

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in the WASHINGTON FOOTBALL HUB,
NORTHERN AREA PLAYING FIELDS, STEPHENSON ROAD, NE37
3HR on Tuesday 28th September, 2021 at 6.00 p.m.**

Membership

Cllrs Lauchlan (Chair), Laws (Vice Chair), Donaghy, Farthing, Fletcher, F. Miller, G Miller, Dianne Snowdon, T. Taylor, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, M. Walker, Warne and Williams

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

17th September, 2021

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE on THURSDAY, 1st JULY, 2021 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

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

Also in Attendance:-

Mrs. Karon Purvis	-	Area Officer – Sunderland City Council
Mr. Jon Ritchie	-	Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mrs. Helen Peverley	-	Area Co-ordinator – Sunderland City Council
Ms Denise Gilhome	-	Washington Community Support Worker
Mr. Alan Duffy	-	Gentoo
Mr Phil Sowerby	-	TWFRA

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillor G. Miller and Warne. Shirley Gillum, Sylvia Copley and Allison Patterson

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th March 2021

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 18th March, 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Washington Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and Neighbourhoods and Community Board Governance Arrangements 2021-2022

The Chair of Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and also provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which would be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2021 onwards.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Laws presented the report, highlighting the key points of action with the relevant Task Groups and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

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

In response to Councillor Williams enquiry, Karon Purvis, Area Officer advised that they were looking to get Memberships and dates for the Groups to be arranged for straight after the Council recess but the Youth Group already had a date which had been sent out.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon commented that it was really positive to see via the video shown that so much had been done during a challenging year but it was concerning that she was hearing of so many residents now in receipt of benefits due to COVID and we may need to have a refresh of our priorities to ensure that we are covering all of the people that need help.

Councillor Farthing queried what progress had been made in relation to the use of cameras to catch the perpetrators of fly tipping and where they intended to be situated. Mrs Purvis advised that the Project had already started but she would seek to provide a further detailed update at a Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting via Michelle Coates.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that the video highlighted a fantastic programme of works carried out and referred to the 52 tonnes of street rubbish which had been taken from streets and suggested that something did need to be done to tackle this, with the possible solution of cameras.

Councillor Taylor commented that the Area Committee had agreed funding for rock cameras previously and enquired as to what happened to these. These cameras were battery powered and motion sensed therefore didn't require

great staff resourcing. Councillor Taylor also commented that with regards to fly tipping we really needed to start reminding people that if it was their waste, it was their responsibility, especially as the Council provide a bulky waste service of £10 for 6 items so there wasn't any excuse for fly tipping.

Mrs Purvis advised that she would investigate as to the status of the rock cams from the previous project mentioned.

In response to Councillor Donaghy's query, it was advised that the cameras in question were covert cameras.

2. RESOLVED that the Committee

- i) Considered the progress and performance update with regards to the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020- 2023, and agreed the proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1 of the report
- ii) Noted the Area Committee Video presented at the meeting which summarised the Annual performance of the Area Committee during 2020-2021. A summary of the Area Committee performance would also be shared with Full Council later in 2021.

Washington Budget Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Purvis presented the report and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

With regards to the Delivering Washington and Heritage Culture Offer application, Mrs Purvis enquired if there was anything else Members wished to see included in the Project Brief. Councillor Williams requested that a Member of the Committee be included as part of the Governance structure to provide an effective link.

The Committee agreed the Project Brief with the inclusion of Councillor Williams suggestion.

In relation to the Washington Encampment Safety Measures application Councillor F. Miller commented that Page 30 made reference to the Barmston Pond design and queried that as these were the same type of barriers being installed as previously, had the impact assessments not already been done.

Mrs Purvis advised that it would be an equality assessment to consider the groups of people that could be affected by the individual measures proposed and was required legislatively as if there was a chance that the scheme could affect a disabled group or a particular group of people then this assessment had to be done.

Councillor Taylor commented that this wasn't just about illegal encampments but also included those vehicles that were part of the Nissan supply chain and the hauliers that had to wait for orders to be able to return. These people were having to park in the areas with no toilet facilities.

Councillor Taylor referred to the illegal encampments and advised that our own residents cannot use their parks for its intended purposes due to these and as Council Officers had known of these issues for many years now, residents felt that they were being ignored and they have had enough. The time to take action was now.

Councillor Taylor advised that he had written many emails requesting a meeting over the policy which had never occurred and he felt this wasn't good enough and also informed of an encampment opposite North Biddick Club which unfortunately hadn't been dealt with as we didn't have the relevant officers covering the weekend times that this had occurred. Councillor Taylor advised that if they don't move on after 5 days, the court cases to enforce take 5-6 weeks, which was 5-6 weeks in which our Washington residents had to suffer. Councillor Taylor believed the policy wasn't fit for purpose and that this needed to change and should be referred back to Cabinet.

Councillor Williams referred to the Delivery Plan which highlighted the investing in play, cycling and walking routes and commented that we needed to ensure these were safe in the long term and whilst she accepted there were a number of protected characteristics she did feel the policy needed a refresh and suggested that consultation be undertaken with Washington residents on how best to deal with this as the park needed to be available for everyone to use in a sensible way. Councillor Williams added that there was the need to get the balance right as residents pay their Council Tax and we needed to give them confidence that we would keep these places safe and tidy.

Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services advised on the need to find the balance from a financial and legal position and that all measures needed to be implemented within the policies and framework that was in place. Mr Ritchie advised that there may be a proposal that residents wish for, but if this were to contravene the legal position or requirement then it wouldn't be possible to implement therefore it was necessary for the impact assessments to be done.

Mr Ritchie also advised that he was aware that the Chief Executive and senior officers were looking at consideration of the renewal of the wider policy and he would look to try and set up the meeting requested by Councillor Taylor.

Councillor Taylor commented that Sunderland City Council needed a transfer site for genuine travellers and he was very disappointed it had taken this long. Councillor Taylor advised that he had met with senior officers and he felt he was only being paid lip service and residents had had enough which was also very frustrating for Councillors.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that this had been an issue for years and an officer had been appointed by the government with the remit to sort this, yet they hadn't been able to and a site had been identified but never materialised. Councillor H. Trueman acknowledged the need for the impact assessments but queried what would happen if the assessment stopped the measures and where we went from there.

Mr Ritchie advised that should the recommendation for a particular solution come back as a negative then it would be the challenge for officers to find a workable solution and that he would take back the clear sense of feeling portrayed by Members to the next Chief Officers meeting.

Councillor Taylor referred to the overhead barriers installed at Barmston Mere after complaints had been received about hauliers parking and an equality impact assessment would already have been carried out in order for this to be implemented.

Councillor Taylor commented that Durham County Council had a totally different attitude with temporary transfer sites put in every year and also made announcements asking travellers not to travel this year due to Covid, whereas Sunderland didn't do any of this.

Councillor Taylor also commented that in terms of Service areas, Sunderland only had one, which was Birtley in Washington so hauliers had nowhere else to go.

Councillor Fletcher informed the Committee that this had been a topic of conversation since 2006 and we were still in the same position now. Councillor Fletcher advised that within her Ward there had been a terrible issue of travellers parking on the roads off the A195 and the solution had been to dig a ravine, which after two years stopped this from happening.

Councillor Williams suggested that the policy be revisited by referring it back to Cabinet and also that the enforcement service become a 24/7 service rather than 9 to 5 Monday to Friday. Mr Ritchie advised that he could look at the referral back to cabinet with the Chief Officer Group and Joint Leadership Team and he would also look at the budgets for the Enforcement Team to consider the feasibility of becoming a 24/7 service.

