

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Main Hall, Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD on Thursday 16th March, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Lauchlan(Chair), Laws (Vice Chair), Donaghy, Farthing, Fletcher, Guy, F. Miller, G Miller, Dianne Snowdon, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, M. Walker, Warne and Williams

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8th March, 2023

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in THE AUTHORITY ROOM, FIRE AUTHORITY SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, on THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2022 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, Guy, Laws, F. Miller, G. Miller, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, M. Walker and Williams

Also in Attendance:-

Karon Purvis	-	Area Officer – Sunderland City Council
Marc Morley	-	Director of Environmental Services, Sunderland City Council
Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Alan Rowan	-	Retained Education Function Lead, Sunderland City Council
Denise Gilholme	-	Community Support Worker
Shirley Gillum	-	Area Network Representative
Sylvia Copley	-	Area Network Representative
Bethan Wilkie	-	Gentoo
Martin Farrow Farrow	-	TWFRA
Inspector Steve Passey	-	Northumbria Police

And Members of the Press

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Donaghy, D. E. Snowden and Warne.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29th September 2022

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 29th September, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

The Chair of Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan which would be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2022-2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Laws presented the report, highlighting the key points of action within the relevant Task Groups and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

At this juncture, a presentation was provided to the Committee by Sylvia Copley, Area Network Representative on the Washington Individual Support Project (WISP) and the Chairman opened up the debate for any questions or comments on the programme.

Councillor Fletcher queried why we were not funding this project further after the pilot, commenting that SHaRP had been invaluable at Mickey's Place and she felt that we should be supporting this as an Area Committee.

Mrs Purvis advised that the Area Committee would be receiving a new budget in April and if they were to name this as a new priority for 2023/24, then one of the proposals could be to continue to fund this project. Councillor Fletcher commented that she felt it imperative that this be one of the Area Committees priorities as they were carrying out really good work in supporting people.

Mrs Purvis informed the Committee that Ms Copley was busy looking for other funding but if there was to be match funding then this would attract further funds and the picture moving forward would be more positive.

Councillor Williams commented that this was an amazing project and that she agreed with Councillor Fletcher that this should be a priority next year. Councillor Williams wished to express her heartfelt thanks to all involved in the project and it was vital that we funded it properly to give the Officers involved some security so we could keep them in post.

Mrs Purvis advised that a draft of the Area Committees priorities for 23/24 would be coming to February's Neighbourhood Board meeting and she would add this to the list for consideration.

Councillor Farthing wished to thank Ms Copley for the presentation and for her compliment on the partnership working. Councillor Farthing also raised her concerns over the gambling debts that people were accumulating and enquired if these stats were included in her figures.

Ms Copley advised that they did not have full connectivity through WISP but gambling was very much a hidden problem and Ms Lynn, through WISP and Side Spaces in Community Venues had shown that these problems were emerging and it was something that needed to be considered.

Councillor G. Miller referred to the project and agreed that this was certainly something that needed to remain as a priority and that the numbers of people that they were having to help, due to the Cost of Living crisis he genuinely believed they would end up with even bigger numbers in need of help. The Team were providing great work and he was delighted that the Area Committee had been forward thinking and had been able to provide this project as it was very much needed.

Councillor F. Miller commented that as Deputy Cabinet Member for Healthy City she has had discussions over this and it was an area which would be getting worse with more people needing help. This project was most needed for our community and definitely needed to keep going and to keep the Officers in post.

In response to Councillor Williams enquiry, Ms Copley advised that she did not have the exact figures of how much money the Project had successfully managed to obtain in benefits for residents but she could obtain these details and advise accordingly.

Councillor H. Trueman raised the query that as the DWP were due to relocate from Wearview House to Newcastle, if this would have an impact on their ability to get their clients to a local office for their interviews etc. Ms Copley advised that it would have an impact on travel costs and would be something that would be needed to be factored in. It would also impact upon those clients with mental illnesses as the aspect of travelling to unknown places could be traumatic.

The Chairman thanked Ms Copley for the report and for the work the Project had carried out.

2. RESOLVED that the Committee

- i) Considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020- 2023, and agreed the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1 of the report;
- ii) Noted the presentation of the Washington Individual Support Project (WISP)

Washington Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest as well as presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Purvis presented the report and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

In relation to Application No.3 Love Where You Live- Invest in Parks (Princess Anne Park Master Plan, Councillor Williams commented that it was disappointing it had taken so long to get to this point and that now there were additional costs due to this and therefore we hadn't gotten the best value for money. Councillor Williams also informed that she hadn't received any contact from the Officer relating to this, Mrs Purvis advised that she would pass this on.

With regards to Application No. 4 Love Where You Live- Invest in Parks (Delivering Washington Play Strategy) Councillor G. Miller enquired as to what this was going to deliver. Mrs Purvis advised that this was to go to the procurement of equipment and as Harraton Play Park had never had a high amount it was suggested that the remaining capital be used towards this.

Councillor Williams commented that Harraton was seen as the big play park in Washington and one of the better ones over the years and enquired over any sensory equipment installations.

Alan Rowan, Retained Education Function Lead, Sunderland City Council advised that the swing would cost around £37,000 and was an expensive item but something that could be included in the design that they wanted to bring back for consideration however the item would be a significant proportion of the budget.

In response to Councillor Laws enquiry over when they would see design options, Mr Rowan advised that these would come around the easter period and suggested that a number of Members be nominated to have conversations with the Officer over this.

The Chairman suggested that Officers attend the next Board meeting. Mrs Purvis also advised that there was a Play Working Group that could be reinstated.

Councillor F. Miller commented that residents from all over Washington used Harraton Play Park and she would like to see some of the smarter equipment

put in if it was going to be the showpiece of Washington and she would like to be part of the discussions moving forward therefore requested that Ward Members be included in consultations.

In relation to Application No. 5 Albany Wheel (Installation and Enhancement) Councillor Fletcher wished to raise her objection to this proposal as she did not agree it should be costing the Washington Area Committee. The original request was made stating that there would be no cost to Washington therefore had been agreed with Washington West Members. Councillor Fletcher added that they had waited years for the Washington F Pit budget and now a significant part of the budget was to be allocated for this and advised that she would be voting against this application.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that Councillor Fletcher was entirely correct in her comments but the Leader had summed up the situation perfectly at the last meeting of the Board in that there was a need to put this issue behind us and move forward as the Village Centre had a hole in it at present and for the betterment of the people we needed to progress this to enhance the village and do the best we could for the residents of Washington. Councillor H. Trueman added that he understood the annoyance of Members on this but at the end of the day we were going to get a nice Village Centre out of it.

Councillor G. Miller agreed that they had been sold a proposal which wasn't supposed to cost Washington but had not turned out to be the case, however he did not think this had been intentional, things had changed and there was a need to move things on and give the best installation they could for the people of Washington. Councillor Miller commented that the negativity would vanish once the new installation was in and would ease residents frustrations. We had to move onto how we fixed this issue and agreed with Councillor H. Trueman's comments. It was a problem we should never have had but it needed fixing.

Mrs Purvis advised that there would be consultations due to be considered at the March Board meeting.

Councillor Williams commented that she was not particularly happy about this either and she had very strong discussions about it as the Portfolio Holder, that there was no guarantee the Wheel in place would be from Washington was frustrating and she was really disappointed in the situation but it had to be promoted ultimately as a positive for the resident of the Village but urged that we never got into this situation again.

Councillor P. Walker commented that he felt this application should be the responsibility of the West Area Committee and for them to approve out of their funds. The Chairman raised the Question if Members wanted to approve this now or continue with a whole in the ground.

Councillor P. Walker suggested that the money could be found from Central budgets and had been done previously from Capital funding.

Councillor Williams agreed with colleagues and commented that she was happy to agree the recommendation but to make the request that West Area Committee provide the funding.

