

Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within Washington, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Washington Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

- Tackle empty properties
- Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities
- Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood
- Flood mitigation
- Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- Plantation and tree management
- Street furniture
- Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting
- Increase 5G access & support digital learning
- Healthy and Well Being
- Support VCS to provide additional local services
- Support local volunteering
- Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to help reduce fear of crime through partnership working
- Local Events
- Support for young people
- Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage

It is now the responsibility of Washington Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and inform the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1. Tackle Empty Properties		
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report
Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board Illegal encampments raised as an issue	Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area	<p>1. Following an update to all Area Chairs, presentation from Private Sector Housing Team to July Board.</p> <p>Sulgrave - PSHT to contact landlords to understand what they want from their properties at Sulgrave Flats and also from the Council currently and also in the future. The team also working closely with Environmental Health and the ASB team</p> <p>2. December AC approved £62k Capital funding to implement Safety Measures. Further £58k aligned at July Area Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIA completed • Resident consultation underway with a deadline for all comments 18th September. As of 10th September, 384 responses received 345 in favour of the schemes. Of the 384 only 230 have experienced any form of ASB at the sites – 154 have not. There are 232 comments – these responses and outcomes of the consultation will undergo analysis to identify key issues and priorities for residents. Currently the problems most identified by residents is motorbikes/quads followed by youth ASB drinking and drugs and then illegal encampments.
2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities		
Action	Next steps	Progress
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 March 2022	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board propose Clean & Green Project as a priority for support 2021/22. Next Steering group planned 05.10.21. A limited number of volunteers have

		returned. Small scale litter picking and clean ups only (to include a community group or volunteers)
Scheme: Additional planters – look into feasibility of resident groups adopting them	ACDL to confirm with Environmental Services how many planters are available, condition and requirements for maintenance and repair	7 schemes agreed with 24 planters utilised – East Bridge St, Oxclose/Crighton, Building Blocks Centre, Usworth Park, Rickleton PS, Biddick PS, the Life House Sensory Garden. Clean & Green Team are project managing the scheme
Continue with Ward Improvement Project	ACDL followed up on all outstanding works, all claims submitted.	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board propose review of Project Outcomes by December 2021 with a view to request AC consider further allocation of funds
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	ACDL to present options/review of project outcomes to future Board	July Board recommendation to extend the Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) scheme presented to September Area Committee to approve an additional £11,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)
3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project (WNMEP)- Focus on Neighbourhood ‘enforcement’ in village centres, littering on slip roads, use of cameras, vandalism and ASB in parks, play areas and green spaces, and support for environmental volunteers	ACDL established Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to receive above information, consider and how they can enhance and support the current offer in Washington	Progress Report including report with regards to using cameras to enforce fly tipping to July Board Further updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports
Together Clean and Green Partnership with Gentoo and other services to continue to tackle/support local enforcement to deal with fly-tipping, dog mess, abandoned trollies	ACDL schedule Together Clean & Green Partnership working group	Alongside Washington NMEP, Together Clean & Green keen to roll out extensive education and PR campaign to promote enforcement messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective Neighbourhood Management. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly. Next meeting early October will reassess the remit of the group

PR & communications campaign re enforcement	ACDL work with SCC Comms to determine PR & campaigns responsive to local issues. Consider how to fit with corporate approach re enforcement, messages & campaigns, and prosecutions when developing local project.	Use of Area Facebook pages and SCC Social Media for Campaign/messages to support the proposed NMEP and Together C & G work continues
4. Flood Mitigation		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Washington Flood Mitigation Scheme: Request update to Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW funded)	ACDL request update to Board	Flood Mitigation Scheme update report presented
5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services to provide an update to Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board with regards to scope for a Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks	<p>ACDL established Task & Finish group to develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington Parks and Play in parks. To consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Capacity • City's Play Strategy • Inspection and maintenance regimes for any new development • Plans for investment in parks and green spaces • Dealing with and response to ASB and vandalism of play areas and parks • Opportunities to access S106 • Which of our parks are parks? Or green/open spaces – Albany Park previously designated as open space? • Local issues identified including ongoing ASB/vandalism in parks and green spaces 	<p>Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agree investment in Parks and Play as a priority for support 2021/22</p> <p>Next Task Group 3rd September 2021 to discuss timescales and mechanisms for approving aligned funding and progressing schemes as identified in the presentation. The following is recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACDL submits a NCIP application to the September AC to approve the £50,000 currently aligned. SCC Capital funding of £120,000 will then be made available to help deliver the UPDP • Princess Anne Park - Task group confirm priority spend. ACDL to request design services revisit priority tasks identified by Task Group and reassess and provide more detailed specification and costs - Report to November Board • SCC Officer to revisit Fixed Play Survey and confirm required specifications and works • Time to Talk benches - Report from the Area Chair to July Board

