

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday 17th December 2020 at 6.00pm

This meeting will be held remotely. Joining details will be emailed to all participants.

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Membership

Cllrs Lauchlan (Chair), F. Miller (Vice Chair), Armstrong, Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, G Miller, Scaplehorn, David Snowdon, Dianne Snowdon, T. Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, and Williams

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

4th December, 2020

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors Armstrong, Farthing, Fletcher, Kelly, G. Miller, F. Miller, Scaplehorn, D.E. Snowdon, D. Snowdon, Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman and Williams.

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Pauline Hopper	-	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
Mrs. Allison Patterson	-	Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Mr Graham Scanlon	-	Assistant Director of Housing Services
Mr John Chapman	-	Gentoo

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillor P. Walker, Karon Purvis and Inspector Gjorven.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th July 2020

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 16th July, 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Washington Area Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020 -2023

The Chair of Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) presenting the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and provided an update of progress against the Area priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor F. Miller presented the report as Chair of the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board and enquired if Members had any questions or comments they wished to make.

Councillor Scaplehorn referred to the last paragraph on page 15 of the agenda and the next steps to develop local neighbourhoods schemes and commented that whilst not wanting to appear negative, the Police were under tremendous pressure due to cuts from the last few years and they could not support the existing schemes that were in operation let alone support newly formed groups.

Councillor F. Miller commented that this was a response that Inspector Gjørven needed to be able to provide in person and that she knew her neighbourhood watch schemes in Teal Farm would like to be updated and suggested that a virtual PACT meeting may be a possible way forward to discuss this.

The Chairman advised that Mrs Purvis was trying to arrange such a meeting and this could be something brought up in that forum.

Councillor Kelly raised concerns that since the Committee had put together this list of priorities, We were now seeing another rise in cases of Covid, so whilst we had a lot of projects ongoing, there was not a lot of flexibility to respond quickly in areas where we needed to work with the community around Covid. Councillor Kelly requested that the opportunity be taken to align some funding in order to make sure we could respond, should we be required to.

The Chairman agreed and asked that this be noted for Officers to look further at allocating funding in this regard.

Councillor Farthing wished to enquire over the Kitchen/Social Chef proposal and as she understood it, we wouldn't be employing a chef but using the Community and Family learning to help support families in how to learn to cook/prepare budget recipes rather than create a new post and requested more information on what was proposed in this project.

Councillor F. Miller advised that she believed details of this would be brought to the November meeting of the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board. John Chapman, Gentoo advised that he would make enquiries also.

Councillor Williams advised that she would like more information in this regard as we needed to make the most out of the money available and to reach the widest audience as possible.

Councillor Williams also stated that she would like to see progression in the establishment of the Task and Finish Groups with the Membership getting agreed so we could move forward with plans.

The Chairman advised that they were trying to progress this and he and Councillor F. Miller would be selecting the Membership for the Task and Finish Groups to take place over Teams.

Councillor H. Trueman referred to the VAS signs, which were most welcome but had recently reported a concern with regards to an issue of speeding in Springwell Village. Unfortunately Officer advice had been that the criteria had not been met for a VAS sign to be used. Councillor H. Trueman commented that he felt Members should be given some discretion on the location of the VAS signs when their residents were raising concerns about issues in their streets.

Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services commented that a crib sheet which detailed the criteria that Officers used would be beneficial for Members and requested that Councillor H. Trueman send him details of the issue he had faced and he would be happy to raise this on behalf of the Committee.

Councillor Taylor expressed disappointment that the Police could not be here as he had a resident's association contact him from Teal Farm with regards to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Due to an increase in housing developments in the area there had been an increase in ASB and whilst the Area Response Team had done a brilliant job in cleaning up broken glass and such like there was a concern and suggestion of a need for a neighbourhood watch scheme covering the whole of that area.

Councillor Scaplehorn wished to take the opportunity to welcome Mr John Chapman of Gentoo to the Washington Area Committee.

2. RESOLVED that the Committee considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023 as detailed within Annex 1 of the report, subject to clarification of projects at the November Board meeting and noted the items referred to in Item 4 of the agenda for consideration.

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)

As there was no VCS Representative available to present the report, the Chairman advised that if Members had any queries or comments, to pass these onto the Area Officer to liaise with the Sector.

Councillor Armstrong wished to comment on the importance of the VCS during these current times and how they had really stepped up to the plate and wished to acknowledge how great they had been in Washington.

Members having considered the report, it was: -

3. 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) 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 Gjorven had been unable to attend the meeting therefore the Chairman suggested that if Members had any comments or questions that these could be passed on.

Councillor Farthing requested that figures be provided on incidents of domestic abuse during lockdown.

Councillor Armstrong referred to the continued reduction in figures for Youth ASB and it was great to see the Police working with partners such as the Oxclose and District Young People's Project.

The Chairman commented that the Police Report figures did make for good reading with the total crime statistics for Washington down 12%.

Councillor D. E. Snowdon informed the Committee as the representative on LMAPs of their last meeting which reported that figures were down and whilst there had been a small burst of burglaries in Washington, the Police felt that they had this in hand. In relation to COVID ASB, there had been 10 reports

over the rule of 6 which was manageable at the moment, but concerns were raised on how they would manage going into the future should there be a spike in this regard.

Councillor D. E. Snowdon advised that there were local issues which she would share with Members relevant to them outside of the meeting.

In the absence of a report from TWFRS, Councillor Taylor informed the Committee of a change within the Service and that Phil Sowerby had now moved to cover the Gateshead area and had been replaced with Ian Stewart.

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted and that a request be made for figures on domestic violence incidents that had occurred during lockdown.

c) Unauthorised Encampments

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on Unauthorised Encampments Policy and site activity in 2020 and the associated financial and service impact.

The report also requested the Area Committee review the sites in their area that have been used in the past 3 years and decide on whether they wished to consider any mitigation measures on sites in their area from Area Committee budgets.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Graham Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing Services presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Kelly commented that as a Councillor of a Ward that has had numerous visits from travellers it was incredibly difficult to relay to the public that the Council can't work as quickly as they would like. Councillor Kelly stated that his frustration was that it felt the Centre was passing the buck as we had previously set money aside with his Colleagues in Washington West Ward but had been stopped from going ahead with what they wanted to do.

Councillor Kelly commented that the problem he had with the Policy on Travellers was that we did not appear to give the same concern to our residents and sincerely hoped that the Centre could look at this again and give us better guidance as they felt that Members had been left alone on this issue.

Councillor Taylor queried the number of encampments in relation to James Steel Park as there had been 2 encampments pre lockdown alone, there had been at least 4 separate encampments on one occasion and then the extra ones during August which had been mentioned.

Councillor Taylor referred to the comment that The Councils response had to be different due to Covid and Government restrictions, and commented that this was right as it made the encampment review policy out of date. So the Council implemented a negotiated stopping agreement (NSA) where the Council and lead camp member agreed to comply with a code of conduct and this could be valid for anything up to 28 days.

Councillor Taylor informed the Committee that the Council visited the site on the bank holiday weekend in May and said that there had been one encampment, all from the same family. There was actually four separate encampments and they were from different families. Councillor Taylor advised that the implementation of the NSA for four weeks, absolutely infuriated residents because none of the groups observed social distancing with other Members of public also visiting the site when we were supposed to be under a lockdown and the place was an absolute pig sty.

Councillor Taylor wished to pay tribute to the Area Response Team within the Council for the amount of mess that they had to remove throughout the summer.

Councillor Taylor also informed of issues from an encampment opposite Wormhill including car racing on the grass, thankfully the Council varied the agreement to 14 days on this occasion, however due to the inclement weather conditions the travellers could not get the caravans off the field.