Having fully discussed the application, the Chairman put the recommendation to a vote as detailed on Page 34 with the addition that the Officer contact the Chairman of West Area Committee requesting that this funding be reimbursed.

With 6 Members voting in Favour:-

Councillors	Lauchlan Laws	F. Miller G. Miller	D. Trueman H. Trueman
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4 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Fletcher M. Walker	P. Walker Williams
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And 2 Members Abstaining:-

Councillors	Farthing	Guy
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The Chairman advised that the recommendation to approve the funding had passed and that Mrs Purvis would ask the Officer to contact the Chairman of West Area Committee and to also investigate the use of Central budget funding also.

In relation to Application No. 6 Washington Outreach Project; Extension. Councillor Farthing commented that she fully supported this proposal and suggested that it should be brought back for future years also.

With regards to Application No. 8 – Project Brief for Washington Youth Matters, Councillor Williams enquired if there were plans to engage with the other two secondary schools in the area. Mrs Purvis advised that it was a capacity issue and the amount of residents they had that they had gone with the two schools they already had relationships with so therefore would not use up as much resource. Mrs Purvis also added that they did recommend that if the pilot worked and they could get some buy in from the Council that they could roll this out to further schools.

Ms Copley advised that there had been a very tight deadline to get the partnerships right and the two schools named in the bid they had direct links and firm commitments from and they were happy to establish further links if they could.

Councillor Farthing commented that it was regularly raised by young people at the State of the City events about the need for financial education and this was something that would help get financial understating embedded so thanked Officers for the proposal put forward.

Councillor Guy commented that this type of scheme would have been brilliant when he was attending school and at the moment there was no guidance within schools so this structure was needed and the project would be well received.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.1 of the report;
- ii) Considered and agreed the approval of £35,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to extend the Neighbourhood Enforcement Project, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Considered and agreed the approval of £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to contribute to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iv) Considered and agreed the approval of £10,312 Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to contribute to delivering the Princess Anne Park Master Plan, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- v) Considered and agreed the approval of £40,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to deliver the Washington Fixed Play Strategy, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- vi) Considered and agreed the approval of £20,000 Neighbourhood Fund and £3,856 Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding to Sunderland City Council to contribute to delivering the Albany Wheel Project, as detailed in both Paragraphs 2.3 and 3.4, and as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report; with the amendment that conversations be had with West Area Committee Chairman over possible reimbursement;
- vii) Considered and agreed the approval of £7,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Oxclose & District Young People's Project to extend the Washington Outreach Project, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- viii) Considered and agreed the approval of £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Community Opportunities to extend the Washington Events Programme, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- ix) Considered and agreed the approval of £45,000 Neighbourhood Fund to ShARP to deliver the Washington Youth Matters Project as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report; and
- x) Noted the 23 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item 3 Annex 2

Partner Agency Reports

a) Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Copley presented the report on behalf of the VCS Network and advised that Denise Gilholme was doing sterling work in getting new partners on board. Meetings had been positive and valuable presentations had been provided on illegal money lending which had ripple effects on providing advice to the community.

Denise Gillholme, Community Support Worker informed that they were taking stock and it was important to encourage people to complete the surveys for what they required etc. Mrs Purvis added that they wanted their “shopping list” ready which was why they were asking everyone to obtain the information.

Councillor Williams wished to thank the VCS for the work they do which was absolutely amazing and commented that the Council couldn't function as a service without them.

Councillor H. Trueman informed that he had been delighted to attend an event for Warm Spaces and suggested if there were a way to allocate Community Chest into these projects

Mrs Purvis advised that she would circulate the details/presentations to all Members in relation to the Illegal money lending.

Members having considered the report, it was: -

4. RESOLVED that the content of the report and the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

b) Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police submitted a report which provided data on crime and disorder in the Washington area comparing 'Year to date' figures with the preceding year.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Steve Passey presented the report and wished to thank all partners for their work in helping to reduce the figures on Anti-Social Behaviour and also on the Sulgrave Project which due to their work could result in a further pilot.

Councillor Fletcher informed the Committee that she received many people wanting to report issues when she was at School Grounds and previously she referred these parents to the Police and that she was having to do this a lot less now. Inspector Passey advised that they were trying to get the word out to report incidents and to publicise as much as they could. They were heading in the right direction and he viewed more reporting as a good sign at present as it resulted in more intelligence being gathered and so long as they were getting the rewards in seeing reductions in incidents.

Inspector Passey also added that there was a need to manage people expectation and to educate the public on what sort of response could be expected and the reasons for these.

In response to Councillor H. Truman's comments over the poor performance of reporting through 101, Inspector Passey acknowledged that this was not very good and it was a national issue. Inspector Passey advised that reporting could also be done online, contacting local teams and this was really simple to carry out and Officers in his team could help assist anyone in the use of the website if needed but he did acknowledge that not everyone was comfortable using online technology and the 101 number was still available.

Councillor Farthing commented that an issue regularly reported to her was one of speeding and sought clarity as to whose responsibility this was and if powers were being passed onto the Council for this. Inspector Passey informed that the Police had responsibility for a Community Speed Watch Programme which hadn't been rolled out for Washington as yet but he could easily create a programme and he would speak to the Officer to see if there's a need for community based operations. In terms of out and out enforcement it was a Police responsibility and he hoped that Operation Butternut would also have an indirect impact upon the issue and also suggested that if Members had any details of issues to pass these on and they would send out the speed camera van.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Passey for his attendance

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

c) Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

The Tyne and Wear Fire Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided performance-monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st September 2022 to 30th November 2022, compared with the same period in 2021

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Martin Farrow, Station Manager presented the report and expanded on the figures provided. Mr Farrow also wished to echo Inspector Passey's comments and thank all partners for the collaborative working which had driven their figures down.

Councillor Williams wished to congratulate the Authority on the good news of the reductions in figures and the great teamworking.

Councillor H. Truman referred to the Princes Trust programme at Farringdon Station and commented that this was a great initiative.

Councillor Farthing highlighted the incidents in Washington South Ward and commented that they were very much centred around one area/underpass and was an issue that needed to be kept under consideration.`

The Chairman thanked Mr Farrow for his attendance.

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

d) Gentoo

Gentoo provided a report to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period March 2022 to June 2022.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Bethan Wilkie, Gentoo presented the report and advised that in relation to paragraph 3.6 of the report that 546kg of food had been collected.

Councillor Fletcher referred to the setting up of a dedicated helpline to report damp/mould and commented that she was pleased to see this and it was just a shame that it had taken such a tragic event nationally in order to deal with the issue. Ms Wilkie advised that Gentoo always had dedicated staff for these issues.

Councillor Fletcher also informed that tenants had been over the moon with the window renovations and that the contractors used had been excellent for residents as they left no mess or damage and these measures would also likely have an effect on any mould/damp from occurring.

Councillor Farthing agreed with Councillor Fletcher that the issue of damp and mould had been around a long time and it was welcome that positive steps had been made to address it. Councillor Farthing also commented that she received regular issues from constituents on the doorstep in relation to Gentoo garages which they believed to be such an eyesore and was an issue that appeared to matter greatly to residents.

Ms Wilke advised that the asset team were developing a Strategy and she believed that Oxclose was programmed in for 2025 but she would share this information once she had it. If there were any specific information, Members could contact her in the first instance and she would pass this on to the team.

In response to Councillor F. Miller's query over brickwork in Barmston, Ms Wilkie advised that she was unaware of any ongoing works in Barmston but she could liaise with Members and look at the programmes.

The Chairman thanked Ms Wilkie for the report

7. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st October, 2022 to 24th November, 2022 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and at this juncture wished Mrs Purvis a happy retirement on behalf of the whole Area Committee and thanked her for the many years of service.

(Signed) L. LAUCLAN,
Chairman.

16 March 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- a. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2022-2023.
- b. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 -2023.

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.

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 Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. 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 / 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 May 2021.

