

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Main Hall, Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD (TBC) on Thursday 30th June, 2022 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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20th June, 2022

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE MAIN HALL, CONCORD, WASHINGTON on THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH, 2022 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Laws in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, Fletcher, F. Miller, D.E. Snowdon, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker and Williams

Also in Attendance:-

Mrs. Karon Purvis	-	Area Officer – Sunderland City Council
Mr. Jon Ritchie	-	Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Denise Gilholme	-	Community Support Worker
Sylvia Copley	-	Area Network Representative
Shirley Gillum	-	Area Network Representative
Mr. Alan Duffy	-	Gentoo
Mr Steven Bewick	-	TWFRA
Inspector Patrick Scott	-	Northumbria Police

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Donaghy, Lauchlan, G. Miller, Taylor, M. Walker and Warne.

Declarations of Interest

Washington Area Budget Report

Councillor Dianne Snowdon made an open declaration with regards to the following items and left the room during their consideration:-
Item 3 annex 1 application 1 as her husband was employed by Sharp Shiney Row who deliver this project.

WNF - Improving Community Assets - Washington Central Ward , as Vice Chair on Columbia Community Association.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th December 2021

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 16th December, 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Washington Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023

The Chair of Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and also provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Karon Purvis, Area Officer Washington presented the report, highlighting the key points of action with the relevant Task Groups and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

Councillor D. E. Snowdon wished to thank Mrs Purvis for her work carried out in relation to the Community Facebook page.

At this juncture, the Committee viewed a short video on the Delivery of the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan.

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) Agreed the recommendations for the completion of the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes 2022/23 as detailed in Annex 2 of the report;
 - iii) Noted the video highlighting the Committee’s wok in relation to the delivery of the WAC Delivery Plan priorities throughout 2021/22

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.

Councillor Farthing referred to the extension of the Washington Individual Support Project and commented that she believed this service would be overwhelmed with applicants due to the upcoming cost of living crises, therefore she was pleased to see the project up and running.

Sylvia Copley commented that the support received from the Area Committee on this had been excellent.

In relation to the Washington Outreach Project, Councillor Williams referred to the anti-social behaviour occurring around the Galleries Shopping Centre and enquired if their management had put forward any funding as we were supporting them and it may be worth asking the question if not.

Mrs Purvis advised that they had conducted some really productive meetings with the new management of the Galleries, and they could always ask if they wished to contribute.

Councillor Farthing agreed that the Galleries could contribute and advised that they did employ security so it may be worth them employing a part time youth worker also.

Councillor Farthing commented that there were lots of issues within her ward so it was good that we had this project and it was essential we continue to fund this due to the scale of anti-social behaviour being experienced. Councillor Farthing also added that the targeting of elderly residents was unacceptable and that she believed parents should be made more aware and accountable to this.

Councillor D. E Snowdon commented that the new galleries management were much more proactive and had a new perspective on working in partnership so suggested the link with Mrs Purvis be made.

With regards to the Improving Community Assets applications, Councillor Farthing drew the Committee's attention to a typo on page 50 of the agenda and the Building Blocks Day Centre Kitchen Repairs, the recommendation was to approve £4,920 rather than £5,000.

3. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial information detailed within sections 2.1,2.2,3.1 and 4.2 of the report;

- ii) Considered and Approved the NF Funding of £16,000 to ShARP to extend the WISP Programme as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Considered and Approved the NF Funding of £18,750 to the Sunderland All Together Consortia to extend the Washington Outreach Programme as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iv) Considered and approved the NF Funding of £45,000 for the Queen's Jubilee Fund Project Brief and Call for Projects as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- v) Considered and approved the NF Funding of £35,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Youth Matters – Making Money Work Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- vi) Considered and approved the NF Funding of £14,670 for the 3 applications for the Cook Well Live Well Call for Project as detailed in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- vii) Considered and approved NC funding of £50,000 for the investment in Princess Anne Park as detailed in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 of the report;
- viii) Considered and approved NC funding of £29,640 for the 6 applications for the Improving Community Assets Project, as detailed in Item 3 Annex 2 of the report;
- ix) Noted the approved Community Chest grants from 2021/2022 as detailed in Annex 3 of the report;

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)

Sylvia Copley, Area Network Representative presented the report on behalf of the VCS Network and advised Denise Gilhome, Community Support Worker had now settled into the role very well and the new arrangements within the Voluntary Sector Alliance were working well.

Ms Copley advised that the Washington VCS was made up of a very wide range of organisations that were very active and everyone was thoroughly committed, providing excellent value.

The sector was engaging particularly well with residents and those who would ordinarily miss out on services. The Network had continued to meet over Microsoft Teams during the pandemic but the first in person meeting had

taken place February and the Area Hubs continued to support the most vulnerable people's needs.

Ms Copley commented that it had been a huge success in terms of the number of people volunteering to help and they had the benefit of additional City funds to help mitigate some of the hardships faced by the most venerable via partnership working.

Ms Copley also informed that Ms Gilholme was reaching out to all forms of organisations and they were moving forward at a strategic level and that an Annual Report would be brought to the June meeting of the Committee.

Councillor Williams wished to congratulate the VCS and commented that they had worked really effectively, Ms Gilholme had made a massive impact and the Covid funding had been used well. However Councillor Williams was concerned that going forward this extra money would be expected again and suggested that consideration be given to budgets and that this be on of the Area Committee's priorities as to how we continue to support at this level.

In response to Councillor H. Trueman's enquiry, Ms Copley advised that they did use and refer people to the Sunderland Student Law Clinics and that they were an excellent service to work with where they had seen good results in the past.

Councillor D. E. Snowdon advised that there was a huge bank of willing volunteers at the Nightingale hospital and queried who they get in touch with. Ms Gilholme advised that she was setting up a volunteer programme and she could link up with Councillor Snowdon outside of the meeting.

Councillor Farthing wished to congratulate the Sector on their work and the report given and enquired if they had developed links with the Council's FACL for training. It was advised that they did have newly developed links and Ms Gilholme advised that they had carried out surveys across the VCS on training and it was planned to deliver locally based training via working with partners and should anyone have any pressing needs on training, to get in touch.

Mrs Purvis advised that she would circulate the presentation given by FACL at the Roadshows for information.

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) TWFRS

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 April 2021 to 23rd February 2022, compared with the same period in 2020

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Steven Bewick, Station Manager presented the report and expanded on the figures provided.

Councillor Farthing commented that she was horrified to see the increase in deliberate fires set within her Ward since coming out of lockdown and that this seemed to have spread throughout the area, affecting play parks and there was a need to tackle this.

Mr Bewick informed the Committee that they did see a massive rise after the lockdown but they were starting to see the trend lower and it they were hopeful this would continue.

Councillor Williams wished to congratulate Mr Bewick on the figures and enquired as to the statistics on serious injuries sustained and what his opinion was on the Youths setting fires and their seeming lack of respect for fire/concept of danger and how to get that message across.

Mr Bewick advised that there hadn't been any serious injuries, there had been instances of smoke inhalation, but this was minor and when the names of individuals were obtained they were referred to their programmes and pathways for referrals.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that the Fire Service carried out some great schemes dealing with difficult children and had seen such a change in those who had partook and enquired if the funding received for these schemes was enough, how far it stretched and if they could do with more. Mr Bewick advised that they did get funding but as with any public service this was stretched and they could always do with more. They had great engagement with the users of the schemes but they didn't tend to get the initials numbers referred to it as similar schemes at Gateshead were able to offer more incentives despite our courses being better.

Councillor D. E. Snowdon commented that she was shocked to see the increases in Washington Central Ward and enquired how they were coping with the extra demand and if any staff had been abused. Mr Bewick advised that they were seeing an increase in attacks, both verbal and physical, and had experienced glass bottles being thrown at the during a recent call out to grass fires. They were dragging resources in from other areas and were stretched.

Councillor Farthing suggested the running of a programme next year similar to the money matters project, on the affects of ASB, to run in schools.

Councillor Williams commented that the children needed to see the impacts of their actions, shown by visual aids as shock tactics may be needed.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bewick for his attendance.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

c) Gentoo

Gentoo provided report to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Alan Duffy, Head of Operations, Gentoo informed the Committee that it had been a challenging winter with six named storms after Storm Arwen. There were 200 urgent roof repairs undertaken by 15 two man squad. There were 2000 outstanding fencing repairs and they were employing sub contractors for these.

With regards to the Washington District Heating Programme, the letters had not gone out as stated within the report but they were receiving the boilers from the suppliers now and were installing 10 per week. There was delays however in setting up billing payments due to the utilities market.

Councillor Farthing commented that she was pleased to see the boilers installations were going ahead but hoped that people would not find the usage too expensive after the well subsidised district heating scheme.

In response to Councillor Williams query over a recent tip from Martin Lewis, Mr Duffy advised that residents would have the ability to put as much heating credit on their cards now at the cheaper rate, dependant on the system they were using.

Mr Duffy also replied to Councillor Williams enquiry if Gentoo were still buying up ex gentoo properties. Mr Duffy advised that in exceptional circumstances they were and had purchased 15 this year, however this was less than the amount they were losing through the Right to Buy scheme.

In response to Councillor H. Trueman' s query over the huge rises in timber costs and how Gentoo were budgeting with the increased Fencing repairs costs, Mr Duffy advised that they were using contingency funds but these did not stretch to the hit that they'd taken due to the costs of the storms which had been estimated recently at around £1 -2 million.

The Chairman commented that the regular query raised by residents was around the window replacement scheme and that Nigel Wilson had stated at

the recent Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee that they were due to complete this by December 2023, was this still the case and could more detailed breakdowns be given for Washington rather than across the City. Mr Duffy advised that there was a big programme ongoing across Washington during the next year with more than 1000 properties due to be tackled.

The Chairman thanked Mr Duffy for his report.

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

d) 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 Patrick Scott presented the report and informed the Committee that Inspector Steve Passey's apologies that he could not attend this meeting.

Councillor H. Trueman requested the Inspectors opinion as to how many Police Officers were needed to police Washington and how many they were short of in achieving this. Councillor Trueman commented that a lot of residents complaints and the peoples perception is that they never see Police officers now, so he appreciated they had a great deal of work to deal with so it was just to try and get an idea of how much manpower they were short on.

Inspector Scott responded that they would like as many Officers as possible but couldn't give a specific answer in relation to this. They did not just have resources specific for Washington and if there was a demand, resource would come from Sunderland and South Tyneside for example and community teams were pulled from across the command.

Inspector Scott added that if they had "x" amount of staff they could do "x" amount of work, if they had double that amount of staff then double the work could be achieved so it was about prioritising and managing the workload in conjunction with partners, where every agency was in the same situation.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that he was sure he spoke for every Councillor within Washington in saying that all Members were fully behind the Police and would do everything they could to help them but equally they had to help their residents and address their concerns also.

Councillor Williams queried as a force if they had a plan, and how many times the plan was disrupted for officers being called to other incidents for example. Councillor Williams referred to the 44% increase in Drug crime, acknowledging that whilst this was only 9 cases, it was becoming an issue and also queried if there was a split between Adult and under 18 figures available for the ASB stats.

Inspector Scott informed that he did not have the figures for this but he would get back to Councillor Williams on that. In relation to a Force Plan, there were lots of departments that come together each morning and allocate resources based on intelligence and if there were spare capacity it would go where needed. The plan was no different now than it was 10-15 years ago and everything was triaged and risk assessed for priority. New I.T systems in place had helped with this regard.

Councillor D. E. Snowden commented that the increase in Drugs Crime figures could actually be seen as a positive as it showed a more proactive approach in tackling the issue and she hoped that this was the case.

Inspector Scott agreed that this was the case and it was a double edged sword as pro active operations to find drug dealers had been successful, which meant the figures had increased. Inspector Scott informed that the trials of these individuals were soon and they expected good results on this.

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st February, 2022 to 4th March, 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 closed the meeting.

(Signed) S. LAWS,
Chairman.

30th June 2022

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOODS 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 Other local groups / boards where Washington Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below: -

Group	Elected Member Representatives
Washington and Coalfields Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S)	Cllr Fiona Miller

Washington VCS Area Network	Cllr Sean Laws – Co-Chair (Deputising for Cllr Lauchlan)
Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Local Action Group	Cllr Len Lauchlan

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 3 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. An overview of some key statistics and achievements from 2021/22 is contained in **Annex 3** – year in numbers, and **Annex 4** – Communications Plan.
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to June 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update
Neighbourhood Safety Measures	<p>The following update with regards to completion dates for works has been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 1 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 15/07/2022 • Area 2 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 • Area 3 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 • Area 4 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 • Area 5 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 • Area 6 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 • Area 7 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 • Area 8 – Shepherd Way Car Park – 15/07/2022 • Area 9 - Staithes Road Car Park – 30/06/2022 • Area 10 - Viewpoint Car Park – 15/07/2022 • Area 11- Rickleton Park – 30/06/2022 • The low-level fencing to James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge is estimated to be completed 30/06/2022. <p>The total cost of the works (including the additional measures identified) are anticipated to be approximately £100,000 with £20,000 Neighbourhood Investment Capital programme funding returned to the budget under Item 3 Area Budget Report.</p>

Love Where You Live/ Clean and Green	<p>The Steering group met 4th May. Volunteers have been involved and assisted a number of organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Village in bloom • Friends of Usworth Park • Harraton CA • Rickleton residents • Washington MIND community space • Lambton Primary School area – footpath clearance • Litter pick around Biddick School • Teal Farm RA • Vigo Lane • Albany clean ups (with Gentoo) <p>The Project co-ordinator keeps Cllrs up to date with progress and the ACDL regularly requests proposal and projects to be considered for future programming. Next Steering Group 5th July 2022</p> <p>An application to extend the current Clean & Green Project is recommended to Area Committee and to be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report</p>
Enforcement & Neighbourhood Management	<p>The Washington Neighbourhood Enforcement Project is delivering to target. Regular updates re Section 46 letters and notices, FPNs, and warnings are provided in detail at each of the Neighbourhood & Community Boards.</p> <p>For Street Cams - locations are identified following consultation with the Neighbourhood Board. Officer appointed and undertaking relevant training. Delivery of protective parts for columns awaited and expected to be in a position to deploy within 4 weeks. Councillors will be kept informed of deployment and any issues. The Board meetings will be utilised to rotate the cameras based on intelligence and need.</p>
Parks and Play	<p>Parks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tender for refurbishment of pavilion in Usworth Park delayed as requests from planning for Bat Survey and Ecology Survey. The first invite failed to appoint contractor – one proposal submitted which was in excess of available budget 2. Capital funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess Anne Park <p>Play: April Board received a report on the delivery of the Washington Fixed Play Survey. The procurement exercise is still ongoing – the first stage of the procurement route adopted will take place over June followed by the second soon after. Following the procurement exercise it is the intention for works to begin around September to minimise disruption to the play areas over the summer holidays. Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council’s landscaping team who will present a proposed design to the July Board.</p> <p>The Area Committee is requested to approve £80,000 Neighbourhood Investment Capital funds for play (currently aligned) together with additional returned capital funding to deliver the Play Strategy – under Item 3 Area Budget Report</p>
Trees and Plantation Management	<p>The first Task Group met 25th May. The Task Group recommends the following to Area Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental Services Manager responsible for managing the plantations to attend the next Board in July to discuss the council’s strategic approach to plantation maintenance and management across Washington 2. £100,000 Neighbourhood Fund be aligned to assist with the delivery of community led proposals for the NE Community Forest, and to help facilitate solutions for plantation management. <p>The above to be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report</p>