Councillor Taylor advised that he had received huge amounts of complaints, including a resident that had witnessed travellers fly tipping into the River Wear, they had been in the children's play parks when they were closed for lockdown, and there had been no social distancing.

Councillor Taylor commented that the response had to change due to Covid but he felt the Council and it's Officers could have handled the situation much better than how they did. Unfortunately it was left to Ward Councillors to visit residents and take their complaints so something definitely needed to be done and due to the events of this year, the Policy needed to be revisited as it was not fit for purpose.

Councillor Taylor stated that the encampment in James Steel Park was near residential developments and a children's play park and in his mind that was an unsuitable area to have one, however such encampments at the Vaux site were removed immediately due to unsuitability so there was a disparity in how the policy was implemented.

Councillor Taylor also commented that some of the people involved were not actually travellers and lived locally, they were cutting down perfectly healthy trees, starting fires and queried why they were allowed to do this under a local lockdown when normal residents were not. The people of Washington had suffered long enough and something needed to change and felt a Working Group needed to be set up to look at this.

Councillor Farthing commented that the difficulties faced on this situation had been made worse through Covid as everybody had been at home, everyone had been out walking and seen the travellers. In the Washington South Ward they tended to come on to an area which was part of the park which caused uproar amongst the local community as instances were occurring that other residents wouldn't be allowed to do.

Councillor Farthing commented that she did not believe people objected to the travellers themselves it was the behaviours that occurred. In previous years there had been tethered horses and caravans in an area quite close to the road, visible to everybody and caused a lot of concern.

Councillor Farthing stated that we had adopted this policy as a Council and she understood the reasons for this. This year had been particularly difficult as the Courts were closed so no court action could be taken as in past years. We may need to look at temporary stop over sites such as Industrial estates, but this would rely on the Court action to get the travellers to move to such locations.

Councillor Farthing also queried the list of costs in restricting access attached to the report and wondered if consideration had been given to the consequences that might come about from such actions and where the problems would then move to. Councillor Farthing felt that this needed looking at in more detail along with the areas that would then become vulnerable because of this.

Councillor Williams referred to the list of encampments and advised that View Point Car Park wasn't listed and that there had definitely been some visitors over the bank holiday weekend and had stayed until the following Monday and people were quite rightly annoyed over this. People had been concerned over the horses as people used the park for walks/running and to walk their dogs. Councillor Williams advised that she would be interested in Mr Scanlon's view on the suggestion of horse owners being fined the same as owners of dogs that fouled the park.

Councillor Williams commented that she would like to know the rules around Horses, how they should be kept safe and what to do if there were any concerns. Councillor Williams agreed that this needed to be part of a Board discussion as to the consequences of implementing deterrents, what happens if the equipment gets damaged and their needed to be a longer term plan.

Councillor Williams also queried if we had any representatives from the traveller's community that we could speak with and to work with them during any such policy review. Mr Scanlon advised that in terms of engaging with the traveller community, Officers did carry out a piece of work last year as the travellers arrived but unfortunately had received very limited support in terms of engagement from the community, this year they hadn't really followed that up but it was something they definitely needed to pursue to try and engage the community and what type of support we had.

Councillor Scaplehorn wished to raise the fact that there had been no clearance costs associated to Albany Park, and suggested that this was down to the work of one individual who was a volunteer within the Keep Washington Tidy campaign, in conjunction with the Area Response Team, who saved the Council a huge amount of money through the work they carry out in removing the waste and would like to acknowledge the particular volunteer and the Keep Washington Tidy volunteers.

Councillor F. Miller commented that a long-term strategy was important and she did have a number of traveller work colleagues so she did have an understanding of what their lifestyle entailed. Councillor F. Miller informed of issues experienced within her ward and commented that the traveller Community was the same as any other in terms of there being good and bad and we shouldn't judge them all the same.

Councillor F. Miller commented on the need for a long term strategy down at the Riverside, she had been asked previously on what was wanted and she had come up with a plan, if the dog park was located in the place originally requested, the next field over to become the new Harraton C.A play park and then the play park already there would become a new community garden and possibly allotment that could feed into the Harraton C.A who could utilise the produce to cook food for the café.

Councillor G. Miller commented that at the end of the day, we had a policy and this was a national requirement. We must do this or the Government would impose one on us. This wasn't the problem, unfortunately the problem was when we slavishly adhered to such a policy, residents become frustrated when travellers are able to get away with such behaviours that residents do not and they feel this is grossly unfair on them, which he fully understood.

Councillor G. Miller stated that the Local Authority needed to bear in mind that we were carrying out services to our Council Tax payers and our policies work to fit that, by slavishly following policies over the years had gotten us into terrible trouble resulting in us not doing anything.

Councillor G. Miller commented that he understood that Mr Scanlon and Officers were in a very awkward situation here and it was a policy that we must have and Members would be in agreement that we must have this policy as it were the right and fair thing to do, but it was our residents that they were elected to represent on this. Councillor G. Miller added that we genuinely needed to have a high level discussion with senior officers on what this policy was meaning for the city as it cannot be right that it primarily impacts upon the Washington and Coalfield Areas. It was not acceptable to routinely let our residents down each year and he genuinely believed there was a sizeable minority of residents who were becoming increasingly more vocal and unhappy with a Council who seemingly are doing nothing for them and allow visitors to do whatever they like.

Councillor G. Miller enquired about the options proposed and as a resident he was still waiting on a dog park that was promised within the Ward for the past

3 years, this park would've broken up the site which wouldn't have stopped travellers from going there but it would have limited them. Elements of this were frustrating as nothing had happened and it was unacceptable that Area Committee had put forward proposals and these were not delivered every year by Officers and this must change.

Councillor G. Miller stated that we managed this, by making sure the policy worked but we needed to get the mitigation strategy right and identify the funding for it and then get on with collectively carrying this out.

Councillor Armstrong wished to defend the Officers in a difficult situation as they had a policy of tolerance that they had to abide by this summer, and we all have had to, along with government advice to abide by for travellers during Covid, all this with angry residents getting on to local councillors putting pressure on so he could imagine this was quite a difficult job to balance both sides.

Councillor Armstrong commented that we had to be tolerant and respectful, treating everyone equally but on the other hand seeing transgressions of behaviour, especially during the period with Covid where neighbours were noticing these actions, made these behaviours seem out of order. Councillor Armstrong advised that he believed the way forward was in discussions and agreed that engagement with the traveller community would be beneficial and possibly a long term strategy to build in with the policies of tolerance whilst keeping our residents happy.

Councillor Taylor referred to actions taken by neighbouring Councils such as County Durham who issued press releases advising the travelling community as soon as their Appleby Horse fair had been cancelled that there would be no provision for temporary stop over sites and advised everybody not to travel. This was publicised in local press and radio, yet Sunderland City Council didn't do any of that and he felt that this was something the Council should learn from.

Councillor Taylor raised the issue that none of the parks/areas that the travellers used this year had any toilet facilities so along with using the areas for camping they were being used as a toilet also. It should be noted that when these areas were being used by the travellers it meant that our residents were unable to utilise the parks.

Councillor Taylor wished to query the costings and when these started from as they may have only been started from late May/early June when he had requested them.

Councillor Taylor informed of a site meeting with a previous Portfolio Holder who had suggested finding a way of prohibiting overnight parking within the Car Parks and provide enforcement. This would have meant introducing localised by laws. This idea was proposed to Officers and was ruled out rather than trying to work with Members to introduce this. Should this have been introduced then he believed we wouldn't be in this position today.