With regards to the truck stop site, Mr Ritchie advised that there was still money in place for the original site that has been changed therefore he would pick this up with Peter McIntyre for any news on an update and he would also liaise with Mark Jackson in relation to the complaints over the Highways Issues.

In relation to the recommendations of the report, Councillor Taylor referred to bullet point 4 and requested that a time limit be placed on this. Mr Ritchie commented that he was happy to make the commitment that Members would be notified within 14 days of any update being received on the assessments.

Councillor Dianne Snowden requested that a different title be given to this project as it did not just relate to encampments and it also included parking issues from hauliers and such like. Mrs Purvis advised that the title was inherited from the original project and she would come up with a more appropriate title for the project in future.

In relation to the request to refer the policy to Cabinet, Mrs Purvis advised that this application was only to align the funding for the proposals and Mr Ritchie had promised to look at the other areas raised through the Chief Officers Group and Joint Leadership Team.

3. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial information detailed within sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 of the report;
- ii) Approved the 2 projects as detailed in Section 2 and Annex 1 of the report using the Neighbourhood Fund;
- iii) Considered the 1 project detailed in Section 3 and Annex 2 of the report, using the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme;
- iv) Noted the approved Community Chest grants from 1st April 2020 as detailed in Annex 3 of the report;
- v) Noted the approved Community Chest grants from 1st April 2021 as detailed in Annex 4 of the report.

Partner Agency Reports

a) Washington Area Community Voluntary Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mrs Purvis presented the report on behalf of the VCS Network.

Councillor Williams wished it be placed on record, the Area Committees gratitude to the VCS for their work over the past year and she looked forward to how the new alliance would bring us closer together along with the additional funding that would be available for the sector to utilise.

Members having considered the report, it was: -

4. RESOLVED that the content of the report and the opportunities and issues

raised by the Washington Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network be received and noted.

b) 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)

As Inspector Gjorven was not in attendance it was requested that any queries be emailed.

Councillor Taylor commented that he was disappointed the Inspector wasn't in attendance as he wished to refer to page 8 of the minutes and the use of the Fire Authority's Drone to tackle the antisocial Quad bike riders. Councillor Taylor informed the Committee that he had spoken with the Chief Fire Officer, who had been very keen to work collaboratively with the Police on this but the Police Inspector was yet to return the emails sent on this. The Chairman advised that they would see if this could be progressed.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

c) TWFRS

The Tyne and Wear Fire Service submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided performance-monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st March 2021 to 31st May 2021, compared with the same period in 2020

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Phil Sowerby, Station Manager presented the report and expanded on the figures provided

Councillor Farthing commented that she was staggered at the number of deliberate fires and in particular those in Washington South Ward with a lot occurring in the plantations. This was a great concern as the Ward had a great deal of plantations which were becoming vulnerable and many were in close proximity to dwellings.

Councillor Farthing also advised that of a badly burned tree that had been reported but had taken a great deal of time to locate and requested if better details of locations could be provided to help officers locate these when they occur.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon wished to thank the Fire Authority for the work carried out every day at the Nightingale Hospital and requested this be passed onto staff.

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the Washington Area for the period 1st May, 2021 to 4th June, 2021 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) L. Lauchlan,
Chairman.

Item 2
WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

28th September 2020

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Washington Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- a. Presents the Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023; and
- b. 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 Plans. 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:
- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
 - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.
- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.
- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be the working group 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.
- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work and recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2021.

4. Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to September 2021, with greater detail set out in **Annex 1**, which informs the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Issue / Area Priority	Action / Update
Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement: Safety Measures	EIA completed. Resident consultation: deadline for all comments 18 th September. As of 10 th September, 384 responses received 345 in favour of the schemes. Of the 384 only 230 have experienced any form of ASB at the sites – 154 have not. There are 232 comments – these responses and outcomes of the consultation will undergo analysis to identify key issues and priorities for residents. Currently the problems most identified by residents is motorbikes/quads followed by youth ASB drinking and drugs and then illegal encampments.
Love Where You Live: Clean & Green Local Action	July Board agreed to extend the CGLA scheme. Recommendation to approve an additional £11,000 to be considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Invest in Parks and Play: Parks and Play Task Group	Meeting 2 nd September. Agreed NCIP application to be submitted to September AC for Usworth Park. Recommendation to approve an additional £50,000 capital (previously aligned) to extend and deliver the Usworth Park Development Plan Project, to be considered under Item 3 Budget Report. In addition, a report to November Board following request to reassess and provide more detailed specification/costs for Princess Anne Park, and a report to November Board following meetings with SCC to revisit the Washington Fixed Play Survey and confirm required works. Anticipate applications to December AC for NICP currently aligned for Princess Anne Park and play improvements. July Board also agreed to recommend aligning funding to deliver the Time to Talk benches across Washington.
Health and Wellbeing: Healthy Choices Task Group	Task Group meeting 6 th September postponed until 29 th September 2021
Services for young people: Young People Task Group	Task Group met in June and July Board agreed a Call for Projects for the Creative You Project be presented at the September AC for approval, under Item 3 Budget Report. The project would be a 2year project and request applications to deliver innovative programmes and activities to support young people's wellbeing and build their confidence and aspirations.

	July Board agreed to extend the Washington Can Do scheme. Recommendation to approve an additional £10,000 to be considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Additional services delivered by VCS: Financial Inclusion Task Group	Task Group met on 8 th September and agreed to present a report to November Board which recommends working with SCC Financial Inclusion and Public Health to develop and deliver a 'financial resilience' project targeting young people.
Delivering Heritage and Culture	The July AC approved a Project Brief and Call for Projects to Deliver Washington Heritage and Culture. Whilst information was requested and one application pack provided, there were no application for this Call. The Heritage Task Group will meet 29 th September to determine options and next steps

5. Recommendation(s)

5.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.
- ii. Support the recommendation to extend the Clean & Green Local Action scheme
- iii. Support the recommendation to extend the Usworth Park Development Plan Project
- iv. Support the recommendation to agree the Washington Creative You Project Brief and Call for Project
- v. Support the recommendation to extend the Washington Can Do fund

Annex 1 Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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Washington Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within Washington, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Washington Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

- Tackle empty properties
- Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities
- Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood
- Flood mitigation
- Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- Plantation and tree management
- Street furniture
- Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting
- Increase 5G access & support digital learning
- Healthy and Well Being
- Support VCS to provide additional local services
- Support local volunteering
- Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to help reduce fear of crime through partnership working
- Local Events
- Support for young people
- Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1. Tackle Empty Properties		
Action	Next Steps	Progress Report
Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board Illegal encampments raised as an issue	Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area	<p>1. Following an update to all Area Chairs, presentation from Private Sector Housing Team to July Board.</p> <p>Sulgrave - PSHT to contact landlords to understand what they want from their properties at Sulgrave Flats and also from the Council currently and also in the future. The team also working closely with Environmental Health and the ASB team</p> <p>2. December AC approved £62k Capital funding to implement Safety Measures. Further £58k aligned at July Area Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIA completed • Resident consultation underway with a deadline for all comments 18th September. As of 10th September, 384 responses received 345 in favour of the schemes. Of the 384 only 230 have experienced any form of ASB at the sites – 154 have not. There are 232 comments – these responses and outcomes of the consultation will undergo analysis to identify key issues and priorities for residents. Currently the problems most identified by residents is motorbikes/quads followed by youth ASB drinking and drugs and then illegal encampments.
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	ACDL to work with the lead with regards to identify project sustainability post March 2022	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board propose Clean & Green Project as a priority for support 2021/22. Next Steering group planned 05.10.21. A limited number of volunteers have