<p>Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan</p>	<p>ACDL to redraft Usworth Park Development Plan. Include review and redraft of Action Plan</p>	<p>March Area Committee aligned £50k Neighbourhood Capital funds to contribute to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan. Progressing establishing the Friends Group for Usworth Park</p> <p>Work is now underway with progress re bins, seats, landscaping, tennis court improvements, new gate into tennis courts, new fencing, line marking on the courts for play, goalposts, litter picks and tidy ups, planters project, security, tree planting and bulbs, and local consultation for new gates.</p> <p>The plan also recommends repurposing the brick pavilion. A fully costed specification for repair and remediation works to address required health and safety and building standards plus specification to remodel and extend the building has now been received. Application to September AC to approve £50k NCIP currently aligned</p>
<p>Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan</p>	<p>ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p>	<p>March Area Committee aligned £50k Neighbourhood Capital funds to contribute to delivering the improvements in Princess Anne Park as identified by the recent review of the masterplan for the park</p> <p>A review of the Princess Anne Masterplan has been completed and presented to both Board and full Area Committee. Ward councillors identified footpath repairs and car park resurfacing as the main priorities. WAC have aligned £50,000 and SCC has indicated another £50,000 will be made available to deliver those priorities. The review received indicates estimates for some of the works and there is still a need to carry out a detailed analysis re required specification of works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair closed footpath £15,000e • Repair stairs (North) £10,000e

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs to footpaths throughout (including drainage issues) £50,000e Carpark repairs No estimate <p>Request design services revisit priority tasks identified by Task Group and reassess and provide more detailed specification/costs Report to November Board.</p>
Improve play areas	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds	<p>Fixed play survey (FPS) presented to Board and Area Committee. WAC aligned £80,000 NCIP and 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCC Officer to revisit FPS and confirm required specifications and works– report to November Board
6. Plantations and tree management		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services requested to update Neighbourhood & Community Board with regard to the Strategic approach for future management of large plantations close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Strategic update to Board.	Following the successful implementation of the WAC funded tree management scheme (Phase 1 & 2), SCC Officers invited to attend future Board to discuss strategic approach to manage large plantation areas in Washington
7. Street Furniture including litter bins		
Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to Cllrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme		SCC presentation outlining future capital investment in parks and allotments at the July Board included confirmation of £65,000 investment in bins and signage in Ayton, Holley Park, Rickleton and Seldom Seen.

		Ward Cllrs continue to invest Ward Improvement Budgets to repair, and replace bins across Washington
8. Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting		
Update Neighbourhood & Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme	ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule	VAS signs for the Washington Area received and deployed. Rotation programme agreed and included in previous Board Reports. Area report detailing the speed data downloaded from the Washington Area VAS following the Feb/Mar/Apr rotation included at July Board. Further updates to future Boards
Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020	ACDL organise meeting Road Safety Team re draft proposals and schemes – complete. Detailed report to November Board and December Area Committee with regards to proposals for campaign.	Event held at Usworth Colliery PS 17 th July. SCC Road Safety Officers are keen to engage with more Primary schools in Washington and now that restrictions have eased / lifted there is scope to improve the offer. Key to this will be interest and take up from the schools. Once the new term starts the team will contact school heads again, and the plan is to prioritise those previously identified by members through WAC. St Josephs (WC) and St Bedes (WN) have signed up. Rickleton asked for information. Barmston (WE), Blackfell (WW) and George Washington do not wish to be included in the Campaign - no issues. Board will be updated re programming
Request strategic response to Traffic Management issues raised – enforcement of 20mph areas, speeding, need for additional signage re speed limits, enforcing the bus links and inconsiderate parking around/near to schools		Traffic management/parking issues on agenda at Board as required
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	A prioritised list of proposed streets for the 2021/22 approved March 2021 Area Committee
9. Health and Well Being		
Action	Next Steps	Progress