Mr Scanlon advised that he had noted Members comments and concerns and he would respond to the Members directly outside of the meeting. Mr Scanlon did feel it worth mentioning that in relation to County Durham Council's actions, he had contacted them afterwards and that despite all of their efforts it did not prevent the Travellers going in and having unauthorised encampments, but Mr Scanlon did take on board Councillor Taylors point and they would follow that up.

Mr Scanlon informed the Committee that the policy had been reviewed, as recently as February this year and he took on board the suggestion that another high level discussion needed to be had to understand how best it was taken forward and structured.

Mr Scanlon advised that he was really interested to understand how best to engage with the traveller community. There was a national organisation that they could engage with for further advice and support. In terms of the future Mr Scanlon hoped that he and his team along with Police and other partners could work well with local Members and Communities to work with the travellers to agree future arrangements as easy as possible so that our communities don't experience the issues they have had this year.

Mr Scanlon commented that it had been especially difficult this year for the team as they didn't have access to the Courts and he had spoken to numerous residents at the request of Members, so he had heard first hand of some of the experiences suffered by residents and the team did work with the Police and partners to try and deal with those.

Councillor Kelly informed the Committee that in a previous job role enforcing against travellers within Newcastle City Council, there was a Traveller and Gypsy Council, a recognised body representing their community that could be approached for possible engagement. Councillor Kelly advised that his biggest concern was that they were not willing to engage with us which made finding a solution difficult and it may be worth us speaking with the travelling Council of Great Britain to have a conversation through them to find a solution that worked for everybody.

The Chairman referred to the recommendations on the report and suggested that the item be deferred to the Washington and Community Board meeting in November for Members to have a more full and frank discussion before bringing it back to Area Committee for a decision in December.

Councillor G. Miller agreed and commented that he wanted Mr Scanlon to have the time to investigate and confirm the costs involved along with costs of the dog parks in fatfield that were suggested earlier. Councillor G. Miller also queried some of the mitigation costs in relation to the price of barriers quoted and advised that we needed to ensure we had mitigation measures whilst also adhering to the policy without shifting the problem into other areas and not damaging true travellers way of life.

Councillor Farthing agreed on the proposal to defer the item but felt there needed to be indications of what the implications would be if we did try to implement some of these mitigation measures and if they dispersed, this could just be to other parts of Washington. Much closer consideration needed to be given to the locations within the area so we did not make the situation worse in implementing this.

Councillor F. Miller agreed that the item should go to the November Board meeting for more discussion as there was quite a few implications to be considered not just about the communities that Members represent but also for the travelling community also so we really needed to sit down and discuss the best way forward.

5. RESOLVED that the report be noted and further information be brought to the November meeting of the Washington Area Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussions and then be brought back to Area Committee in December.

Washington Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Directorate submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest as well as presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Hopper presented the report and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

In response to Councillor Taylors query over how the COVID 19 situation would affect the Holiday Activities projects, Ms Hopper advised that each organisation that had applied, had its own COVID Safety procedures in place and some of the projects had been meeting with the young people both virtually and in smaller numbers.

6. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial statements set out in Table 1 and 2 of the report;
- ii) Approved the £50,000 application to Neighbourhood Fund for the Washington Ward Improvement Project as set out in Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) Approved the 10 projects, totalling £19,999 for holiday activities as set out in Annex 2 of the report;
- iv) Noted the Ward Improvement Project Statement as set out in Paragraph 4 Table 3 of the report; and
- v) Noted the approved Community Chest grants between March 2020 to 1st September 2020 as set out in Annex 3 of the report.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) L. LAUHLAN,
Chairman.

17th December 2020

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS & CABINET MEMBER COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING CHAMPIONS

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Washington Area Committee of the next steps, following Cabinet Approval in March 2020 of the Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy, taking into consideration the additional action to be taken to continue to grow community wealth across our communities.

2. Background – Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy

- 2.1 Community Wealth Building is an approach to economic and social regeneration, which focuses on actions that support communities to create wealth and retain more of the benefits of economic growth locally. It is an approach that recognises that the way money circulates in a local economy is important and that growth needs to be shaped and directed.
- 2.2 Community Wealth Building aims to re-organise and control the local economy so that wealth is broadly held within the city and is generative, with local roots, so that income is recirculated, communities are put first, and people are provided with opportunity, dignity and well-being. The approach seeks to create resilient communities and local economic security.
- 2.3 Sunderland defines community wealth as follows:
- ‘Developing assets, of all kinds, in such a way that the wealth stays local. Using local assets to make communities more vibrant. Aiming to help individuals, families and communities control their own economic destiny’***
- 2.4 Whilst Sunderland City Council has been a co-operative council since 2014 and has embedded these values across all areas of practice, a recent assessment by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) suggests that the Council needs to continue to move from an approach of “doing for” to “doing with” the residents of Sunderland. Transforming the Council’s relationship with its communities to one of collaboration will lead to increased trust and effectiveness of services and reduce demand.
- 2.5 Much is happening already both across Council services and by other partners in the city. Through delivery of the Community Wealth Strategy, Sunderland Council seeks to harness what is already happening in addition to future opportunities to maximize impact in the City and to use our knowledge, and that of others, to inform what we need to do next, both from an economic and social perspective.
- 2.6 It is now more important than ever to enable residents to respond to the local economic shock of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through delivery of the Community Wealth Strategy, the council aims to respond to the immediate crisis and the urgent imperative to rebuild

local economies which are more fair, inclusive and secure than those that existed before.

2.7 There are 7 key areas for focus for our activities to achieve our vision as part of the Community Wealth Strategy Delivery Plan, which link directly to the principles of community wealth building:

1. Demonstrating our Commitment
 2. Developing the role of Anchor Institutions
 3. Socially Productive Asset Management
 4. Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement
- Business Growth and Investment (including Voluntary and Community Sector)
5. Increasing Social Value through Procurement and Wider Activity
 6. Improving Community Resilience

3. Demonstrating our Commitment - Community Wealth Champion

- 3.1 This report focuses upon the first key activity – ‘demonstrating our commitment’ to growing community wealth in Sunderland.
- 3.2 Elected members can champion the community wealth approach in their own areas by highlighting the significant benefits. This includes assisting the council to understand local issues and helping to target employment opportunities.
- 3.3 Elected members can encourage the council and partner anchor institutions to become accredited living wage employers. In addition to employment, elected members can encourage the council to continue to develop their procurement strategies that contain measures for the use of ‘community benefit’ clauses and ‘local supplier development’.
- 3.4 Inward investment activity can be targeted at developing the local supply base, and a means of monitoring where this spend goes and the impact it has should be monitored. In addition, council procurement spend with local companies should continue to be enhanced wherever possible and spend out of the local area continuously reviewed to identify any additional local opportunities.
- 3.5 Finally, elected members can encourage the council to consider the impact of their assets on inclusive economies and how they can contribute to socio-economic development objectives and build resilient communities. For example, linking asset management to neighbourhood plans and identifying how to support local people to take over council assets for the benefit of their communities. This can be achieved through promoting community asset transfer and exploring where this can be used to support area-based regeneration priorities, supporting capacity building for communities currently less able to take on and manage assets.
- 3.6 To ensure all elected members are supported to become Community Wealth Champions, it is proposed that each of the Area Committees Chairs become the ‘Area Community Wealth Champion’ – working alongside the Area Arrangements Team and Community Wealth Steering Group to develop a training and induction programme for all elected members, as well as ensuring the principles of community wealth are adopted by the Area Committee whilst delivering their Area Committee Delivery Plan priorities.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the contents of the report and acknowledge the work undertaken to support the growth of Community Wealth across Sunderland and agree to continue to support the delivery of the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy.
- 4.2 Agree to support the Area Committee Chair to deliver their Community Wealth Champion role on behalf of the residents of Sunderland, demonstrating the commitment of Washington Area Committee to support growth.