Supporting the Voluntary & Community Sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VCS Area Network continues to meet regularly. Washington VCS Network has now appointed its 3rd VCS Representative – Joan McSloy of Washington MIND. 2. Work continues to ensure the Networks are consulted and participate in the future modelling of the Sunderland VC Alliance. A number of workshops and presentations are taking place in each Area. The offer of the Sunderland VC Alliance is promoted widely and the Alliance is leading on delivering Social Value for the sector and co-ordinating volunteering. 3. The 2nd round of Improving Community Assets is live. 4. The recent review of the Delivery Plan confirmed the following projects will continue until March 2023 and beyond – Washington REACT, WISP, Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Outreach. 5. 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
Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WAC Queens Jubilee funding awarded 24 grants totalling £11,946 – with £33,054 returned to the budget under Item 3 Area Budget Report. 2. The proposed Project Brief and Call for Projects for the 2022/23 Washington Events programme will be presented to Area Committee for consideration under Item 3 Area Budget Report
Supporting young people	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Positive Activities 2022/23 programme will be presented to Area Committee for consideration under Item 3 Area Budget Report 2. Following consultation and assessment of 2 applications, the Officer Recommendation and amended Project Brief for the Youth Matters – Make Money Work Call for Projects is presented to Members under Item 3 Area Budget Report
Local Heritage & Culture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An application to enhance the siting of the replacement 'Albany Wheel' to be considered at a future Area Committee

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 Note the Area Committee Governance arrangements for 2022-2023 outlined in **Section 3 and Item 2 Annex 2**
- 5.3 Note the Area Committee Year in numbers from 2021/22 as detailed in **Annex 3**
- 5.4 Note the Area Facebook page key statistics from the Communications Plan from 2021/22 as detailed in **Annex 4**

Annex 1	Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023
Annex 2	Neighbourhood and Community Board Terms of Reference
Annex 3	Washington Area Committee Year in Numbers 2021/22
Annex 4	Washington Area Committee Communications Plan

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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		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better housing</i>		
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>2. Access control measures: The following update with regards to completion dates Access control measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Area 1 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 15/07/2022 · Area 2 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 · Area 3 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 · Area 4 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 · Area 5 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 · Area 6 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 · Area 7 – James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge Area – 30/06/2022 · Area 8 – Shepherd Way Car Park – 15/07/2022 · Area 9 - Staithes Road Car Park – 30/06/2022 · Area 10 - Viewpoint Car Park – 15/07/2022 · Area 11- Rickleton Park – 30/06/2022 · The low-level fencing to James Steel Park near the Chartershaugh Bridge is estimated to be completed 30/06/2022.
2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their community</i> A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
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	<p>Approved by Board and AC as a priority for 22/24.</p> <p>Following discussion with the lead and based on recent appointment of new Project Co-ordination team, Washington Clean & Green Volunteer Project applying for an extension of the current project and brief to March 2023 – to be considered at June AC</p>

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.	Ward Improvement Project identified as a priority for remainder of Delivery Plan Following recent agreement with regards to additional requests for services internally, a new simpler process is being established for all Walk & Talk/Ward Improvement Projects. ACDL to brief Members with regards to implementation of new methodology and Internal Framework at July Board meeting
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	ACDL to present options/review of project outcomes to future Board	C & G: Local Action Small Grants Call for Projects planned release end June 2022. Funding in place to end of Delivery Plan
3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods		
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	Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington Central: S46 Advisory letters delivered to residents of Dryburgh, Bayland Court, Lumley Close and Cleeve Court, with the support from Gentoo. Follow up patrols of each area have also taken place to ensure residents had taken note of the advisory letters and bins had been returned following collection day Washington East: S46 work remains ongoing throughout Waskerley Road with Advisory letters delivered to residents and follow up patrols carried out to ensure residents are taking note and returning their bin after collection day. Reports to Gentoo about vegetation have been actioned and front gardens are looking much cleaner. Littering patrols have taken place around Nisa Barmston Centre with signage erected around the premises and inside shop window in an attempt to tackle ongoing issues near the store. Dedicated litter patrols have been completed and EEOs continue to work

		<p>with community groups including Keep Washington Tidy in an attempt to keep the area clean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington North: Marlborough Rd S46 work has been completed although checks/walk abouts continue. Sulgrave Road S46 work began including the issuing of S46 advisory letters to residents and S46 Notices have been issued to a small group of properties. Additional litter, fly-tipping and PSPO signage continues to be erected around the residential areas in an attempt to tackle all issues of environmental crime. Dog fouling in Gladstone Terrace has been addressed with warning letters issued to residents and signage erected in the area. • Washington South: All properties in Upper Oxclose have now been issued with S46 advisory letter (not including the private complex in Lumley Close). Officers continue to work closely with Gentoo and carry out regular joint patrols with partners addressing any issues observed collectively. New PSPO trolley signage has been erected, leaflets delivered and engagement with residents around the introduction of the new PSPO Trolley offence. • Washington West: Stridingedge continues to be the focus in this area with S46 Advisory letters issued to most of properties and as result, residents have engaged and S46 Notices issued. Regular patrols of the area continue, reporting any waste observed to Gentoo and Sunderland City Council. One fly-tipping report for this area has resulted in FPN to be issued. • Officers have also spent time advising and educating residents around the new Trolley PSPO in Washington. Signage has been erected and a leaflet letter drop completed around Glebe with Gentoo. Various general walkabouts have taken place with any abandoned trolleys, overflowing skips and cleansing concerns reported during the patrols. • Street Cams - locations are identified following consultation with the Neighbourhood Board. Officer appointed and undertaking relevant training. Delivery of protective parts for columns awaited and expected to be in a position to deploy within 4 weeks. Councillors will be kept informed of deployment and any issues. The Board meetings will be utilised to rotate the cameras based on intelligence and need. <p>Funding in place to end of Delivery Plan</p>
<p>Together Clean and Green Partnership with Gentoo and other services to continue to tackle/support local enforcement to household</p>	<p>ACDL schedule Together Clean & Green Partnership working group</p>	<p>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</p>

waste management, abandoned trollies, neighbourhood issues		Neighbourhood Management. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly. PSPO re abandoned trollies in place.
4. Flood Mitigation		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods		
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 November Board
5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods		
Action	Next steps	Progress
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 	<p>Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agree investment in Parks and Play remains a priority for 2022/23. Funding approved for both parks and play to end of Delivery Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks: Tender for refurbishment of pavilion in Usworth Park delayed as requests from planning for Bat Survey and Ecology Survey. The first invite failed to appoint contractor – one proposal submitted which was in excess of available budget Parks: Capital funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess Anne Park Play: • Play: April Board received a report on the delivery of the Washington Fixed Play Survey. The procurement exercise is still ongoing – the first stage of the procurement route adopted will take place over June followed by the second soon after. Following the procurement exercise it is the intention for works to begin around September to minimise disruption to the play areas over the summer holidays. Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council's landscaping team who will present a proposed design to the July Board.

		The Area Committee is requested to approve £80,000 Neighbourhood Investment Capital funds for play (currently aligned) together with additional returned capital funding to deliver the Play Strategy at the June AC
Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan	Usworth Park Development Plan reviewed and SCC Officer Group established to oversee delivery.	The Friends Group for Usworth Park established and now organising events in the park. 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. Delivering the agreed Usworth Park Development Plan remains a priority with the Council fully committed to supporting Usworth Park Green Flag status application. The main priority will be to put the tender for refurbishment of the pavilion back out, work with the Council to resolve the issues relating to an abandoned allotment at the entrance and involve local residents and the Friends Group in the design and development of new gates - to be installed after the refurbishment works are complete
Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan	ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	Funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess Anne Park. Update requested for July Board
Improve play areas	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to April Board outlined the need to complete a procurement exercise which is currently underway • Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council’s landscaping team who will present a proposed design to the July Board. June AC will be requested to approve adding returned capital funding to deliver the Play Strategy.
6. Plantations and tree management		
Links to:	<i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i>	

A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods

Action	Next Steps	Progress
<p>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)</p>	<p>Strategic update to Board.</p>	<p>Remains a key priority for 2022/23 New Task & Finish Group set to consider opportunities and options for schemes for the NE Community Forest and Trees for Climate. The first Task Group met 25th May. The Task Group recommends the following to Area Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental Services Manager responsible for managing the plantations to attend the next Board in July to discuss the council's strategic approach to plantation maintenance and management across Washington 2. £100,000 Neighbourhood Fund to be approved to assist with the delivery of community led proposals for the NE Community Forest, and to help facilitate solutions for plantation management. To be considered by Area Committee at the June Area Committee
<p align="center">7. Street Furniture including litter bins</p>		
<p>Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</p>		
<p>Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to Cllrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme</p>		<p>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</p>
<p align="center">8. Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting</p>		
<p>Links to: A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</p>		
<p>Update Neighbourhood & Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme</p>	<p>ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule</p>	<p>Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target Funded for remainder of Delivery Plan.</p>
<p>Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020</p>	<p>ACDL to organise regular meetings with Road Safety Team for proposals and schemes</p>	<p>Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target Funded for remainder of Delivery Plan</p>

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 2022/23 agreed at the Feb 2022 Board and presented for approval at the March AC 2022. Highways Maintenance Programme 2022-23 and then city-wide programme submitted to Cabinet for approval April 2022
9. Health and Well Being		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
	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	Cook Well Live Well Project Brief released. 9 applications received to the 1 st round – 3 approved at the March AC. 2nd round to be circulated June.
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		1 project has been requested to confirm delivery/start date or to confirm return of funds. All completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported 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		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i>		

Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Business growth and investment in VCS*

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. All 5 CSW posts now filled – Washington CSW Denise Gilholme is supporting partners and groups and attends the Network meeting to update the sector on support. Work continues to ensure the Networks are consulted and participate in the future modelling of the Sunderland VC Alliance. A number of workshops and presentations are taking place in each Area. The Alliance is hosting a workshop event for the sector June 14th to introduce the UK Shared Prosperity funding opportunity The offer of the Sunderland VC Alliance is promoted widely and the Alliance is leading on delivering Social Value for the sector and co-ordinating volunteering.
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.	VCS Area Network continues to meet regularly. Washington VCS Network has now appointed its 3 rd VCS Representative – Joan McSloy of Washington MIND. The recent review of the Delivery Plan confirmed the following projects will continue until March 2023 and beyond – Washington REACT, WISP, Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Outreach. 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 Improving Community Assets Call released January. 6 applications approved March AC. The 2nd round of Improving Community Assets is currently live with a deadline for applications 25th June – to be presented to July Board.
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded ‘Social Isolation’ projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	12 projects approved – 10 either complete or have submitted new delivery milestones. 1 has withdrawn their application and the funds have been returned to the budget. I has been requested to confirm delivery or return funds. All the completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported 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	REACT has been extend to March 2023 but with the recent addition of Community Renewal Fund likely to be extended further. Lead will confirm new end date.

11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
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 Further funding to support vulnerable residents delivered via the established Hub partnerships and the Covid Community Champions partnerships. This model has also been utilised to deliver the Household Support fund.
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 July 2022. 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		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i>		
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 	Joint Police and Cllr meeting held regularly. Sulgrave Partnership now established and led by Police Team – Gentoo, ASB Team, GP Alliance, Housing, Area Arrangements and Alliance attend as required

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 and new technology now being agreed. Request update as part of next QMR process
13. Support communities to deliver Local Events		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Action		
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	Washington Events Programme rolled over from 2021/22. ACDL in discussions with lead with regards to options and alternatives events. Supported Springwell 1940s Event and Miners Event 4 th September in Usworth Park 2021/22. Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Events Programme for 2022/23 will be presented to June AC for consideration. Queens Jubilee funding agreed at March AC has awarded 24 grants totalling £11,946 – with £33,054 returned to the budget under Item 3 Area Budget Report.
14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
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, with the project identified as a priority for remainder of Delivery Plan. The proposed Project Brief and Call

		for Projects for the Positive Activities 2022/23 programme will be presented to June Area Committee for consideration under Item 3 Area Budget Report
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. September Area Committee approved an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget). Next round to coincide with July Board for presentations with the invite to apply sent out June.
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.	Creative You Project approved to Sunderland Culture at the December AC Project to commence April 2022. Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. Funded beyond the current Delivery Plan until March 2024
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March 2021 Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board. Anticipate project ends September 2022 and will present performance report to future 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	Extension of the current programme to March 2023 agreed at the March 2022 Area Committee meeting. 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.
Washington Youth Matters: Financial Resilience	Task & Finish Group established	Following consultation and assessment of 2 applications received to the Call for Projects, the Officer Recommendation and amended Project Brief for the Youth Matters – Make Money Work Call for Projects is presented to Members under Item 3 Area Budget Report
15. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway	Task and Finish group established to bring together a number of strategies and documents to	Washington Heritage & Culture Project approved December AC – awarded to NE BIC – a number of local partners also included. Project commenced with Heritage Co-ordinator now appointed. Funding in place beyond the current Delivery Plan to March 2024

	support and celebrate local heritage	Replacement of relocated Albany Wheel - application for funding to the enhance the site and landscaping at Albany Village Centre to be presented to September 2022 Area Committee
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Neighbourhood and Community Board – Terms of Reference

The Neighbourhood and Community Board is a working Board of the Area Committee for the delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan – Delivery Plan.

Membership and Role

Chair

- The Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is also the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Should the Vice-Chair be unable to chair the Board, the Board will be chaired by the Area Committee Chair
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each item will be set in consultation with the Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area Committee priorities / Neighbourhood Delivery Plan.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the Neighbourhood Community Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

Elected Members

- Attendance of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is open to all Ward Members
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that Neighbourhood and Community Board activity is based upon evidence of need and opportunity.

Support Officers

Relevant Council Officers - will attend the Board as the link between their service and the business of the Board, as and when required.

Designated Area Community Development Lead– supports the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board in delivering priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network and wider partners where relevant.

Governance Officers - will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times /venues and action points.

Frequency

Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates included in 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.

Reporting Arrangements

The Neighbourhood and Community Board will report four times per year to the Area Committee (meetings are held in June, September, December and March) through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board, assisted by the designated Area Community Development Lead.

Remit of the Neighbourhood and Community Board

The remit of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is to:

- Respond to all priorities in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation of plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Ensure that the use of Area Committee resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and support the delivery of the City Plan at a local level and as detailed in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Work with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure the delivery of the City Plan at a local level and as detailed in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest, Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital to the Area Committee for approval.

The Board has no formal decision-making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Committee. Where necessary, a majority vote will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

Washington

Neighbourhood Investment Plan covering the wards of Washington: Central, East, North, South and West



Our year in numbers



17 individual ward improvement projects



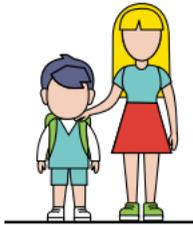
112k residents reached through the Area Facebook page



432 local residents benefiting from **11** 'Healthy Lifestyle' Projects



127 Residents in crisis receiving much needed advice and guidance



1,163 young people engaged in **25** 'social action' and positive activities projects



59 Clean and Green Environmental Programmes and community clean ups, **16** active volunteers delivering **615** hours



41 Groups awarded **£43,119** via Community Chest, with an average grant of **£1,052** to support neighbourhood projects



1,469 Environmental Enforcement Actions taken, including **1,395** written warnings, **61** Section 46 notices served, and **12** Fixed penalty notices served



56 New Volunteers recruited, trained and supported and **46** VCS Groups supported



3,190 young people engaged through the Washington Outreach Project and the Safe Care Project



15 Projects awarded **£826,970** Neighbourhood Funding



81 local organisations supported to apply for funding and strengthen their governance arrangements

Washington

Neighbourhood Investment Plan covering the wards of Washington: Central, East, North, South and West

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City Council

Area Committee's
Communication Plan Report
April 2021 to March 2022



60

Good news stories promoting Area Committee's Work



237

Facebook posts promoting Area Committee's, VCS and Partners work



102

Campaigns pushed out across the community



480

Residents participating in consultation events



112690

People 'reached' via Social Media



81

Opportunities to access funding streams promoted



71

Groups received support to secure additional funding into the Area



28

Volunteering opportunities promoted

Item 3

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 30th June 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience	
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) Consider the approval of NF funding of £24,775 to Community Opportunities to extend the Washington Clean & Green Volunteering Programme as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (c) Consider the approval of NF funding of £100,000 to Sunderland City Council to deliver proposals for the NE Community Forest and management and maintenance of plantations in Washington as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (d) Consider the approval of NF funding of £60,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Events Programme 2022/23 as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (e) Consider the approval of NF funding of £100,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Positive Activities Programme 2022/23 as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (f) Consider the approval of NF funding of £12,000 to Sunderland City Council to deliver the Area Committee Communications Plan as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (g) Consider the approval of NC funding of £100,000 for the delivery of the Washington Fixed Play Strategy as detailed in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 (h) Note the x Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed Item 3 Annex 3 (i) Note the x Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item 3 Annex 4 	
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 was previously allocated £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme in 2020 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	

Item 3

Washington Area Committee

30th June 2022



REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

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
					£437,249

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

2.2 Washington Area Committee has been allocated £403,242 Neighbourhood Funding 2022/23 for capital and revenue projects.

