

Washington Area Committee
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Washington Clean and Green Programme
DRAFT Project Outline: Support for Friends Groups

Background

Washington Area Committee is inviting Washington based Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups, and public and statutory providers to submit applications that will deliver a series of environmental projects which will clean up local neighbourhoods and communities and improve health and well-being of local residents.

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

The delivery of a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the area. Project proposals will enhance local neighbourhoods, encourage community partnerships and volunteering, and improve the use of green spaces. Projects should also identify opportunities to enhance and add value to works in Washington Parks and Open Spaces.

Proposal

As part of developing a partnership approach to delivering the above priority, it has been identified that SCC Local Services will have a key role in supporting Friends Groups with regards to shared responsibilities, training and skills to take on additional tasks within specific sites, e.g. parks, and managing a programme of small capital works to determine additional work programmes, leases, licenses etc. It is also envisaged that developing Friends Groups will require dedicated support to understand longer term issues such as revenue, capacity, risk assessments and planning.

It is proposed that SCC Local Services holds a budget of **£10,000** to assist with providing the required training and support to Friends Groups of Parks, and to manage a small capital works scheme to facilitate improvements at those sites where the supported Friends Groups are active.