3.6 Area Plans from 2023/24 onwards are being developed, with data/intelligence gathering underway. Members will take part in a series of workshops and discussions to recommend priorities and actions for inclusion in these plans, which will be agreed at June 2023 Area Committee.

4. Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023 Areas of Key Action/Progress

4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which are being delivered within the Washington area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan is monitored by the Area Committee and actions will continue to be addressed up to 2023, via the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board.

- 4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council's website which is available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk, as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 Progress against the Delivery Plan has been reported regularly to Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee. Good news stories and promotion of projects and local information have been posted on the Washington Sunderland Community Facebook page.
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to March 2023

Priority/Issue	Update
Enforcement & Neighbourhood Management	Additional funding to extend the project to March 2024 and allow the officer to roll out activities to other areas in Washington, was approved at the December 2022 Area Committee. NMEP will also manage the Together Clean & Green Partnership Group as a Project Management Steering Group for NMEP and will liaise directly with Cllrs regarding redeployment of the street cams and identifying any new 'hotspots' for the project to target.
Invest in Parks: Usworth Park	Following escalating costs to deliver capital improvements, additional funding has been approved to continue to deliver aspects of the Usworth Park Development Plan as well as manage the site whilst the building works are completed. A number of actions/activities are still to be completed. This funding will allow ES to continue to work with partners to deliver the approved Usworth Park Development Plan to support a future application for Green Flag Status.
Invest in Parks: Princess Anne Park	Work has now commenced on site to deliver priority items as detailed in the Princess Anne Master Plan and this programme is expected to be delivered within the £100,000 budget already awarded. Building on an that investment to deliver mainly repairs to footpaths and surfaces, additional funding was approved in December 2022 to carry out footpath maintenance to paths that have root damage / trip hazards to footpaths not previously identified.
Trees and Plantation Management Task Group Report	At the first Task Group meeting in October 2022, Councillors identified priorities at a ward level. Washington Central - the area behind Bede / Dene crescent in Washington Village; the area to the top of Village Lane not a big area therefore, Burtree/Pendle/Mendip area too Washington East - The plantation behind Sycamore, Chestnut and Laburnum in Harraton Washington North - priority areas are Silverstone Road and Sulgrave Road. Washington South - The plantation between Fieldfare and Lapwing Close in Ayton, the plantation which runs along the back of Fieldfare, and the plantation mentioned in the list at Skaylock in Lambton Washington West - Perimeter road in Donwell. Specifically the trees that overlook Doncrest and Donridge as the road progresses to the roundabout next to the bridge. The project lead is arranging surveys for proposed sites and has been requested to keep Cllrs updated with regards to ward level programmes of work
Improve highways, pavements and street lighting	Colleagues from Highways attended the November 2022 Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to consult with members regarding the development of the Washington highways maintenance programme for 2023/24. Further updates have been received and Members have put forward areas for consideration in the 2023/2024 programme. The suggested locations will have been assessed and following discussions at the February 2023 Board meeting, recommendations are contained at Annex 2 to this report .

Washington Clean and Green	<p>The project continues to provide a valuable resource within the community. During the last reporting quarter (October to December 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 community clean ups carried out • 83 bags of waste collected • 333 volunteer hours were delivered <p>A report from the project includes:</p> <p>Washington Job Centre Following complaints from our volunteers who use the facility we visited the area around the Job Centre to clear the paths leading from the Galleries to the Centre which were seriously neglected and obstructing pedestrians. We also cut back the paths of vegetation within the Centre's immediate area for which our volunteers received thanks from a passing pedestrian, which is always appreciated</p> <p>Barmston Some of our volunteers like to litter pick while others prefer to clear vegetation. Where possible we try to combine the two activities. This occurred when we visited Barmston again this month. Whilst there we made a useful contact with the Community Café Forage with Whom we hope to work in the future.</p> <p>Rickleton We visited Rickleton Village at the invitation of the Residents Association and joined them and volunteers from Pendleton Trust to dig over the wild flower beds and plant bulbs for the Spring.</p> <p>Aldi, Blackfell The well-used footpath which runs along Aldi off Armstrong Road Blackfell was impeded by shrubbery and we spent a morning cutting it back and again received appreciation from passers-by.</p> <p>Barmston Forage Community Café In early November Dianne Richardson manager of Forage informed us that they had received 220 trees from the Woodland Trust and asked us if we would help them plant them around their garden area. Six volunteers carried out the task while two others collected litter from around Barmston Plantation</p> <p>Usworth Colliery Primary School The school have a Forest School where children can visit and learn about the nature on their doorstep. Over the years the area had become overgrown and hazardous. We made three visits to the school and cleared the area, discovering a nest of angry wasps along the way! At the same time Usworth Park and Sulgrave subway were litter-picked.</p> <p>Behind Clay's Garden Centre, Barmston The cyclepath behind Clay's is well used by cyclists and pedestrians and is quickly impeded by fast-growing Buddleia. We spent two mornings clearing the pathway and received a number of compliments from passers-by for our work. Four bags of litter were also collected.</p> <p>James Steel Park & Vigo Lane This area was litter picked where 10 bags of litter were collected and overgrown vegetation was removed from the bottom of Vigo Lane December began with very cold weather but despite this we carried out 3 litter picks and 3 clearances. We worked with Building Blocks Nursery and Bowes Railway and carried out litterpicks in various parts of Washington. Ian and the volunteers also took a well-earned rest in December which was well timed to include the week when snow was on the ground and would have impeded work.</p> <p>Building Blocks Nursery, Concord In November we were approached by the manager of Building Blocks Nursery to see if we could clear the area around the building of overgrown vegetation which was becoming a hiding place for youths. We carried out a site audit and worked commenced in December 2022. We noted that the area was also a hotspot for litter. Five</p>
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	<p>volunteers cleared the vegetation whilst four picked litter from around Concord and Albany Park an incredible 17 bags were collected.</p> <p>Willow Pond, Barmston This area was raised as a litter problem by a local resident and when we visited we saw that the well-used footpaths were obstructed by vegetation. Three volunteers cleared the paths while four volunteers cleared 5 bags of litter.</p> <p>Bowes Railway The bridleway beside the railway is well used by cyclists and pedestrians and is quickly impeded by fast-growing vegetation. We spent a morning clearing the pathway prior to the Railway providing volunteers with a Christmas 'Brunch'. Five bags of litter were also collected.</p>
<p>Washington Enforcement Project</p>	<p>Washington Central This quarter, the project has continued to focus on Littering and PSPO (including the abandonment of trolleys) offences in Glebe area. Proactive patrols have been undertaken around the Galleries retail park to address littering and estate walks to identify abandoned trolleys and tackle the removal of trolleys through the Galleries access points which result in been abandoned across the area. Officers have completed patrols with the Neighbourhood Wardens at various times of day to address these concerns.</p> <p>Washington East Stockley Road and Waskerley Road remain the focus of attention for the East ward. Concerns raised over abandoned trolleys in the Barmston area originating from Peel Retail Park led to officers engaging with the retailers to ensure they had an appropriate trolley collection service in place.</p> <p>The project regularly liaises with the Gentoo co-ordinators for the area and carries out joint walk abouts to discuss concerns over specific properties, tenants, and waste on Gentoo land. Intelligence is provided by Gentoo to help target patrols and identify which areas/properties to engage with regarding household waste disposal.</p> <p>Information provided by colleagues has led to new Streetwatch camera locations being considered around Stockley Road to help identify those responsible for fly-tipping on council land from residential properties.</p> <p>Washington West Patrols have continued throughout the Blackfell area, noting a reduction in mis-presentation of household waste with most properties now ensuring their bins are correctly stored after collection. A number of items located on private land have been reported to relevant landowners, such as Gentoo, for removal of such items.</p> <p>Following the success of the streetwatch camera at Stridingedge, new locations throughout Washington West are being discussed for camera deployment. With a reduction in reports throughout Stridingedge, the project will identify other areas in the West to engage with residents issuing advisory letters to remind residents of their responsibility when presenting household waste for refuse collection, whilst maintaining observations in the Blackfell area.</p> <p>Washington North Targeted work has continued around Sulgrave and a number of patrols have been completed. Following signage erected in previous months, numerous properties on Trafalgar Road have been issued with initial Community Protection Warning letters regarding large items in gardens at risk of being fly tipped or set alight. This pro-active</p>

