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| <p style="text-align: center;">WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 1st July 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p> | |
| <p>Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report</p> | |
| <p>Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience</p> | |
| <p>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.</p> | |
| <p>Description of Decision:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Committee are requested to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial information detailed in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 (b) Approve the 2 projects, detailed in section 2 and Annex 1, from the Neighbourhood Fund (c) Consider the 1 project, detailed in section 3 and Annex 2, from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme (d) Note the approved 21 Community Chest approvals supported from 2020/2021 grants from 1st April 2020 included in section 4, and detailed in Annex 3 (e) Note the 2 community Chest approvals supported from 2021/22 as detailed in Annex 4 <p>d.</p> | |
| <p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p> | |
| <p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £464,444 (inc Youth allocation) for 2021/2022 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £150,200 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.</p> | |
| <p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p> | |
| <p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p> | <p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p> |

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Washington 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 the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2021/2022:

| Project Name | Committee Date | Budget Returned | Budget Aligned | Budget Approved | Budget Remaining |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Starting Balance for 2021/2022 – (inc youth funding £20k) | | | | | £464,444 |
| Support For Friends Group | 20.10.16 | £4,807 | - | - | £469,251 |
| Purchase of grounds maintenance equipment | 26.09.19 | £5,700 | - | - | £474,951 |

- 2.2 There are **2** funding proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2021/2022 Neighbourhood Fund, set out below and further detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**

- Washington Area Committee Communications **£10,000**
- At the Board meeting held in April, Members considered how best to deliver the Washington Heritage Strategy. It was agreed that the Board would recommend a Project Brief as detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**. Members are requested to consider the information and agree the required Project Outcomes and a Call for Projects for **£150,000** Neighbourhood Funding

The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval at this meeting is **£160,000**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£314,951**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

- 3.1 Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Coalfield Area Investment Delivery Plan. The table below shows the financial position of the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, 2020/2023:

| Project Name | Committee Date | Budget Returned | Budget Aligned | Budget Approved | Budget Remaining |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Starting Balance for 2020/2023 | | | | | £500,000 |

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|------------------------------------|----------|---|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Festive Lighting Project | 16.07.20 | - | - | £10,000 | £490,000 |
| Usworth Park Development Project | 17.12.20 | - | - | £9,000 | £481,000 |
| Washington Tree Management Project | 17.12.20 | - | - | £28,800 | £452,200 |
| Encampment Mitigation Measures | 17.12.20 | - | - | £62,000 | £390,200 |
| Bowes Railway Museum | 18.03.21 | - | - | £60,000 | £330,200 |
| Invest in Parks | 18.03.21 | - | £100,000 | - | £230,200 |
| Invest in Play | 18.03.21 | - | £80,000 | - | £150,200 |

- 3.2 There is 1 funding proposal presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2020/2023 Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme, set out below and further detailed at **Item 3 Annex 2**

- **Encampment Safety Measures (Phase 2) £58,000**

- 3.3 The total Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme budget requested is **£58,000**. If aligned, the remaining balance will be **£92,200**

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 The table below shows the financial position of the Area Committee Community Chest Fund 2021/2022. Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 are detailed in **Annex 3** and approvals from 1st April 2021 in **Annex 4**

| Ward | 2021/2022 Allocation | Budget Returned | Budget Approved | Budget Remaining |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Central | £10,000 | - | £0 | £10,000 |
| East | £10,000 | - | £0 | £10,000 |
| North | £10,000 | - | £0 | £10,000 |
| South | £10,000 | - | £500 | £9,500 |
| West | £10,000 | - | £2,000 | £8,000 |
| Total | £50,000 | | £2,500 | £47,500 |

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial information detailed in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1
- 5.2 Approve the 2 projects, detailed in section 2 and **Annex 1**, from the Neighbourhood Fund
- 5.3 Consider the 1 project, detailed in section 3 and **Annex 2**, from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
- 5.4 Note the approved Community Chest grants from 1st April 2020, as detailed in **Annex 3**
- 5.5 Note the approved Community Chest grants from 1st April 2021, as detailed in **Annex 4**

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