		returned. Small scale litter picking and clean ups only (to include a community group or volunteers)
Scheme: Additional planters – look into feasibility of resident groups adopting them	ACDL to confirm with Environmental Services how many planters are available, condition and requirements for maintenance and repair	7 schemes agreed with 24 planters utilised – East Bridge St, Oxclose/Crighton, Building Blocks Centre, Usworth Park, Rickleton PS, Biddick PS, the Life House Sensory Garden. Clean & Green Team are project managing the scheme
Continue with Ward Improvement Project	ACDL followed up on all outstanding works, all claims submitted.	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board propose review of Project Outcomes by December 2021 with a view to request AC consider further allocation of funds
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	ACDL to present options/review of project outcomes to future Board	July Board recommendation to extend the Clean & Green Local Action (Small Grants) scheme presented to September Area Committee to approve an additional £11,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)
3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Multi-Agency approach to develop a Washington Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project (WNMEP)- Focus on Neighbourhood ‘enforcement’ in village centres, littering on slip roads, use of cameras, vandalism and ASB in parks, play areas and green spaces, and support for environmental volunteers	ACDL established Task & Finish Group for Neighbourhood Management/Enforcement Initiative to receive above information, consider and how they can enhance and support the current offer in Washington	Progress Report including report with regards to using cameras to enforce fly tipping to July Board Further updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports
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	Alongside Washington NMEP, Together Clean & Green keen to roll out extensive education and PR campaign to promote enforcement messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective Neighbourhood Management. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly. Next meeting early October will reassess the remit of the group

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.	Use of Area Facebook pages and SCC Social Media for Campaign/messages to support the proposed NMEP and Together C & G work continues
4. Flood Mitigation		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Washington Flood Mitigation Scheme: Request update to Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW funded)	ACDL request update to Board	Flood Mitigation Scheme update report presented
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>ACDL established Task & Finish group to develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington Parks and Play in parks. To consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Capacity • City's Play Strategy • Inspection and maintenance regimes for any new development • Plans for investment in parks and green spaces • Dealing with and response to ASB and vandalism of play areas and parks • Opportunities to access S106 • 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 	<p>Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agree investment in Parks and Play as a priority for support 2021/22</p> <p>Next Task Group 3rd September 2021 to discuss timescales and mechanisms for approving aligned funding and progressing schemes as identified in the presentation. The following is recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACDL submits a NCIP application to the September AC to approve the £50,000 currently aligned. SCC Capital funding of £120,000 will then be made available to help deliver the UPDP • Princess Anne Park - Task group confirm priority spend. ACDL to request design services revisit priority tasks identified by Task Group and reassess and provide more detailed specification and costs - Report to November Board • SCC Officer to revisit Fixed Play Survey and confirm required specifications and works • Time to Talk benches - Report from the Area Chair to July Board

<p>Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan</p>	<p>ACDL to redraft Usworth Park Development Plan. Include review and redraft of Action Plan</p>	<p>March Area Committee aligned £50k Neighbourhood Capital funds to contribute to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan. Progressing establishing the Friends Group for Usworth Park</p> <p>Work is now underway with progress re bins, seats, landscaping, tennis court improvements, new gate into tennis courts, new fencing, line marking on the courts for play, goalposts, litter picks and tidy ups, planters project, security, tree planting and bulbs, and local consultation for new gates.</p> <p>The plan also recommends repurposing the brick pavilion. A fully costed specification for repair and remediation works to address required health and safety and building standards plus specification to remodel and extend the building has now been received. Application to September AC to approve £50k NCIP currently aligned</p>
<p>Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan</p>	<p>ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board</p>	<p>March Area Committee aligned £50k Neighbourhood Capital funds to contribute to delivering the improvements in Princess Anne Park as identified by the recent review of the masterplan for the park</p> <p>A review of the Princess Anne Masterplan has been completed and presented to both Board and full Area Committee. Ward councillors identified footpath repairs and car park resurfacing as the main priorities. WAC have aligned £50,000 and SCC has indicated another £50,000 will be made available to deliver those priorities. The review received indicates estimates for some of the works and there is still a need to carry out a detailed analysis re required specification of works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair closed footpath £15,000e • Repair stairs (North) £10,000e

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs to footpaths throughout (including drainage issues) £50,000e Carpark repairs No estimate <p>Request design services revisit priority tasks identified by Task Group and reassess and provide more detailed specification/costs Report to November Board.</p>
Improve play areas	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds	<p>Fixed play survey (FPS) presented to Board and Area Committee. WAC aligned £80,000 NCIP and SCC confirmed £85,000 capital as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCC Officer to revisit FPS and confirm required specifications and works– report to November Board
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 close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)	Strategic update to Board.	Following the successful implementation of the WAC funded tree management scheme (Phase 1 & 2), SCC Officers invited to attend future Board to discuss strategic approach to manage large plantation areas in Washington
7. Street Furniture including litter bins		
Senior Environmental Services Manager requested to provide an update to Cllrs on the Replacement and Renewal Programme		SCC presentation outlining future capital investment in parks and allotments at the July Board included confirmation of £65,000 investment in bins and signage in Ayton, Holley Park, Rickleton and Seldom Seen.

		Ward Cllrs continue to invest Ward Improvement Budgets to repair, and replace bins across Washington
8. Highways, road safety, 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	VAS signs for the Washington Area received and deployed. Rotation programme agreed and included in previous Board Reports. Area report detailing the speed data downloaded from the Washington Area VAS following the Feb/Mar/Apr rotation included at July Board. Further updates to future Boards
Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020	ACDL organise meeting Road Safety Team re draft proposals and schemes – complete. Detailed report to November Board and December Area Committee with regards to proposals for campaign.	Event held at Usworth Colliery PS 17 th July. SCC Road Safety Officers are keen to engage with more Primary schools in Washington and now that restrictions have eased / lifted there is scope to improve the offer. Key to this will be interest and take up from the schools. Once the new term starts the team will contact school heads again, and the plan is to prioritise those previously identified by members through WAC. St Josephs (WC) and St Bedes (WN) have signed up. Rickleton asked for information. Barmston (WE), Blackfell (WW) and George Washington do not wish to be included in the Campaign - no issues. Board will be updated re programming
Request strategic response to Traffic Management issues raised – enforcement of 20mph areas, speeding, need for additional signage re speed limits, enforcing the bus links and inconsiderate parking around/near to schools		Traffic management/parking issues on agenda at Board as required
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	A prioritised list of proposed streets for the 2021/22 approved 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	Task Group established	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed Healthy Choices Project as a priority for support 2021/22 First Task Group meeting scheduled 29th September. Report to November Board to consider options to progress this priority
Continue the Neighbourhood funded Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy Action in the Community' projects		2 out of 6 projects complete. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting and will continue to report through normal NF Performance and Review processes
10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues		
Action		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations	Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance	Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. 4 of 5 CSW posts now filled – Washington CSW Denise Gilholme has started meeting partners and groups and attended the last Network meeting to update the sector on support. VCS Alliance Manager also now in post. An update on the VCS Alliance will be presented to Cllrs at the EO Board meeting scheduled 21st September
Working via the Washington Area VCS Network determine capacity and priorities to enable local organisations to provide additional services/ extended opening times across Washington.	Number of WAC funded Project already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.	March Area Committee approved 12month extension for REACT, WISP, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care. Will report through normal NF Performance and Review processes and all activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. VCS Support Project extended until December 2021 and co-ordinating all volunteer and VCS support with the CSW

Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Social Isolation' projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting and will continue to report through normal NF Performance and Review processes
Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed investment and support for digital inclusion for learning and employment as a priority for support 2021/22
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 The hubs are also starting to complete 'personal pathway plans' for all those still registered for support to ensure they continue to get the help they need.
Evaluate the delivery model for the Neighbourhood Fund VCS Support Project and VCS Training Programme– to consider reprofiling outcomes and milestones based on learning from Community Hubs	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs. Linked to strategic review re support for VCS.	VCS Support Project linked to Hub –Anticipate project ends December 2021. All VCS support and volunteering support co-ordinated with the CSW Action Plan. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board
12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime through a partnership approach		
Action	Next Steps	Progress
Develop local Neighbourhood Watch schemes	ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr meeting (Microsoft Teams) with Inspector and bring information to future board meeting re potential for neighbourhood watch schemes Maintain communication and information sharing established through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Area News weekly bulletin • Area Face Book pages • Information sharing • Joint Police/Cllr meeting 	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed establishing a community scheme as a priority for support 2021/22. Date for next Joint Police and Cllr meeting to be confirmed (currently Inspector Gjorven on leave – Acting in place is Sgt Steven Passey)
Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-agency approach	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings	ACDLs and Cllr F Miller to continue to report issues raised which require a multi-agency approach.

Continue the Neighbourhood funded 'Fire Angels' Project working with vulnerable adults re home safety alarms	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	No further update received due to pandemic/restrictions. Request update as part of next QMR process
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 Event programme	Washington Events Programme rolled over to 2021/22. ACDL in discussions with lead with regards to options and alternatives events – dependent on restrictions being eased. Project supported Springwell 1940s Event and Miners Event 4th September in Usworth Park. Next event likely to be Illuminations and Christmas Events. ACDL in discussions with lead re format of events. Report to November Board, together with options to extend the Events timetable to include Easter Event
14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Action		
Positive Activities	ACDL amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.	Continued support to deliver Positive Activities programmes – school holiday activity programmes plus address holiday hunger. March 2021 AC agreed a new 12month programme. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC
Relaunch the 'Can-Do' Project	Review of scheme to July Board	Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed Can do Project as a priority for support 2021/22. July Board recommendation to extend

		the Can do scheme presented to September Area Committee to approve an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)
Develop a new 'offer' for young people - a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music?	Task & Finish Group established. Consider options for 'Remix' type initiative to encourage new delivery partners.	July Board agreed a Call for Projects for the Creative You Project be presented at the September AC for approval. The project would be a 2year project and request applications to deliver innovative programmes and activities to support young people's wellbeing and build their confidence and aspirations
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Washington Outreach Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	The project continues to address partner and Cllr hotspot areas re ASB. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC
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 • Build on the work of the Blue Plaque installations 	Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed delivering the Washington Heritage Strategy as a priority for support 2021/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital investment at Bowes Railway approved March 2021 • Project Brief for 'Heritage & Culture' organisation to deliver the Washington Heritage Strategy approved July AC • Call for Projects released with deadline for applications 7th August No applications submitted. Reconvene the Heritage Task Group September to consider options and brief.

		<p>Briefing and summary of works to relocate Albany Wheel and replace to be presented to July Board.</p> <p>Members to consider enhancing the current scheme to encourage community participation in heritage via schools and local history groups.</p> <p>Report and costs to be presented to November board for consideration</p>
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WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 28th September 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: Committee are requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1 (b) Consider the approval of NF funding of £11,000 to Community Resilience to extend the Clean and Green Local Action (Small Grants) project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (c) Consider the approval of NF funding of £10,000 to Community Resilience to extend the Washington Can Do fund (Small Grants) as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (d) Consider the approval of NF funding of £100,000 and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Creative You project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (e) Consider the approval of NI Capital funding of £50,000 to Community Resilience to extend the Usworth Park Development Plan as set out in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 2 (f) Consider the alignment of NI Capital funding of £2,000 for Time to Talk benches as set out in Section 3.4 and Item 3 Annex 3 (g) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021 / 2022, as detailed Item 3 Annex 4 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £464,444 (inc Youth allocation) for 2021/2022 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

Item 3 WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

28th September 2021

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Washington Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

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

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2021/2022:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2021/2022					£464,444
Support for Friends Groups	20.10.16	£4,807			£469,251
Purchase of grounds Equipment	26.09.19	£5,700			£474,951
Area Committee Communications	01.07.21			£10,000	£464,951
Delivering Heritage & Culture	01.07.21			£150,000	£314,951

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2021/2022

- 2.2 Area Committee has been allocated £464,444 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There are 3 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**
- i) Extend Clean and Green Local Action (Small Grants) – Community Resilience £ 11,000**
 - ii) Extend Washington Can Do Fund – Community Resilience £ 10,000**
 - iii) Washington Creative You Project £100,000**
- 2.4 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£121,000**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£193,951**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

- 3.1 The table below shows the financial position of 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		£100,000		£230,200
Invest in Play	18.03.21		£80,000		£150,200
Safety Measures (Phase 2)	01.07.21		58,000		£92,200

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 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.
- 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.
- 3.4 There is 1 application to the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 2**
- i) Extension to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan £50,000**
- 3.5 The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund budget requested for approval is **£50,000** (previously aligned). If approved, the remaining balance will be **£92,200**.
- 3.6 There is 1 proposal to align Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund. At the July meeting of the Neighbourhood and Communities Board it was agreed to recommend aligning £2,000 to facilitate the roll out of Time to Talk Benches across Washington. Further detail is included at **Item 3 Annex 3**
- i) Time to Talk benches – Community Resilience £2,000**
- 3.7 The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund budget requested to align is **£2,000**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£90,200**.
- 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 2021/2022. **Annex 4** shows the approvals supported, June to September.

Ward	2021/2022 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£1,450	£8,550
East	£10,000	£0	£1,230	£8,770
North	£10,000	£0	£1,394	£8,606
South	£10,000	£0	£1,012	£8,988
West	£10,000	£0	£2,000	£8,000
Total	£50,000	£0	£7,086	£42,914

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2021/2022

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 **£11,000** to Community Resilience to extend the Clean and Green Local Action (Small Grants) project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£10,000** to Community Resilience to extend the Washington Can Do fund (Small Grants) as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£100,000** and the Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Creative You project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Consider the approval of NI Capital funding of **£50,000 to Community Resilience to extend the Usworth Park Development Plan** as set out in **Section 3.4** and **Item 3 Annex 2**
- 5.6 Consider the alignment of NI Capital funding of **£2,000** as set out in **Section 3.4** and **Item 3 Annex 3**
- 5.7 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed **Item 3 Annex 4**

Annex 1: Neighbourhood Fund Approval Proposals

Annex 2: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Approval Proposals

Annex 3: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Alignment Proposals

Annex 4: Community Chest Grant Approvals

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Applications for Washington Neighbourhood Fund**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Clean & Green Local Action - Extension
Lead Organisation	SCC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£11,000		£11,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	September 2021	September 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description: The Area Committee approved £10,000 for the Clean and Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme September 2019. Grants of £500 were to be made available to Washington based smaller grassroots organisations to become more involved in caring for the local environment. Only one round/invite has been released which resulted in only 2 applications each for £500 (November 2019). Given the impact of the pandemic and restrictions the scheme has not been advertised at all over the last 18 months. The balance remaining available is currently £9,000. The level of grant available has not attracted a lot of interest from local organisations with regards to proposals to deliver 'environmental/green improvements to the area'. The grant was originally intended to encourage the local community to help deliver the Committee's 'Clean & Green' ethos and there is an expectation that groups and volunteers would then help maintain any area improved via the grant.

Whilst there are a number of other supported mechanisms to encourage and support the community to be involved in caring for the environment and the area, the July Board requested Area Committee to consider Increasing the level of grant available per application to encourage activity and to approve additional funds to extend the original brief.

The grants will continue to be awarded via the Neighbourhood Fund 'Small Grants' processes and governance, and if approved a 'Call for Projects' will be released October 2021.

Outputs

20 community grants made by September 2023

Budget

Each round will encourage applications for local action up to £1,000 per application

Recommendation – Approve £11,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Love Where You Live (Section 2).

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Washington Can Do - Extension
Lead Organisation	SCC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£10,000		£10,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 years	September 2021	September 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description: The Washington Can Do fund has proven to be extremely successful in engaging children and young people with some great innovative proposals being brought forward to benefit not only the groups who are applying but also the wider community. First approved by the Committee in 2016, the fund has made 34 awards – 27 to 11-19 age groups and 7 to primary school aged groups (included from March 2021). For the 11-19 applications 17 of the 27 were to academies and schools, 1 to a uniformed group, and the other 9 to youth led groups or organisation. For the younger age group all but one of successful awards have been led by a school. There is a balance of £xx remaining from the first approval.

The Neighbourhood and Communities Board requested a review of the activity and support the following amendments to the scheme:

- Both age groups are able to apply for grants to deliver any of the outcomes – originally primary school aged groups could only apply for green/environmental projects
- £500 per application is available.
- Each 'group' can only submit one application per round/invite
- All proposals should benefit the local community as well as the group applying
- All applicants will need to show what they will be doing to deliver each of the outcomes they choose – activity needs to be directly related to the chosen outcome

The grants will continue to be awarded via the Neighbourhood Fund 'Small Grants' processes and governance, and if approved the next 'Call for Projects' will be released October 2021.

Outputs: 20 community grants made by September 2023

Budget

Each round will encourage applications for local action up to £500 per application

Recommendation – Approve £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Supporting young people (Section 14).

Washington Young People's 'CAN DO' Fund

Are you part of a children's group or a group of young people (Aged 8 -19)?

Do you have an idea or project you need funding to do?

We can help you do it

Introduction and background

The Washington Area Neighbourhood & Community Board has developed a 'CAN DO' Fund available only to groups of children and young people, who want to design and deliver a small project to benefit themselves, other children and young people, and their local community (Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South, Washington West only).

A group is four or more people, and you must have one person in your group to act as the main contact (the applicant). You must have the support or backing of an organisation such as your school, youth club, sports club or similar who will help you to apply and will agree to receive any successful grant into their bank account on your behalf. If the application is approved, the supporting organisation will be sent an offer letter along with the full Terms and Conditions of grant. The grant will be paid within 14 days upon receipt of the signed Terms and Conditions

The attached funding application form must be completed by the group, and you will be asked to present your idea to the Washington Area Neighbourhood & Community Board. Please provide evidence of costs that you include in the application.

The deadlines for applications **xx xxxxx 2021**

All applicants will be expected to present their proposal to the next scheduled Neighbourhood and Community Board on the **xxxx xxxx 2021**

Up to £500 is available per application/group. You should be able to demonstrate value for money, the likely benefits for the group, and evidence benefits for the local community. The decision on which applications are successful will be made by the Neighbourhood and Community Board and will be final. There is no right to appeal.

The ‘Can Do’ Grant is available for groups of children and young people to deliver at least one of the following outcomes – in your application form please evidence what you will be doing for each of the outcomes you choose

1. **Proposals which include ‘Clean and Green’ activities, environmental improvements and improve the visual appearance of the Washington area**
2. **Proposals and activities which increase participation and bring benefit to the wider community as well as the group or other children and young people**
3. **Proposals which improve children and young people’s physical and mental health**
4. **Proposals which help children and young people take part in activities to improve skills, increase opportunities and achieve goals**

Next Steps If you are interested in applying to the fund please complete the attached form and send it by email to Karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk If you have any questions about the fund or would like to discuss please contact Karon Purvis, Washington Area Community Development Lead Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk or on 07570 573356

Application No.3

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has agreed a Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects for a new project to support young people through 'creative' activities and programmes to build confidence, aspirations and support wellbeing.

Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity Call for Projects – Washington Creative You

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and partner organisations to submit proposals to deliver a project in the local community which supports delivery of their 'Services for Young People' (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered by the Washington Area are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

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

Project Description:

As part of the area priority, '**Provision of services and activities for young people**' the Washington Area Committee has identified the need for a 'new offer' which not only provides a programme of creative activities and experiences but also supports young people's emotional and mental wellbeing and self-esteem and confidence to help them progress.

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify how it will achieve the following outcomes

1. A creative and innovative programme which will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences across Washington
2. Provides activities or initiatives to reach out to young people not currently engaging in organised activities
3. Improves and supports emotional resilience, community cohesion and enables young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations
4. Ensure young people's needs are met and voices listened to
5. Uses a variety of methods to target and engage young people
6. Complements and adds value to existing young people's provision and where appropriate, works in partnership with existing initiatives
7. Deliver creative and innovative activities or schemes at locations most likely to engage young people and include an element of 'reaching into the community' in places where young people go
8. Increase the number of young people accessing creative activities by setting achievable targets/outcomes
9. Build skills and confidence amongst young people
10. Encourage young people to be active participants in their community
11. Have knowledge of relevant local provision, projects, activities and initiatives
12. All applications should be for Washington wide provision

All proposals should

- Evidence the organisations' experience in delivering both 'creative' projects and working with young people
- Compliment and add value to other initiatives being delivered across the area (not just young people's projects)
- Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community

The Area Committee is keen to support proposals that evidence collaboration or a partnership approach. If organisations wish to come together and deliver different elements of the brief, the application must be clear with regards to separate roles of organisations, governance, reporting, and partnership protocols.

Budget:

The budget available for this Call for Projects is **£100,000**. Washington Area Committee expect to see as a **minimum** a 2year project. All applications will be subject to formal assessment and scoring.

Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria. The results of that assessment and a recommendation will be presented to the next available Area Committee. This is a competitive process and will be scored and assessed independently

Timescale

Deadline for applications	25 th October 2021
Assessment and consultation by	8 th November 2021
Award of grant (next available Area Committee)	December 2021

Next Steps

Any interested organisation should request an application pack. These are available by contacting Karon Purvis, Washington Area Community Development Lead

Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 07570 573356, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have.

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

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Supporting young people (Section 14).

Applications for Washington Capital funding
Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Usworth Park Development Plan
Lead Organisation	SCC – Community Resilience

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP Application
£170,000	£120,000	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	October 2021	September 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description: The application builds on the first phase of delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan - £30,000 was approved to deliver the shorter term immediate quick wins to improve the park and to encourage wider community use and establish a Friends Group. The key aim of the plan is to have 'Green Flag' status reinstated for the park. To date a number of landscaping improvements, repairs and regeneration have taken place, new gates and equipment is being installed at the tennis courts, plans to install new gates and develop a new entrance are underway, and more importantly – a positive and proactive Friends Group is now established. In addition, a group of young people are now actively involved through the 'Kick the Dust' initiative led by Groundwork. Events have started again in the park. We have also received a donation of fencing to reinstate a robust boundary to the park. One of issues has been youth ASB and vandalism in the park – the Washington Outreach Project targets the park with the police when any incidents are reported and we have a contract with SSC Security to local and unlock the gates until 1st January 2022.