	<p>approach has seen an increase in resident engagement with the officers and the council, whilst utilising the bulky waste collection and improving the view of the area.</p> <p>The project will continue engagement in the Sulgrave area, moving onto Gladstone Terrace and nearby streets, whilst maintaining a presence around Sulgrave Road etc. Waste receptacles found on the public highway causing obstructions have been reported to other council departments for licensing action. Joint Gentoo patrols around the Sulgrave area have been completed, highlighting concerns to the co-ordinator for appropriate action and resolution.</p> <p>Washington South Oxclose remains the focus for the Washington South area, with regular patrols being undertaken at Bamburgh Close, Lumley Close and surrounding streets identifying properties not adhering to previous enforcement guidance.</p> <p>Intelligence provided by colleagues led to all properties on Alwin receiving advisory letters regarding their household waste presentation, this prompted resident engagement and intelligence which has enabled enforcement action to be taken against other non-complaint residents in the area. Concerns over waste on private land has also been referred onto Gentoo for action.</p> <p>The project has continued patrols in Oxclose regarding the abandonment of trolleys. Any persons observed using a trolley has been engaged with, even if an offence has not been witnessed. If a person is spoken to and details provided, a warning letter will be issued to the suspected offender.</p> <p>Spaces the public have access to and visit, such as community centres and schools, that are near large green spaces will be engaged with regarding PSPO orders, primarily dog fouling</p>
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5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Annex 1**.
- 5.2 Agree the recommendations contained in **Annex 2** in relation to Highways Maintenance Programme 2023/24

Annex 1 Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

Annex 2 Highways Maintenance Programme 2023/24

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The Plan was developed as a 3 year proposal which committed the Area Committee to deliver a significant number of priorities in Washington, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan has been monitored by the Area Committee and actions addressed over the last three years via the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board. Regular updates have been provided to the Board and to Area Committee over the last 3 years and the actions and priorities which continue to be delivered are outlined below.

Love Where You Live and Bloom		
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report
Continue with Clean and Green community clean ups and litter picks and love where you live campaign projects and campaigns	ACDL to work with the lead with regards to identify project sustainability post July 2023 Include in 23/24 Plans	The extension of the Washington Clean & Green Volunteer Project approved at June 2022 AC ends in July 2023. The Steering Group continues to meet and a full report was presented to the February 2023 N&C Board. The Board unanimously agreed to the extension of the project for 2 years and agreed to amend the project brief and ask for an application to be submitted. The application will be presented to the Area Committee in June 2023.
Continue with Ward Improvement Project	Agreed projects are being developed and delivered in each ward. Remaining balances and future developments to be discussed with each ward Include in 23/24 Plans	A new simpler process has been established for all Walk & Talk/Ward Improvement Projects. New methodology and Internal Framework Agreements have been developed. After a financial review of the programme, the current balances for each ward, as at 1 March 2023, have been reported to members on a ward by ward basis. A number of projects are now under development and an update will be provided at year end.
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	Include in 23/24 Plans	There is a current balance of £14,872 remaining in the Clean & Green small grants budget. A call for projects will be discussed at a future Board meeting
Use Enforcement Powers to tackle those who spoil the neighbourhood		
Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project (WNMEP)	Work with Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to enhance and support the current offer in Washington Include in 23/24 Plans	Detailed updates provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target with enforcement activity in all Wards. Street Cams now deployed in Washington and Cllrs consulted via Board for priority sites and hotspots. As part of a city-wide approach drones are also deployed to help combat ASB, vandalism and flytipping. The project has been extended to March 2024. It is proposed that the Together Clean and Green Partnership Working Group act as project steering group for WNMEP
Invest in Parks, Play, Cycle and Walking Routes		
Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks	Continue to co-ordinate plans via the Task & Finish group to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Capacity 	Additional funds for both Princess Anne Park Master Plan £10,312 and Usworth Park Development Plan £10,000 were agreed at December 2022 AC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City's Play Strategy • Plans for investment in parks and green spaces • Dealing with and response to ASB • Opportunities to access S106 <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	
Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan	<p>Usworth Park Development Plan reviewed and SCC Officer Group established to oversee delivery.</p> <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender awarded for refurbishment of the Pavilion. On site November. Usworth Park to be put forward for Green Flag Status 2023. SCC also applied for grant to refurbish Tennis Courts. • Delivering the agreed Usworth Park Development Plan remains a priority, with the Council committed to supporting Usworth Park Green Flag status application and developing the site as a 'Family' resource, including security, new gates, landscaping and supporting Friends Group. • The Friends are also working with the Clean & Green team to tidy the park and carry out smaller scale landscaping, border maintenance etc. and are to look after a noticeboard in the park. 1st AGM held 10.11.22. VS Alliance is supporting Officers to draft an engagement and community participation plan to broaden support for the park • Discussions are underway with regards to managing the building in the park once completed • Allotment (Manor View) – Officers are in discussion with owner with regards to tidying up the site.
Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan	<p>ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p> <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>Capital funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess Anne Park Play. Work programmed to enable a start on site by end of November. Officers reviewing costed estimate to prioritise activity. December Area Committee approved funding to extend the project.</p>
Improve play areas	<p>ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds</p> <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>WAC approved a total of £100,000 NCIP at June Area committee. SCC confirmed £85,000 capital as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington.</p> <p>Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council's landscaping team. Requested a report to November Board with options to deliver the outstanding proposals included in the FPS and Harraton. Additional funds of £40,000 were approved at December 2022 to deliver the FPS including design options for Harraton. Meetings with relevant ward members are taking place to finalise designs.</p>

Plantation and Tree Management		
Consider strategic approach for future management of large plantations close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Strategic update to Board. Include in 23/24 Plans	£100,000 Neighbourhood Fund approved to SCC to assist with the delivery of community led proposals for the NE Community Forest, and to help facilitate solutions for plantation management. Cllr proposals to be presented to Board and SCC lead to be co-ordinated with SCC new policy and funding applications re LA Treescape Grant and current programmes being delivered city wide. First Task Group met 19.10.22. Cllr priorities by Ward for 'priority' activity are: Washington Central - the area behind Bede / Dene crescent in Washington Village; the area to the top of Village Lane not a big area therefore Burtree/Pendle/Mendip area too Washington East - The plantation behind Sycamore, Chestnut and Laburnum in Harraton Washington North - priority areas are Silverstone Road and Sulgrave Road. Washington South - The plantation between Fieldfare and Lapwing Close in Ayton, the plantation which runs along the back of Fieldfare, and the plantation mentioned in the list at Skaylock in Lambton Washington West - Perimeter road in Donwell. Specifically the trees that overlook Doncrest and Donridge as the road progresses to the roundabout next to the bridge.
Highways, Road Safety and Street Lighting		
Implementation of agreed VAS Programme	Update to future Boards dependent on procurement schedule Include in 23/24 Plans	Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target. Recent request for variation Washington West - surveys completed and variation agreed
Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020	Hold regular meetings with Road Safety Team for proposals and schemes Include in 23/24 Plans	Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target The Road Safety Team will continue to roll out initiatives at schools to discourage inconsiderate parking.
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programmes annually presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	HMP Report presented to November Board as first stage to agree 23/24 programme. Priorities were presented at February Board. Recommendations presented to March 2023 AC
Support the Voluntary and Community Sector to grow capacity and provide additional services		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and	Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. Work continues to ensure the Networks are consulted and participate in the future

capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations	build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance Include in 23/24 Plans	modelling of the Sunderland VS Alliance. Proposals are being developed and governance confirmed with regards to the independence model. In addition, various training opportunities and workshops are being delivered in areas by the Alliance, courses and information requested by the sector.
Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington.	Continue to support VCS organisations to build capacity Include in 23/24 Plans	VCS Area Network continues to meet regularly. The Washington Network Annual Report is presented to March 2023 AC. Local VCS organisations are firmly embedded in working with the Council and other public sector partners to deliver identified and much needed community services and support at a local level 4 th round of Improving Community Assets to be released in March/April 2023 for approval at June 2023 AC
Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs Include in 23/24 Plans	REACT has been extended to March 2023 but with the recent addition of Community Renewal Fund likely to be extended further. Lead will confirm new end date. Project delivering to target
Continue to update Community Events offer as method to involve local communities and build capacity	Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Event programme Include in 23/24 Plans	Funding of £10,000 was approved at the December 2022 Area Committee to extend the Washington Events Programme to September 2023. Events include – Supporting Remembrance Parades, Christmas Event, Miners Picnic and Summer Carnival 2023
Launch volunteer platform to support residents to get involved within their communities		
Co-ordinate volunteers and link to VCS organisations	VSA lead matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area Include in 23/24 Plans	Work continues to support residents via SCC Area Hubs and the VS Alliance. Further funding to support vulnerable residents has been provided via the established Hub partnerships and Community Champions partnerships. This model has also been utilised to deliver the Household Support Fund and, more recently, Warm Spaces. 12 Warm Spaces/Community Hubs have been established across Washington and a number of volunteers have registered to offer support.
Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to get together and feel safe		
Positive Activities for young people	Develop project brief. Call for projects to be made Include in 23/24 Plans	The existing programme is being delivered by 5 organisations across the area. The current programme ends in May 2023.
Relaunch the ‘Can-Do’ Project	Review of scheme to future Board Include in 23/24 Plans	Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. Successful applicants of previous rounds have been invited to showcase their projects prior to the March 2023 Committee

<p>Develop a new 'offer' for young people - a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music?</p>	<p>Continue to receive project updates via quarterly reporting mechanism</p>	<p>Creative You Project approved to Sunderland Culture and will be delivered until September 2023.</p>
<p>Washington Outreach Project</p>	<p>ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>Engaging young people at hotspot areas re ASB and challenging behaviours. Good partnerships in place with Police and SCC ASB Team. Outreach and base work as part of the programme plus referrals into services as required. Cllrs nominate local ASB hotspots. The December 2022 Area Committee approved a further £7,000 to extend the lifetime of the project to July 2023.</p>
<p>Washington Youth Matters: Financial Resilience</p>	<p>Provide update reports via quarterly monitoring Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>December Area Committee approved £45,000 to a project to be delivered in partnership by ShARP and ODYPP. The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project will be delivered through a partnership arrangement providing a unique, invaluable experience and learning opportunity for the young people participating and will use practical maths to deliver financial education and build financial resilience to young people, using digital resources including Young Money, Money and Pension Service (MaPS) resources and literature.</p>
<p>Invest in Heritage and Celebrate Local Heritage</p>		
<p>Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway</p>	<p>Task and Finish group established to bring together a number of strategies and documents to support and celebrate local heritage Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>Washington Heritage & Culture Project approved December AC – awarded to NE BIC. A number of local partners make up the Project Steering group. Project commenced March 2022. Project Plan 5 workstreams: Mapping & Networking completed Future Washington Heritage Offer Delivering Partnership Working Capacity Building with Communities Promotion & Marketing. Main focus to build communication and collaboration and shape partnership role. New Heritage Co-ordinator currently being recruited with interim support provided by the Washington Heritage Partnership Group to assist with the immediate development of some of the other workstreams Funding in place beyond the current Delivery Plan to March 2024. Replacement of relocated Albany Wheel - application for funding for options to the enhance the site and landscaping at Albany Village Centre presented to the November Board and approved for funding at December 2023 Area Committee. Work has commenced on restoring the Wheel and preparing the site.</p>

WASHINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Annex 2

Members Recommendations for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2023-2024

STREET NAME	WARD	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Avebury Drive- part	Central	Road Resurfacing		12,000
*Melrose – o/s 24	Central	Footway Resurfacing	4,700	
Raeburn Avenue	Central	Road Resurfacing		7,875
Bonemill Lane – footway	East	Footway overlay	2,100	
Cedar Terrace	East	Road Resurfacing		18,350
Neville Court (Marlborough Road)	North	Road Resurfacing		19,650
Birtley Road footway	South	Footway renewal	20,000 (21,900)	
Vigo Lane (footway)	South	Footway overlay	2,300	
Albany Village centre	West	Road Resurfacing		16,200
Bridekirk- 14 to 26	West	Footway overlay	2,000	
Sycamore Grove	West	Road Resurfacing		8,650
		SELECTION TOTAL	24,100	74,075

TOTAL = £98,175

TOTAL including Ward funding = £113,825

Those schemes not in bold and with an * are funded through Community Chest/Ward Improvement Programme etc.

16 March 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1. Purpose of Report

1. The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee from December to March 2023.

2. Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects, and priorities.

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

3.1 Gentoo continue to work on a tenancy sustainability plan to support tenants impacted with the cost-of-living crisis, who may be facing poverty because they cannot heat their home, pay their rent, or buy the essentials they need for themselves or their children. Tenancies fail for multiple reasons of which financial resilience is only one, and often a symptom of the real cause, such as vulnerability, relationship breakdown, low incomes, and unemployment. The Gentoo support teams work with tenants to provide extra support and the Department of Levelling up Housing and Communities has held up the work of Gentoo's Positive Engagement officers, as good practice. The PEO's work with tenants who have complex needs, such as drug and alcohol issues, which impact their ability to sustain their tenancy.

A Gentoo cost-of-living survey was sent out through social media during November 2022, with tenants asked twelve questions relating to how well they thought they might cope with the cost of living. Within two weeks 1550 responses had been received.

When asked *'how worried are you about the cost-of-living crisis?'* 51% said extremely or very worried with only 6% saying not worried at all. When asked *'how well do you think you will be able to cope with the cost-of-living crisis?'*, 46.47% said either extremely or very well. With 17.78% saying not so well or not well at all. Of all respondents, 76.27% had used a food bank in the previous 6 months. In response to *'What is your biggest concern about the cost-of-living crisis?'* 45.41% of respondents, stated, *'paying rent'* with *'paying energy bills'* at 24.59% and *'buying food'* at 22.47%.

Pension Credit is one of the most underclaimed benefits in the UK and is extra money to help you cover your costs if you're over State Pension age and living on a low income. Gentoo have promoted Pension Credit eligibility through social media and the website to encourage this group of tenants to claim. To also support this age group of vulnerable tenants, Gentoo have worked in partnership with the DWP and Northumbrian Water to identify those pensionable age tenants who would qualify for water rates support, the collaborative work with the agencies has resulted in approximately 2,762 tenants being awarded a discount of between 10 and 50% of their water charges (Gentoo now have 8,629 tenants who have benefited from this support).

There continues to be poverty for families receiving universal credit, Gentoo currently has 10,683 tenants claiming universal credit. These tenants are supported monthly during the first four months of their claim by specialist officers, who ensure that access to all available services and financial support is discussed.

We continue to support initiatives such as 'Share the Warmth' campaign which distributes used coats, scarfs, and hats to individuals in need, we continue to work with utility suppliers to support tenants struggling to pay their bills and offer support through Gentoo's 'Crisis Fund'. Currently this year (up to the end of February) 774 requests have been assessed, and a spend of £28,549 has already issued to tenants to top up their gas and electricity meters. Tenants are still able to access professional Money Matters support should they find themselves in financial difficulty and demand for this service has dramatically increased in the last three months.

