

<p align="center">WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 30th June 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report</p>	
<p>Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision: Committee are requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1. (b) Consider the approval of NF funding of £24,775 to Community Opportunities to extend the Washington Clean & Green Volunteering Programme as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (c) Consider the approval of NF funding of £100,000 to Sunderland City Council to deliver proposals for the NE Community Forest and management and maintenance of plantations in Washington as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (d) Consider the approval of NF funding of £60,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Events Programme 2022/23 as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (e) Consider the approval of NF funding of £100,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Positive Activities Programme 2022/23 as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (f) Consider the approval of NF funding of £12,000 to Sunderland City Council to deliver the Area Committee Communications Plan as set out in Section 2.4 and Item 3 Annex 1 (g) Consider the approval of NC funding of £100,000 for the delivery of the Washington Fixed Play Strategy as detailed in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 (h) Note the x Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed Item 3 Annex 3 (i) Note the x Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item 3 Annex 4 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £403,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 from the Neighbourhood Fund and was previously allocated £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme in 2020 to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>
<p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	

Item 3

Washington Area Committee

30th June 2022

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



Washington Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2022 / 2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023 This includes the Neighbourhood Fund allocation of £403,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 together with an underspend from 2021/22 of £953					£404,195
Queen's Jubilee Project	17.03.22	£33,054			£437,249
					£437,249

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

- 2.2 Washington Area Committee has been allocated £403,242 Neighbourhood Funding 2022/23 for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 Members are asked to note the return to budget of £33,054, an underspend from the Queen's Jubilee funding approved at the March 2022 meeting resulting in a balance of **£437,249** available.
- 2.4 There are 5 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration and detailed in **Annex 1**:
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| 1. Washington Clean & Green Volunteer Programme | £ 24,775 |
| 2. Washington NE Community Forest & Plantations Management | £100,000 |
| 3. Washington Events Programme 2022/23 | £ 60,000 |
| 4. Positive Activities Programme 2022/23 | £100,000 |
| 5. Washington Area Committee Communications Plan | £ 12,000 |
- 2.5 The total Neighbourhood fund budget requested for approval is **£296,775**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£140,474**
- 2.6 The March 2022 Area Committee approved a Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Youth Matters Project. Two applications were received and are presented to the Area Committee in **Annex 1**. Using the agreed Neighbourhood Fund scoring and assessment procedures and appropriate consultation exercises, neither of the applications met the requirements of the published brief, therefore Members are requested to consider and approve the Officer

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

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

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

- 3.1 The table below shows the financial position of the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020 / 2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting	16.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Usworth Park Development Plan	17.12.20			£9,000	£481,000
Washington Tree Management Project	17.12.20			£28,800	£452,200
Safety Measures	17.12.20			£62,000	£390,200
Bowes Railway Museum	18.03.21			£60,000	£330,200
Invest in Parks	18.03.21		£50,000		£280,200
Invest in Play	18.03.21		£80,000		£200,200
Safety Measures (Ph2)	01.07.21		£58,000		£142,200
Usworth Park Development Plan	28.09.21			50,000	£92,200
Time to Talk	28.09.21		£2,000		£90,200
Improving Community Assets	16.12.22			90,200	Fully allocated
Safety Measures	30.06.22	£20,000			£20,000

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

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

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

The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund budget requested for approval is **£100,000**. This includes **£80,000** previously aligned and **£20,000** returned to budget as detailed at 3.4. If approved, the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding remains fully allocated.

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same. With ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it has become difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 4.2 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2022 / 2023. **Annex 3** shows the approvals supported April 2021 to March 2022. **Annex 4** shows the approvals supported April to June 2022.

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

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

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

Annexes

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

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