A condition survey and a feasibility survey have now been completed to repurpose the building (brick pavilion). A detailed specification has been issued for the repair, refurbishment and extension of the building via SSC Property Services – this is the next priority from the Development Plan and it is anticipated those works will be approximately £150,000. Together with proposals to repurpose the space in front of the building as a 'community space' this proposal to utilise the £50,000 aligned from the Washington NICP and the £120,000 SCC capital allocated will then see the main priorities of the plan delivered. To note – spend continues against the original £30,000 re incidents, repairs, supporting the Friends group and delivering some of the smaller scale measures such as noticeboards, new park furniture, installing the fencing and delivering the new entrance gates.

Outputs

1 Building renovated and improved 1 Friends Group supported

Budget

£150,000	Tender Specification to extend and renovate current building
£20,000	Develop community space

Milestones

Specification repurpose building agreed	October 2021
Tender for works	December 2021
Works commence	February 2022
Project completed	July 2022

Recommendation – Approve

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

Alignment Proposal 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Investment Capital Fund
Name of Project	Time to Talk
Lead Organisation	SCC
ALIGN	£2,000

Background

Following a presentation to the July meeting of the Neighbourhood and Communities Board, a proposal to roll out a project across the city which allocates a number of our park and open spaces' benches/seating areas, to become 'time to talk' benches/seating areas, linked with our walking routes and heritage trails, wider volunteer programmes and which will support our aspirations to become an Ageing Well City, was agreed.

'Time to Talk' benches would feature a simple sign which reads 'Sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello' and would be designed to help combat loneliness and encourage community interaction. The benches may also be painted a different colour and communities may wish to link with local art groups / projects. The benches would be located within our 1-2-3 walking routes and our heritage walking trails, which would potentially encourage residents to walk and talk together, leading to further inaction and physical activities. The benches could be promoted on social media, via the Step-Up app and Area Committees may wish to commission our voluntary and community sector to deliver wrap-around projects linked to the launch of the benches and walking routes. Currently the team is mapping options - and the first area being looked is the Coalfields. Washington Area Committee is requested to consider aligning funds to implement a similar scheme across Washington once the Coalfields pilot is confirmed. Any funds not allocated will be returned to the budget

Recommendation – Align £2,000

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend alignment of this project, which delivers to the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan priorities of Love Where You Live and Health & Wellbeing

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Washington Area Committee

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Community Chest Awards April 2021 to September 2021

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Glebe Methodist Church	23.08.21	-	£1,450
Remaining balance			£8,550
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Fatfield Academy	25.06.21	-	£1,230
Remaining balance			£8,770
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Bede's RC Primary School	23.06.21	-	£500
Tyne Tees Heritage Transport	16.07.21	-	£394
Washington New Tavern FC	16.07.21	-	£500
Remaining balance			£8,606
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
SCC - Highways	02.06.21	-	£500
Ayton Allotments Association	16.07.21	-	£512
Remaining balance			£8,988
Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Blackfell Primary School	27.05.21	-	£2,000
Remaining balance			£8,000

Item 4

Washington Area Committee
28th September 2021

Item 4a

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regards to the Washington Area Community & 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 sector 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 informing Members of recent activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector
- 2.3 The delegates will also represent the Network at the VCS Alliance meetings.

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 VCS groups and organisations. Collectively these organisations provide Washington residents with a wide range of local services, activities and opportunities and have a significant role within community life.
- 3.2 As well as partner updates re what is happening across the area, events, opportunities etc., partners regularly attend the networks to present information, consult and to offer numerous opportunities to develop partner approaches.
- 3.3 The Area Network partners 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 Neighbourhood Investment Plans

4. Washington Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 4.1 The Washington Network has continued to meet via Microsoft Teams and has kept in regular contact sharing information, opportunities and ideas.
- 4.2 The Area Network galvanised within days after the lock downs were declared and transformed their services to ensure they continued to support those in need across the area. Services continued to be delivered but in a different way.
- 4.3 SNCBC has led the Washington Area Hub and worked with the Council, CCG, Gentoo, VCS partners and volunteers to provide support for shopping, prescriptions, befriending, dog walking and many more services – dependent on the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities.
- 4.4 Network organisations were invited to apply to 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, Covid support re Mental Health funds and the Targeted Covid Champions funding.
As the effects of lockdowns eased, the Area Hubs continued to support those residents still needing support and are implementing 'Personal Pathway Plans' to determine appropriate referrals.

- 4.5 Following significant consultation with the Area VCS Networks, a Sunderland VCS Alliance has been formed to support a strong, vibrant and accessible VCS which both influences and supports delivery of key services in the City. The Alliance is sector-led through the five Area VCS Networks and financially supported by SCC, Gentoo and Sunderland CCG, alongside external funding secured via the ESIF Community Led Local Development Programme (CLLD). The Alliance is building on the importance and strengths of the area-based VCS structures and networks, increasing capacity in the sector wherever possible to support the delivery of the ambitions of the Sunderland City Plan, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans. The Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy, and the Community Led Local Development Strategy.
- 4.6 Washington Network has met twice since the last Committee meeting and report. At the meeting of the held 20th July the Network received an update on the VCS Alliance - the 'Let's Talk VCS' Event is 7th October, VCS Alliance Website up and running and the Washington CSW now in place and in attendance today. Denise gave a brief introduction and summary of her role. In addition, the meeting received a presentation about the services available as part of the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) which is part of the Sunderland Psychological Wellbeing Service.

Partner updates:

- Area Hub volunteers were still delivering services to residents
- New 'Friends of Usworth park' established
- Community Opportunities will be delivering the WAC funded 'Positive activities' programmes in all Wards throughout the summer holidays
- DWP not fully reopened yet with only 10 – 2pm sessions available to more vulnerable clients. Washington JC was also now identified as a 'Safe Place' for victims of domestic abuse.
- Washington Forge Rotary provided an update on their Youth awards and competitions, leadership award, and Swimathon and Defibrillator programme
- Social Prescribers were now getting out into the local community and establishing key relationships, partnerships etc.
- CAB provided information and posters on the services they provide

The meeting of the 7th September received the following updates:

- VCS Alliance event – 88 were booked to attend.
- WISP project was working face to face at St Michael's and providing telephone support to WCFP
- Washington MIND are updating and reviewing wellbeinginfo.org
- Washington Support Group for Men are meeting again with a range of courses underway and planned over the next year
- VCS Support Project updated with regards to Area Hub volunteers, supporting volunteers at Bowes Railway, helping address Social isolation, Friends of Usworth Park and events in the Park
- ACW updates the meeting on the Creative Age group and the start of the Creative Me initiative – 1 group for young people and one for adults using art to help with mental health' ACW is also working with the PCN VCS Steering Group
- Debra Grosse updated re Social Prescribing work
- PCN VCS Steering Group continuing to expand its activities to provide opportunities for patients
- Building Blocks Day Centre making Uniform Drive a permanent offer at the centre. Aimee also offered the community room at the centre for Network meetings

- Mary Evans of Holy Trinity to present more detail at the next meeting of how the group is planning to extend its community remit and provide activities and services for residents and not just those attending the church services. The volunteers are keen to be considered a community group and build positive relationships with organisations and partners

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the Washington AVCS.