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
17th December 2020

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

- 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.
- 3.2 As well as partner updates re what is happening across the area, events, opportunities etc. partners regularly attended the Network meetings to present information.
- 3.3 The Area Network partners have also contributed to and supported the SCC Let's Talk Resident Engagement Strategy, assisting with resident engagement, completing questionnaires and being involved in the Area Conversation Events to contribute to the Area Committee's emerging Neighbourhood Investment Plan

4. Washington Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 4.1 The Washington VCS Network has continued to meet via Microsoft Teams and has kept in regular contact sharing information and ideas.
- 4.2 The Area Network became galvanised within days after the lock down was declared and transformed their services to ensure they continued to support those in need from across the area. Whilst many centres had to close, services continued to be delivered but in a different way.
- 4.3 SNCBC have worked with the Council, CCG, Gentoo and volunteers to provide support for shopping, prescriptions befriending, dog walking and many more services. Together hundreds of residents across Washington have been supported and many new and lasting friendships have been made. This pandemic has strengthened the network and has shown what strong communities we have.

- 4.4 More recently the network organisations were invited to apply for SCC funding to support children and families throughout the school holiday periods re holiday hunger. As well as VCS organisations, both residents and local businesses joined forces resulting in an incredible offer for food, packed lunches and hot meals being available for those families needing help.

Network members were also invited to apply for SCC 'Winter COVID' funding – funds to support local vulnerable residents at Christmas and over the coming winter months. 5 organisations received funding for Christmas Activities and funding to deliver further support January to March will be awarded in December

- 4.5 The last virtual Network meeting was held 2nd November where 13 organisations were represented.
- The network welcomed presentations from the WEEE project. The presentation was engaging and the network was provided with information on how to work together.
 - The meeting heard from Council Officers on a proposal to support the Voluntary Community Sector, the presentation was well received and further information will be discussed in the coming months.
 - The meeting was also updated on progress re the Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Plan
 - Next Washington Area VCS meeting rescheduled for January 2021

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 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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December 2020

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Washington Crime and Disorder Report

Please find below data in respect of Crime and Disorder for Washington comparing year to date figures with the preceding year. For comparison purposes the data provided is for the same period last year.

Crime statistics in Washington have decreased for the third period in a year which is as a result of a lot of hard work from police and partners but it also has to be said that a lot of these figures are affected by the previous and current lockdown period which had a significant effect on offending. For the first time every section of the core crimes show a reduction and looking at the other figures the only increases are on line harassment and adult ASB. This is to be expected with many within the community staying at home and accessing social media. Adult ASB figures have increased tenfold as reports of breaches of Covid regulations are included in that category as well as neighbourly disputes.

Although there has been a decrease in motor vehicle crime, we are aware of the spikes in Rickleton and Springwell although on a lesser scale. The Police Team has been working with Gateshead police as it is suspected that the offenders were travelling across the border to commit crime. Two arrests were made, and no further incidents of this nature have occurred since the end of October.

Locally we are aware of the incidents of youth disorder in Princess Anne Park and more recently in Concord whereby the Christmas decorations were damaged and bus shelter windows smashed. Together with the Galleries these are areas we intend to focus on with officers and community outreach workers to identify the perpetrators.

Sgt Parish is leading the purchase of the long lens camera to detect off road motorcycle use and we should have some news once that arrives.

Much of our time is spent managing covid reports and potential breaches although there are dedicated patrols to service these at night we have been working with the Local Authority (prior to the second lockdown) in licensed premises who have in the main been acting appropriately and referring those that have not to the licensing authority.

Crime / Disorder	Current period 2020 1st April to 24th Nov	Previous period 2019 1st April to 24th Nov	+ / -
Youth ASB	253	302	Down 49
Burglary Dwelling	70	78	Down 8
Commercial Burglary	35	41	Down 6
Violence against the Person	256	315	Down 59
Serious Injury	12	20	Down 8
Theft from Motor Vehicle	98	116	Down 18
Theft and handling	472	737	Down 265
Total Crime	2741	3147	Down 406 (13% decrease)

17th December 2020**REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st April 2020 to 24th November 2020 compared with the same period in 2019.

2 Background

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

3 Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update**3.1 L.I 2 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

9 incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 11 incidents in the previous year for the same period. TWFRS with support from Northumbria Police investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends.

3.3 LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire

6 incidents has been reported within this period, this compares to 10 incidents in the previous year. TWFRS, with support from Northumbria Police, investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends.

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

182 deliberate fire incidents were attended within this period, this compares to 267 incidents in the previous year. The majority of incidents involved;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	64
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	24
Wheelie Bin	13
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	12
Refuse/rubbish tip	10
Scrub land	9
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	7

- 3.4.1 **Washington West Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 18 to 11, a 39% decrease from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified areas;

Springwell	2
Donwell	2
Albany	2
Armstrong Industrial Estate	2
Armstrong	1
Washington	1
Blackfell	1

- 3.4.2 **Washington North Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 72 to 51, a 29% decrease from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified areas;

Concord	15
Washington	9
Sulgrave	8
Usworth	7
Glover	6
Hertburn	3
West Boldon	1
Albany	1
Stephenson	1

- 3.4.3 **Washington East Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 32 to 8, a 75% decrease from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified areas;

Barmston	3
Washington	1
Penshaw	1
Fatfield	1
Mount Pleasant	1
Pattinson North	1

- 3.4.4 **Washington Central Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 26 to 13 a 50% reduction from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified wards;

Washington	6
Washington Town Centre	3
Lambton	2
Biddick	1
Washington Village	1

- 3.4.5 **Washington South Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 27 to 18 a 50% reduction from the same period last year. Incidents have occurred in the following identified wards;

Oxclose	10
Lambton	3
Crowther	2
Emerson	1
Washington	1
Washington	1

4 **Lighter /Darker Nights**

- 4.1 Dark nights are now upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Watches at Washington Community Fire Station have been given ward areas to establish and enhance community links. TWFRS would like to have an impact on all deliberate fires, including ASB incidents, by ensuring that inadequate stacking and storage of items outside of premises do not have a detrimental impact on life risk incidents or property.

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

5 **Summary**

- 5.1 There has been a significant decrease in incidents in all wards. This can be attributed to Government COVID-19 Guidelines, which have enforced social distancing and restricted the gathering of groups. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority to investigate and identify any trends. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity so resources may be utilised efficiently.

6 **Recommendations**

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

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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:
- Presents the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
 - Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan

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 Plan. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

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:
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
 - 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 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.
- 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. The Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan (2020 – 2023) is attached as **Annex 1**
- 3.5 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be the working groups for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all Board meetings.
- 3.6 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 proposed work programmes and recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

4. Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the four Task Groups established, up to December 2020.

