

Washington Area Committee
20th October 2016

Washington Healthy Communities Healthy Spaces
DRAFT Project Brief

CALL FOR PROJECTS

Washington Area Committee would like to invite Washington based Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups, and public and statutory providers to submit a full application that will deliver a series of environmental projects which will clean up local neighbourhoods and communities and will develop an integrated approach to support residents to improve their health and wellbeing.

Washington Area Committee wishes to see proposals which address the following:

The delivery of a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the area. Project proposals will enhance local neighbourhoods, encourage community partnerships and volunteering, and improve resident's health and well-being through access to open spaces.

Applications will be considered from VCS groups who have a management committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories. VCS groups must adhere to accounting requirements in accordance with the Companies Act. **Partnerships and collaboration is encouraged.**

Introduction and Background

- The Area Committee want an attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time.
- The project should provide organisations with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of initiatives based on local needs and address local concerns.
- Area Committee is keen to see a collaborative approach from key organisations which are committed to carrying out physical improvements , deliver educational messages and raise awareness, facilitate community 'ownership' to help look after the local environment, and which help local people to become more active using and accessing our open spaces.

Expected Outcomes

- Work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver environmental improvements and involve the local community facilitating community ownership with regards to the local environment

- Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community and sites.
- Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the Washington area, address issues which are contributing to the decline of local amenities, and improve the health and well-being of local residents
- Proposals could include and co-ordinate the following activities:
 - Support for friends groups and volunteering which brings environmental improvement and improvements in health and well being
 - Consider how to facilitate local groups to carry out a range of activities which help improve the health and well-being of local people
 - Improve and develop areas and sites in Washington with an emphasis on improving health, e.g. tackling untidy or neglected land, or developing community gardens, green routes, growing zones
 - Education programme and awareness raising campaigns

Budget:

The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£28,563**. All applications will be subject to formal assessment and scoring. A collaborative proposal would be preferred which delivers a range of activities. However, all applications will be assessed and weighted accordingly with regards to partnership working, co-ordination with other services and initiatives, and the range of activities delivered.

Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria. The results of that assessment and a recommendation will be presented to the next available Area Committee.

Proposed Timescale

Project brief and methodology approved (Area Committee)	October 20 th 2016
Deadline for applications	November 10 th 2016
Assessment and consultation by	November 21 st 2016
Award of grant (next available Area Committee)	December 15 th 2016

Return Date

SIB Application form, guidance notes and scoring matrix are available from 0191 561 2449 or by emailing karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk

The deadline date to return the completed application (in two formats), along with necessary documents is **10th November 2016**

Two formats will need to be submitted.

Format One: (Hard Copy): A signed hard copy of the application form, along with all relevant paperwork should be posted into Sunderland City Council, Scrutiny and Area

Arrangements, Room 3.98, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7DN.

Format Two: (Electronic Copy): An electronic copy of the application should be emailed to scrutinyandareaarrangements@sunderland.gov.uk.

- Only Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups or non-profit making organisations see guidance notes for further information.
- After the deadline date, all received applications will be assessed against a scoring matrix and consulted upon, with recommendations being presented to Washington Area Committee to agree and endorse the recommendations outlined.

Queries

If you have any questions regarding the application process or you require any advice on the development of the project please do not hesitate to contact Karon Purvis on 0191 561 2449 or on karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk