

**Applications for Washington Capital funding**  
**Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme**

**Application No. 1**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Usworth Park Development Plan</b>
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>SCC – Community Resilience</b>

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NCIP Application</b>
£170,000	£120,000	£50,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 year	October 2021	September 2022

***ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS***

**Project Description:** The application builds on the first phase of delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan - £30,000 was approved to deliver the shorter term immediate quick wins to improve the park and to encourage wider community use and establish a Friends Group. The key aim of the plan is to have 'Green Flag' status reinstated for the park. To date a number of landscaping improvements, repairs and regeneration have taken place, new gates and equipment is being installed at the tennis courts, plans to install new gates and develop a new entrance are underway, and more importantly – a positive and proactive Friends Group is now established. In addition, a group of young people are now actively involved through the 'Kick the Dust' initiative led by Groundwork. Events have started again in the park. We have also received a donation of fencing to reinstate a robust boundary to the park. One of issues has been youth ASB and vandalism in the park – the Washington Outreach Project targets the park with the police when any incidents are reported and we have a contract with SSC Security to local and unlock the gates until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

A condition survey and a feasibility survey have now been completed to repurpose the building (brick pavilion). A detailed specification has been issued for the repair, refurbishment and extension of the building via SSC Property Services – this is the next priority from the Development Plan and it is anticipated those works will be approximately £150,000. Together with proposals to repurpose the space in front of the building as a 'community space' this proposal to utilise the £50,000 aligned from the Washington NICP and the £120,000 SCC capital allocated will then see the main priorities of the plan delivered. To note – spend continues against the original £30,000 re incidents, repairs, supporting the Friends group and delivering some of the smaller scale measures such as noticeboards, new park furniture, installing the fencing and delivering the new entrance gates.

**Outputs**

1 Building renovated and improved      1 Friends Group supported

**Budget**

£150,000	Tender Specification to extend and renovate current building
£20,000	Develop community space

**Milestones**

Specification repurpose building agreed	October 2021
Tender for works	December 2021
Works commence	February 2022
Project completed	July 2022

**Recommendation – Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan priority 'Invest in Parks & Play'.