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28 September 2021

REPORT OF GENTOO

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee to September 2021

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

3. Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 Gentoo are in the process of pulling together a media campaign aimed to support tenants on Universal Credit who will be impacted financially when the £20 uplift comes to an end in September 2021. The Money Matters Team will be leading on this project and supporting tenants with budgeting advice, debt management advice, utility suppliers, benefit checks etc.
- 3.2 Gentoo are supporting the Afghan Resettlement Scheme in the City and have offered properties to support rehousing the refugees.
- 3.3 Gentoo, in partnership with Newcastle Furniture Service (NFS), are offering new and existing tenants a furnished tenancy package, to allow tenants to live comfortably with new furniture and appliances at an affordable weekly cost. If customers are in receipt of benefits, the furniture may be covered by the Housing Element of Universal Credit or Housing Benefit.
- 3.4 Gentoo's 'Poverty Action Group', a new initiative aimed at addressing poverty in the City, is looking at a collaborative approach at times of need such as Christmas, Easter, summer holidays etc. Organisations such as Sunderland Council, Foundation of Light, Sunderland Foodbank and members of the voluntary sector will be involved in this new group.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 We recently informed all affected customers in Fatfield that we were unable to deliver the proposed district heating replacement scheme in its' proposed form due to a significant increase in costs following detailed surveys. We are still intending to replace district heating schemes on a value for money basis in Fatfield, Oxclose and Albany in the next 18 months.
- 4.2 Future reports will present a detailed breakdown of planned and ongoing investment activity in the Washington area.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

Contact Officer

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REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st April 2021 to 31st August 2021, compared with the same period in 2020. All statistics for this report were taken from the following wards:

- Washington Central
- Washington North
- Washington East
- Washington South
- Washington West

2 Background

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

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

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

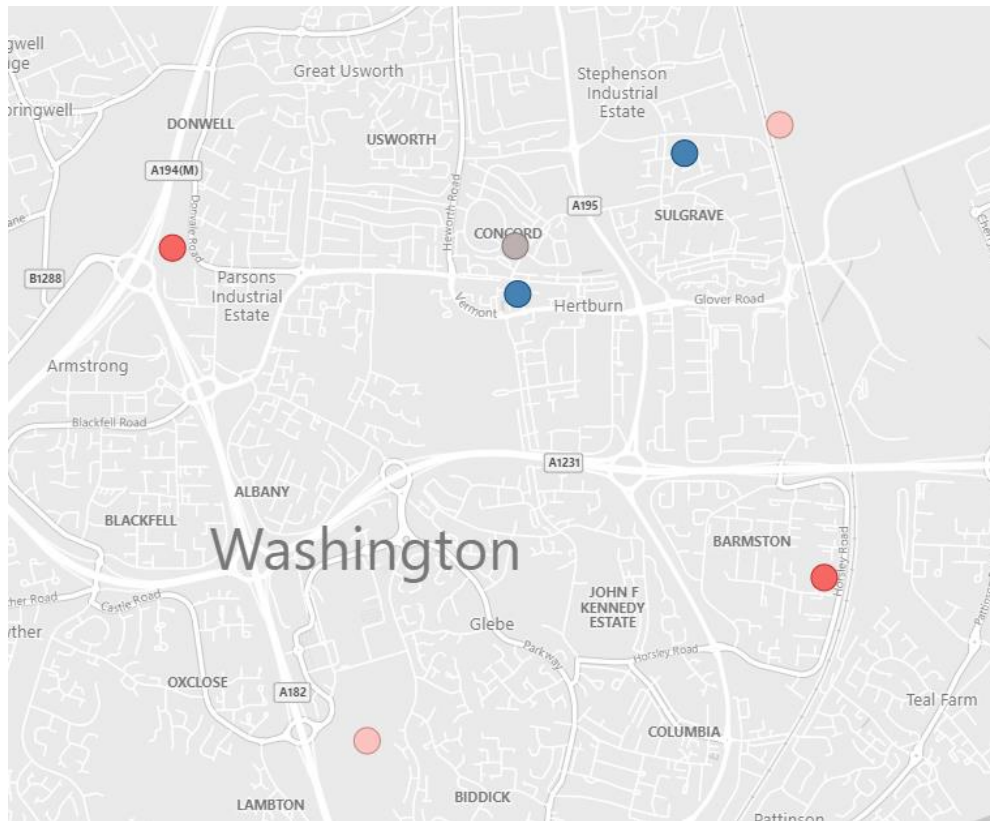
No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

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

There were 7 deliberate primary fires (excluding road vehicles) within this reporting period. This compares with 10 incidents for the same period last year.

<i>Washington North</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Washington South</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Washington East</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Washington West</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Washington Central</i>	<i>0</i>

Fig. 1 - LI 14 (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



- 3.3 **LI 15 - Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires**
 8 incidents have been attended within the reporting period; this compares to 4 incidents in the previous year.

Ward	2020					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	TOTAL
<i>Washington Central</i>	-	-	-	1	-	1
<i>Washington East</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
<i>Washington North</i>	1	-	-	-	1	2
<i>Washington West</i>	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>Washington South</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
Grand Total	1	1	0	1	1	4

Ward	2021					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	TOTAL
<i>Washington Central</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
<i>Washington East</i>	1	2	-	1	-	4
<i>Washington North</i>	1	-	1	1	1	4
<i>Washington West</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
<i>Washington South</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0
Grand Total	1	2	1	2	1	8

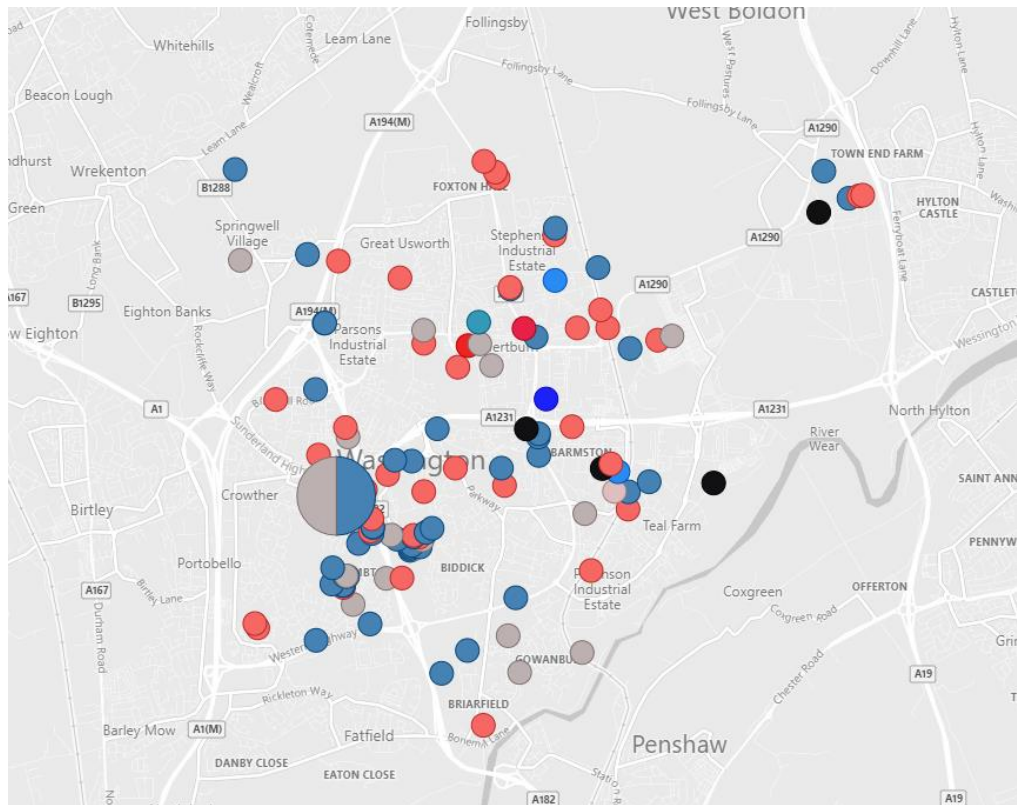
Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), along with the support from Northumbria Police, investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends and prosecute offenders.

