

Washington Area Committee SIB applications

Applications for Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities

The Project Outcomes expected to be evidenced from all proposals submitted for this Call for Projects are:

- 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.
- 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 and improve the health and well-being of local residents
- Proposals **could** include activities which:
- Support for friends groups and volunteering which brings environmental improvement and improvements in health and well being
- Considers 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

In addition, all applications were requested to evidence proposed activity would help delivery the overarching 'Clean and Green' ethos which would address

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

2 applications were received. Both applications were independently scored and assessed and where queries or requests for further information were submitted, additional information is presented below

Application No.1

Name of Project	Healthy Places Healthy People
Lead Organisation	Groundwork NE

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£33,620	£8,300	£25,320
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	February 2017	March 2018

The Project

This proposal will deliver a range of initiatives across the area and will meet Area Committee's requirements re a co-ordinated partnership approach to local environmental activity, groups and residents involved in green space improvement and health improvements. The key outcomes of the brief will be met as follows:

Work in partnership with existing services and initiatives.

Building on existing partnerships, a Steering Group will be created for the project which will consult, co-ordinate and plan responsive delivery to maximise impact. Key partners will include Council Officers, Gentoo, SNCBC, Washington Area Committee and other local partners. A key role will be recognising that many smaller groups are already active in schools, community centres and local estates. Supporting them and building their capacity re aspirations and activities is crucial.

Extensive consultation with partners and the Steering Group will map the extent of local activity, partners already involved (so as not to duplicate), priority sites identified, needs of the community. This consultation exercise will inform the Steering Group which will bring combined skills, knowledge and work programmes to the table so a coordinated plan can be developed.

When the priorities are clear the *Healthy Places, Healthy People* work programme will be created to address the priorities identified. It is already known there are already area priorities issues/concerns re managing plantation woodland, and in Sulgrave and in Princess Anne Park - this is likely to be the tip of the iceberg. Whilst not wanting to pre-empt the consultation results it is anticipate likely projects will include tackling litter, creating community gardens, dealing with grot spots on estates and creating natural areas for wildlife.

Having researched current partner activity and discussed ideas and plans with others working in the area the aim is to work effectively with current activity, learning from what works, ensuring no duplication, consulting and building the capacity of others to get involved.

Improve the health and well-being of local residents.

Evidence showing that exercise in the natural environment is beneficial to health is well documented. The project will offer a range of accessible opportunities for groups and individuals to get involved in their local environment and improve their health. Health outcomes of the Area Committee will be met – health of participants will be improved by being outside, through gentle physical exercise, by stimulating and new activities and by the social aspect.

The lead officer will offer health and wellbeing advice throughout the activity and signpost to other avenues for help throughout. The project will utilise a version of the Warwick Edinburgh wellbeing measurement tool to capture health improvement and photographs to gauge improvements on site. Building group and individual capacity throughout the programme, participants will feel confident of taking on responsibility when the project ends.

Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods and address issues which are contributing to the decline of the local area.

The project via the Steering Group will consult with residents and partners to fully appreciate the priorities on the ground and find out the sites and areas that are important to local people and where the community can get involved to maximise impact. By listening and planning around local people's priorities better partnerships will be created. Groundwork will use in-depth knowledge and experience of improvement projects across the city to deliver sustainable change.