Develop a co-ordinated approach with relevant partners to support VCS to help the local community eat and learn to prepare/cook healthy meals	Task Group established	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed Healthy Choices Project as a priority for support 2021/22 First Task Group meeting scheduled 29th September. Report to November Board to consider options to progress this priority
Continue the Neighbourhood funded Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy Action in the Community' projects		2 out of 6 projects complete. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting and will continue to report through normal NF Performance and Review processes
10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues		
Action		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance	Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. 4 of 5 CSW posts now filled – Washington CSW Denise Gilholme has started meeting partners and groups and attended the last Network meeting to update the sector on support. VCS Alliance Manager also now in post. An update on the VCS Alliance will be presented to Cllrs at the EO Board meeting scheduled 21st September
Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington.	Number of WAC funded Project already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.	March Area Committee approved 12month extension for REACT, WISP, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care. Will report through normal NF Performance and Review processes and all activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. VCS Support Project extended until December 2021 and co-ordinating all volunteer and VCS support with the CSW

Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Social Isolation' projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting and will continue to report through normal NF Performance and Review processes
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	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed investment and support for digital inclusion for learning and employment as a priority for support 2021/22
11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs The hubs are also starting to complete 'personal pathway plans' for all those still registered for support to ensure they continue to get the help they need.
Evaluate the delivery model for the Neighbourhood Fund VCS Support Project and VCS Training Programme– to consider reprofiling outcomes and milestones based on learning from Community Hubs	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs. Linked to strategic review re support for VCS.	VCS Support Project linked to Hub –Anticipate project ends December 2021. All VCS support and volunteering support co-ordinated with the CSW Action Plan. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board
12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime through a partnership approach		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Develop local Neighbourhood Watch schemes	ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr meeting (Microsoft Teams) with Inspector and bring information to future board meeting re potential for neighbourhood watch schemes Maintain communication and information sharing established through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Area News weekly bulletin • Area Face Book pages • Information sharing • Joint Police/Cllr meeting 	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed establishing a community scheme as a priority for support 2021/22. Date for next Joint Police and Cllr meeting to be confirmed (currently Inspector Gjorven on leave – Acting in place is Sgt Steven Passey)
Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-agency approach	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings	ACDLs and Cllr F Miller to continue to report issues raised which require a multi-agency approach.

Continue the Neighbourhood funded 'Fire Angels' Project working with vulnerable adults re home safety alarms	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	No further update received due to pandemic/restrictions. Request update as part of next QMR process
13. Support communities to deliver Local Events		
Action		
Continue to update Community Events offer as method to continue to involve local communities and build capacity	Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Event programme	Washington Events Programme rolled over to 2021/22. ACDL in discussions with lead with regards to options and alternatives events – dependent on restrictions being eased. Project supported Springwell 1940s Event and Miners Event 4th September in Usworth Park. Next event likely to be Illuminations and Christmas Events. ACDL in discussions with lead re format of events. Report to November Board, together with options to extend the Events timetable to include Easter Event
14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Action		
Positive Activities	ACDL amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.	Continued support to deliver Positive Activities programmes – school holiday activity programmes plus address holiday hunger. March 2021 AC agreed a new 12month programme. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC
Relaunch the 'Can-Do' Project	Review of scheme to July Board	Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed Can do Project as a priority for support 2021/22. July Board recommendation to extend

		the Can do scheme presented to September Area Committee to approve an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)
Develop a new 'offer' for young people - a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music?	Task & Finish Group established. Consider options for 'Remix' type initiative to encourage new delivery partners.	July Board agreed a Call for Projects for the Creative You Project be presented at the September AC for approval. The project would be a 2year project and request applications to deliver innovative programmes and activities to support young people's wellbeing and build their confidence and aspirations
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Washington Outreach Project	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	The project continues to address partner and Cllr hotspot areas re ASB. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC
15. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway	<p>ACDL to establish Task and Finish group. Bring together a number of strategies and documents to consider how best to support local heritage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Heritage Strategy • Feasibility Study F Pit/Albany Park • Bid for Culture documents – summarises some of the offer of local heritage groups • Need for archive for collections • Build on the work of the Blue Plaque installations 	<p>Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed delivering the Washington Heritage Strategy as a priority for support 2021/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital investment at Bowes Railway approved March 2021 • Project Brief for 'Heritage & Culture' organisation to deliver the Washington Heritage Strategy approved July AC • Call for Projects released with deadline for applications 7th August <p>No applications submitted. Reconvene the Heritage Task Group September to consider options and brief.</p>

		<p>Briefing and summary of works to relocate Albany Wheel and replace to be presented to July Board.</p> <p>Members to consider enhancing the current scheme to encourage community participation in heritage via schools and local history groups.</p> <p>Report and costs to be presented to November board for consideration</p>
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