Priority/Issue	Update
TG1 Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement (including ASB Empty Properties)	First meeting of Task Group was held and recommendations made to the last Board regards proposals for a local Neighbourhood Management Enforcement Project. The Board agreed to focus on the evidenced 'hotpot' areas. The Task Group will now look at the needs in each of those areas and discuss and develop a proposal re actions/activity – as stated in the Board some of the 'needs' might already be able to be addressed either via current resources, activity or co-ordination and not require investment – a good example of this is the focused work on a neighbourhood pilot at Barmston with Gentoo as part of the

	<p>Together Clean & Green Partnership. Next meeting will draft info into a 'Project Brief' for the February Board to consider (as per governance protocols for the Board and Area Committee)</p> <p>Together Clean & Green Partnership (TCGP) working group has met and a focus on 3 x priorities agreed – Abandoned trollies, managing household waste (Lower Oxclose), and a 'neighbourhood pilot' in Barmston re addressing litter etc. Next Partnership meeting to be scheduled January 28th2021. The work of the TCGP to contribute to the development of the Neighbourhood Management Enforcement Project.</p>
TG2 Invest in parks, open spaces, play, cycle routes and embed Love Where You Live	<p>First meeting of Task Group held and recommendations made to the last Board re proposals to identify how Area Committee can support a review of Parks and Play in Parks in Washington. The Board agreed to receive further information from the Fixed Play survey, agreed they wished to build on the work already funded and supported via Area Committee and determine any new proposals for enhancement (Parks). The Board also acknowledges the need to wait for SCC budget allocations to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Task Group is now required to discuss and develop a proposal re actions/activity ensuring all proposals are based on evidence of need, with reference to 'all area' provision Next meeting will draft info into a 'Project Brief' for the February Board to consider (as per governance protocols for the Board and Area Committee)</p> <p>Other activities contributing to this priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and Green volunteering programme confirmed reduced programme of activity due to restrictions. Planation management activity reduced or on hold • Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) Call for Projects awarded • Ward Improvement Project extended • Review and redraft of Usworth Park Action Plan re Improvements and refurbishment. Update presented to November Board. Request approval of capital funding for security at the Park to December Area Committee under Item 5 Area Budget Report • Princess Anne Park Masterplan review underway. Report to Parks Task Group and February Board • Tree Management pilot completed. Request for approval of capital funding for 2nd phase to December Area Committee under Item 5 Area Budget Report
Young People	<p>First meeting of Task Group held 23rd November. The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Group to receive WYC Consultation Report with regard to 'preferred activities' of young people at January meeting • Dependent on evidence re preferred activities, the Task Group is in favour of one or two larger projects rather than a number of small projects (time limited one-off programmes/small grants) • Understand strategic approach being developed at SCC re provision of services for young people

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Group wants to understand future gaps in mental health support projects for young people (in Washington) not funded via WAC funds – how long are the current initiatives funded for, take up, need, plans for sustainability • The January meeting of the Task Group to draft a Project Brief for consideration at the February Board
Events, culture and heritage	<p>First meeting held of Heritage Task Group held 23rd November. The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task group to review the 2017 Heritage Strategy Action Plan determining what is completed, still relevant or no longer applicable, ahead of the next meeting in January • January Task Group meeting to confirm proposed outcomes and proposals for a draft Project Brief, to be presented to February Board.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

Consider the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan (2020/2023) as detailed in **Annex 1**, and the reports from the Task Groups as detailed under Paragraph 4

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Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Agreed 30th July 2020



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:

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| 1. Tackle empty properties | 10. Increase 5G access & support digital learning |
| 2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities | 11. Healthy and Well Being |
| 3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood | 12. Support VCS to provide additional local services |
| 4. Flood mitigation | 13. Support local volunteering |
| 5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes | 14. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to help reduce fear of crime through partnership working |
| 6. Plantation and tree management | 15. Local Events |
| 7. Street furniture | 16. Support for young people |
| 8. Transport – Road Safety | 17. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage |
| 9. Highways, pavements and street lighting | |

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1. Tackle Empty Properties		
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report
Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board	Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area	Presentation at November Board To attend Board regularly re relevant strategic updates
2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Continue with Clean and Green community clean ups and litter picks and love where you live campaign projects and campaigns	2020/21 C & G Programme of works confirmed C & G Steering Group meeting 8 th September amended due to restrictions and Covid response ACDL to present update and confirmation of schedule of works to November Board	Steering Group 17 th November 2020 - Programme of plantation management agreed but delayed re number of volunteers available due to pandemic. 2 nd list of 'clean-up sites completed. 222 volunteer hours. The C & G volunteers and team will continue to support 'light touch' litter picks/local clean ups only throughout the restrictions/pandemic. The meeting identified a number of planting and landscaping schemes to develop 'pride in the neighbourhood' programme for the future as restrictions reduce. Remaining budget to be reprofiled and combined with new allocation of £15k. C & G now supporting the Together C & G Partnership with Gentoo to ensure joined up working and co-ordination re environmental volunteering.
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	38 planters available for reuse. ACDL to discuss with Area Manager options for community groups or VCS to 'adopt' them. Clean & Green Project to consider including some of the planters in proposed 'Pride in the Neighbourhood' proposals
Continue with Ward Improvement Project	ACDL to follow up on all outstanding works, provide an update and present new	Community Resilience Officers working with relevant Officers re outstanding issues and

	Neighbourhood Fund Application to September WAC - £10k per Ward	projects. Statement presented to November Board re current position
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	ACDL release Call for Projects/Small Grants Scheme September 2020.	2 applications received and agreed. (Small Grants Scheme). 2nd round released January 2021 – options to link to work of Clean & Green ‘Pride in the Neighbourhood’ proposals and Together Clean & Green
3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Look into the feasibility of establishing a 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	Area Co-ordinator (AC) to consider if other Area Committees are requesting additional support and resources to tackle enforcement issues and present update. ACDL establish Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to receive above information, consider the update and how they can enhance and support the current offer in Washington	1st meeting of Task Group held 19th October 2020. Detailed update report presented to November Board together with Data re hotspot areas for consideration. 2nd meeting to be scheduled January to draft Project Brief for consideration at the February Board
Together Clean and Green Partnership with Gentoo and other services to continue to tackle/support local enforcement to deal with fly-tipping, dog mess, abandoned trollies	ACDL schedule Together Clean & Green Partnership working group – virtual meeting 1 st October Update to November Board	Meeting of 22nd October confirmed 3 key priorities for the group to focus on – Neighbourhood Pilot in Barmston then Lower Oxclose, continue to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies, and to work with SCC to encourage residents to manage household waste. The Together C & G to feed into the proposed Task Group for the WNMEI Actions: 1. Enforcement Officers to continue to meet with Trolley Wise 2. MC to provide required data for MP led group 3. Waste Manager and Gentoo Area Manager to meet and discuss ‘options’