The Project Plan

- This new work will add value to any existing activity and draw it together into a more coherent and effective programme.
- Co-ordinating the work with existing partners is essential to success but so is engaging new groups. A range of techniques will be used to engage new project participants such as working with Public Health, linking with health care visitors, and establishing Doctor's referrals. The project will also engage young people through well-established partnerships in schools and via youth work. The project will also target local residents and users in close proximity of the identified priority sites. It is also anticipated referrals could come from the key partners themselves and Area Committee partners. One of the objectives will also be to encourage local businesses to get involved in projects close to their premises
- The aim is to deliver 2 x priority projects in each of the Wards over a 12 month period delivering 10 individual initiatives. Each identified project/programme will take place over a 10 week period to maximise the positive impact on sites and on participant's health. One member of staff will lead the development, engagement and delivery of each project, considering site needs and participant's health needs before creating a draft project plan for consultation. Once agreed the activity on site will commence keeping participants engaged and building the profile of the work and activity in the community.
- Sites will be improved through pre agreed physical improvements which might include litter picking, hedge maintenance, habitat creation, painting, repairing fences or creating gardens. All projects will be planned with a view of low or zero maintenance being fully aware of maintenance cost implications of some improvements and the financial situation in local authorities. Groundwork are also aware of the sensitivities around cuts and service delivery so we always consult on the suitability of a course of action with key officers before work on site commences. Every project will be discussed with the relevant Service to ensure the council is not subjected to any ongoing costs or reputational damage through our actions. Crucially, an important project outcome is to coordinate current activity and build the capacity of existing and new groups to take responsibility for sites they have prioritised in their communities. This way of working is key to the Groundwork ethos and this proposal/project will strive to deliver this sustainable local social action throughout the project. Discussions around many of these issues would begin with the Council's Place Management Service.

- The programme will also utilise the Campground Visitor and Education Centre in Springwell, Washington, a base where Groundwork can coordinate and deliver community engagement around recycling, waste and the environment. The Centre has a fully equipped meeting room, gallery space, classroom and office accommodation. It has recently acquired a garden and pond where the practical aspects of food growing, horticulture, conservation and land management can be demonstrated.
- It's important to celebrate the success that groups make on individual projects so it is proposed to offer volunteer expenses, create Certificates of Achievement and celebrate projects when finished. These costs have been built into the budget which also includes some contractor costs to deliver larger bits of work outwith the scope of participants. This will come from external funding sources.

Partnership

This proposal will build on a number of successful projects delivered in Washington:

- Working with Springwell Primary to design and fund school garden improvements.
- In Barmston School Groundwork has a close partnership with the school's eco group looking to introduce greater recycling throughout the school.
- Family Adult and Community Learning programme has delivered courses in the Millennium and Rainbow Centres and also in Springwell, Albany and George Washington Schools.
- In Elba Park, Sunderland's newest Country Park near Shiney Row, we have been working this term with Biddick and Oxclose schools and last term with Barmston, and St. John Boste schools on that site. The projects include tree planting, pond maintenance, wildlife tracking and geocaching.
- In Springwell Village Groundwork are supporting a local residents group to improve Seldom Seen Park and to improve the Front Street by applying for Tesco funds.
- NCS programme engages 16 and 17 year olds in an exciting programme of skills building and social action in their communities. Groundwork has worked extensively with Washington's young people on initiatives to build their capacity and improve their communities.
- All of Groundwork's projects use the environment to engage local communities to improve their places and prospects.
- Partners consulted: Sunderland City Council works extensively in the area delivering a wide range of local services, Gentoo - productive relationship is already in place with them and have recently met to discuss working on Gentoo land and, with their staff and tenants. Groundwork will therefore be working throughout with Joanne Coulson, Community Partnership Officer for Gentoo and Albert Copus, Estate Manager for Washington. Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) are active across Washington and deliver a range of projects. Groundwork has an excellent working relationship with them and we have spoken at length with the Chief Executive Officer. They are supportive and keen to engage. Coordination and mutual support would be all the more important were they to succeed in securing a role in the Clean and Green programme as there are many parallels between these project calls.
- The Washington Trust actively supports the development of community infrastructure across the town. A partnership approach with regards to this proposal was discussed with them but unfortunately there wasn't enough time for such a proposal to be ratified by their Board.

Groundwork aims to continue to have a productive dialogue with them in the coming months. The Keep Washington Tidy Group operate closely with the Trust and deliver environmental action in communities across Washington. It is understood that whilst they aren't currently looking to extend their activities Groundwork would aim to engage with them to offer them support, coordinate activity and avoid duplication. Again, a productive dialogue with them will take place.