- 3.2 The Tenant Satisfaction Measures were created by the Regulator of Social Housing as a new system for assessing how well social housing landlords in England are doing at providing good quality homes and services.
From 1 April 2023, landlords must start collecting data for the tenant satisfaction measures (TSM's) ready for submission to the regulator in Summer 2024, these results will be published in Autumn 2024.
The measures are intended to enable residents to scrutinise their landlord and hold them to account. The measures will also be used as a source of intelligence to the Regulator on whether landlords are meeting the regulatory standards. TSM's will be used alongside other tools to gain assurance that housing providers are providing good quality homes and services.
The TSMs, which will be collected through tenant surveys and landlord data, will cover five main themes, including repairs, building safety, effective complaint-handling, respectful and helpful tenant engagement, and responsible neighbourhood management.
The Group already have a pilot project underway to ensure readiness for the provision of data to the Regulator. The tenant surveys are being carried out by an independent organisation to allow for honesty and transparency.

4 Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 Lambton Village Centre roof works are in progress.
- 4.2 Albany Village Centre garages. Gentoo were intending on demolishing the garages due to a structural assessment deeming the garages uneconomical to repair and that they were structurally unsafe. After submitting planning permission to demolish them we received an offer to purchase the garages and undertake the repairs to bring them back into occupation. Gentoo have accepted this offer and withdrawn our planning application. Residents wanted the garages to remain and this is a positive outcome, they will be modernised and rented out by the new owner.
- 4.3 Washington internal modernisations in Columbia, Biddick, Springwell Village and Fatfield including kitchens, bathrooms and rewiring works are in progress with 245 completed, 31 started and 199 to start, the programme is due to be completed by May 23.
- 4.4 The removal of Washington District Heating is ongoing; 330 installations of new Combi Boilers have been completed and 631 outstanding.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**1.0 Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Washington area between the following 8-week period (1st January 2023 – 5th March 2023)

2.0 Key Updates**Overall crime Update**

Crime: 8-week period to 05-03-23

Crime numbers are on a par with 2020 and 2022 figures which is a fair position to be in as Covid-19 had a big impact on crime reporting especially in 2021. Some good news in the last week we have seen a significant decrease in reported crime throughout the sector, The most significant crimes recorded in Washington in this period are crimes against a person with no injury, theft, and then criminal damage. The area with the most crimes recorded is the Galleries which I would expect, Concord and then Sulgrave.

It should be noted that the number of recorded crimes is generally low for a Town of this size and as a result there are smaller sectors within the area command with greater levels of recorded crime.

Burglary Dwelling.

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes, Washington is still performing very well in this crime category. As with other crime categories we are on a par with 2022 offences but significantly below both 2020 and 2021 figures and as such this sector does not flag as an area command hot spot for burglary offences.

There is a continuing issue in relation to garage burglaries throughout the area command the target of these offences has been pedal cycles/scooters/mopeds. Please be reassured that there is a great deal of work on going in relation to these offenses and suspects.

Burglary Commercial

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. Most of the reports are within the Concord area but as discussed, the low number does not result in the sector becoming a hot spot.

Vehicle crime

Vehicle crime is showing an increase on previous years and is a focus for the team at present. Again, the sector does not flag as an area command hot spot due to relatively low numbers however it a priority for the team as it also impacts on anti-social behaviour performance. The team with partners has several operations underway and have made several arrests with more to follow.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB: 8-week period to 05-03-23

In this 8-week period there have been 187 ASB incidents, most of the disorder is around inconsiderate behaviour/rowdy behaviour then neighbour disputes, then motorcycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in, Barmston followed by the galleries and then Oxclose.

We are currently tracking at similar reporting levels to 2021 and are below 2020 figures which is where I would expect us to be. The team are working on our Spring operations and will be

focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners. The Spring plan will focus on the galleries and the surrounding area and motorcycle/pedal cycle theft and ASB.

Darker nights plan update

The darker Nights campaign worked very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority, and Gentoo which has seen a big reductions throughout the target areas.

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WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

16th March 2023

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Washington Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. Washington Network Annual Report

- 3.1 In Washington the VCS is made up of a wide range of organisations ranging from independent local branches of national charities through to small, totally voluntary, community groups. Collectively these organisations provide Washington residents with a wide range of local services, activities and opportunities and have a significant role within community life. The Washington Area Network Annual Report (2022/23) identifies some of the challenges and issues facing the local VCS sector and the successes of organisations, and the priorities which will shape future delivery of services and activities.
- 3.2 This report also contains some key information relating to the Washington Area VCS Network itself.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington AVCSN

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Appendix 1: Annual Report of Washington Community & Voluntary Sector Network 2022/23

Annual Report 2022/23 of Washington Community & Voluntary Sector Network (VCSN)

Introduction

This report has been written to highlight the views and experiences of the voluntary organisations that deliver services to the communities of Washington and are members of the Washington VCS Area Network.

In addition, there has been an opportunity for our local VCS to identify the key priorities of the sector and inform the Area Committee's Delivery Plan and new priorities for 2023/24.

A variety of methods have been used to gain views and experiences of the organisations:

- Washington network meetings
- A detailed 'Taking Stock Survey' which has been circulated across the VCS within Washington along with the Washington VCS Network questionnaire
- Discussions between VCS partners.

Washington Area Network constantly considers how it can best engage the wider sector. Understandably, a VCS as diverse as that which operates within Washington requires a range of engagement processes and communication systems to be in place. Reaching out to the widest range of organisations remains a high priority for the Washington Network going forward.

The Washington VCS Area Network role

The Voluntary & Community Sector Network aims are:

- To develop the capacity, support and influence of the VCS across the City, through open communication and partnership working.
- To work together to build relationships within communities and between communities and local services and activities.
- Recognised route of Council engagement with the VCS within each geographical Area
- To work together to develop and share good VCS practice.
- To provide up to three delegates to represent the geographical area's VCS at Sunderland City Council's Area Committees, influencing strategic policies and priorities that affects local communities and the VCS. The delegates will represent the whole VCS in their geographical area at the Area Committee rather than their own organisational interests.

The Network is supported by the Area Arrangements Team and holds regular meetings, provides an information sharing forum and encourages dialogue, networking and collaboration. It is also utilised to maximise the opportunity to have a constructive dialogue and 'way of working' between the Council and wider VCS organisations including opportunities for the sector to be consulted where appropriate on the Council's plans and strategies.

Links with the Washington Area Committee

Washington Area Committee has regularly confirmed its support and commitment to the Network and the local VCS organisations, and community inclusion via the VCS remains a key priority for the Committee.

- 3 delegates represent the VCS at Washington Area Committee and represent the whole of the sector at committee – and not their own individual organisations
- The Washington Area Committee Chair (or Deputy) co-chairs the Area Network to ensure and encourage collaboration
- The Network is also given an opportunity to support and contribute to the delivery of Committee's Delivery Plan to identify issues, solutions and joint priorities which meet the needs of the local community.
- Several Area Committee funded projects have been developed and delivered during 2022/23 in partnership with the local VCS organisations – helping to meet and deliver not only the Area Committee priorities but also those of the local VCS organisations:

The local VCS continues to work well with a range of partners, and it is more important than ever that the emphasis be on developing a collaborative approach and sharing best practice, promoting innovative and new models of working, and understanding the growing pressures on organisations.

The role of the smaller, grassroots organisations is important and many of these organisations do not appreciate the value of the services or activities they deliver to local residents. The Washington Area Network is fully committed to supporting the smaller groups and helping them grow. The Taking Stock Survey recently circulated is one way of not only identifying all the good work that is being delivered, but also looking at the needs and gaps and the support needs of the smaller VCS organisations and groups.

