

**Item 2**  
**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**



**17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON  
NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD**

**Washington Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023**

**1. Purpose of Report**

**1.1 This report:**

- a. Presents the Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023; and
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020 the Washington Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

**3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements**

**3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:**

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

**3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.**

**3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.**

**3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be the working group for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all Board meetings.**

**3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work and recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2021**

#### 4. Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to February 2022, with greater detail set out in **Annex 1**, which informs the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Issue / Area Priority	Action / Update
Invest in parks	<p>The Neighbourhood and Communities Board agreed an application to this Committee under <b>Item 3 Budget Report</b> to approve £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment Funding (currently aligned) for Princess Anne Park. The project will repair and refurbish a number of footpaths and routes as prioritised by Ward Councillors following the recent review of the Masterplan.</p> <p>The tender for the refurbishment of the pavilion in Usworth Park is now live. Anticipate start on site May. SCC and the VCS Alliance continue to support the Friends of Usworth Park, and the Usworth Park Officer Group met on 24<sup>th</sup> February to determine arrangements and budget to manage the refurbished building, and to discuss with Environmental Services a nomination for Green Flag status for Usworth Park. The group also agreed the following priorities from the agreed Development Plan, should budgets allow (following award of tender):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New entrance gate at Manor view (plus remodelling of entrance landscaping)</li> <li>• New borders and landscaping</li> <li>• Options for a Community Orchard</li> </ul>
Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2022/23	Officers presented the report attached as <b>Annex 2</b> and agreed the prioritised list identified in the attached <b>Appendix 2</b>
Trees and Plantation Management	The Board agreed a new Task & Finish Group to consider opportunities and options for schemes for Trees for Climate/NE Community Forest
Health and Wellbeing: Healthy Choices Task Group	A call for projects for Cook Well Live Well was released resulting in 9 applications. Following consultation with Ward Cllrs recommendations for approval are presented under <b>Item 3 Budget Report</b>
Support for the VCS	<p>Improving Community Assets Call released resulting in 6 applications. Following consultation with Ward Cllrs recommendations for approval are presented under <b>Item 3 Budget Report</b></p> <p>The February Board agreed to receive an application from the WISP Project to extend the initiative until March 2023. Application and recommendation presented under <b>Item 3 Budget Report</b></p>
Events	The February Board agreed the development and delivery of a community programme to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2022. The Project Brief and proposal for funding is presented under <b>Item 3 Budget Report</b>
Services for young people: Financial Resilience	The February Board agreed the Project Brief and Call for Projects to deliver a financial inclusion project for young people, targeting education courses with regards to money management, budgeting, and debt management – working through our 4 Senior/Secondary schools. <b>To be considered under Item 3 Budget Report</b>

Services for young people: Washington Outreach	Following the presentation of a detailed evaluation of the Washington Outreach Project, The February board agreed to receive an application from the project to extend its current delivery to March 2023. Application and recommendation presented under <b>Item 3 Budget Report</b>
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## 5. Recommendation(s)

### 5.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within the report and **Item 2 Annex 1**.
- ii. Agree recommendations for the completion of the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes 2022/23 as detailed in **Item 2 Annex 2**
- iii. Note the video animation highlighting the Committee's work in relation to delivery of the WAC Delivery Plan priorities throughout 2021/22

Annex 1 Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

Annex 2 Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2022 - 2023

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