

The Plan was developed as a 3 year proposal which committed the Area Committee to deliver a significant number of priorities in Washington, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan has been monitored by the Area Committee and actions addressed over the last three years via the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board. Regular updates have been provided to the Board and to Area Committee over the last 3 years and the actions and priorities which continue to be delivered are outlined below.

Love Where You Live and Bloom		
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report
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 July 2023 <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	The extension of the Washington Clean & Green Volunteer Project approved at June 2022 AC ends in July 2023. The Steering Group continues to meet and a full report was presented to the February 2023 N&C Board. The Board unanimously agreed to the extension of the project for 2 years and agreed to amend the project brief and ask for an application to be submitted. The application will be presented to the Area Committee in June 2023.
Continue with Ward Improvement Project	Agreed projects are being developed and delivered in each ward. Remaining balances and future developments to be discussed with each ward <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	A new simpler process has been established for all Walk & Talk/Ward Improvement Projects. New methodology and Internal Framework Agreements have been developed. After a financial review of the programme, the current balances for each ward, as at 1 March 2023, have been reported to members on a ward by ward basis. A number of projects are now under development and an update will be provided at year end.
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	<b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	There is a current balance of £14,872 remaining in the Clean & Green small grants budget. A call for projects will be discussed at a future Board meeting
Use Enforcement Powers to tackle those who spoil the neighbourhood		
Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project (WNMEP)	Work with Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to enhance and support the current offer in Washington <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	Detailed updates provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target with enforcement activity in all Wards. Street Cams now deployed in Washington and Cllrs consulted via Board for priority sites and hotspots. As part of a city-wide approach drones are also deployed to help combat ASB, vandalism and flytipping. The project has been extended to March 2024. It is proposed that the Together Clean and Green Partnership Working Group act as project steering group for WNMEP
Invest in Parks, Play, Cycle and Walking Routes		
Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks	Continue to co-ordinate plans via the Task & Finish group to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Capacity</li> </ul>	Additional funds for both Princess Anne Park Master Plan £10,312 and Usworth Park Development Plan £10,000 were agreed at December 2022 AC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City's Play Strategy</li> <li>• Plans for investment in parks and green spaces</li> <li>• Dealing with and response to ASB</li> <li>• Opportunities to access S106</li> </ul> <p><b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b></p>	
<b>Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan</b>	<p>Usworth Park Development Plan reviewed and SCC Officer Group established to oversee delivery.</p> <p><b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tender awarded for refurbishment of the Pavilion. On site November. Usworth Park to be put forward for Green Flag Status 2023. SCC also applied for grant to refurbish Tennis Courts.</li> <li>• Delivering the agreed Usworth Park Development Plan remains a priority, with the Council committed to supporting Usworth Park Green Flag status application and developing the site as a 'Family' resource, including security, new gates, landscaping and supporting Friends Group.</li> <li>• The Friends are also working with the Clean &amp; 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. 1<sup>st</sup> AGM held 10.11.22. VS Alliance is supporting Officers to draft an engagement and community participation plan to broaden support for the park</li> <li>• Discussions are underway with regards to managing the building in the park once completed</li> <li>• Allotment (Manor View) – Officers are in discussion with owner with regards to tidying up the site.</li> </ul>
<b>Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan</b>	<p>ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board</p> <p><b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b></p>	<p>Capital funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess Anne Park Play. Work programmed to enable a start on site by end of November. Officers reviewing costed estimate to prioritise activity. December Area Committee approved funding to extend the project.</p>
<b>Improve play areas</b>	<p>ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds</p> <p><b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b></p>	<p>WAC approved a total of £100,000 NCIP at June Area committee. SCC confirmed £85,000 capital as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington.</p> <p>Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council's landscaping team. Requested a report to November Board with options to deliver the outstanding proposals included in the FPS and Harraton. Additional funds of £40,000 were approved at December 2022 to deliver the FPS including design options for Harraton. Meetings with relevant ward members are taking place to finalise designs.</p>