2.3 Members are asked to note the return to budget of £33,054, an underspend from the Queen’s Jubilee funding approved at the March 2022 meeting resulting in a balance of **£437,249** available.

2.4 There are 5 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration and detailed in **Annex 1**:

1. Washington Clean & Green Volunteer Programme	£ 24,775
2. Washington NE Community Forest & Plantations Management	£100,000
3. Washington Events Programme 2022/23	£ 60,000
4. Positive Activities Programme 2022/23	£100,000
5. Washington Area Committee Communications Plan	£ 12,000

2.5 The total Neighbourhood fund budget requested for approval is **£296,775**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£140,474**

2.6 The March 2022 Area Committee approved a Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Youth Matters Project. Two applications were received and are presented to the Area Committee in **Annex 1**. Using the agreed Neighbourhood Fund scoring and assessment procedures and appropriate consultation exercises, neither of the applications met the requirements of the published brief, therefore Members are requested to consider and approve the Officer

Recommendation to decline the submitted applications and discuss the proposed options detailed below at the next Neighbourhood & Communities Board in July:

1. Re-issue the current Project Brief 'as is'
2. July Board to consider additional information, new project outcomes, and a proposal for additional funds to be added to a revised Project Brief and re-issued
3. Consider withdrawing the Project proposal and Project Brief and reconvene the Task Group to look at other options to deliver the Area Committee Delivery Plan priority.

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of the Washington 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

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 Washington Area Committee was allocated £500,000 in 2020 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 3.3 The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount (2020 to 2023) to allocate the £500,000.
- 3.4 Members are requested to note the return of capital funds of **£20,000** from the Safety Measures Project, detailed under Item 2, resulting in a balance of **£20,000** Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding left to allocate
- 3.5 There is 1 application to the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 2**

1. Invest in Play (Washington Fixed Play survey) £100,000

The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund budget requested for approval is **£100,000**. This includes **£80,000** previously aligned and **£20,000** returned to budget as detailed at 3.4. If approved, the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding remains 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 has become 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 the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2022 / 2023. **Annex 3** shows the approvals supported April 2021 to March 2022. **Annex 4** shows the approvals supported April to June 2022.

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£1,707	£8,293
East	£10,000	£0	£1,768	£8,232
North	£10,000	£0	£988	£9,012
South	£10,000	£0	£3,638	£6,362
West	£10,000	£0	£2,033	£7,967
Total	£50,000	£0	£10,134	£39,866

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Tables One, Two and Three.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£24,775** to Community Opportunities to extend the Washington Clean & Green Volunteering Programme as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£100,000** to Sunderland City Council to deliver proposals for the NE Community Forest and management and maintenance of plantations in Washington as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£60,000** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Events Programme 2022/23 as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£100,000** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Positive Activities Programme 2022/23 as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.6 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£12,000** to Sunderland City Council to deliver the Area Committee Communications Plan as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.7 Consider the approval of NC funding of **£100,000** for the delivery of the Washington Fixed Play Survey as set out in **Section 3.4** and **Item 3 Annex 2**
- 5.8 Note the x Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed **Item 3 Annex 3**
- 5.9 Note the x Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed **Item 3 Annex 4**

Annexes

Annex 1	Neighbourhood Fund Applications
Annex 2	Neighbourhood Investment Capital Applications
Annex 3	Community Chest Approvals 2021/22
Annex 4	Community Chest Approvals 2022/23

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Applications for Washington Neighbourhood
Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Washington Clean & Green
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£26,585	£1,810	£24,775
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	July 2022	June 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

The project will be delivered in all Wards across Washington. Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) have been delivering environmental improvements with Washington since 2015. This was initially through volunteering and work placement opportunities and since 2017, as part of a structured Volunteering Project, locally branded as Clean and Green. The project aims to improve the neighbourhoods within which residents reside by encouraging and leading 'clean ups' of community spaces and focussing on the management of overgrown areas across all five Washington wards, which are not being addressed as part of the Councils corporate responsibility. This application proposes to continue the delivery of community clean-ups, effectively engage residents into volunteering to support the delivery of environmental projects to reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills and providing access to an equipment bank. The project will 'contribute' to a plantation management strategy which is being developed by SCC. We anticipate working with 20 volunteers over approximately 18 projects in the proposed 9 month extension delivery period, including the training of volunteers in the use of equipment and monitoring the return, storage and maintenance of that equipment.

The Project is led by a dedicated SNCBC Manager and directed by a Steering Group comprising Environmental Services Team, Gentoo, Local Elected Members and staff from relevant support partners such as Police, Tyne and Wear Fire who will contribute to the group when specific issues emerge. The Steering Group identify potential sites that need attention and respond to local need as identified by residents, local business and community walkabouts. This work forms the core of the Project Work Plan ensuring activities are relevant and do not duplicate environmental services provided by such as the Council or Gentoo. We would continue this approach in our proposal for the continuation of the Clean and Green Project to ensure we provide coverage to all Washington wards and understand the priorities of the local communities we are working with. Further the Steering Group recognise the need to anticipate the requirement to re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc and create a sustainable plantation management strategy and we will ensure this is diarised in the work plan.

We feel the compliment of staff recruited to the Clean and Green Project have been key to its success. The Project is led by a suitably experienced manager who is also responsible for setting the work plan and carrying out visits to potential sites and sharing information on the project with local organisations and partners, alongside managing the environmental supervisor. The previous environmental supervisor, Jenny, secured a promotion outside of the Company and we quickly recruited to the post with Ian having worked on the project for over six months. He leads the practical environmental improvement work and takes recommendations for project work from the Steering Group and visits the areas to understand the needs of the area. A work assessment is documented which includes the scope of the work recommended, any impact to habitat, consideration of works in line with any requirements such as the need to gain authority to work on public land, Countryside Act and/or to adhere to by-laws. The report makes recommendations of health and safety requirements, resource and tool requirements and any impacts on carrying out the work such as

seasonal influences of pruning, nesting etc. For example, the winter months are ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation. The ongoing needs of the area are also considered to ensure the Work Plan sustains the impact of the specific project through such as ongoing maintenance, rubbish clearance and development with local residents. The assessment findings are fed back to the Steering Group who consider the scope of work, any safety concerns, length of time the works are anticipated to take and then agree whether the project will be taken forward or otherwise. We will ensure any safety concerns observed on site, during the compilation of the work assessment, are reported in a timely and appropriate manner, this is particularly important and always tackled first or reported to interested parties for example falling trees that need removing would be reported to the Arboriculture Department at Sunderland Council.

The Managers will also lead the recruitment and induction of volunteers to work on to Clean and Green and this work is delivered in close co-ordination with the Sunderland Alliance Community Support Worker role. Clean and Green operate to a documented Volunteer Pathway which ensure all volunteers are inducted into the project, understand its aims and objectives, undertake a verbal and practical individual assessment of skills, taking into account potential health issues and provides regular ongoing supervision. Volunteers receive a 'tool box talk' to understand the correct and appropriate use of all hand tools and as appropriate motorised equipment. We produce, and discuss with volunteers, generic and specific risk assessments, provides on-site volunteer training through regular conversation describing why the works are being delivered, the importance of the method by which they are being addresses in relation to such as conservation, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance. We will link with the Sunderland Alliance project to access relevant training, promote the project and help identify both volunteers and places that may require attention from Clean and Green.

Recruitment of volunteers is ongoing, volunteers attend for varying reasons and varying lengths of time, we have some corporate groups and some occasional or one-off volunteers who support specific clean ups of public spaces, specific environmental works on plantation clearances. We currently have an active group of 15 volunteers who have rejoined the project following covid19 restrictions. Volunteers have provided many examples, and case studies, to demonstrate how Clean and Green has reduced their social isolation, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We expect similar achievements and outputs to be realised in our proposed short extension. We have carried out work with a range of voluntary Organisations and projects including Bowes Railway Museum, Washington MIND, Gentoo, Trolleywise, Friends of Princess Anne Park, Friends of Usworth Park, and the REACT employability project. This has included showing members of Organisations how to use tools effectively, enabling them to access equipment for the 'tool bank, volunteers shadowing the Clean and Green staff to learn and rehearse practical skills, and in turn gain confidence to move forward and carry out the environmental improvements in their Organisations independently. Our collaborative approach has extended to engaging corporate volunteers from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE and we will pursue other opportunities in this regard in our future delivery. We will also build upon or relationships with local businesses and encourage them to take a greater responsibility for their waste and also the upkeep of overgrown vegetation which creates problems including overhanging branches on to public walkways and blocked drainage due to fallen leaves from tress etc.

The majority of Clean and Green work carried out to date has, by necessity, been remedial and while this will continue we propose in the next phase of the Project to focus on addressing areas that have become unkempt during the pandemic lockdown and restrictions. We believe this will enable us to continue to impact positively upon the Councils desire to create an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time. Our delivery of Clean and Green work to date has identified the need to work in a targeted manner to address issues which create the need for Community Clean Ups. We have found local residents are keen and supportive in participating in Clean Ups but register their frustrations that there are 'repeat offenders' who are the cause of the littering in the first place. We will look to develop and educational offer to the project over the next nine months enabling us to communicate the importance of correct residential waste disposal and encourage residents to be more proactive in keeping their neighbourhood clean and tidy and reporting issues. SNCBC have already begun working with some of the local 'Friends of Groups' with a view to them leading some of the smaller community clean ups and we

will link with the new Washington VCS Coordinator as a referral support for this work. In conclusion, SNCBC have existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and as such feel they are well placed to deliver an extension of the clean and green project and commence delivery with immediate effect

Partnership: Community Opportunities work in close partnership with a range of people and Organisations including Local Councillors, Sunderland City Council Officers, Gentoo, Washington VCS groups. We will continue to work closely with the local services response team, Sunderland Alliance, Gentoo, local schools and residents.

Outcomes:

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Identify ongoing workplan	31/07/2022
Steering group meeting and Review workplan	30/09/2022
Steering group meeting and Review workplan	06/01/2023
Steering group meeting and Review workplan	31/03/2023
Project Evaluation	31/03/2023

Outputs

- 30 people enjoying a healthy lifestyle
- 20 children and young people benefiting
- 12 Community Clean ups
- 12 Litter picks
- 130 bags of waste cleared
- 25 volunteers recruited
- 240 volunteer hours delivered
- 8 community/external organisations supported
- 1300 hours spent delivering the project

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Project Manager	4029.00		4029.00
Environmental Officer	13088.00		13088.00
Office and costs	1870.00		1870.00
Storage	1400.00		1400.00
Small equipment	1670.00		1670.00
PPE, DBS etc	1108.00		1108.00
Finance, insurance, accounts	3420.00	1810.00	1610.00
Total	26585.00	1810.00	24775.00

Officer Recommendation – Approve £24,775 Neighbourhood Fund (2022/23 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend continued support of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Love Where You Live, Neighbourhood Management and Invest in Parks & Green Spaces

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Washington Tree Strategy and NE Community Forest
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£100,000	NE Community Forest/Trees for Climate LA Treescape	£100,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	01.07.22	30.06.2023

Project Proposal: The Washington Area Committee Task Group met in May and recommend a co-ordinated approach to support the development of proposals for the NE Community Forest and to help facilitate strategic response to the plantation management issues we still have across Washington. (David Groark is attending the July Board to discuss the 'strategic approach' WAC has consistently asked for). To aid those discussions, the Task Group recommends approving £100,000 for a Washington Tree Strategy with the view to determining proposals for the NE Community Forest initiative and plantation management issues in Washington, with Sunderland City Council as lead.

NECF/Trees for Climate funding can also support wildflower seeding, associated wetlands, fencing, seats, up to 15 years maintenance funding, officer time etc., as well as woodlands. This funding does not require match funds but there is a limit to the funding based on hectares of planting, so not everything can necessarily be afforded/included.

There are already proposals coming forward from the local community for NE Community Forest funding and whilst there is not a requirement for 'match' funding there is a likely to be a need for additionality for further enhancements of planting schemes – an example is the successful planting of a community orchard in Hetton Park – and community have now identified benches/seats would be a good addition to facilitate community use. For Washington, Princess Anne Park orchard and Teal Farm 'standards' have already been put forward as planting options by local residents/groups.

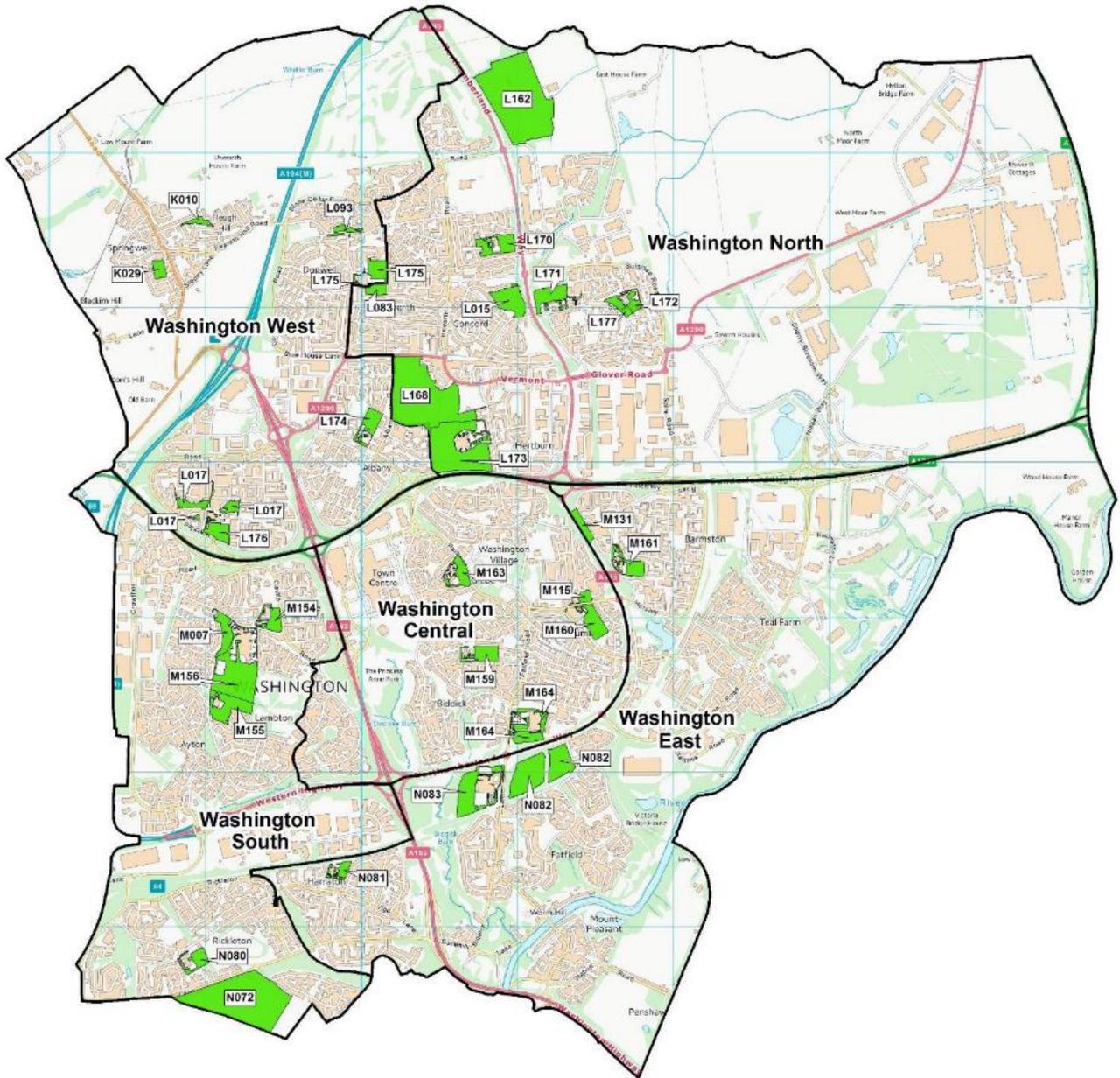
Other ideas are shown in the attached Map and the proposed design criteria and reporting standards will be presented to the July Board. As sites are brought as an idea, discussion with Property Services and other departments is required, and would need support of local residents/Friends' groups. The locations put forward have deliberately tended to focus on areas with lower existing tree canopy cover- but sites can potentially be supported anywhere in Washington although the funding cannot be used to replace diseased / storm damaged / vandalised trees. This proposal is to 'align' up to £20,000 of the £100,000 to the NE Community Forest Project.