- Ongoing work with a number of schools in the area, Washington Mind, Durham Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust and the Friends of Princess Anne Park. These are all organisations that Groundwork has a close working relationship with and, as groups interested in communities, land and wellbeing, we are talking to them all about how their current activity can be supported by this project proposal and vice versa. Although no commitments have been made we are confident that valuable partnerships will be developed across the life of the project.

Outputs of the Project

Description	Number
No. of programmes/initiatives	10
No. beneficiaries	200

Key Milestones and objectives for the Project

Consultation	February 2017
Establishment of Steering Group	March 2017
Development of Healthy Places Healthy People work programme	April 2017
Delivery of first project	April 2017
Delivery of projects across all 5 Wards	August 2017
Celebration event	March 2018
Evaluation and final Report submitted to Washington Area committee	March/April 2018

Funding

Item	Total Cost	SIB
Project Officer/staffing	£15,000	£15,000
Staff on-costs – travel, consultation and programming	£ 2,920	£ 2,920
Additional staff resources (match)	£ 3,000	£0
Contractors (match)	£ 5,000	£0
Materials, room hire (match), volunteer expenses, celebration event	£ 5,550	£ 5,250
Management fee	£ 1,700	£ 1,700
Evaluation	£ 450	£ 450
TOTAL COST	£33,620	£25,320

Risks have been identified and mitigation provided:

- Minor implications for Sunderland City Council Services as they may be the owner, maintenance agent or local planning authority for many of the sites that will be worked on. Groundwork will endeavour to minimise these throughout and believe the knowledge, skills and experience in the organisation will be utilised to manage all

implications effectively. Landlords Consent, insurance, risk assessment, planning consent, method statements and on-going maintenance regimes are just a few of the issues that will need to be discussed and agreed with partners.

- Correct site identification: Partnership working and a full community consultation will ensure that we work on the correct sites. A strong Steering Group of the key partners will further validate identification and selected tasks.
- Engaging sufficient participants: Use established local avenues for reaching groups and individuals as well as using more creative avenues such as doctor referrals and business engagement. Crucially to work in close partnership with many of the groups who are active in Washington.
- Offering age and ability appropriate activities: Offer a range of projects that will appeal to a variety of sites and diversity of ability.
- Equipment and material use: Participants will be fully supported in the use of all tools and activities through toolbox talks and informal training. They will be advised of the appropriate clothes and PPE to wear and will be supervised throughout the sessions. Contractors will be used for heavier or more complex operations and all activities will be fully planned and risk assessed before delivering.
- Failure to deliver the Match Funding: Suitable project opportunities will be looked for immediately as will thinking about applications to funding programmes that we fully understand and who are well suited to improvement of place. Amongst these will be Tesco's, Communities Can and Landfill Funds.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's Call for Project and using the formal SIB governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is 100 out of 110

This application:

1. Evidences a good track record of successful delivery and experience

- A number of similar initiatives have been identified – this includes well-established partnerships in a number of Washington schools and via youth work - Springwell Primary, Barmston primary Eco Group, FACL courses at the Millennium Centre, the Rainbow Centre, Springwell and George Washington Schools, work with Biddick and Oxclose, Springwell Residents re Seldom Seen, and the NCS programme for young people.
- Active Green Living programmes stimulates physical exercise and improvements on green spaces and provides older people with an opportunity to socialise and remain active. Health Environment and Allotments (HEAL) programmes use horticulture and food growing to improve health and green spaces and Healthy Park Healthy Minds projects demonstrate the health benefits of team work and on local parks and green spaces. Moreover the projects and the skills of project officers will allow sessions across all projects to be tailored to different groups.
- This proposal also identifies an awareness of the changing picture re neighbourhood management and addressing local concerns. It proposes joint working with relevant partners to address sensitivities around cuts and service delivery. All projects will be planned with a view of low or zero maintenance being fully aware of maintenance cost implications of some improvements and the financial situation in local authorities.