Washington Community Support Worker – Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance

The Washington Community Support worker from the Sunderland VCS Alliance has continued to work closely with the VCS in Washington to support their sustainability, resulting in:

- A grassroots-based level of support to meet the needs of smaller organisations and/or emerging locally based ventures.
- Supporting the recruitment of volunteers to increase membership including management committees, resident groups local activity-based groups resulting in increased engagement and enabling more resilient and sustainable organisations.
- Provided a range of groups with volunteer support to carry out a range of activities requested by groups. These have more recently included overhauling a garden area and planting over a hundred trees at a local riding school, decorating the external and internal areas of a local community facility and laying repurposed flooring at a local community association.
- The increased resilience of organisations through support with developing their models of governance, policies and procedures to promote sustainability and access additional community needs.
- Organisations continue to be supported to access a range of funding opportunities. Applying, developing, and adopting relevant policies and procedures to support these, safe-guarding, risk assessments, DBS checks, and relevant insurance are all areas which are supported both on a group basis as well as through locally based funding workshops.
- Access to training has continued to be offered on a no cost basis

Funding continues to be a pressure to many organisations and there is also more demand on funders which has led to organisations working in partnership to apply jointly to access grants and offer a collaborative way of working which supports additional outcomes. Six of the twelve warm spaces established as part of the Sunderland City Council Warm Spaces Initiative were directly supported by the Washington Community Support Worker to develop partnerships and apply for funding. This has supported groups to maintain their provision and offer a wider range of opportunities for residents to access and to be signposted to a range of partners on a need led basis.

The Community Support Worker has continued to provide support to individual organisations to access various opportunities offered by the Washington Area Committee including Improving Community Assets, Community Chest, Clean and Green Local action, Positive Activities and the Queen's Jubilee. This has including supporting groups to utilise and access the new online forms and processes. As a result, there has been an increased level of provision and buildings are more fit for purpose enabling increased usage and supporting wider community needs.

The impact of the cost of living and related energy costs have impacted on several organisations and support has been provided by the Community Support Worker to access relevant funding streams to enable groups to countenance these impacts. These have included working in partnership with the council and local funders to enable groups to access energy audits and Breez and Empower grants. These have supported groups to improve and replace old lighting, windows, heating systems and install energy saving and lower carbon efficient products such as solar panels and led lights. As well

as contributing to the low carbon agenda these will help to reduce energy costs and enable groups to be more sustainable.

The Community Support Worker has continued to develop training to meet the needs of the VCS and has also worked in partnership with a range of training providers. These have included digital training and awareness sessions to support the increased use of the wi-fi and digital equipment that is now available across a range of provision in Washington. Safeguarding and carrying out DBS checks for voluntary sector organisations has been a key area of development as many groups have increased their capacity through volunteers, new committee members and/or meeting new community needs.

Collaborative working and supporting volunteering

Previous Annual Reports presented to Area Committee have identified the commitment the sector has to collaboration and partnership working but also on the reliance on volunteers and volunteering.

2022/23 has seen a variety of partnerships developed or in development to deliver key projects and opportunities for joint working and support has been identified at the Network meetings. Additionally, several new groups have joined the network, these include larger organisations offering health and wellbeing and access to increased learning opportunities across Washington, community church projects and smaller enterprises such as CIC's developing community provision and access to arts promoting wellbeing.

Success stories from the Network members for 2022/23 –

- 12 Warm Spaces established across Washington supporting community organisations and local residents during the cost of living crisis.
- Increased availability of community activities and access via signposting to other partners to support individual needs relating to areas including debt management, benefits availability and health and wellbeing activities – growing the social prescribing service offer in Washington.
- A variety of events at different venues delivered across Washington – Christmas Celebrations, Mining Heritage Fayre, Bonfire/Fireworks Evening, Washington Illuminations, Washington Village Christmas Festival, Friends of Usworth Park to name a few
- Expanding the use of community buildings – new user groups and activities including the development of Mickey's Place to offer a new community café facility and a space for other groups to support their members.
- Refurbishment and capital improvements for community buildings – Columbia CA are undertaking a major refurbishment whilst others including Building Blocks, Transforming North East and Harraton CA continue to improve their respective facilities
- New relationships between the organisations and businesses including those which have emerged as a result of Warm Spaces and health and wellbeing activity
- Success of Clean and Green Programme which includes volunteering, community clean ups and community groups leading on improving green spaces and places including Harraton CA, Friends of Usworth Park and a host of local residential areas and local parks.
- The over whelming success of the Washington Village in Bloom group of volunteers winning four major awards – Gold in the Village and Best Village category in Northumbria, Best in Show overall across an area covering Berwick to the North Yorkshire moors and as the Northeast entry to the UK National Competition winning the Gold Award. This was complemented by the volunteers who make up the Friends of Trinity Church in the village winning the special Church category.
- More VCS partners worked together, and local schools and youth providers ensured there was an increase in the delivery of activities for young people across Washington including the use of the Ten10 bus (funding of which was supported via Crowdfund Sunderland)
- A range of 'partnerships' established with several organisations working together including Rickleton Chapel and Rickleton residents developing the facility into a more sustainable and accessible community provision.

Challenges facing the sector –

Small, mainly volunteer led groups, still need to be offered support and the Area VCS Network will continue to address this as a priority and encourage and develop mechanisms to provide more accessible opportunities for them.

- Volunteers are the key resource for organisations to continue and develop VCS groups.
- The cost-of-living crisis has impacted on a range of levels both in terms of raising funds and the funding available particularly to support longer term initiatives.
- The requirements of funders have changed, or requirements are more specific with an increasing demand on evidencing partnership working. More organisations are working together but this also means there are more demands on a small number of organisations to increase their capacity.
- Impact of delivering services to meet current demands without the necessary resources being available including funding and the recruitment and retention of staff and volunteers.
- The sector continues to respond to the demand of short term-based funding and the delivery of successful projects within these remits but there is a need for a longer-term strategy to attract long term funding beyond these.
- Organisations need to become more sustainable and resilient through effective business plans which will support their future development.
- The VCS continues to meet and address the continued and increased needs of the community – in particular, those presenting with a wider and higher level of needs and complexities. These present issues to organisations in both in terms of their capacity and staff i.e., space, training, awareness.

Priorities for the Washington VCS – The next 12 months

- There is a need for the VCS to continue to be supported through the Network to ensure the ongoing support and development of grass roots organisations are maintained at their chosen level of participation and engagement.
- Support VCS organisations to continue to develop their activities and programmes, enabling them to access opportunities including funding to improve their existing assets.
- To build sustainability, resilience and capacity in the VCS, offering support to recruit and retain staff and volunteers particularly noting the impact of the cost-of-living crisis of available volunteers/workforce.
- To address and identify the future workforce needs of the sector to meet the ongoing demands, increased levels of support and areas of complexity that they are facing. Work with partners to develop effective strategies and resolutions including training and working in partnership with other organisations.
- A commitment to working with partners, the network, and other relevant bodies to source long term funding to continue activities and programmes that have proven to be successful. I.e., Positive activities, HAF, Healthy Lifestyles, Debt management.