		<p>to address managing household waste in Lower Oxclose</p> <p>4. Community Partnerships Officer (Gentoo), ACDL, EO and Clean & Green to determine 'Action Plan' to implement Barmston Tidy pilot</p> <p>5. Campaign and message re TCGP included in next Washington Way Area Committee Newsletter</p>
PR & communications campaign re enforcement	ACDL work with SCC Comms to determine PR & campaigns responsive to local issues. Consider how to fit with corporate approach re enforcement, messages & campaigns, and prosecutions when developing local project.	Campaign/messages to support the proposed WNMEI and Together C & G pilot
4. Flood Mitigation		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Washington Flood Mitigation Scheme: Request update to Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW funded)	ACDL request update to November Board	Update report to be presented to February Board re Flood Mitigation Scheme
5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services to provide an update to Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board with regards to scope for a Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks	<p>Washington Area Committee requested to consider update and how they can support the proposed review of Parks and Play in Parks in Washington</p> <p>Area Co-ordinator (AC) to consider if other Area Committees are requesting similar reviews and discuss the feasibility and timescales for implementation with relevant officers initially.</p> <p>ACDL to establish 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 	<p>1st meeting of Task Group held 22nd October 2020. Detailed update report presented to November Board together with Data</p> <p>2nd meeting to be scheduled January to draft Project Brief for consideration at the February Board and to consider results of the Fixed Play Survey. Proposed Project Brief to consider future investment to deliver improvements and enhancements in Washington Parks and Play facilities, building on work and programmes already underway</p> <p>Cycle routes – Officers attending February Board to provide strategic update</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection and maintenance regimes for any new development • Plans for investment in parks and green spaces • Dealing with and response to ASB and vandalism of play areas and parks • Opportunities to access S106 • Which of our parks are parks? Or green/open spaces – Albany Park previously designated as open space? • Local issues identified including ongoing ASB/vandalism in parks and green spaces 	
Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan	ACDL to redraft Usworth Park Development Plan. Include review and redraft of Action Plan re Improvements and refurbishment Update to November Board	Detailed update report presented to November Board. Request for additional funding to continue to secure the park (lock & unlock) for a further year presented to December AC
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	Initial survey of park (referring to original Master Plan) completed. ES is now consulting with the Friends of Princess Anne Park. Following that consultation the Masterplan will be updated with proposed costed improvements and phasing prepared. These revisions will be taken back to the Friends for final comment before being presented to the Board/Parks Task Group for consideration as part of proposals for future investment
Investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds to improve parks and play	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities	S106 process flow chart and spreadsheet re Washington S106 included in the Performance Update Report
6. Plantations and tree management		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Assistant Director for Environmental Services requested to update Neighbourhood & Community Board with regard to the Strategic approach for future management of large plantations	Update to February 2021 Board.	Following the successful implementation of the WAC funded tree management scheme (photos and detail included in the Performance Update

close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Evaluate impact of resident's response to the recently approved pilot in Washington South to see if the thinning and cutting back of copses is sufficient to satisfy the concerns of residents who live close to trees. Estimated to commence August/September	Report), the November Board agreed to recommend further programmes included in the original survey be considered. Request for capital funding to complete survey recommendations to be presented to December AC
7. Street Furniture including litter bins		
Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to Cllrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme	Update to November Board	Requested
8. Highways, pavements and street lighting		
Update Neighbourhood & Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme	ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule	Anticipate 3 x signs for the Washington Area received November which will see VAS deployed at Fulmar Drive, Emerson Road and Stone Cellar Road with the remaining 7 signs due for delivery by the end of the month Rotation programme included in Performance Report
Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020	ACDL organise meeting Road Safety Team re draft proposals and schemes	Initial meeting with SCC Road Safety Team – pilot proposal received and details included in Performance Report. Road Safety Team to contact identified schools to discuss inclusion in the
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	Area Co-ordinator (AC) to consider if other Area Committees are requesting the implementation of additional traffic calming measures and discuss the feasibility and timescales for implementation with relevant officers	Mark Jackson and other members of the Highways Team attended the November Board to discuss and address members concerns. The Team took a number of issues and tasks to address and will report back to the next Board. MJ suggested a Washington Task Group be considered in order to progress specific issues and initiatives.
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 2020/21 Programme will be presented to February Board and for approval at the March 2021 Area Committee

9. Health and Well Being		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Develop a co-ordinated approach with relevant partners to support VCS to help the local community eat and learn to prepare/cook healthy meals - Social Kitchen/Learn to Cook Project	ACDL to draft Project Brief/Call for Projects for agreement at next Neighbourhood & Community Board	Proposals and options to be presented to February NCB
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 ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy Action in the Community' projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	2 out of 6 projects complete. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting No issues to report to Board
10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues		
Action		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS ACDL to carry out Review/Evaluation of VCS Support Project	Area Community Hubs remain operational with volunteers co-ordinated to provide befriending, shopping support and other practical help such as picking up prescriptions, dog walking etc for those isolating VCS Support Project linked to Hub – review of outcomes and milestones to be carried out December 2020
Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington. Review operational capacity of organisations following pandemic/restrictions/lockdown	ACDL to include as agenda item at next Area VCS Network Meeting agenda item (25 th August) Report and position statement re local capacity to next Board - number of WAC Projects who	Washington Area Network met 3 rd November and considered a presentation with regards to a future model re additional VCS support

	<p>already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support.</p> <p>Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach</p>	
Continue the Neighbourhood Funded 'Washington Individual Support Project' to help local residents in acute crisis	<p>ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs</p> <p>ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p>	<p>Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting</p> <p>No issues to report to Board</p> <p>Increased numbers being supported during Covid crisis.</p>
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Social Isolation' projects	<p>ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p>	<p>Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting</p> <p>No issues to report to Board</p>
Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice	<p>ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs</p> <p>ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p>	<p>Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting</p> <p>No issues to report to Board</p> <p>Increased numbers being supported due to Covid crisis</p>
11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs
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. Lead has already recognised need to design support around new gaps, beneficiaries recently identified via community hub work. Linked to strategic review re support for VCS.	December 2020

	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	
Continue the Neighbourhood funded 'Fire Angels' Project working with vulnerable adults re home safety alarms	<p>ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs</p> <p>ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p>	
12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime through a partnership approach		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Develop local Neighbourhood Watch schemes	<p>ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr meeting (Microsoft Teams) with Inspector and bring information to future board meeting re potential for neighbourhood watch schemes</p> <p>Maintain communication and information sharing established through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Area News weekly bulletin • Area Face Book pages • Information sharing to known groups and volunteers as well as Network members • Joint Police/Cllr meeting 	Joint Police/Cllr meeting 25th November (via Microsoft Teams)
Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-agency approach	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings	<p>ACDLs and Cllr Snowdon continue to report issues raised which require a multi-agency approach</p> <p>Members were asked to note that LMAPs are intended to be utilised to determine a 'multi agency approach' that can't be resolved through usual channels. Where an issue requires a response from one specific service or partner, then that issue would not normally be considered as requiring a LMAPs response. In most instances a service response is likely to be more timely given LMAPs meets every 10 weeks</p>

13. Support communities to deliver Local Events		
Action		
Continue to update Community Events offer as method to continue to involve local communities and build capacity	Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Events 2020/21 programme	Washington Events Programme postponed until 2021. Remote 'Switch on' 19 th November all lights across the city
14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Action		
Positive Activities Oct 2020 Call for Projects proposed (NCB 30 th April) re 'area' funding £20k	ACDL to draft amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.	Awarded to SNCBC & ODYPP. Programmes currently being delivered for October half term (Covid secure) with further activities programmed for Christmas and Easter periods Methodology and further programming to be considered as part of the Youth Provision Task Group (TG3) – 1 st meeting scheduled 23 rd November to consider current provision across Washington and determine new 'offer' as detailed below
Relaunch the 'Can-Do' Project	ACDL to launch Generic 'call' as previous brief. September schedule for applications for presentation to November Board	12 th Round presented to November Board: Fatfield PS, Oxclose Academy. Washington Academy and Arts Centre Washington groups all successful
Develop a new 'offer' for young people– a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music?	ACDL to establish Task & Finish Group established. Consider options for 'Remix' type initiative to encourage new delivery partners. ACDL to request all NF initiatives and Washington partners working with young people to survey young people asking for their preferred activities and support. Ask current youth staff for input	1 st Task Group (TG4) meeting 23 rd November. Consultation/surveys underway with young people across the area to identify preferred activities, need etc from a young person's point of view. The Washington Youth Council will also carry out a full survey of young people/peers and provide a detailed report to the Task Group (January 2021) for consideration at the February Board. As a starting point some initial results from other projects and young people will be presented to the Task Group on 23 rd .