- Every project will be discussed with the relevant Service to ensure the council is not subjected to any on-going costs or reputational damage through our actions. Crucially, an important project outcome is to coordinate current activity and build the capacity of existing and new groups to take responsibility for sites they have prioritised in their communities. This way of working is key to the Groundwork ethos and this proposal/project will strive to deliver this sustainable local social action throughout the project. Discussions around many of these issues would begin with the Council's Place Management Service.
- Good monitoring and management systems as well as risk assessments evidenced in application

2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington and co-ordinates with a range of activities, projects and initiatives :

- Meets the Environment and Green Space priority as well as Health and Well Being priority. This proposal will work alongside and will be co-ordinated with the additional initiatives being considered under the Washington Clean and Green programme – as agreed at October Area Committee.
- It identifies and evidences joint working with a number of key partners and collaborations and looks to establish a multi- partner Steering Group to plan responsive delivery to maximise impact

3. This proposal has evidenced good partnership working and is committed to further developing local inclusion and collaboration.

- Establish Steering group of partners – mapping, consultation, work programmes identified for 10 sites/projects, communities engaged and supported.
- A number of key partners consulted – evidenced in text of application
- The project will also target local residents and users in close proximity of the identified priority sites.

4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:-

- The project should provide organisations with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of initiatives based on local needs and address local concerns – **Fully meets**
- 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 – **Fully meets**.
- 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 – **Fully meets**
- 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 – **Meets and identifies a number of measures to further involve and empower local communities**
- Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the Washington area and improve the health and well-being of local residents – **If 10 x sites are delivered then will fully meet. Intends but consultation results will determine work programmes for sites. Proposal does however identify potential issues to tackle.**

5. The proposal brings added value and value for money:

- Skills and knowledge base of the organisation
- Dedicated officer as well as skills and experience of the wider Groundwork team and resources including, for example, NCS Youth Work Team to support the engagement of young people, Visitor and Education Centre Officer to support school work, tutors to maximise family learning opportunities and Community Rangers to advise on land management and maintenance. The Programme Manager will be able to secure match funding whilst a Landscape Architect can provide the technical advice needed before considering a physical improvement project.
- Networking and existing partnership working
- Record of successful fund raising on behalf and with communities
- Resources and equipment for neighbourhood improvements
- Established programmes and ethos to replicate

Consultation queries and information:

- 1. Evidence of partnership:** the bid clearly identifies a number of partners either as a member of the proposed Steering Group, as an organisation delivering similar activities, or the local community to be engaged re community responsibility where appropriate.
- 2. Value for money:** the bid will deliver environmental/ neighbourhood improvements across 10 sites in Washington and will also bring in additional funding re contractor 'tasks' to the value of £5,000. The proposal also commits to bringing in additional external community funding.
- 3. Milestones realistic:** concerns have been raised with regards to the capacity of the organisation to complete 10 programmes of improvements (each potentially 10 weeks long) in less than 1 year. Recommendation will be to request lead agent to confirm capacity to deliver but to also give assurances that should the programmes slip, no additional funding will be requested in order to facilitate completion.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE subject to the following conditions:

- **Lead agent confirms Area committee representation (Place Board) on Steering Group**
- **Lead agent confirms should programme milestones slip, no additional funding will be requested in order to facilitate completion of agree projects or programmes.**

Application No.2

Name of Project	Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities
Lead Organisation	Washington MIND

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£60,305	£31,887	£28,418
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	February 2017	January 2018

The Project

Washington Mind proposes this project in the context of being committed to improving the local environment we share and contributing to Washington being a safe and attractive place to live, work and enjoy – the organisation believes this is an essential aspect of wellbeing for local residents. This project complements an aim to develop a community garden and outside area at The Life House which will be used to develop people's skills and to also have a designated area for users and local people to be able to sit outside and socialise with friends to enjoy the company of others. The funding raised so far will be used to enhance the Life House aspect of the project and will benefit the participants of this project. The organisation will continue to fundraise from other sources for the community garden (Target is £127,366).