Plantation Management: Within the context of above, SCC are considering a strategic approach to managing trees and plantations across the City. In July, Cabinet will be considering a new policy which will address 'plantation' and tree management and maintenance across the City and an application for further funding through the LA Treescape funding is being considered (to address dead and diseased trees). It is proposed Area Committee funds could help deliver and prioritise key 'hotspot' areas across Washington where remedial action is required in the short term.

Recommendation – Approve £100,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Plantations and tree management

Trees and woodland sites - Washington



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Application No.3

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has recommended the following Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects for the Washington Events Programme 2022/23

Washington Area Committee: Funding Opportunity

Project Brief for Washington Events Programme 2022/23

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested groups and organisations to submit proposals to deliver the Washington Events Programme for 2022/23. As part of area priorities for community support and inclusion and for developing a cultural identity, the Washington Area Committee would like to invite project proposals which complement and work in partnership with existing support in the Washington area. Local events have traditionally always been key to enhancing community inclusion and involvement in Washington and in supporting a cultural identity for the area. Over the last 13 years a number of community-led events have taken place and been very successful.

Legal Status of the organisation

Your organisation must have all of the relevant governance and statutory requirements in place. This includes a written constitution, a management committee or other governing body, insurance, financial accounting systems and any other legislative requirements relevant to your area of work (such as Employment legislation, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and Safeguarding arrangements). You must sign a declaration to indicate your project is able to demonstrate all requirements are in place. The successful applicant will also be required to submit Annual Management Accounts and the organisation's Business Plan should they be awarded the grant. This will only be required AFTER the award of the grant has been confirmed.

There is an opportunity for local groups and organisations with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver projects on behalf of the Washington Area Committee and applications demonstrating strong partnership working are encouraged.

Project proposals

Local events have been key to enhancing community inclusion and involvement in the Washington area and in supporting a cultural identity for the area. Washington Area Committee would like to invite project proposals to deliver the 2022/23 Washington Events Programme as detailed below. Washington Area Committee requires an organisation or consortium/partnership to co-ordinate and deliver the whole programme for the year. This programme is made up of a number of elements (as a minimum):

Event	Proposed Date	Activities/outcomes required	Further commentary
Summer Carnival	September 17 th 2022	Family Fun Day, Vintage/Heritage Miner's Banner Parade	Venue – Albany Park
Washington Illuminations	November 2022	Switch On, Stage and Activities, Fireworks, Christmas Tree	Concord
Washington Christmas Festival	November/ December 2022	Christmas themed festival	Washington Village
Springwell Village 1940's Weekend	Last weekend June/ beginning July 2023	Community celebration 40's Weekend. Range of activities and events and organised re-enactment displays for all members of the local community. Local organisations and businesses to be actively involved via an Event Community Steering Group	Various venues in the village plus Bowes Railway for enactment. The event must be authentic throughout and remain true to 1940s and World War 2 in all ways e.g. traders must fit with the brief.

Miners Picnic Event	August 2023	Family/Community Event - miners heritage, traditions and activities	Venue – Usworth Park
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The successful applicant for this Call for Projects for Events 2022/23 programme as detailed above, will be required to liaise closely with specific Ward Members (for each event) and the Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board in order to determine the details of the programming and management of each event. In addition, they will also be required to liaise with local groups and organisations and lead on ensuring added value and co-ordinated approach to delivering the overall Events Programme in Washington.

Project outcomes

The successful applicant will be required to co-ordinate and manage the events as detailed above, ensure an events safety plan and all infrastructure is in place for each event where appropriate, develop opportunities for additional resources for the programme, co-ordinate any community programmes or community contributions or activity, liaise and consult with groups managing other events, and liaise and consult directly with the Washington Area Committee Place Board with regards to progress.

The project proposal for the Events Programme 2022/23 must identify and include the following in your application

- Proposed dates and venues for each event
- All necessary infra-structure that will be required to deliver the events.
- Develop all the events and work in partnership with local Ward Members (for each event) and the local VCS where relevant.
- The successful applicant will also be required to work through the WAC Neighbourhood & Community Board who are responsible for providing any **advice and guidance with regards to new sources of funding and that any match, agreement or contribution will be in line with general principles of the council having regard to reputation, procurement policy and procedures, corporate identity and appropriate advertising content and any other relevant City of Sunderland strategies, policies and procedures.**
- The proposal must include how it will develop
 - All relevant Event Management Plans for individual event – including health and safety, access, permissions, licensing etc.
 - Communications Plans
 - Promotional and Marketing plans
 - A plan for raising additional income via sponsorship opportunities and appropriate events
 - Community participation and a partnership approach – utilising local community resources where appropriate especially when determining programming and activities for events.

Budget

There is a total of **£60,000** identified for this proposal. As a minimum the applicant will need to evidence how it intends to deliver ALL 5 events listed on behalf of the Washington Area Committee.

1. Washington Family Carnival – September 2022
2. Washington Illuminations – November 2022
3. Washington Community Christmas Festival – December 2023
4. Springwell Village 1940s event June/July 2023
5. Miners Event/Picnic Usworth Park – August 2023

Area Committee will be pleased to receive any **additional** proposals the applicant feels they can deliver as part of this programme– as long as the original list of events are confirmed as deliverable. However, no further funding will be available from the Washington Area Committee for additional events. This fund could be considered as 'seed' funding and the successful applicant will be required to adopt a 'business model' for delivery and commit to raising any additional funding or gap via sponsorship.

Timescale

Call for Projects invitation released	1 st July 2022
Deadline for completed applications	31 st July 2022
Consultation and assessment completed by	14 th August 2022
Award of grant (Area Committee)	31 st August 2022

Next Steps

Any interested group or organisation should request an application pack. These are available by contacting: Karon Purvis. Area Community Development Lead
Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk who will be happy to answer any questions groups or organisations may have about the project

Return Date

The deadline date to return the completed application along with necessary documents is **31st July 2022**
After the deadline date, all received applications will be assessed against a scoring matrix and consulted upon, with recommendations being presented to Washington Area Committee to agree and endorse the recommendations outlined.

Queries

If you have any questions regarding the application process or you require any advice on the development of the project please do not hesitate to contact Karon Purvis on karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk

Application No.4

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has recommended the following Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects for Positive Activities 2022/23

Washington Area Committee: Funding Opportunity

Project Brief for Call for Projects – Washington Area Committee Positive Activities for Children and Young People – Holiday Activities Programme 2021/22 (Washington 8 – 10year olds and 11 – 19year olds)

CALL FOR PROJECTS

Washington Area Committee would like to invite local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and non-profit making organisations to submit an application for each of the Wards of Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West, that will develop and deliver activities for children and young people in all holiday periods From Summer 2022 to May (whitsun) 2023. Applications will be considered from VCS groups who have a Management Committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories. VCS groups must adhere to accounting requirements in accordance with the Companies Act.

This call is to deliver activities in all Washington Wards

1. Introduction and Background

- There is an opportunity for local VCS groups and organisations, with relevant requirements, **qualifications/training, and a track record of working with children and young people in the Washington area**, across two age groups, to deliver a project on behalf of Washington Area Committee.
- The Committee has identified a need to provide positive activities during all school holiday periods within each of the 5 Wards, for children and young people in two age groups: 8 to 10 years old and 11 to 19 years old.
- It is also recognised by Washington Area Committee that extended holiday periods can provide a challenge for some parents and families with regards to ensuring children have access to a nutritious meal during those periods.

2. Project proposal

Area Committee would like to offer an opportunity for appropriate groups and organisations to submit proposals which:

- Deliver a programme of activity from Summer 2022 to May (Whitsun) 2023 which offers a range of opportunities for children and young people resident in the Washington area and offers activities for differing interests and abilities
- Recognises other provision in the area and ensures that this proposal will be **in addition to and compliments existing or proposed provision during the holiday periods**. You should demonstrate your knowledge of the relevant ward and current/already planned provision available for this age group and if relevant, demonstrate proposed provision is in addition to the applicant's core offer over school holiday periods. Proposals should also co-ordinate with and compliment the HAF programme being delivered by Together for Children.
- Deliver a range of choices for children and young people – some examples include indoor/outdoor physical activities, games, mentally stimulating fun activities, arts and crafts, and cooking, nutrition or health related
- All sessions/provision must include a nutritious snack or meal
- Increase the number of children accessing positive activities by setting achievable targets
- Whilst the Committee is not determining how many sessions per Ward per age group should be included in each application, the Committee would like to see provision of a **minimum** of 12 sessions delivered in each of the relevant **Washington Wards for each of the age groups** during the identified holiday periods.
- **Applicants are asked to consult and involve local Ward Councillors – tell us how this will happen in your application**
- Provide a creative and innovative programme of activity
- Identify locations/venues where sessions will be delivered using local facilities where possible (Washington facilities)

- **Include details of how the activities will be promoted and will acknowledge Washington Area Committee Sunderland City Council support.**
- Ensure all beneficiaries reside in the Washington area
- Identify and include details of match funding which could include income generation, linkages with projects/groups across the City and further external funding sources
- Provide a comprehensive breakdown of costs

3. Context and Broader Strategies to Consider

To ensure a joined-up approach links should be established with the following:

- a. Sunderland City Council: Sport & Leisure
- b. Together for Children HAF Programme
- c. Local VCS Organisations

4. Budget and timescales

Please note each proposal needs to provide value for money. The total budget for this call is **£10,000 per Ward per age group**. Please note this is the total budget available for all projects per Ward and age group received for this Call **NOT** per project application. This will be a competitive process should we receive more applications than funding available. Organisations are eligible to apply for one or more Wards and both the age group but need to show in your application the detail of each programme per Ward.

You are required to complete a full application form for the proposed programmes you will deliver, identifying which age group the individual programme will focus on and identifying the programme of activity for each Ward. The total budget available is £100,000 - however applications will be expected to show how the proposed budget per Ward per age group included will be allocated.

Proposals can be for one or both age groups, one Ward, or more than one Ward but will need to show appropriate and relevant activities, staffing qualifications etc. for each of the age groups you include.

All applications are required to identify anticipated outputs and milestones **per Ward**

Where applicants work in partnership or collaborate with other providers to deliver joint programmes, those applications will be weighted accordingly as part of the assessment process. One organisation will need to be identified as the lead for partnership bids.

This is a competitive process and will be scored and assessed independently

Deadline date for return of applications	Friday 8th July 2022
Appraisal and assessment on applications	9 th July 2022
Area Committee decision (Neighbourhood Community Board)	21 st July 2022

5. Application form and Return date

Please contact Karon Purvis at karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk for an application pack or to discuss developing the project. The deadline date to return the completed application with any necessary supporting documents is 8th **July 2022**.

6. Queries

If you have any questions regarding the application process please do not hesitate to contact Karon Purvis Area Community Development Lead (Washington) at karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk

Application No.5

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Washington Area Committee Communications
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£12,000		£12,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	September 2022	August 2023

Project Description: In December 2019 and July 2021 Washington Area Committee approved funding for engagement and communication activities. This included Area Newsletters, leaflets and PR materials.

Washington Area Committee agreed a programme of Newsletters in each edition of Washington Way (Bi-monthly) together with an opportunity to feature WAC funded projects in every edition. That arrangement has worked well over 2020/21 and 2021/22 with 6 editions of the Washington Way including not only the Committee's newsletter, spotlights on key projects and initiatives each year. The magazine has also promoted Council's services, support and information.

The circulation of the paper has grown to more than 27,500. Both individual households receive the paper through their letter box and copies are rotated around key community and local venues.

The Washington Way Editor has agreed to maintain the current arrangement and provide one again 6 editions plus features as required for £12,000 for 12 months (6 editions) starting September 2022. The budget approved 2021 will meet the costs of the June edition and the August edition. Given the increase in circulation this still provides good value for money.

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority Community Engagement and Involvement

Application No. 6

Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity Call for Projects – Youth Matters

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and public sector partners to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which support delivery of their Supporting Young People priority (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

There is an opportunity for organisations with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver this project on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Formally constituted and 'not for profit' groups which include charities, schools, voluntary and community groups and public sector organisations can be involved. CICs can apply but must have **three or more Directors that are not related**. Registered organisations must be up to date with governance requirements. Applications demonstrating partnership working are encouraged.

Project Description

Washington Area Committee have agreed funding to deliver a financial inclusion project for **young people**, targeting education courses education/courses with regards to money management, budgeting, and debt management. Within the context of the Councils Financial Wellbeing and Financial Resilience Project 'Being in control' this Call for Projects is requesting applications to deliver a Washington pilot working with our 4 senior schools to deliver engagement and messaging to support our young people to develop financial resilience and develop age-appropriate resources. At the same time the programmes will also need to assist young people to build confidence and raise aspirations with regards to career choices and 'life after school'.

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify how it will:

1. **Work in all 4 'senior' Washington schools** and deliver innovative engagement programmes, messaging and age-appropriate resources - It is therefore important that positive messaging is used throughout the project and that engagement activity is interesting to young people, with a creative and novel approach. Please tell us how this will be achieved by your proposal
2. Improve and support emotional resilience, community cohesion and enables young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations and build skills and confidence amongst young people
3. Work with and co-ordinate all activity with the wider Financial Resilience programme which will be linked to existing branding of Know Your Rights, Assert Your Rights and Making Your Money Go Further. This includes not duplicating digital resources already available for young people – tell us how you will ensure this proposal will run in tandem and use existing resources
4. Evidence knowledge of relevant local provision, projects, activities and initiatives, and in particular complement and add value to existing young people's provision and where appropriate, work in partnership with existing initiatives

All proposals must be able to

- Evidence the organisation's experience and understanding of 'Financial Resilience' and the current challenges affecting financial stability
- Evidence the organisation's experience in working with young people and have an understanding of the role of 'Financial education'.
- Evidence the organisation's experience of delivering advice to young people, e.g. for careers guidance
- Show how it will compliment and add value to other initiatives being delivered across the area (not just young people's projects)

Applicants should evidence their knowledge of

1. Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan
2. SCC Projects delivering Financial Resilience initiatives and resources, and other age appropriate resources already available
3. Sunderland's City Plan
4. Community Wealth Building Strategy (SCC)

5. Low Carbon Sunderland

Budget:

The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£35,000** and the Committee expect to receive applications for projects lasting a minimum of 12 months

Application No.1 (Youth Matters)

Name of Project	Be Moneywise
Lead Organisation	Moneywise Credit Union

Total cost	Match funding	NF Requested
£35,490	£1,850	£33,640
Project Duration	Start date	End Date
2 years	June 2022	July 2024

- Taken Verbatim from the application form

Project Proposal

This project will be delivered in the 4 local Secondary Schools and youth projects in the Washington area.