		2 nd Task Group meeting to be scheduled to receive results of youth consultation ACDL to obtain guidance with regards to strategic approach for young people's services/provision being developed.
Washington Safe Care	ACDL to request lead for Washington Safe Care to share results of survey of young people currently being carried out with regards to need and to inform the group re the needs/gaps of young people at risk of risky behaviour (including increased use of drugs and alcohol during lockdown/Covid) and unhealthy relationships	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting No issues to report to Board WSC has surveyed all contacts (young people) asking for their preferred activities and support needs. Young People/Youth Provision Task Group which met 23 rd November received that information
Washington Outreach Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	The project continues to address partner and Cllr hotspot areas re ASB. Washington Youth Council is leading on surveying young people across Washington re preferred activities and support – to inform the Young People/Youth Provision Task Group Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board
15. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway	ACDL to establish Task and Finish group. Bring together a number of strategies and documents to consider how best to support local heritage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Heritage Strategy • Feasibility Study F Pit/Albany Park • Bid for Culture documents – summarises some of the offer of local heritage groups • Need for archive for collections 	1 st meeting of Task Group held 26 th November 2020. Previous studies and reports re Washington Heritage Strategy circulated to Task Group Members 2 nd meeting to be scheduled January to draft Project Brief for consideration at the February Board

<p>Build on the work of Washington Trust re Blue Plaque installations</p>	<p>As part of the Task & Finish Group, consider mechanism to deliver Washington Heritage Strategy Heritage Action Plan.</p>	<p>As above</p>
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WASHINGTON SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 17th DECEMBER 2020 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistance Director of Community Resilience	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific area priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan with the overall aim to benefit the Washington residents and where possible attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement and updated on progress in relation to area funding, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest, and presents funding proposals for Members consideration.	
Description of Decision: The Area Committee is requested to note the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in the report. (b) Approve £9,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Usworth Park as set out in Annex 1 (c) Approve £28,800 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Tree Management Programme as set out in Annex 1 (d) Approve £62,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Mitigation measures as set out in Annex 1 (e) Note the Washington Ward Improvement Project statement as set out in Paragraph 4. (f) Note the approved Community Chest grants between April 2020 and November 2020, as set out in Paragraph 5 and Annex 2 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has delegated executive functions to allocate area funding to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment 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 Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

17th DECEMBER 2020

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Area Budget Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the neighbourhood investment plans, with the overall aim to benefit Washington residents and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, Neighbourhood Fund, and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests. The report also presents the current financial statement for the Washington Ward Improvement Project

2. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

- 2.1 Washington Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The following table provides the current financial position of the Capital Investment Programme

Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme allocation is £500,000				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approved	Balance
Festive Lighting	July 2020		£10,000	£490,000
Balance			£10,000	£490,000

Table One: Financial Statement Capital Investment Programme

- 2.4 In November 2020, the Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting agreed to seek approval of **£9,000** to enhance the current Usworth Park Development Plan Project and meet the costs of locking and unlocking the gates for a further 12 months, commencing January 2021. If approved by Area Committee the remaining balance will be **£481,000**.
- 2.5 In November 2020, the Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting agreed to seek approval of **£28,800** to deliver an additional two tree management schemes, as detailed in **Annex 1**. If approved by Area Committee the remaining balance will be **£452,200**.
- 2.6 In November 2020, the Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting agreed to seek approval of **£62,000** to deliver mitigation measures to...as presented to Area Committee in September 2020. Details of the schemes are included in **Annex 1**. If approved by Area Committee the remaining balance will be **£390,200**.
- 3. Neighbourhood Fund**
- 3.1 Washington Area Committee has been allocated **£449,325** for capital and revenue projects for 2020/21. Neighbourhood Fund will need to be allocated within this current financial year.

- 3.2 Area Committee approved £30,000 Neighbourhood Fund to deliver the Washington South Tree Pilot. Following completion of the pilot, Members are asked to note the sum of **£14,880** Neighbourhood Fund has been returned to the budget (2020/21).
- 3.3 The following table provides the current financial position of the Neighbourhood Fund as at 1st December 2020

Neighbourhood Fund allocation is £449,325 (2020/21)				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approved	Balance
Positive Activities Summer Programme	July 2020		£28,000	£421,325
Returned funding: Phoenix Project	March 2019		(4,560)	£425,885
Ward Improvement Project	Sept 2020		50,000	£375,885
Positive Activities 2020 - 21	Sept 2020		19,999	£355,886
Returned funding: Tree pilot	Dec 2020		(14,880)	£370,766
Balance				£370,766

Table Two: Financial Statement Neighbourhood Fund 2020 / 2021

- 3.5 There are no new Neighbourhood Fund applications to be considered at this meeting. Members are asked to note the balance of **£370,766** (Budget 2020/21).

4. Washington Ward Improvement Project: Statement for 2019/20

4.1

Ward	Allocation approved	Project spend	Allocated	Balance
Washington Central	£30,000	£11,583	£0	£18,417
Washington East	£30,000	£ 9,972	£1,375	£18,653
Washington North	£30,000	£17,480	£0	£12,520
Washington South	£30,000	£15,039	£1,620	£13,341
Washington West	£30,000	£15,246	£888	£13,866
Total	£150,000	£69,320	£3,883	£76,797

Table Three: Financial Statement Ward Improvement Project

- 4.2 **Washington Central:** No outstanding projects or quotes. £3734 allocated to external works at Columbia CA (2018/19) returned to budget
Washington East: £1,375 allocated to Drop crossing at Hollyhock
Washington North: Awaiting quote for further works at Albany Park.
Washington South: £1,620 allocated to extra bin at Emerson and Ayton Road Bulb planting
Washington West: £888 planting/landscaping at Blackfell/Oxclose roundabout

Community Resilience Service is working with Environmental Services, and other services as appropriate to resolve the following:

- All outstanding claims to clear the account with regards to projects completed but funds not as yet transferred
- Outstanding quotes
- Working with D Hall to resolve issues re works at Blackfell Perimeter Rd roundabout currently approved at £888 for works agreed last year.

5. Community Chest

5.1

Each of the 5 Washington Wards have been allocated a ward 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 decision

cannot be reached at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

- 5.2 Table Four below details the budget, approvals and balance remaining for 2020 / 2021. Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made between April 2020 and November 2020, as set out in Annex 2, and are encouraged to continue to sponsor and submit project proposals, which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan to ensure full allocation of Community Chest by March 2021.

Ward	2020 / 2021 Balance	Amount Awarded	Returned Funding	Remaining Allocation
Washington Central	£10,000	£1,250	£0	£8,750
Washington East	£10,000	£250	£0	£9,750
Washington North	£10,000	£4,775	£0	£5,225
Washington South	£10,000	£3,634	(£4,496)	£10,862
Washington West	£10,000	£250	£0	£9,750
Total	£50,000	£10,159	£4,496	£44,337

Table Four: Financial Statement Community Chest 2020 / 2021

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are requested to:
- Note the financial statements set out in the report as **Tables 1 and 2**
 - Approve £9,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Usworth Park as set out in Annex 1
 - Approve £28,800 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Tree Management Programme as set out in Annex 1
 - Approve £62,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment to Sunderland City Council for Mitigation measures as set out in Annex 1
 - Note the Washington Ward Improvement Project statement as set out in **Table 3** and Paragraph 4.
 - Note the approved Community Chest grants between April 2020 and November 2020, as set out in **Table 4** and Annex 2

Annex 1
Annex 2

Neighbourhood Capital Investment Fund Applications
Community Chest Awards 2020 / 2021

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Applications for WAC Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme

Application No.1 (Internal): Usworth Park Plan
(Lead: SCC Community Resilience Service)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP requested
£9,000	Nil	£9,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	January 2021	December 2021

The Project

The Washington Area Committee has supported and invested in Usworth Park and has invested £55,000 in producing the Usworth Park Development Plan - £30,000 of that funding is has been awarded to SCC community Resilience to achieve some of the quick wins and small scale improvements identified in the Plan. A detailed report with regards to progress and refurbishment was provided to the last Neighbourhood and Community Board.