People of all ages will be encouraged to access the outside space with an aim to promote health and well-being, combat social isolation and promote social cohesion in a welcoming environment. Users will have the opportunity to participate in an enjoyable and worthwhile project whilst benefitting directly from learning about the environment and accessing outdoor activities. The project will also give participants the opportunity to highlight concerns about particular areas but more importantly the chance to do something themselves to improve their own environment.

Washington Mind will recruit a designated Project Worker who will work in partnership with CEED, Sustrans, Active Sunderland, Washington Trust, smaller community groups and local schools to provide a focused programme of activities which will include gardening, food growing, walking, cycling, art, crafts, photography, environmental conservation and educational activities work supported by trained staff and volunteers. The project will provide volunteers with the opportunity to learn a range of traditional practical skills in order to build personal confidence whilst bringing about sustainable improvements to local open spaces. The project will bring together local people with positive opportunities to work outdoors, learn skills and be a part of local environmental collaboration. Partners and volunteers will help local people to look after their mental health and wellbeing by getting active outdoors. .

The range of activities, courses and programmes developed will have a specific focus with sessions designed within that topic. E.g, Woodcraft, Growing food and Conservation, which will provide beneficiaries with a wide range of practical skills, including conservation, horticulture and traditional woodcraft skills. Within these themes there will be some crossover in order to take account of the seasonality of tasks but also, importantly, flexibility in order to meet the participants' needs.

Tasks undertaken will reflect the needs and interests of the users but will cover for example: traditional woodcraft skills such as willow fencing, bowl carving and craft and gardening sessions with local schoolchildren, simple horticulture to learn how to grow your own food - no matter what space you have; and conservation skills including habitat management, creating footpaths and raised beds.

Alongside the base at the Life House we will make best use of the local area throughout the delivery of the project including promoting the Washington Way, Washington Old Hall, Wildfowl and Wetland Nature Reserve, Washington 'F' Pit Mining Museum, Princess Anne Park, Holley Park, James Steel Park, Arts Centre and Bowes Railway, schools and other community gardens.

The project will build on the growing evidence of the benefits of Eco therapy – a name given to a wide range of treatment programmes which aim to improve your mental and physical wellbeing through doing outdoor activities in nature. It is anticipated over the year of this project, improvements to the local area and use of the natural environment will be evidenced. It will also provide changes that all local residents will benefit from, and not only those involved in the project will be able to enjoy the space. Participants will have a fantastic means of acquiring practical skills, learning how to live more sustainably, fostering a sense of pride and ownership and the taking part in social activity and sense of achievement. Washington Mind would hope to see improved self-esteem and confidence, reduced social isolation, pride in and ownership of local area, and improved community connectivity and skills.

Partnership

Washington MIND will work in partnership with CEED and build on the positive working relationships already in place with local organisations. The project will be used to strengthen links with Sustrans, Washington Old Hall, Active Sunderland and local schools. Genuine service user involvement is at the heart of all we do and the activities and work will be delivered in co-production with local people. The project will be reactive to local views and opinions, addressing their concerns for their area and incorporating their ideas into the work we do. The project will be used to share local findings and establish the benefits to individuals and the local community.

A celebration event will be held linking with the relaunch of the Washington Way to engage all partners, participants, local groups and Councillors. The event will include a gallery of photographs and artwork showing before and after scenes of areas of improvement, highlighting the work undertaken, new skills acquired and how the environment was improved. Volunteers and participants will have learnt a range of valuable skills that they will take with them into the future. It is expected that some may choose to continue to volunteer at the sites.

Outputs of the Project

Description	Number
No. programmes of work/courses tackling health inequalities	20
No. beneficiaries	200

Key Milestones and objectives for the Project

Recruit Project Co-ordinator	February 2017
Recruit volunteers	March 2017
Establish Work Plan for Project	March 2017
Commence courses and activities	April 2017
Community Celebration Event	March 2018
Evaluation Report published	March 2018

Funding

Item	Total Cost	SIB
Worker salary and on costs	£16,508	£16,508
Sessional staff	£ 5,000	£ 5,000
Volunteer expenses	£ 1,500	£ 1,500
Resources for activities	£ 2,500	£ 2,500
Celebration event	£ 750	£ 750
PR and Evaluation	£ 500	£ 500
Overheads	£ 1,650	£ 1,650
Life house Garden Project (Match)	£31,887	£ 0
TOTAL COST	£60,305	£28,418

Sustainability

Work will continue to raise additional funding to match the target of circa £127,500 to expand the development of this initiative. If there is a continued demand for the project Washington Mind and CEED will use the project findings to seek further funding in order to continue and develop the work further.