Item 4

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 16 March 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director Housing and Communities	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: Committee are requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.1. (b) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £403,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

Washington Area Committee
16 March 2023

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Washington Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2022/2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023					£404,195
This includes the Neighbourhood Fund allocation of £403,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 together with an underspend from 2021/22 of £953					
Queen's Jubilee Project	17.03.22	£33,054			£437,249
Clean and Green (Extension)	30.06.22			£24,775	£412,474
Plantations & NECF	30.06.22			£100,000	£312,474
Washington Events	30.06.22			£70,000	£242,474
Positive Activities	30.06.22			£100,000	£142,474
AC Comms Plan	30.06.22			£12,000	£130,474
Cook Well Live Well	29.09.22	£8,888			£139,362
Social Isolation – Keep Active	29.09.22	£2,950			£142,312
Youth Matters -additional	29.09.22			£10,000	£132,312
Neighbourhood Management Enforcement Project				£35,000	£97,312
Invest in Parks – Usworth Park Development Plan				£10,000	£87,312
Invest in Parks – Princess Anne Park				£10,312	£77,000
Albany Wheel				£20,000	£57,000
Washington Outreach Project				£7,000	£50,000
Washington Events 2022/23				£10,000	£40,000
Invest in Play				£40,000	£0
Total Balance					£0

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget for 2022/23 is now fully allocated

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of North Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020 / 2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting	16.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Usworth Park Development Plan	17.12.20			£9,000	£481,000
Washington Tree Management Project	17.12.20			£28,800	£452,200
Safety Measures	17.12.20			£62,000	£390,200
Bowes Railway Museum	18.03.21			£60,000	£330,200
Invest in Parks	18.03.21		£50,000		£280,200
Invest in Play	18.03.21		£80,000		£200,200
Safety Measures (Ph2)	01.07.21		£58,000		£142,200
Usworth Park Development Plan	28.09.21			£50,000	£92,200
Time to Talk	28.09.21		£2,000		£90,200
Improving Community Assets	16.12.22			£90,200	Fully allocated
Safety Measures	30.06.22	£20,000			£20,000
Invest in Play	30.06.22			£20,000	Fully allocated
Safety Measures	29.09.22	£10,356			£10,356
Safety Measures	29.09.22			£8,500	£1,856
Time to Talk Benches	15.12.22	£2,000			£3,856
Albany Wheel	15.12.22			£3,856	£0

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

3.2 Washington Area Committee was allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complemented the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members have been responsible for allocating the funding through majority decisions at Area Committee.

3.3 The Capital Programme could have been allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals came forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee has had up to three years to allocate the full amount. This budget is now fully allocated.

4. Community Chest

4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same with ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it becomes difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level, the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

4.2 The table below details of the Community Chest approvals supported April 2022 to February 2023, and the balance remaining.

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£8,470	£1,530
East	£10,000	£0	£8,279	£1,721
North	£10,000	£0	£6,909	£3,091
South	£10,000	£0	£10,000	£0
West	£10,000	£0	£9,879	£121
Total	£50,000	£0	£43,537	£6,463

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

Committee are requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.1.
- b) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed in **Item 4 Annex 1**

Annexes

Annex 1

Community Chest Approvals 2022/23

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Washington Area Committee

 16th March 2023

Community Chest Awards April 2022 to March 2023

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project	01.06.22	-	£719
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
South Tyneside Mesothelioma Self Help Group	01.09.22	-	£575
Washington Glebe Bowling Club	01.09.22	-	£500
Washington Station Womens Institute	17.11.22	-	£500
Washington Mind	10.12.2022	-	£652
Keep Washington Tidy	10.12.22	-	£300
Washington Village In Bloom	01.03.22	-	£784
Washington Boxing Club	01.03.23	-	£1,100
Columbia Grange School	01.03.23	-	£920
Washington Mind	01.03.23	-	£968
Remaining balance			£1,530
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
1st Fatfield Scout Group	01.06.22	-	£780
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
North Biddick Bowl Club	01.09.22	-	£636
Fatfield RA	01.09.22	-	£373
The Forge	01.09.22	-	£988
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£409
Fatfield RA	05.01.23	-	£373
Keep Washington Tidy	02.02.23	-	£300
Brownies	02.02.23	-	£1,500
Teal Farm RA	01.03.23	-	£509
NorthEast Restoration Club	01.03.23	-	£1,000
The Forge	01.03.23	-	£418
Teal Farm RA	01.03.23	-	£378
Remaining balance		-	£1,721
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60

Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
Oxclose & District Young peoples project	01.07.22	-	£500
Active Families NE CIC	01.07.22	-	£500
Mickeys place	01.07.22	-	£350
District Youth ABC	01.09.22	-	£500
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£515
Usworth Bowling Club	24.11.22	-	£480
Washington AFC	24.11.22	-	£542
Washington Juniors F.C	24.11.22	-	£491
Usworth Colliery Primary	24.11.22	-	£500
Building Blocks Day Centre	02.02.23	-	£1,243
Keep Washington Tidy	02.02.23	-	£300
Remaining balance			£3,091
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project	01.06.22	-	£650
Woodland Trust path the Chase Rickleton SCC	01.06.22	-	£2,000
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
Rickleton RA	01.09.22	-	£546
Rickleton RA	02.02.23	-	£1,350
Keep Washington Tidy	01.03.23	-	£300
Rickelton Primary School	01.03.23	-	£1,367
Hope Family Church	01.03.23	-	£2,799
Remaining balance			£0
Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
St. Bedes ladies Friendship group	01.06.22	-	£700
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£391
Albany Village Primary School	01.02.23	-	£2,000
Local Sercies	01.02.23	-	£500
Keep Washngton Tidy	01.02.23	-	£300
Blackfell Primary School	01.03.23	-	£3,000
Springwell Village Primary School	01.03.23	-	£2,000
Remaining balance			£121

Item 5

Current Planning Applications(Washington)

Between 01/02/2023 and 28/02/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/00245/TPA	Chantry HouseVillage LaneWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7HT	Remove sycamore tree	01/02/2023	29/03/2023
Washington Central				
23/00290/TPA	8 Liberty GreenWashingtonNE38 7UA	Tree works - T1 - Remove deadwood and to be re-inspected in summer months when in full leaf, T2 - Remove first x2 lower branches, and thin canopy by 20- 30% and T3 - Crown clean (tidy up) removing any deadwood.	07/02/2023	04/04/2023
Washington Central				
23/00365/SUB	79 Richmond AvenueWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7JH	Erection of two storey side extension	16/02/2023	13/04/2023
Washington Central				
23/00295/FUL	The Galleries Car ParkWashington Town CentreWashington	Installation of 8no. electric vehicle charging points, sub station and associated electrical equipment.	24/02/2023	21/04/2023
Washington Central				
23/00330/TEX	Fallowfield WayFatfieldWashington	Proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets.	13/02/2023	04/04/2023
Washington East				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
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23/00264/VA4	Land To The West Of Ininiti Drive Washington	Application for a removal of a condition following the grant of planning permission - removal of condition 29 (wildlife tunnel) from planning permission 21/00401/HE4 (Erection of industrial units for light industrial, general industrial and storage distribution uses with ancillary office floorspace, associated access, landscaping, parking and service yards)	02/02/2023	04/05/2023
Washington North				
23/00131/FUL	21 Essex Drive Concord Washington NE37 2ND	Erection of a first floor side extension and single storey rear extension	02/02/2023	30/03/2023
Washington North				
23/00268/TPA	The Manor Usworth Hall Washington	Fell 1 no. Ash Tree	03/02/2023	31/03/2023
Washington North				
23/00381/FUL	560 Coach Road Estate Usworth Washington NE37 2HP	Erection of a single storey rear extension	20/02/2023	17/04/2023
Washington North				
23/00274/FUL	12 Lapwing Close Ayton Washington NE38 0ET	Conversion of existing attached garage into habitable room, including new french doors to rear, window to front and pitched roof	05/02/2023	02/04/2023
Washington South				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/00250/FUL	47 Bramhall DriveWashingtonNE38 9DE	Single storey extension to rear of property and detached summer house within rear garden.	20/02/2023	17/04/2023
Washington South				
23/00407/FUL	15 Hope ShieldRickletonWashingtonNE3 8 9JF	Erection of two front dormers.	22/02/2023	19/04/2023
Washington South				
23/00395/CLP	4 The ChaseRickletonWashingtonNE3 8 9DX	Application for certificate of lawful proposed development for a single storey infill lean-to rear extension, Main house roof to be re-roofed and insert solar panels to front elevation Additional window added to side elevation.	24/02/2023	23/04/2023
Washington South				
23/00446/FUL	34 Glenburn CloseAytonWashingtonNE38 8PE	Demolition of existing garage /utility and porch and erection of a single storey extension to side	27/02/2023	24/04/2023
Washington South				