes that had been achieved.

Ms. Purvis advised that the next round for applicants for the Can Do projects was to be released in January, 2017 and all Members were encouraged to invite groups to apply. When asked if groups could reapply if they had already secured funding through the project, Ms. Purvis advised that they could so long as it was for a different activity to that that they had already had funding provided for.

Members having thanked the young people for their attendance, and having no more questions, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that Members considered the Washington Area People Boards Work Plan for 2016/17 and the update detailed in Paragraph 3.2 and attached as Item 3 Annex 1 to the report.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the 2016/17 Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

On behalf of the Chairman of the Place Board, Councillor Williams introduced the report and gave a summary of the key areas of influence and achievements of the Board up to 30th November, 2016.

Members having considered the progress report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that Members:-
 - a. Considered the Performance update with regard to the Washington Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2016/17 attached as Item 4 Annex 1 of the report;
 - b. the updates as presented in paragraph 3.2 of the report be received and noted;
 - c. the Area Chairman and Vice Chairman (Place) seek clarity and reassurance from the Portfolio Holder for City Services that as 70% of the City's current industry is located in Washington, that this is reflected in the Highway Management Programme distribution of budget with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of the strategic routes; and
 - d. the Portfolio Holder for City Services be invited to a future meeting of the Washington Place Board to discuss the local influencing role for future Highway Management Programmes irrespective of the outcome of the proposed Challenge Bid.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) Community Chest – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Head of Area Arrangements, Scrutiny and Member Support Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the financial statements as an update on the progress in allocating SIB and Community Chest and which presented proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Kelly referred to the applications received in relation to the Healthy Spaces, Healthy Communities Project and commented that he felt it should be deferred back to the Place Board to allow further discussion prior to being submitted to the next Area Committee in March, 2017 for consideration.

Ms. Purvis, Area Officer, advised that in relation to the Steering Group of key partners to be established as part of the Clean and Green Project it was proposed that a Core Member of the Place Board be included. It was suggested that nominations be considered at the January meeting of the Place Board.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statement be noted;
- b. The applications for the Healthy Places Healthy People Project as detailed in Annex 1 of the report be deferred and referred back to the next meeting of the Washington Place Board to allow further discussions to be undertaken;
- c. The Project Brief for the VCS Healthy Communities Project as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be approved and £100,000 from the 2016/17 SIB budget be aligned;
- d. Approval be given to the allocation of £85,000 from the 2016/17 SIB budget for the Washington Clean and Green Project as detailed in Annex 3 of the report; and that nominations for a Core Place Board Member to be appointed to the Steering Group to be established be considered at the next meeting of the Washington Place Board;
- e. Approval be given to the allocation of £60,000 from the 2016/17 SIB budget for the Washington Events Programme 2017/18 as detailed in Annex 4 of the report; and
- f. the 8 Community Chest approvals as detailed in Annex 5 of the report be noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

(Signed) L. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.