- Moneywise has a strong understanding of the need for Financial Resilience amongst both adults and young people
- This proposal is about developing and delivering Financial Future Proofing for young people, some of whom are already aware that they lack the financial knowledge and skills necessary for independent adult life
- The pandemic has led to job losses, an increase in personal debt and a rise in Loan Shark activity. Some people are struggling financially for the first time as they have lost their jobs or been furloughed. They don't have savings and are carrying existing loans and credit card debt. Young people have become increasingly aware of their family's financial worries and this has had an impact on their mental, physical and emotional health.
- Moneywise already works closely with the Council to raise awareness amongst local people of the benefits of joining a credit union. We also work with the VCS to promote the credit union and deliver financial resilience messages
- We work closely with the England Illegal Moneylending Team to raise awareness of the dangers of Loan Sharks and their increasing targeting of people through social media sites. Our proposed project will incorporate raising young people's awareness of loan sharks, Illegal Moneylending and high interest lenders.
- Our project outcomes will contribute to the following:
 - WAC Delivery Plan – supporting young people and building financial resilience
 - Community Wealth Strategy – improving community resilience, community empowerment, engagement and involvement
 - Sunderland's A Healthy Smart City – improving access to equitable opportunities and life chances and people enjoying independent lives
 - Sunderland City Plan – Families are resilient and resourceful and respond to challenges and achieve the best possible outcomes for their children. Our proposal will prepare and support young people to make informed financial choices and decisions, thus ensuring that if, and when, they become parents they will be able to provide a more stable financial household

BE MONEYWISE – delivering the project outcomes:

Working in all 4 secondary schools this project will

- Deliver existing BE Moneywise Financial Education sessions to young people in schools
- As part of the sessions, pupils will evaluate and critique the existing resources and consider what other financial information should be added that will be useful to young people
- Train pupils in schools to be Peer2Peer Deliverers of the co-developed Young Person's Financial Awareness/Education Package

Improve and support emotional resilience, community cohesion and enables young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations and build skills and confidence amongst young people

- By co-developing a specific Financial Awareness/Education Package with and for young people, the project will improve young people's ability to make sensible financial decisions and prepare them for the world of work/further education
- Deliver existing Be moneywise sessions to young people in youth projects
- As part of these sessions young people will evaluate and critique the existing resources used and consider what other financial information should be added
- Young people's suggestions will then be included and subsequently lead to a new co-developed package specifically for young people
- Train young people in schools and youth projects to be Peer2Peer Deliverers of the co-developed Financial Awareness/Education Package. As well as a legacy of trained young people to assist future generations, this project will also develop transferrable skills and confidence in young people.
- Raise awareness with young people of careers information and support that is available to them not just through IAG in school but also through on-line resources such as the National Career Service
- Our proposal can be seen to fit in PHSE in schools

Work with and co-ordinate all activity with the wider Financial Resilience programme which will be linked to existing branding of Know Your Rights, Assert Your Rights and Making Your Money Go Further.

- Work with the Financial Resilience Team at the Council and the local VCS to ensure that existing SCC branding and Financial Resilience resources are explored by young people and included in the co-developed Financial Awareness/Education Package

Knowledge of relevant local provision, projects, activities and initiatives, and in particular complement and add value to existing young people's provision and where appropriate, work in partnership with existing initiatives

- Moneywise already works with Sunderland Mind and has delivered the Be Moneywise Financial Awareness Sessions to young people who access the Sunderland Mind project
- We are also working with CAB in delivering a joint Financial and Loan Shark awareness project in some Sunderland Primary Schools
- Integral to the project would be not only the involvement of all the schools, but also existing youth projects such as Sunderland MIND, together for Children and VCS projects in the area. We would seek to include these young people in the co-developed Financial Awareness/Education Package and also train young people as Peer2Peer Deliverers

Partnership

- Moneywise is a member of the Washington VCS Network and the Sunderland Wellbeing Network
- Moneywise already works with Sunderland MIND and delivered awareness sessions to young people who access that project. We are in the process of recording a Podcast with Mind and the Credit Union, the dangers of loan sharks and risk attached to taking out high interest credit
- We have an established Credit Union Collection point at Mickey's Place in Washington
- We have delivered Financial Awareness sessions to Headway clients
- We are working with Sunderland CAB delivering in Sunderland Primary Schools
- We work with the SCC Financial Resilience Team
- Integral to the project would be not only the involvement of all the schools, but also existing youth projects such as Sunderland MIND, together for Children and VCS projects in the area. We would seek to include these young people in the co-developed Financial Awareness/Education Package and also train young people as Peer2Peer Deliverers

Outputs

A Healthy City	CODE	Output
Life Chances	203	735 number of children and young people benefiting from this project
Independent Lives	206	735 number of people receiving information, advice and guidance
A Vibrant City	CODE	Output
People Participation	306	12 number of external organisations involved or supported
People Participation	307	352 number of hours spent delivering this funded project

Objectives/Milestones/Outputs

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Establish contact with the 4 Secondary Schools and agree a timeline for delivery within the schools	June 22
Commence delivery of Be Moneywise Financial Awareness Sessions in schools	September 22
Delivery of sessions in secondary schools from September 22 – March 23	Sept 22 – March 23
Commence delivery of sessions in youth projects	April 23 – June 23
Commence re- design of Financial Awareness Package based on young people's comments, suggestions and ideas.	July-August 23
Present re-designed Financial Awareness Package to those young people who contributed for further comment/amends.	Sept- Dec 23
Co-Develop Evaluation Resources that can be used by young people to enable them to evaluate the effectiveness of the Training Package at the end of each session they subsequently deliver	Sept- Dec 23
Organise production of completed Training Package	Dec 23 - Jan 24
Deliver Peer 2 Peer Training	January – May 24
Deliver follow up Evaluation sessions for Peer 2 Peer Trainers to establish if they require further training or training materials need to be amended	June 24

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Staff delivery time for sessions with young people	22,540		22,540
Development of final Financial Awareness/Education Pack	2,100		2,100
Marketing Material Production & Financial Education Resource Pack Production costs	9,000		9,000
Project administration inc staff time	160	160	
Project Management	1,690	1,690	
Total	35,490	1,850	33,640

Experience of the organisations and partner

- Moneywise is currently delivering the same initiative in both Stockton and Redcar - co-developing Financial Awareness/Education Package and training Peer2Peer Delivers
- We are currently already working in schools, youth projects, care leavers and the young people's Council in Redcar and in Stockton
- We have delivered our existing Be Moneywise Financial Awareness Package in primary and secondary schools, colleges and youth projects. We have also delivered it to adults via the Recovery College, Mental Health Projects and family hubs

Assessment & Consultation

This application did not meet the minimum threshold via formal Neighbourhood Fund scoring and assessment procedures.

The application

- Did not evidence **how** they will deliver innovative engagement programmes, messaging and age-appropriate resources, positive messaging, and how engagement activity would be interesting to

young people, with a creative and novel approach. No information on the actual products or approach they would take. They appear to be utilising something they already have and not something developed for this project.

- Does not state how the proposed course will build skills and raise awareness which could lead to informed choices. Does not reference outcomes regarding raising aspirations or community cohesion
- The proposal does not identify how the project will work with and co-ordinate this activity with the SCC Financial Resilience Team, other than using current resources
- No evidence of contact with other projects in the area who work with young people No information with regards to complimenting existing provision for young people or how they would work in partnership at a local level. No information showing how the proposal will compliment and add value to other initiatives
- Limited information included with regards to potential challenges
- They state they have a strong understanding of Financial Resilience but no evidence or knowledge included
- No information included to support experience of delivering financial education – refers to a package?
- No detail with regards to how it will reach the target audience, no information provided re identifying needs and methods of engagement.

Officer Recommendation: Decline

Application No.2 (Youth Matters)

Name of Project	Change Management
Lead Organisation	Citizens Advice Sunderland

Total cost	Match funding	NF Requested
£35,000		£35,000
Project Duration	Start date	End Date
1 year	July 2022	June 2023

- Taken Verbatim from the application form

Project Proposal

We are all taught the basics of budgeting from a very early age, 1+1=2 and 4-3=1. Basic maths and budgeting is relatively simple and straightforward, yet personal debt in the UK in January 2022 was at £1,767.1 billion. 88% of adults aren't confident in their ability to manage their money and research shows that poor financial literacy leads to bad decisions that impacts negatively on our emotional wellbeing and physical health. Without a solid foundation on which to start adult life, we are setting teenagers up to fail before they even begin which is evidenced by the current level of debt and lack of understanding. We are proposing that we undertake an experiment in teaching financial capabilities to the young adults under the 'Making Money Work' project. As an agency that supports people every day with budgeting, debt management and crisis support we are acutely aware of the stress and devastation poor money management has on people's lives. While we are experts in crisis management, our aim is to prevent the need for crisis intervention through financial capabilities and better choices. What we want to do is use 'the thinkers of tomorrow' to solve some of these issues for us. We will effectively be asking them to tell us why we are not financially literate and what we can do to fix it.

In explaining what we do and how we help people, we want them to solve the issue of poor financial capabilities within our community and to help us promote it to their peers, parents and everyone else. Using actual case studies and worked examples, we will demonstrate the benefits of understanding priorities, budgeting, the difficulty debt causes, the different credit options available to people, the benefits of saving and how to make their money go further. Research shows that when you actually do the work yourself and teach it to others, you learn the most, so that's the approach we want to adopt. And, while we don't want to scare the students, we do want them to observe, experience and advise on some of the common themes that we see on a daily basis. As part of the project, they will need to undertake research,

simplify the findings and explain and promote what we can do to overcome common problems. We will introduce them to behavioural economics and together work out how we can use it to change behaviour. Effectively, we will be training them to become Citizens Advice advisers and we will task them with creating and delivering presentations, designing and producing social media campaigns and information leaflets on topics such as budgeting, saving, borrowing, debt, income maximisation, affordable credit and scams. We will seek to challenge them and their perceptions, give constructive feedback and demonstrate that with good choices, change can happen and with positive action, we can overcome crisis. Our aim is to not only equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to be financially literate and resilient, but to build their confidence in giving them an actual job to do and to reward them by using what they design and create within our service and the community.

An added bonus of undertaking the experiment is that we, as a service, will also benefit from the work they do. In having a different perspective, the students can bring a fresh approach to our marketing, terminology and communication methods that will allow us to attract and engage with a younger audience. We will share what we learn as part of our evaluation of the project and follow up impact report. We have a qualified teacher on staff and we already have a comprehensive and quality driven training programme in place that is renowned and respected. There is also a wealth of financial capability resources available that we will use to complement the work that they will undertake but we will also have the students dissect and review the resources for accessibility, ease of use and aesthetics etc to see where any improvements could be made, particularly for a younger audience. These are the people who could either be a problem of tomorrow or the solution, so it's important that we work with them and listen to what they have to say and adapt our services to correlate with their thinking and behaviour. As part of the experiment, our aim is to have students practiced and comfortable in undertaking exploration, asking questions, evaluating information/resources, breaking it down and making informed choices that they can then carry forward into their adult lives.

By the end of the 12 months, students will have a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities, have a good grasp on financial capabilities and how to make the most of their money. Not only that, but they will have a better understanding of how the third sector works and experience of what it is like to volunteer for a charity and to make a contribution to society. They will have undertaken surveys, carried out research, data analysis and created materials to educate people in good money management. They will be able to demonstrate an understanding of advocacy and campaigning and explain what support is offered to people locally and effectively signpost people and move them forward. They will also have experience of project management and working to deadlines and KPIs that will equip them for future employment. They will also have insight into the common issues we deal with daily and how they impact on people's lives at the point of reaching crisis and how they can also be averted, particularly in the early stages.

We learn from lived experience and that is something we can offer the students from day 1. The insight and the solutions we can offer is second to none and we can do it safely, effectively and while they will find it demanding, they will also find the experience rewarding and interesting. The budget predominantly covers salary costs that are consistent throughout the year. We have split the role into two part time workers to ensure we have cover to facilitate any holidays or sickness. This ensures that the project can continue if one member of the team is off for any length of time. The supervisor will also be fully trained and ready to act as support for the project. All remaining costs are dedicated to travel expenses and course materials. Therefore, there should be little, to no, budgetary issues for the life of the project.

Anything that is created by the students that we wish to have printed will be covered by our own reserves or we will seek additional funding to cover the cost. Again, this will be included in the project as the students need to understand that this is how the third sector works. If they are successful in tendering for a small pot to cover the printing will undoubtedly be a boost to the students. We are passionate about this project and, as we will be creating worthwhile materials that the community can benefit from, we would be more than happy to bear any additional costs ourselves if necessary.

Partnership

As this is a relatively unique project, it is not clear who our partners are, however, one of the key activities would be to have the students carry out a stakeholder analysis of support for the various issues we will be covering. It's likely that we will get the students to survey local support agencies to find out what they offer, how to access their services and work on bringing a network of services together and seek to avoid duplication as much as possible in favour of identifying untapped gaps in the market. The students will use this information in creating the flyers, mailshots and presentations etc and it is hoped we can deliver peer presentations to local youth groups such as the scouting/guiding groups. As part of the Citizens Advice experience, they would naturally have to deliver sessions to key stakeholders, and we want to incorporate this into the project.

We would also welcome the opportunity for stakeholders to attend sessions and offer an insight into the work that they are doing and how they can support the project and the wider community. The students will be contacting the banks and the Credit Union to find out what products and services are on offer and we will carry out worked examples of responsible lending and the costs of doing so compared to the more common doorstep lending options. Using what they have learned we can, hopefully, find out where, if any, the barriers are to accessing good credit and we can feed this back to the network. Before the project commences, we will get in touch with local radio stations and the press to promote the project as a new initiative where we are engaging with and working with young people to address and combat the common issues we're all facing ie cost of living increase and high energy costs. The promotion will be very much on the outcomes of what the students will achieve rather than it being focused on teaching financial capabilities to school children.

With the school's permission, we will contact all parents explaining what we're hoping to achieve and how we are going to train the students in how to overcome financial literacy issues and deliver a complete series of flyers, podcasts, presentations on the best way to save, budget and deal with debts etc. We can follow this up by sending out regular newsletters and leaflets out to the parents on the project's progress. This not only updates them on how the students are doing, but will also offer them additional information and support they may not have accessed of their own volition.