Plantation and Tree Management		
Consider strategic approach for future management of large plantations close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Strategic update to Board. <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	£100,000 Neighbourhood Fund approved to SCC to assist with the delivery of community led proposals for the NE Community Forest, and to help facilitate solutions for plantation management. Cllr proposals to be presented to Board and SCC lead to be co-ordinated with SCC new policy and funding applications re LA Treescape Grant and current programmes being delivered city wide. First Task Group met 19.10.22. Cllr priorities by Ward for 'priority' activity are: <b>Washington Central</b> - the area behind Bede / Dene crescent in Washington Village; the area to the top of Village Lane not a big area therefore Burtree/Pendle/Mendip area too <b>Washington East</b> - The plantation behind Sycamore, Chestnut and Laburnum in Harraton <b>Washington North</b> - priority areas are Silverstone Road and Sulgrave Road. <b>Washington South</b> - The plantation between Fieldfare and Lapwing Close in Ayton, the plantation which runs along the back of Fieldfare, and the plantation mentioned in the list at Skaylock in Lambton <b>Washington West</b> - Perimeter road in Donwell. Specifically the trees that overlook Doncrest and Donridge as the road progresses to the roundabout next to the bridge.
Highways, Road Safety and Street Lighting		
Implementation of agreed VAS Programme	Update to future Boards dependent on procurement schedule <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target. Recent request for variation Washington West - surveys completed and variation agreed
Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020	Hold regular meetings with Road Safety Team for proposals and schemes <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target The Road Safety Team will continue to roll out initiatives at schools to discourage inconsiderate parking.
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programmes annually presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	HMP Report presented to November Board as first stage to agree 23/24 programme. Priorities were presented at February Board. Recommendations presented to March 2023 AC
Support the Voluntary and Community Sector to grow capacity and provide additional services		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and	Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. Work continues to ensure the Networks are consulted and participate in the future

<b>capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations</b>	build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	modelling of the Sunderland VS Alliance. Proposals are being developed and governance confirmed with regards to the independence model. In addition, various training opportunities and workshops are being delivered in areas by the Alliance, courses and information requested by the sector.
<b>Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington.</b>	Continue to support VCS organisations to build capacity <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	VCS Area Network continues to meet regularly. The Washington Network Annual Report is presented to March 2023 AC. 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 4 <sup>th</sup> round of Improving Community Assets to be released in March/April 2023 for approval at June 2023 AC
<b>Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice</b>	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	REACT has been extended to March 2023 but with the recent addition of Community Renewal Fund likely to be extended further. Lead will confirm new end date. Project delivering to target
<b>Continue to update Community Events offer as method to involve local communities and build capacity</b>	Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Event programme <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	Funding of £10,000 was approved at the December 2022 Area Committee to extend the Washington Events Programme to September 2023. Events include – Supporting Remembrance Parades, Christmas Event, Miners Picnic and Summer Carnival 2023
<b>Launch volunteer platform to support residents to get involved within their communities</b>		
<b>Co-ordinate volunteers and link to VCS organisations</b>	VSA lead matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	Work continues to support residents via SCC Area Hubs and the VS Alliance. Further funding to support vulnerable residents has been provided via the established Hub partnerships and Community Champions partnerships. This model has also been utilised to deliver the Household Support Fund and, more recently, Warm Spaces. 12 Warm Spaces/Community Hubs have been established across Washington and a number of volunteers have registered to offer support.
<b>Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to get together and feel safe</b>		
<b>Positive Activities for young people</b>	Develop project brief. Call for projects to be made <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	The existing programme is being delivered by 5 organisations across the area. The current programme ends in May 2023.
<b>Relaunch the ‘Can-Do’ Project</b>	Review of scheme to future Board <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. Successful applicants of previous rounds have been invited to showcase their projects prior to the March 2023 Committee

<b>Develop a new 'offer' for young people - a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music?</b>	Continue to receive project updates via quarterly reporting mechanism	Creative You Project approved to Sunderland Culture and will be delivered until September 2023.
<b>Washington Outreach Project</b>	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 <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	Engaging young people at hotspot areas re ASB and challenging behaviours. Good partnerships in place with Police and SCC ASB Team. Outreach and base work as part of the programme plus referrals into services as required. Cllrs nominate local ASB hotspots. The December 2022 Area Committee approved a further £7,000 to extend the lifetime of the project to July 2023.
<b>Washington Youth Matters: Financial Resilience</b>	Provide update reports via quarterly monitoring <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	December Area Committee approved £45,000 to a project to be delivered in partnership by ShARP and ODYPP. The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project will be delivered through a partnership arrangement providing a unique, invaluable experience and learning opportunity for the young people participating and will use practical maths to deliver financial education and build financial resilience to young people, using digital resources including Young Money, Money and Pension Service (MaPS) resources and literature.
<b>Invest in Heritage and Celebrate Local Heritage</b>		
<b>Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway</b>	Task and Finish group established to bring together a number of strategies and documents to support and celebrate local heritage <b>Include in 23/24 Plans</b>	Washington Heritage & Culture Project approved December AC – awarded to NE BIC. A number of local partners make up the Project Steering group. Project commenced March 2022. Project Plan 5 workstreams: Mapping & Networking completed Future Washington Heritage Offer Delivering Partnership Working Capacity Building with Communities Promotion & Marketing. Main focus to build communication and collaboration and shape partnership role. New Heritage Co-ordinator currently being recruited with interim support provided by the Washington Heritage Partnership Group to assist with the immediate development of some of the other workstreams Funding in place beyond the current Delivery Plan to March 2024. Replacement of relocated Albany Wheel - application for funding for options to the enhance the site and landscaping at Albany Village Centre presented to the November Board and approved for funding at December 2023 Area Committee. Work has commenced on restoring the Wheel and preparing the site.