This application has been submitted through Area Committee's Call for Project and using the formal SIB governance protocols and guidance, the application has been assessed and the Panel score is 56 out of 110

This application:

1. Evidences a good track record of successful delivery and experience – Partially meets

- The lead applicant has a good track record of delivering an extensive range of initiatives relating to health and well being. They also have an excellent reputation and substantial experience relating to engaging and empowering local community and residents to participate in lots of different projects. Little or no experience evidenced in bid of successful delivery of neighbourhood management/improvement schemes
- Evidence of success of 'eco therapy' through the Feel Better Outside Feel Better Inside Report (published by MIND).
- Good monitoring and management systems. However, whilst evidencing good risk management relating to the organisation, its governance and systems, no risks are identified relating to the delivery of a physical/capital project.

2. Evidences it meets at least one of the key priorities of the Washington and co-ordinates with a range of activities, projects and initiatives – Partially meets

- Partially meets the Area Committee's Environment and Green Space priority and fully meets the Health and Well Being priority. This proposal recognises the previous work delivered re the Washington Way to Wellbeing as well as the Washington Way Information Hub but does not mention how it will contribute to neighbourhood management/improvement
- The proposal also identifies other sites that could be utilised and promoted – Washington Way, Old Hall, Wildfowl and Wetlands Reserve, F Pit, Arts Centre and local parks – however is unclear with regards to the benefits of those links as part of this project.
- It identifies joint working with CEED, and intends to strengthen links with Sustrans, local schools, Active Sunderland and Washington Old Hall.

3. This proposal has evidenced good partnership working and is committed to further developing local inclusion and collaboration - Meets

- Identifies some partners and aims to strengthen links with others
- Mentions working to the Area Network Community Plan
- How will smaller groups be included and engaged with?

4. This proposal meets the project outcomes as detailed in the published Project Brief:-

- The project should provide organisations with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of initiatives based on local needs and address local concerns work 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: **Does not fully meet.**
 - Identifies potential to improve health and well-being but seems restricted to delivering sessions which would lead to improve only one site but would not address wider concerns of local residents
 - Not obvious how local views, concerns and opinions will be gathered and considered. Unclear how users outside of the organisation will be reached
- 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 – **Partially meets**
 - Refers to lots of activity to improve health and well being
 - Unclear how local people NOT service users of the organisation will be reached – same with how volunteers will be recruited from outside the organisation. States it will be reactive to them, but does not state how views will be gathered outside of the organisation's service users.
 - Clear benefits for service users identified
 - Builds skills and confidence of those involved and clearly evidences activities to help local people become more active

- 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: **Partially meets**
 - This proposal will fund activity to compliment a current aim of the organisation – on site at the Life House. It is unclear in the application if project will deliver outside of the grounds.
 - Identifies working in partnership to share Life House space and working with volunteers but not to deliver environmental improvements and neighbourhood management as requested in the brief
- Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the Washington area and improve the health and well-being of local residents –**Does not fully meet**
 - Project proposal will develop a garden and use MIND's grounds only
 - Little mention of environmental improvements or neighbourhood management

5. Added value and value for money:

- Match funding of £31,887 already in place.

Consultation queries and information:

1. **Evidence of Washington wide benefits**
2. **The brief asks for improvements to the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across Washington – this appears to be to establish improvements on one site.**
3. **The application does not provide evidence of environmental or neighbourhood improvement projects**

RECOMMENDATION: REJECT on the basis it does not meet Project Outcomes as detailed in the Project Brief.