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Project brief and scope explained to students and 'interview' selection process	31/07/22
General CAB training undertaken	30/11/22
Team selection and topic area confirmed. Action plans, milestones and KPIs agreed	15/12/22
Market research and analysis	31/01/23
Design, create and produce materials relating to financial capabilities	31/03/23
Presentations, videos and awareness sessions created and delivered to key stakeholders and peers	30/05/23
Student review of learning, materials created, and presentations delivered with a focus on key areas for improvement	30/06/23

Project evaluation and conclusion	30/06/23
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Outputs forecast

A Healthy City	CODE	Output
Living Longer	201	1000 number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)
Life Chances	203	150 number of children and young people benefiting from this project
Independent Lives	205	2,500 number of people signposted into Public/VCS services
Independent Lives	206	2,500 number of people receiving information, advice and guidance
A Vibrant City	CODE	Output
Resilient people	301	2,500 number of people more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis
People Participation	304	10 number of volunteers recruited and participating
People Participation	305	350 number of volunteer hours delivered
People Participation	306	6 number of external organisations involved or supported
People Participation	307	350 number of hours spent delivering this funded project
People Participation	308	20 number of residents participating in decision making

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Salary 1	13,690		13,690
Salary 2	13,690		13,690
Printing and Promotion	3,250		3,250
Training and Supervision	3,370		3,370
General expenses	1,000		1,000
Total	35,000		35,000

Experience

We have successfully delivered a number of projects in schools including the Horizons project which was a financial capabilities project and Find the Shark which we did in conjunction with the Moneywise Credit Union on managing money and the dangers of loan sharks. All of our staff are trained in safeguarding and have enhanced DBS checks carried out regularly. Before the project starts, we will carry out a risk assessment and, together with the schools, draw up a matrix to cover the main risks and actions taken to mitigate each risk. We have a qualified teacher on staff who will work with our Training Officer to create and deliver a suitably challenging programme of topics we want to cover. Supervision will be undertaken by our Projects Portfolio Manager who has over 15 years' experience of mentoring and project management of large-scale commercial contracts. We will monitor the delivery plan alongside progress, to ensure we meet our objectives, and we will liaise with the school to ensure they are happy with how the project is running and how the students are engaging with us and the project.

Assessment & Consultation

This application did not meet the minimum threshold via formal Neighbourhood Fund scoring and assessment procedures.

The application

- No reference to local knowledge and do not state they have a Washington base?

- There is little detail showing how this approach can work – there is a disconnect between statements made and the deliverables proposed and the methodology.
- There is very little information on the foundation skills building and education.
- Seems to target the ‘more capable’ students to be involved in design and not sure how those most in need of this work would be involved.
- State they will build confidence of 10 young volunteers – but those skills are not related to financial resilience skills.
- Hard to judge what the engagement levels will be beyond the 10 volunteers?
- Unclear how the outputs and outcomes relate to the proposed activities
- Community cohesion and raising aspirations not mentioned.
- No reference to the City’s Financial Resilience Programme
- No reference to other local provision, projects or activities
- Limited experience and reference to working with young people. Some understanding of financial education evidenced and only mentions their own Horizon’s project re delivering advice to young people
- Does not show how it will compliment and add value to other initiatives delivered across the area
- Partially explains how it will reach target audience
- Outputs don’t match methodology
- No project risks identified
- No real links to Financial Resilience Team identified

Officer Recommendation: Decline

Refer options to July board for discussion

Applications for Washington Capital funding
Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Invest in Play: Delivering Washington Fixed Play Strategy
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP Application
£100,000		£100,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	July 2022	August 2022

Background

The April Neighbourhood & Community Board received a report from Environmental services with regards to the Washington Fixed Play Survey. Progress has been ongoing for a number of months with the majority of the works now complete.

Washington Members are asked to note the capital project work has been with procurement but there have been multiple delays with the process. This is now progressing and it is hoped to have some indicative timescales soon. Originally all the works were to be completed by the Summer, however because of the delays this unfortunately isn't possible. Some sites included in the FPS have been subject to a site visit to reaffirm the initial recommendations as some of the items i.e. Grass Mat and turf, additional kit etc., to better determine what was suitable due to nature of site i.e. drainage, surrounding surface area etc. S106 funding is available for the improvement works at Glebe Play Area, Princess Anne Play Area, Fairhaven Play Area and Blackfell Play Area.

In addition there have been multiple incidents of vandalism across the play parks with service continually returning to sites to initiate repairs

Members are asked to note that subject to completion of the procurement exercise for the equipment already identified, the Team will review the funding available (WAC Capital and SCC Capital) in order to ensure the delivery of the priorities as identified by the Washington AC, as an example – a total redesign of Harraton

Washington Area Committee has already aligned £80,000 Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding to deliver the Fixed Play Strategy, and request that funding now be approved. In addition £20,000 Capital has been returned to budget from the Safety Measures Project and Members are requested to approved that £20,000 is also approved to deliver the Fixed Play Strategy

Recommendation: Approve £100,000 Neighbourhood Investment Capital

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

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Washington Area Committee

June 2022

Community Chest Awards April 2021 to March 2022

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Glebe Methodist Church	23.08.21	-	£1,450
Rainbows and Brownies	09.02.22	-	£542
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Lambton Primary	17.03.22	-	£1,000
Washington Mind	17.03.22	-	£1,000
Washington Village Hall	17.03.22	-	£887
Columbia CA	17.03.22	-	£3,390
Biddick Primary School	25.03.22	-	£1,000
Remaining balance			£137
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Fatfield Academy	25.06.21	-	£1,230
North Biddick Bowls	08.11.21	-	£1,340
NE restoration club	06.12.21	-	£1,000
Teal Farm RA	19.01.22	-	£395
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
SCC Throwline	09.02.22	-	£444
The Special Lioness	18.03.22	-	£1,043
Fatfield Academy	18.03.22	-	£1,250
Teal Farm Resident Association	18.03.22	-	£437
Mickeys Place	18.03.22	-	£1,000
SCC Environmental Services	29.03.22	-	£317
Remaining balance			£950
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Bede's RC Primary School	23.06.21	-	£500
Tyne Tees Heritage Transport	16.07.21	-	£394
Washington New Tavern FC	16.07.21	-	£500
District Youth ABC	08.11.21	-	£615
Little Onion Club	08.11.21	-	£500
Washington AFC	06.12.21	-	£500
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
Friends of Usworth Park	09.02.22	-	£504
Usworth Colliery Nursery	01.04.22	-	£817

Building Blocks Day Centre	01.04.22	-	£601
U3A	01.04.22	-	£485
Marlborough Primary School	01.04.22	-	£500
Washington Millenium Centre	01.04.22	-	£500
Washington F Pit community banner group	01.04.22	-	£990
Mickeys Place	01.04.22	-	£2,000
Remaining balance			£0
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
SCC - Highways	02.06.21	-	£500
Ayton Allotments Association	16.07.21	-	£512
Ayton Allotments Association	28.09.21	-	£400
Oxclose & District Young People's Project	08.11.21	-	£816.50
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
Rickleton Primary	09.02.22	-	£3,500
Lambton Primary School	17.03.22	-	£500
Oxclose Church	25.03.22	-	£3,177.50
Remaining balance			£0
Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Blackfell Primary School	27.05.21	-	£2,000
Holly House	06.12.21	-	£590
Rainbow and Brownies	09.02.22	-	£542
Washington Village In Bloom	09.02.22	-	£240
Keep Washington Tidy	09.02.22	-	£354
Springwell Community Village Venue	17.03.22	-	£480
Remaining balance			£5,794

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Washington Area Committee

June 2022

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
Remaining balance			£8,293
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
Remaining balance			£8,232
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
Remaining balance			£9,012
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
Remaining balance			£6,362
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	-	£1,045
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
Remaining balance			£7,967

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WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

30th June 2022

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 here. The Washington Area Network Annual Report 2021/22, identifies some of the challenges and issues facing the local VCS sector and also the successes of organisations, and the priorities which will shape future delivery of services and activities.
- 3.2.1 This report also contains some key statistics 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 ACVSN

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Appendix 1: Annual Report of Washington Community & Voluntary Sector Network 2021/22

Annual Report 2021/22 of Washington Community & Voluntary Sector Network (VCSN)

Introduction

This report has been written in order 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 2022/23.

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
- 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 Representatives for Sunderland City Council's Area Committee will also represent the VCS Network in the development of the Sunderland VCS Alliance in addition to other opportunities where full engagement with the VCS networks is required.

The Network is supported by the Area Arrangements Team and holds regular meetings, provides an information sharing service via the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance 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.

In addition Washington Area Committee has regularly confirmed its support and commitment to the Network and the local VCS organisations, both small and large. Where appropriate the Area Committee is keen to facilitate partnership working for any funding opportunities it may publicise, with the VCS often targeted for specific Calls for Projects.

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 influence the delivery of Committee's Delivery Plan via working with the Washington Area Committee to identify issues, solutions and also joint priorities which meet the needs of the local community.
- Washington Area Committee has supported **27** organisations awarding **£28,292** through Community Chest for a range of activities
- A number of Area Committee funded projects have been developed and delivered during 2021/22 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:
 - Neighbourhoods and Environment – Area Committee continues to champion a partnership with our VCS to deliver a number of environmental and neighbourhood initiatives. Clean & Green Local Action grants help small groups to deliver environmental improvements through local action and the Clean & Green Volunteer Project supporting a number of VCS organisations and CAs
 - Community Inclusion – Improving community buildings funding has seen a number of local VCS organisations supported to repair or refurbish their buildings to increase the delivery of community services and activities
 - Community Inclusion – the Washington Individual Support Project, led by ShARP, received additional funding to continue providing much needed advice, information and support to residents in acute crisis
 - Community Inclusion – the Washington REACT Project delivers employability support to Washington's long term unemployed and harder to reach residents, managed by Community Opportunities. Together with CLLD funding Area Committee funding will support this service until 2023-24.
 - Community Inclusion - VCS Support & Training for smaller groups is delivered through this project which has been in place for more than 3 years. Led by Community Opportunities, the VCS Support Officer has delivered numerous training courses, DBS checks, governance advice and support, and helped establish new groups in the area
 - Supporting Young People – 2021/22 saw nearly 4500 young people supported and engaged through 3 x young people's projects led by the VCS – Washington Outreach Project (Sunderland Youth Consortia and ODYPP), Washington Safe Care Project (Washington MIND) and Positive Activities Projects - Area Committee supports work with young people and local organisations through programmes of positive activities across the holiday periods with Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project, Springwell Village Community Venue, Community Opportunities and the Little Onion Club.
 - Supporting Young People – more than 1000 young people have benefitted from the Washington Can Do project – either via school groups and youth councils, or through youth groups.
 - Supporting Young People – Sunderland Culture and Washington MIND have joined together to deliver a new 'Creative You' project that has just started and will be the focus for emotional well-being through 'creativity'.
 - Health and Well Being – Cook Well Live Well Grants have supported our VCS organisations develop and deliver food-based activities that support families and children in improving health. The aim of the project is to use new 'cook well' skills to equip people with the knowledge and tools to make healthy choices to 'live well'.
 - Health and Well Being – Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project delivered for more than 4 years by the Washington Millennium Centre provides a range of support, guidance and information to aid residents make 'healthy lifestyle' changes. Originally focused on addressing long term chronic conditions the project has evolved to meet the needs of the local community
 - Heritage and Culture – NE Business Innovation Centre have partnered with a number of Washington based heritage partners to deliver a joined-up approach to

delivering the Washington Heritage Strategy, working with Heritage Sunderland Partnership, and supporting the smaller heritage groups and organisations to be partners in promoting the Washington 'offer'. Key to this new, two year project is involving local residents and using heritage and culture to deliver the Area Committee's priorities such as building capacity, skills and knowledge, employment and improvements to the area.

Of the circa £850,000 Area Committee investment via its Neighbourhood Fund and the Neighbourhood Investment Capital fund, during 2021/22 (SIB), more than 66% has been either awarded to the VCS or aligned for the VCS to deliver.

Washington Area Committee has confirmed its commitment to supporting the local VCS where it can and has for some time ensured the Area Committee funding opportunities are targeted in the first instance to support collaborative working to deliver joint priorities.

Washington Area Committee is aware of capacity issues with many local organisations but where an organisation has indicated a willingness to help deliver a key priority, the Committee and relevant officers will work as flexibly as possible with those organisations to help meet any targets, milestones and agreed outcomes.

As evidenced above the local VCS continues to work well with the public sector partners and organisations and with other VCS organisations. However, it should be noted that both the Council/public sector and the VCS are constantly under pressure with regards to cuts in funding, changing priorities and criteria of external funders, and the need to deliver more with less. The pandemic has placed additional pressures on both the Sector and the Council to provide additional support and services – and that pressure continues. We now have the Sunderland VCS alliance established to support the Sector

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 being able to balance the need to deliver core services with taking on new work and partners – some of whom may require additional support to not only work differently but to work together.

The role of the smaller, grassroots organisations should not be underestimated. Many of these organisations do not appreciate the value of the services or activities they deliver to local residents. The Washington Area Network and the Washington Area Committee are fully committed to supporting the smaller groups and helping them grow – if they want to. 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 – a role being picked up by the Sunderland VCS Alliance.

Sunderland VCS Alliance

The Sunderland VCs Alliance Offer was established after consultation with the wider VCS through the Networks and is established to:

- Provide an Independent Strategic Voice for the sector
- Secure additional resources and capacity by
 - Attracting external funding
 - Making better use of community facilities
 - Working differently to deliver services
 - Avoiding duplication of provision
 - Work in partnerships with strategic partners and anchor institutions for the benefit of the VCS by facilitating collaboration and maximising Social Value

On an operational level this has resulted in the appointment of a Community Support Worker to each of the 5 areas of Sunderland. These posts are 'fixed term' posts funded through CLLD and Council to support capacity building. The Community Support workers are working through the VCS representatives of the areas, resulting in:

- A clear partnership to working with the wider voluntary sector and supporting needs at a local place-based level. This is especially relevant in terms of the smaller organisations.
- A major area of work has been that of supporting existing groups to recruit and attract volunteers. This has included Community Association Management Committees, residents' and Friends groups. This has also coincided with the necessity to increase membership and engagement in activities to ensure they are sustainable.
- The Alliance has developed a relationship with a number of private corporate businesses and with Sunderland City Council resulting in an undertaking for employees to engage and support the requests from local facilities, for example decorating a community association and maintenance to a local bowls club.
- Stronger governance and sustainable business models have been key areas with a number of community associations, residents' groups and small CICs supported. This has helped to focus the delivery, identify where they can support community needs and develop a more sustainable model whilst building capacity.
- Organisations have also been supported to access a range of funding opportunities and this has included assistance with the application process, developing and adopting relevant policies and procedures to support these, safe-guarding, risk assessments, DBS checks, and relevant insurance.
- Access to training has also been provided on a no cost basis.

Funding continues to be a pressure to many organisations and the Alliance has as part of its offer to draw funding into the sector to distribute to meet identified needs. This has resulted in and investment from the Community Renewal Fund which was a direct response to local need identified via the Area Networks. This has increased opportunities in the voluntary sector and to address an ageing workforce. The programme commenced in January and will continue for a period of eight months. In Washington, 5 organisations have undertaken to offer paid placements to local people.

The Community Support Worker has also provided 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 more recently, the Queens Jubilee fund – more than 30 local groups and organisations were awarded a grant for Queens Jubilee activities.

Advice and support is also being provided to address the ongoing needs of communities and linking to both current and future potential funding streams and social prescribing. This has also engaged organisations to undertake an evaluation of their services including looking at partnership work and has raised awareness in relation to becoming more sustainable and moving away from a reliance on short term funding.

The Alliance has carried out a training survey following an initial launch event. Key areas were identified by the VCS sector and training is currently being rolled out in response. In June and July 2022 training relating to social intelligence and funding will be taking place. This will be followed by sessions on governance, volunteering, social media, digital access and first aid. Digital access has been identified as a priority to enable local groups to engage and feel confident. A number of local groups have been directly supported to apply for grants to acquire hardware ranging from lap-tops, desktops and tablets with some also accessing funds to install wi-fi.