In addition to the improvements implemented, Washington North Councillors hav also supported the initial security requirements from their Washington Improvement Project and SCC has recently agreed to cover the costs of 1 year Security contract, which is due to end January 2021.

The Development Plan always envisaged a Friends Group would be established in order to help with the locking and unlocking of the gates and that group of volunteers would be supported by the Community Resilience Service and the VCS Support Project (WAC funded) to grow and take on further responsibilities to develop Usworth Park as a community park. Pre Covid 19 and lockdown, some progress was made with community meetings and members of the local community were coming forward asking to be involved. Events were held in the park, some small-scale refurbishment was carried out, some additional planting and landscaping, and plans were determined to improve the tennis courts.

Unfortunately since then the park has been subjected to constant vandalism and numerous ASB incidents. Security has had to be increased in an effort to discourage this. Another WAC funded project, the Washington Outreach Project has the park as a key hotspot and visits on multiple occasions to speak to and move on young people as appropriate. However vandalism continues and a security response is required to continue to tackle this. Tackling the ASB/vandalism is required before we can encourage community involvement. It is clearly disheartening for that community to see and support the work to deliver the Develop Plan, to then see that work undone by a minority.

The cost of the current security offer is approximately £744 per month (based on 62 visits (lock and unlock each day) at £12/visit. Total for year £8928.

Area Committee is requested to approve £9,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment funding to be added to the 'Delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan' budget to confirm security arrangements for another 12months, commencing January 2021.

Officer recommendation: Approve

Application No.2 (Internal): Washington Tree Management
(Lead: SCC Environmental Services)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP requested
£28,800	Nil	£28,800
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	January 2021	June 2021

The Project

WAC approved £30,000 for a Tree Management Pilot in Washington South - Mallard Close and the Turnstone Plantation. Airedale Forestry were procured and are carrying out work on the plantation to the rear of Mallard close, Blackcap Close and Stonechat close. The team are receiving positive comments from the residents.

The Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to recommend further programmes included in the original survey be considered. Environmental Services have received the following quotes (SCC Procurement Framework):

Kirkham Plantation, Washington Central.

Fell a 4meter clearance of trees to the rear of houses in Kirkham and a 3 meter clearance from Parkway, thin out plantation of all dead, diseased, dying and self-seeded trees, crown lift remaining trees.

The majority of this work is dismantling trees over the houses which are in Kirkham or over the footpaths and the main road, Traffic Management costs are included. All branches to be chipped and Chippings left on site

Quote is £12,800.00

Shepard Way Plantation, Washington East.

Clear fence line to the south west side of allotments (C2C footpath), the remaining perimeter of allotment site clear approximately 4 meters from fence line including the removal of all dead, fallen/hung-up trees, diseased and dying trees.

The majority of this work requires dismantling trees over the allotments as they are woodland boundary trees which have grown searching for light. There is no way of pulling the majority of them back into the woodland as it's far too dense for semi- mature/mature trees to pass through the woodland canopy without causing major damage to the remaining trees. All branches to be chipped and Chippings left on site.

Quote is £16,000.00

For both the above jobs SCC to confirm status of any TPO's, conservation areas or felling license requirements.

Both quotes are considerably less than those provided in the original survey.

Area Committee is requested to approve £28,800 Neighbourhood Capital Investment funding to SCC Environmental Services to deliver the remaining activity included in the Tree Management Survey.

Officer Recommendation: Approve

Application No.3 (Internal): Encampment Mitigation Measures
(Lead: SCC Neighbourhoods Directorate)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP requested
£62,000	Nil	£62,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	January 2021	December 2021

The Project

SCC Officers provided an update to the September Area Committee with regards to the City's Unauthorised Encampments Policy and site activity in 2020 and the associated financial and service impact. Area Committees were requested to review the sites in their area that have been used in the past 3 years and consider any mitigation measures on sites in their area from Area Committee budgets.

Following further discussion at the November Neighbourhood & Community Board, Washington Area Committee is requested to consider approving funding to mitigate as follows:

Location	Suitability of Site	Regularity of Use	Potential actions	Indicative costs
James Steel Park	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	High	7 Barriers to car parks	£32,775
Bonemill Roundabout (*see Rickleton / Harraton Park below)	Not suitable, encampment on grass verge alongside road, roundabout and visible to passers-by.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape scheme formation of mounds introduction of trees and spring bulbs, wildflowers 'birds mouth' fencing 	£11,500
Rickleton / Harraton Park	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	High	Proposal as above for Bonemill Lane. Option for birds mouth fence and vehicular barrier to manage access via Village Centre	£1,725
Staithes Road Car Park, Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	High	Barrier to car park / trench and bund to adj highway verge	£4,600
Shepherds Way Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. May be unsafe depending on exact location used due to road	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barrier to car park entrance Post and wire fence to car park perimeter 	£5,750
	Repair & Maintenance			£5,650
				£62,000

If approved Officers will provide programme details re implementation to the Neighbourhood & Community Board

Area Committee is requested to approve £62,000 Neighbourhood Capital Investment funding to SCC Neighbourhoods Directorate to deliver mitigation measures as detailed above

Officer Recommendation: Approve

COMMUNITY CHEST 2020/2021 WASHINGTON AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED – March to November 2020

Ward	Project	Ward Allocation 2020/2021	Project Approvals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned (since April 2020)	Balance Remaining
Washington Central	Resources for Riding School (RDA) - to support re Covid19 response			£250		
	Washington Boxing Club - to purchase IT equipment for the Centres welfare room		£1,000			
	Total	£10,000	£1,000	£250	£0	£8,750
Washington East	Resources for Riding School (RDA) - to support re Covid19 response			£250		
	Total	£10,000	£0	£250	£0	£9,750
Washington North	Resources for Riding School (RDA) - to support re Covid19 response			£250		
	Washington Trust – on behalf of Mickeys Place – Food bank resources			£1,000		
	Washington Trust - on behalf of Washington Silvers FC - To purchase football strips for the under 15's team			£505		
	Tenants of Peacehaven Court - To purchase garden furniture including a bench and a table and chairs to enable residents to enjoy spending more time outside			£395		
	Washington Trust – To purchase an Apple MacBook Pro to enable the Trust to carry out video and photo editing and web page design			£1,000		

	Washington Trust NE umbrella organisation for Willow Brook Residents Association - Towards the cost of a celebratory tea with entertainment		£425			
	Rotary Washington Forge - Towards the cost of purchasing and installing a defibrillator and secure cabinet at Building Blocks Day Centre.		£1,200			
	Total	£10,000	£1,625	£3,150	£0	£5,225
Washington South	Resources for Riding School (RDA) - to support re Covid19 response			£250		
	SCC – Design works Ayton Parking Scheme			£1,000		
	SCC - To purchase and install a shroud bin and re-site the current bin in Ayton		£736.60			
	SCC - To purchase shrubs to reinstate the shrub bed in Monkside Close		£1,405.40			
	SCC - Purchase and install reflective backing boards for the 30 mph signs at the entrance to Emerson Road		£242.00			
	Total	£10,000	£2,384	£1,250	£4,496	£10,862
Washington West	Resources for Riding School (RDA) - to support re Covid19 response			£250		
	Total	£10,000	£0	£250	£0	£9,750
	TOTALS	£50,000	£5,009	£5,150	£4,496	£44,337