

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:
- Presents the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
 - 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 Plan. 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:
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
 - 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 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.
- 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. The Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan (2020 – 2023) is attached as **Annex 1**
- 3.5 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be the working groups 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.
- 3.6 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 proposed work programmes and recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

4. Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the four Task Groups established, up to March 2021, and additional work streams under development.

Priority/Issue	Update
Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood TG1 Report: Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement	TG1 met in January to confirm the detail of the proposed Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project, based on information presented with regards to the 5 x hotspot areas agreed and corresponding evidence re need. Update presented to February Board. Application for Neighbourhood Fund for a 2year project presented to March Area Committee under Item 3 Area Budget Report . The Task Group also discussed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Current enforcement work is much appreciated and starting to have an impact at a local level with a number of Section 46 notices served across the area. Cllrs are

	<p>working closely with Enforcement Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping and litter are increasing across the area. One KWT volunteer was picking up between 100 and 200 bags of litter in a week. • Industrial areas problematic • Need close partnership working with Gentoo to be maintained especially in areas which are predominantly Gentoo tenancies and to promote more joined up working and commitment with regards to the environment • PR & Comms required to highlight prosecutions, action, enforcement. Publicise notices and warnings – this was also identified at the Together Clean & Green Partnership Group with a key action from that group to determine a schedule of education and engagement, PR & Comms campaign and a programme of action to show a joined-up approach between Gentoo & SCC. Meetings currently being scheduled. • Strengthening the Public Space Protection Order currently out to consultation • Abandoned trollies – Bi-monthly meetings with SCC and Trolleywise. Gentoo invited to attend. Future 'day of action' to be organised re trollies at Galleries site (in conjunction with SCC Enforcement Officers) <p>Together Clean & Green Partnership (TCGP) working group met January and 2 of the group's priorities are included in the new NMEP proposals. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly.</p> <p>Together Clean & Green keen to roll out extensive education and PR campaign - to promote enforcement messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective Neighbourhood Management. Next Partnership meeting to be scheduled for early April - discuss adding industrial estates to Action Plan</p>
<p>Invest in Parks, open spaces, play, cycle routes and embed Love Where You Live</p> <p>TG2 Invest in parks and play</p>	<p>TG2 met in January and discussed progress to identify how to build on the Area Committee decision (December Committee) to continue the work already funded and supported and determine any new proposals for enhancement to parks and play facilities. Updates with regards proposals for Usworth Park, Princess Anne Park and improvements to fixed play sites across Washington were presented to February Board. The Board requests the March Area Committee to align Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding under Item 3 Area Budget Report to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance Usworth Park Development Plan • Enhance Princess Anne Park Master Plan – • To contribute to implementation of proposals identified in the Fixed Play Survey as presented. <p>Members also want to understand where SCC might contribute to some of the measures – whether that be through current budgets or new funds for parks and play (including S106) and work together to deliver the projects. Officers are invited to attend the next Task Group and the April Board to commence planning.</p> <p>The Board also received an update and were consulted with regards to the Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan</p>

<p>Support spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</p> <p>TG3 Young People Services and provision</p>	<p>Due to restrictions the Washington Youth Council has not met or managed to carry out the additional consultation exercise. They have requested a 4 - 6week period in order to engage with 20 – 35 peers (to be representative of young people re age, gender etc.) and submit their findings and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Board considered the TG3 request to agree the next Project Brief to deliver the 'School Holiday Activities/Holiday hunger' programmes 2021/22 and recommends a 12mth programme, additional sessions to provide activity across all holiday periods, and additional £25k be added to the budget – resulting in £15k per Ward to deliver activities over both age group. March Area Committee will be asked to approve the Project Brief and funding under Item 3 Area Budget Report</p>
<p>Events, culture and heritage</p> <p>TG4 Washington Heritage & Culture Strategy</p>	<p>The Board considered the TG report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capital funding application to be presented to March Area Committee for investment in Bowes Railway Museum under Item 3 Area Budget Report 2. Consideration of a further Project Brief and Call for Project for identify a 'heritage and culture' organisation to work with the Board and Area Committee to deliver the aims and action plans of the Washington Heritage Strategy. This would also include building the capacity of the smaller heritage and culture-based grassroots groups and organisations, helping heritage organisations and 'assets' with regards to accessing funding opportunities and ensuring Washington heritage assets and the developing broader heritage offer are linked together. <p>Next Task Group to discuss and determine project outputs and outcomes for discussion at the next Neighbourhood & Community board scheduled in April</p>
<p>ERG Mitigation Measures</p>	<p>Following meetings with relevant Officers, the February Board meeting received feedback with regards to outstanding actions raised relating to, sharing of authorised sites to signpost illegal encampments for 'stop over' and police powers. Final costs for 10 barriers to be confirmed along with requirements re planning permissions</p>
<p>Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2021/22</p>	<p>Officers presented the report, attached as Item 2 Annex 2 and agreed the prioritised list identified in the attached Appendix A</p>

5. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan (2020/2023) as detailed in **Annex 1**, and the reports from the Task Groups as detailed under Paragraph 4
- 5.2 Agree recommendations for the completion of Highways Maintenance Capital Maintenance programmes 2021/22 in Washington, as detailed at **Item 2 Annex 2**

5.3 Note the Area Committee Video

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