Sunderland City Council (SCC) has supported and facilitated the Area Networks via the Area Arrangements Service. Regular 'area' Network meetings are organised and this service leads on developing the Council's relationship with the Voluntary and Community sector, responsible for identifying and maximising opportunities to work together to strengthen community resilience and capacity. The service also supports the relationship between Area Committee/ Neighbourhood & Community Board, and the VCS to maximise residents influence over local service delivery through regular reporting to the Area Committees and involvement in the delivery of the local area priorities. Together with the Sunderland VCS Alliance, the council is also committed to ensuring the

sector benefits from strategic programmes and approaches – e.g., Community Wealth Building Strategy, Social Value, managing and supporting volunteers and volunteering

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 volunteer and volunteering to deliver many of the projects, activities and initiatives for the benefit of the local community.

“Even the most collaboratively focused work requires a lead agent to be in place. The degree of collaboration work will vary upon the nature and focus of the work, time restraints and number of partners involved. It is acknowledged that not all organisations will have the capacity to act as a lead agent and therefore we should not worry that some organisations take on this role more than others”. This was a quote from the last report - and remains true now.

The Washington VCS has a long history of working together although it is accepted that the smaller local groups have less experience of this approach. The sector has embraced the Area Committee’s desire to encourage and support collaborative working.

2021/22 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. A number of small-scale projects and organisations have successfully built new partnerships working together and providing a range of activities and services for users and residents. In particular, the sector and local residents came together to support the most vulnerable during the pandemic, with the Area Hubs leading on co-ordinating support – shopping, prescriptions, befriending and regular phone calls, and organising local volunteers. That work continues through the collaborative approach now embedded in locality working.

Success stories from the Network members for 2021/22

- The Area Hub and the Health Partnership established to provide support for vulnerable residents during the pandemic continues to provide much needed support and co-ordination of services – Community Opportunities, Washington MIND, ShARP and Washington Millennium Centre
- A variety of events at different venues delivered by VCS organisations across Washington – Christmas Events and Celebrations, Mining Heritage Fayre, Bonfire and Fireworks Evening, Washington Illuminations, Washington Village Christmas Festival, Springwell Village Family Fest to name a few
- Expanding the use of community buildings – new user groups and activities
- Refurbishment and capital improvements for community buildings
- New relationships between the sector organisations and businesses
- Success of Clean and Green Programme which includes volunteering, community clean ups and a number of community groups leading on improving green spaces and places.
- More activities programmes delivered for young people across Washington.
- A range of ‘partnerships’ established with a number of organisations working together and supporting smaller groups and organisations
- Recent events (Covid) identified how the Council / Area Committee were able to work alongside local projects to identify and support those local residents most in need.
- The establishment of working relationship with the Sunderland VCS Alliance via the Area Network Representatives and the support delivered by the Community Support Worker

Challenges facing the sector

- Ensuring that smaller, usually volunteer lead grassroots organisations are able to participate in the work of the Area VCS Network remains a priority for the Network. We need to continue to develop appropriate ways for smaller organisations to get involved and be engaged.
- Need to grow volunteers who can step in and support some of the more ‘aging’ committees and governance structures of VCS groups and organisations

- Funding and fund raising has been identified across the board as a key challenge. Many of the larger organisations highlight the need for longer term funding to support core costs as organisations struggle to deliver more with less and to sustain core interventions that have worked whilst responding to the shorter-term opportunities which come along.
- Changing landscape of funders and funding strategies – less money available and competing priorities
- Increased demand - organisations are also struggling with trying to continue to deliver services to more people and having the time to seek additional funding to support the organisation going forward.
- Sustaining the programmes and activities that are proving to have a positive impact but have been piloted using short term funding.
- Longer term sustainability business planning – being able to future proof organisations
- Meeting the ever-changing needs of the local community – continue to be able to support staff/workers to deal with clients with higher levels of need and more complex issues. More and more local residents need help and whilst the local VCS are willing to try and help as many as possible, the challenge is the capacity of organisations and their staff.

Priorities for the Washington VCS

- Promote the Network and Alliance role in being key to supporting smaller grassroots organisations to grow and develop and be informed and engaged at whatever level they require
- Improve the use of community buildings to help sustain VCS organisations who contribute to delivering key services and activities for the local community
- Longer term sustainable funding for many organisations is required especially for those pilot initiatives which have proven to be successful – Time 2 Care, Washington Healthy Lifestyles
- Development of meaningful partnerships and collaboration and identification of joint priorities which contribute to Washington Area Committee's future plans and priority setting

The next 12 months

- The strengthening of the links between the Sunderland VCS Alliance and the Network organisations
- The Alliance has consulted with the VCS sector to influence and inform the emerging independent model. Workshops were held in each area as well as a city wide one. Key to the future of the Alliance will be the involvement of the VCS in ensuring they shape what is required to effectively support sustainability. Conversely the Alliance can be representative in terms of enabling a more equitable access to empower organisations from the smallest to the largest.
- Continue to roll out the Sunderland VCS Alliance 'offer' to meet some of the challenges identified by the Sector
 - Promoting funding opportunities
 - Carrying out tailored grant funding searches for your organisation
 - Critical friend: Checking over a funding application, before it's submitted
 - Sourcing statistical information, evidence of need and strategic fit to help with identifying a gap in service, development opportunities or securing funding
 - Business planning to increase income and service offer
 - Supporting organisations with their financial and governance standards relevant to their legal structure, as an example access to templates of policies and procedures
 - Volunteering: Advertising, recruiting, training and DBS checks. The Alliance is the key lead for recruiting, supporting and helping sustain volunteering – previously identified as one of the key challenges for smaller groups
 - Marketing and publicity such as setting up a Facebook page, website, blogs

- Learning from others and sharing good practices via e-bulletin and learning events
 - Training and taster sessions
 - Management Committee support and advice, for example, role of a Chair, managing grievances, etc.
 - Networking, Area events and partnership work via Area Networks
- Continue to support the local VCS organisations with Area Committee funding opportunities, targeted in the first instance to support collaborative working to deliver joint priorities.
 - VCS partners continue to be supported to provide a one stop service to residents within each locality

30 June 2022

REPORT OF GENTOO

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee from March 2022 to June 2022.

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 achieved the following headline performance during 2021/22:

Activity	Target	Actual
Rent Collected as % of rent due	100%	100.01%
Cash Collected	£123,292,170	£123,303,545
Total Current Tenants Arrears	£2,440,004	£2,491,899
Total Current Tenant Arrears as % of debit	2.9%	2.89%
Relet times	44 days	70.13 days

Although total arrears increased by £52K over the year this is still exceptional performance in the current environment and this benchmarks very well against our peer group.

Relet times were impacted by Covid in terms of both customers and staff, as we were unable to push properties through as quickly as possible. We are working on this as a key area for improvement during 2022/23.

Our Money Matters Team Performance during 2021/22 is set out below:

Activity	Actual
Customer Gains	£1,075,953
Debt advised upon	£663,545
Water Rates Support Claimed on behalf of Tenants	£491,064
Money Matters Team referrals	860
New Universal Credit Claims – tenants supported	1531

Crisis Fund

£7,652

It is anticipated this year this year will again be very challenging in terms of income collection and rent loss due to a number of external factors including the cost of living rise. We have increased the value of our Crisis Fund from £10,000 to £50,000 and we will be working collaboratively with Sunderland City Councils 'Crisis Support Offer' once this is shared to support our tenants.

4. Investment & Renewal

4.1 Detailed below is the proposed Investment Plan programme for Washington during 2022/23.

Programme Type	Principal Contractor	Estate	Properties	Low Rise Blocks / Listed Buildings	Medium Rise Blocks	High Rise Blocks	Sheltered Blocks / Supported Living	Customers Benefiting From Works	Comments
External Decoration		Harraton	263	5				283	
		Springwell Village	66					66	
		Totals	263	5				283	
Communal Decoration		TBC							22/23 Communal Decoration List TBC
		TBC							
		Totals	0	0				0	
Windows		Concord	129					129	
		Donwell	85	4				96	
		Barmston	553					553	146 of these are being delivered by Sekura via Regen as part of SHDF
		Blackfell	169					169	Previously with Nationwide Windows on 21/22 Programme
		Columbia	155					155	37 of these are being delivered by Sekura via Regen as part of SHDF
		Glebe	1					1	
		Sulgrave	1					1	
		Usworth	299					299	76 of these are being delivered by Sekura via Regen as part of SHDF
Totals	1392	4				1403			
Internals (Kitchen/Bathroom/Full Rewire - as required)		Barmston	3					3	
		Concord	1					1	
		Lambton	1					1	
		Sulgrave	1					1	
		Usworth	1					1	
		Biddick	101					101	
		Columbia	352					352	
		Springwell Village	56					56	
Totals	516					516			
SHDF - External Fabric Improvements		Albany	21				21		
Totals	21					21			
Environmentals - Garage Improvements		Concord	5				5		
Totals	5					5			
Environmentals - Garage Demolitions		Concord	13				13		
Totals	13					13			
Washington District Heating		Albany	313				313	Programme Nov 21- July 23	
		Oxclose	648				648	Programme Nov 21- July 23	
		Totals	961				961		

All of the works above represent a total spend of £12.3 million in Washington area during this year.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of this report.

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30th June 2022

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st January 2022 to 1st June 2022, compared with the same period in 2021.

2 Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

3.1 L.I 02 - Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

10 incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 2 reported incident occurring in the same period during the previous year.

Ward	2021						2022					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
Washington Central ward	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Washington East ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
Washington North ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Washington South Ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Washington West Ward	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Grand Total	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	3	2	3	0	10

Property Type	Incident Count
Tunnel, subway	7
House - single occupancy	1
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Shelter	1
Total	10

3.3 LI 15 - Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

10 incidents have been attended within the reporting period; this compares to 7 incidents in the previous year.

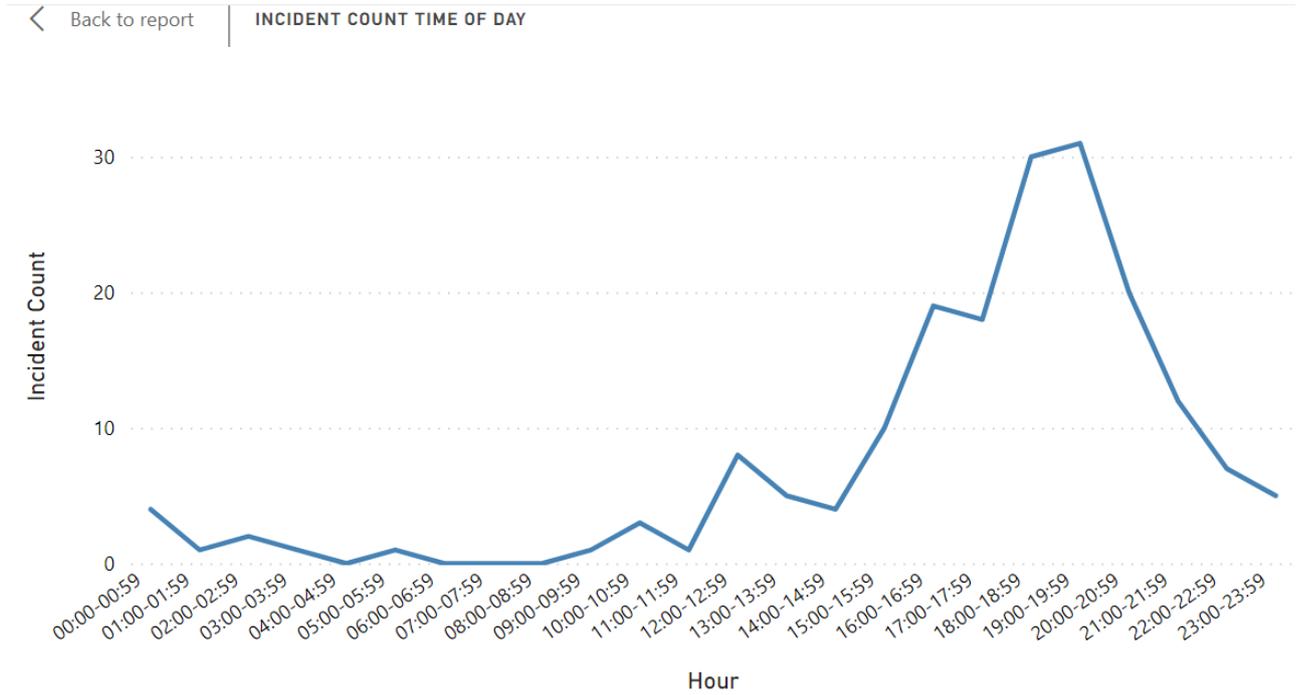
Ward	2021						2022					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
Washington Central ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington East ward	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	2
Washington North ward	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	2	0	4
Washington South Ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Washington West Ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Grand Total	2	1	0	2	2	7	2	2	2	3	0	10

Property Type	Incident Count
Car	8
Outdoor structures	8
Dwelling	2
Motorcycle	1
Other	1

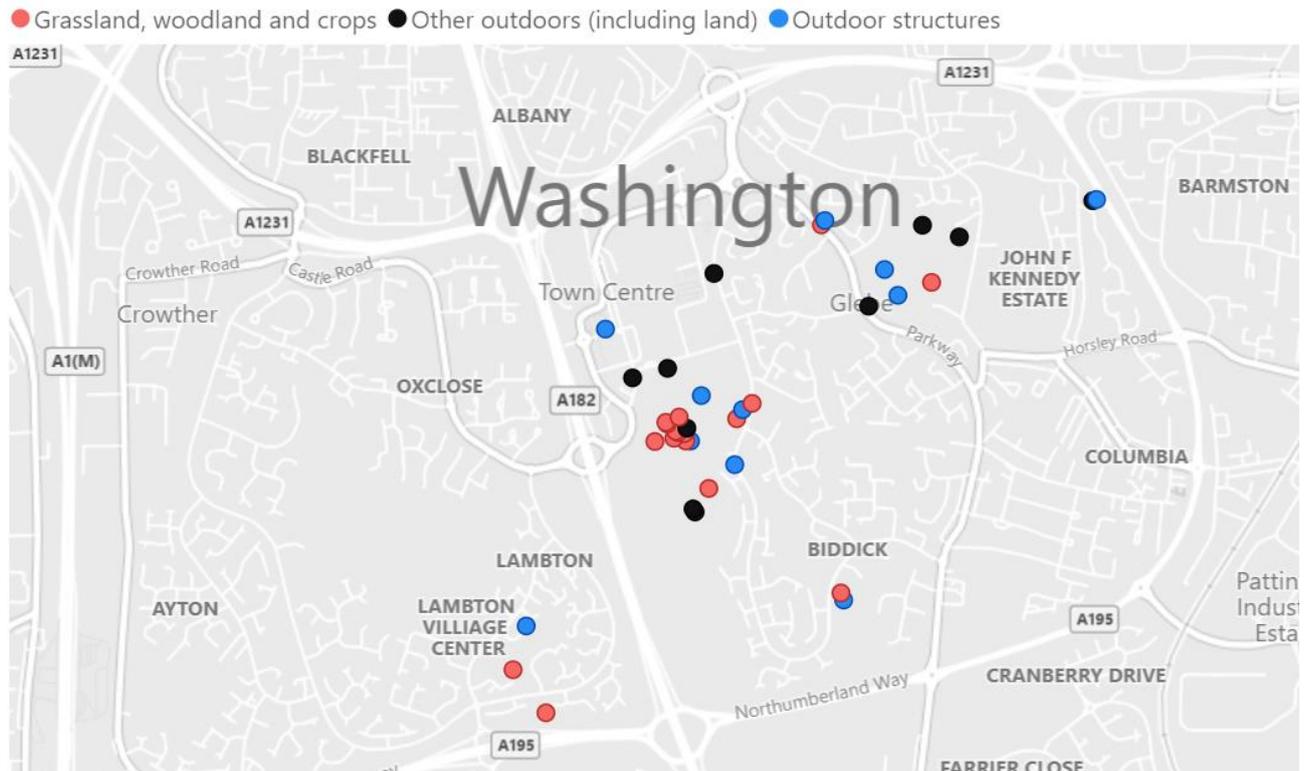
Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), along with the support from Northumbria Police, investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends and prosecute offenders.

3.4 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

183 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 117 incidents in the previous year. Incident times;

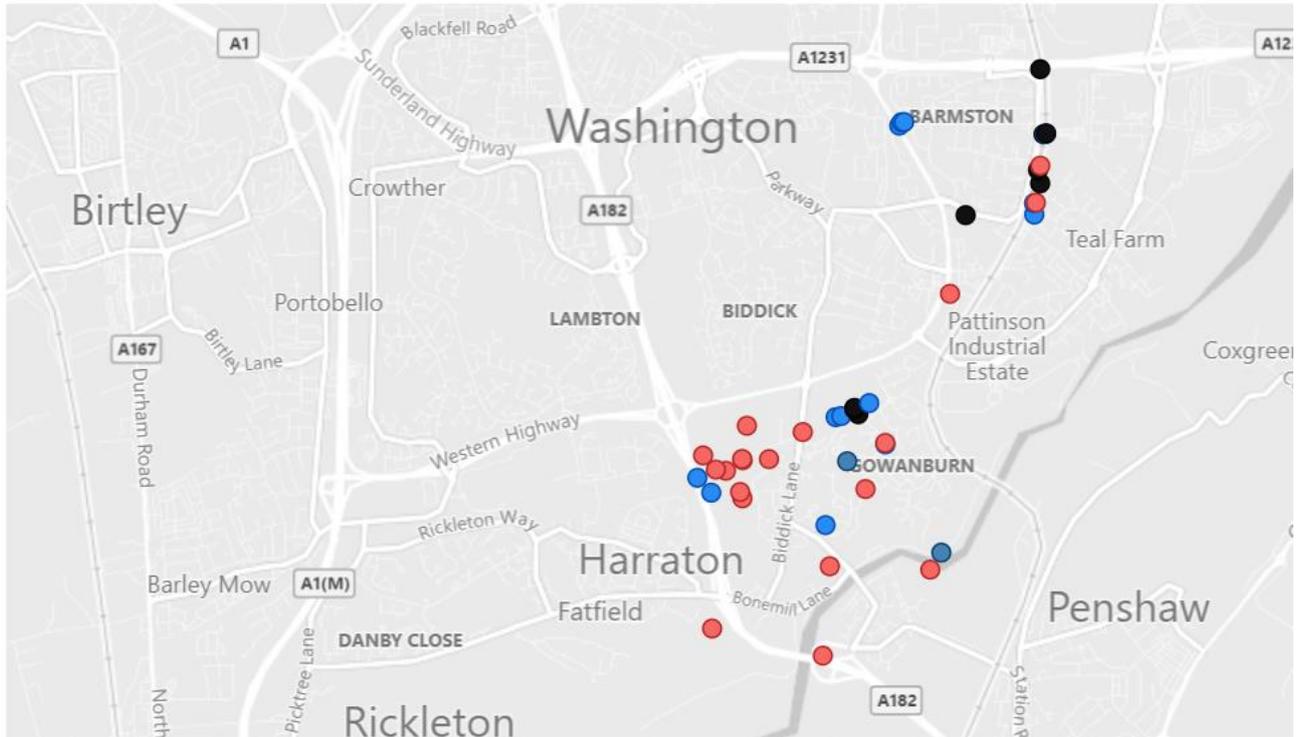


3.4.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 13 the previous year to 38 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;



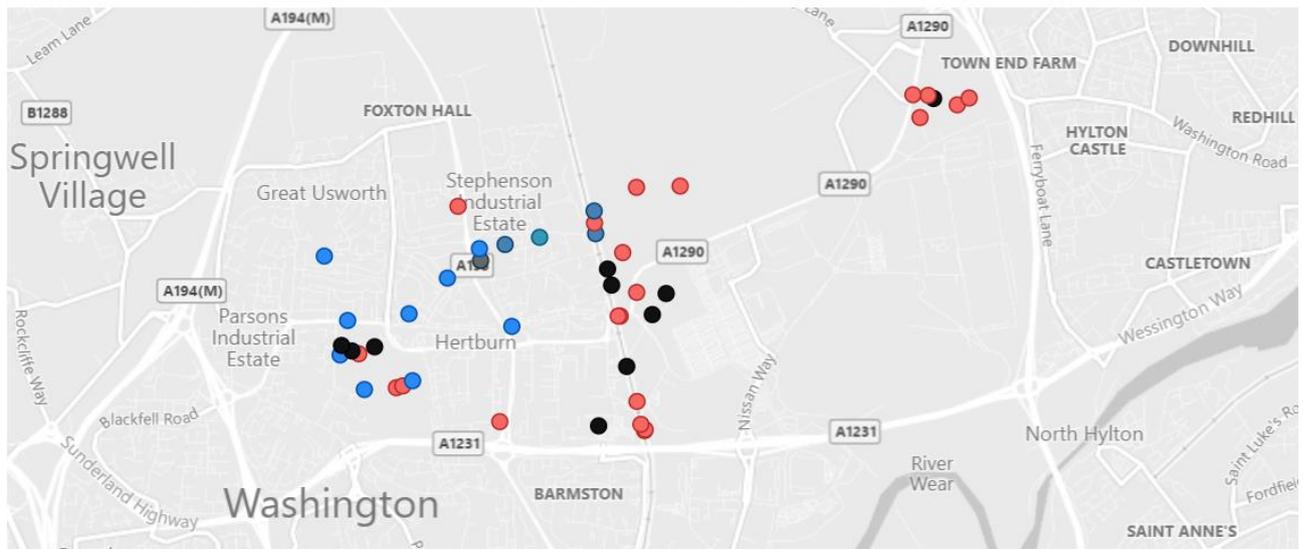
3.4.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 18 the previous year to 44 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

● Car ● Grassland, woodland and crops ● Other outdoors (including land) ● Outdoor structures

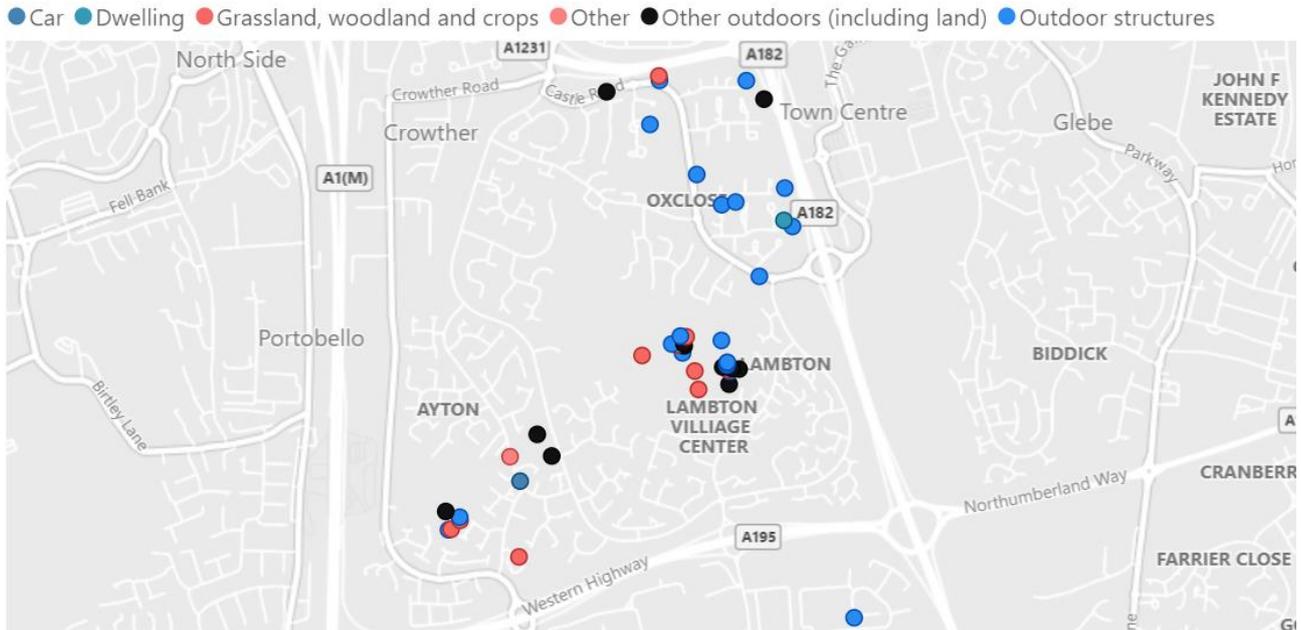


3.4.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 27 the previous year to 45 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

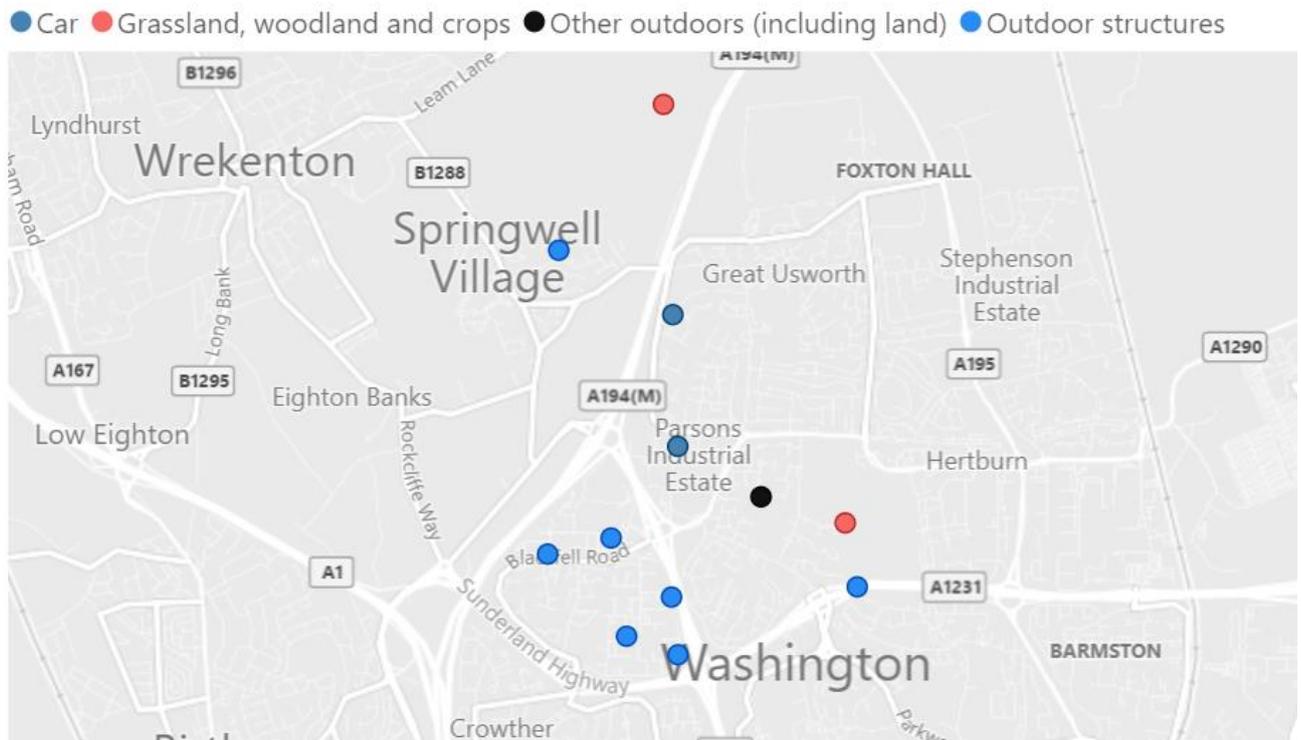
● Car ● Dwelling ● Grassland, woodland and crops ● Motorcycle ● Other outdoors (including land) ● Outdoor structures



3.4.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 32 the previous year to 44 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



3.4.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen a **decrease** in deliberate fire related incidents from 22 the previous year to 12 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



4 Fire Stoppers Hotline

- 4.1 It is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

5 Summary

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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ASB

Anti-Social Behaviour has increased since the last Area Committee, which is to be expected given the better weather and lighter nights. However, when compared to the same period last year ASB has actually fallen by 19%. The hotspot areas at present are Lambton, Fatfield and The Galleries. The Neighbourhood Team have a number of initiatives in operation to tackle the ASB in these areas.

Motorcycle Disorder

Although, incidents of have increased by 9% when compared to last year the Neighbourhood Team has had some good success in tackling motorcycle-related disorder and have seized numerous illegal motorcycles and are prosecuting offenders. Hotspot locations are our green space areas, which is to be expected with the highest concentration of incidents occurring in Mount Pleasant and Albany.

Burglary

Washington continues to see some of the lowest rates of burglary across the Sunderland region with residential burglaries down 20% since the last Area Committee and 39% when compared to the same period last year.

Sulgrave Partnership

In April 2022 the Sulgrave Partnership was launched. This is a brand new initiative that has brought together partners from numerous services including Police, Local Authority, Health, Housing, Social Care and Education. This partnership is designed to provide a holistic approach to problem-solving out some of the deep-rooted issues the area faces. The partnership will work in collaboration with residents and provide support as well as proactively targeting those whom are causing harm within the community. It is very early days but the Sulgrave Partnership is already having a positive impact on the community.

Operation Butternut

Operation Butternut is a bespoke Road Safety Operation for the Washington area, which is a collaboration between Sunderland Council and Northumbria Police. This operation will target drug drivers in addition to proactively dealing with other road safety issues such as speeding, anti-social vehicle use and inappropriate use of bus lanes etc. The equipment for the operation is currently on order and it is hoped that the operation will go live in July 2022.

Current Planning Applications(Washington)

Between 01/05/2022 and 31/05/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01093/FUL	St Josephs R C Primary School Village Lane Washington Village Washington NE38 7HU	Replacement of existing roof coverings and repairs to roof elements to the main school building (natural slate) and school hall building (concrete tile).	19/05/2022	14/07/2022
Washington Central				
22/00955/FUL	2 Fatfield Park Fatfield Washington NE38 8BN	Erection of two storey side extension.	05/05/2022	30/06/2022
Washington East				
22/00957/FUL	Fairbridge South View Fatfield Washington NE38 8AH	Change of use of land and re-location of boundary enclosure.	11/05/2022	06/07/2022
Washington East				
22/00567/TPA	30 Coach Road Estate Usworth Washington NE37 2EJ	Tree works to Silver Birch to front of property - Prune back overhanging branches and reduce top by 25%.	11/05/2022	06/07/2022
Washington North				
22/00966/FUL	Land At Turbine Way Sunderland	Erection of 2no. industrial units with associated access, landscaping and parking	19/05/2022	14/07/2022
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Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/00909/CLE	17 Cormorant CloseAytonWashingtonNE38 0DE	Certificate of lawful existing use application for replacement driveway.	03/05/2022	30/06/2022
Washington South				
22/00925/FUL	99 ChipchaseOxcloseWashingtonN E38 0NB	Erection of single storey extension to front to create storage area	06/05/2022	01/07/2022
Washington South				
22/01056/FUL	50 Bowes GardensSpringwellGatesheadN E9 7NZ	Erection of a two storey extension to side with erection of a single storey extension to rear	16/05/2022	11/07/2022
Washington West				
22/01191/OHL	Land OffMount LaneSpringwellGateshead	Installation of a new Totem Pole substation to supply customers needs.	31/05/2022	12/07/2022
Washington West				