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

120 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period. This compares to 94 incidents attended within the same period for the previous year. Type of incident includes;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	38
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	27
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	9
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	8
Wheelie Bin	5
Grassland, woodland and crops/Scrub land	5
Car	4
Refuse/rubbish tip	4
Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	2
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	2
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	2
Purpose Built Flat - Up to 3 storeys	1
Minibus	1
Woodland/forest - conifers/softwood	1
House - single occupancy	1
Van	1
Wasteland	1
Heathland or moorland	1
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	1
HGV	1
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Motorcycle	1
Other outdoor structures	1
Grassland, woodland and crops/Hedge	1
Private Garden Shed	1
Grand Total	120

Fig. 2 - LI 33 – Washington Area Committee (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



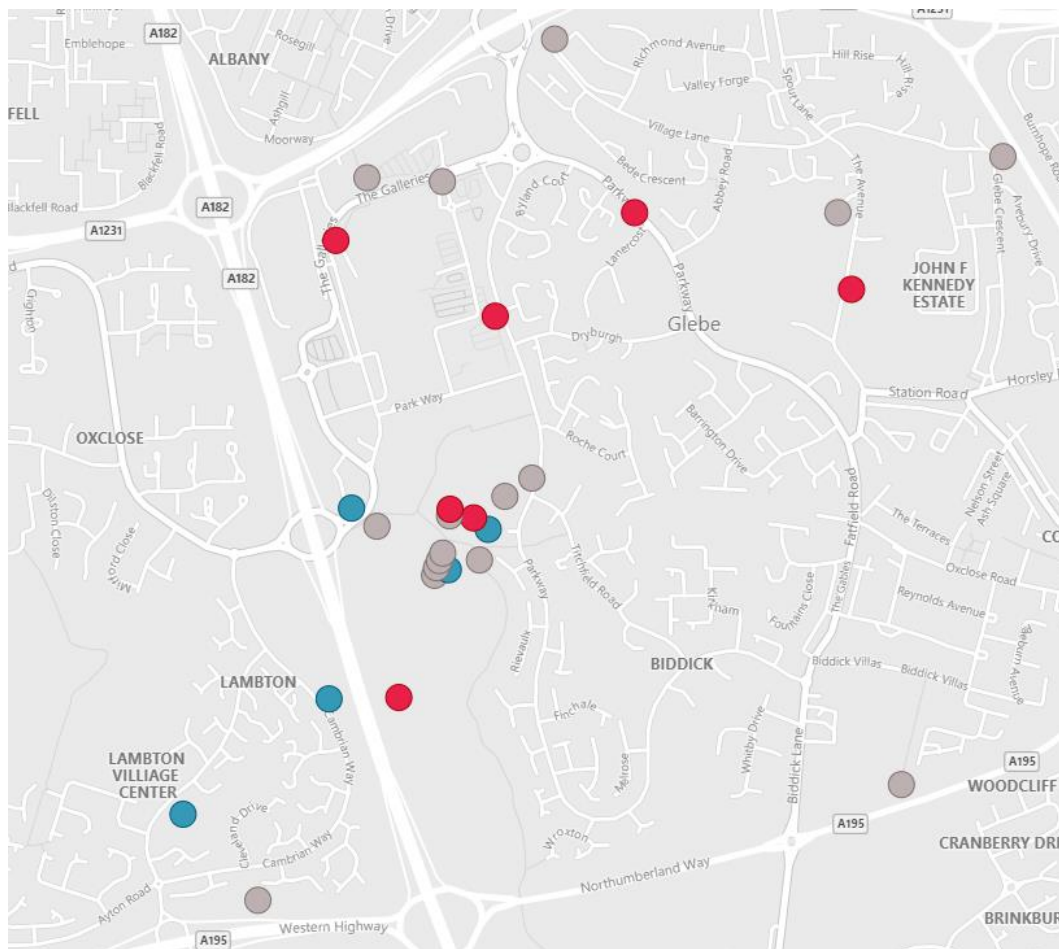
- 3.4.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 15 incidents
 - 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 28 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	10
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	7
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	4
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	3
Hedge	1
Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	1
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1
Wheelie Bin	1
Grand Total	28

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington Central Ward.

Fig. 3 - LI 33 – Washington Central Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



3.4.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

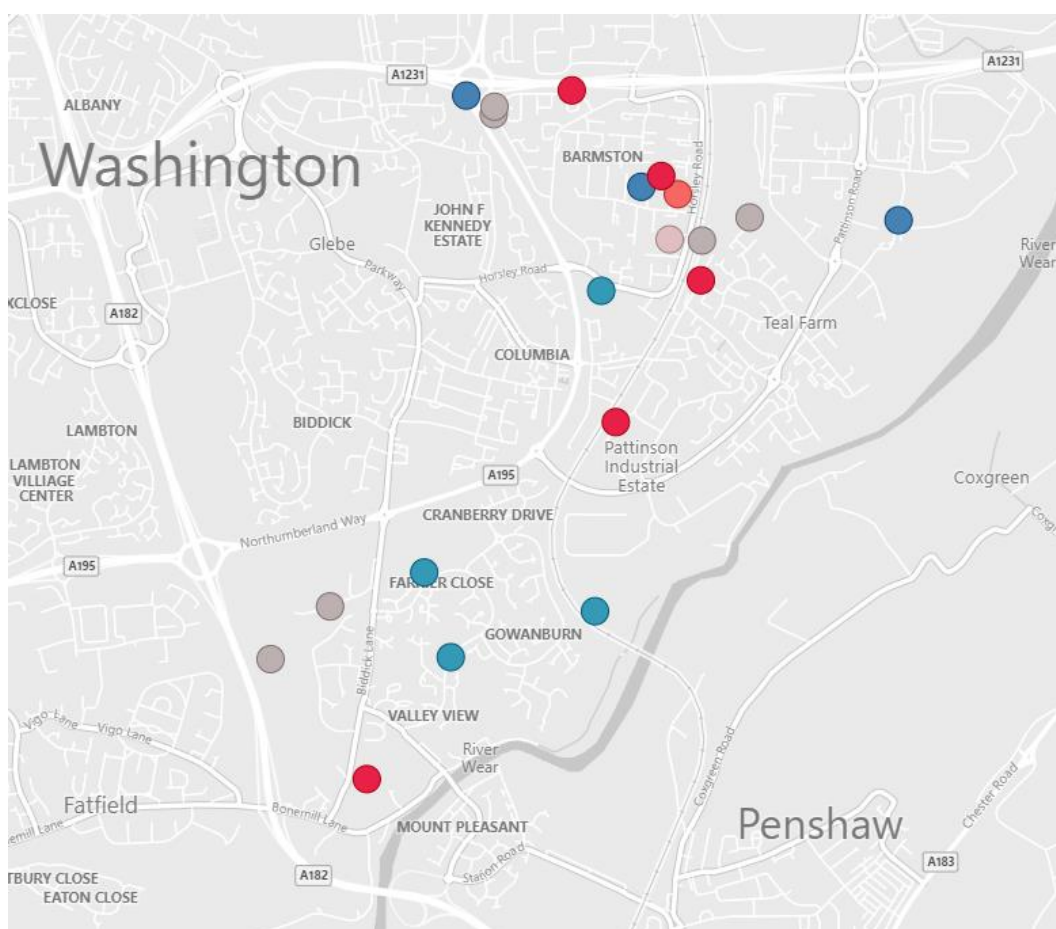
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 15 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 20 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	5
Car	3
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1
Refuse/rubbish tip	1
Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Scrub land	1
Van	1
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	1
House - single occupancy	1
Grand Total	20

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington East Ward.

Fig. 4 - LI 33 – Washington East Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



3.4.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents.

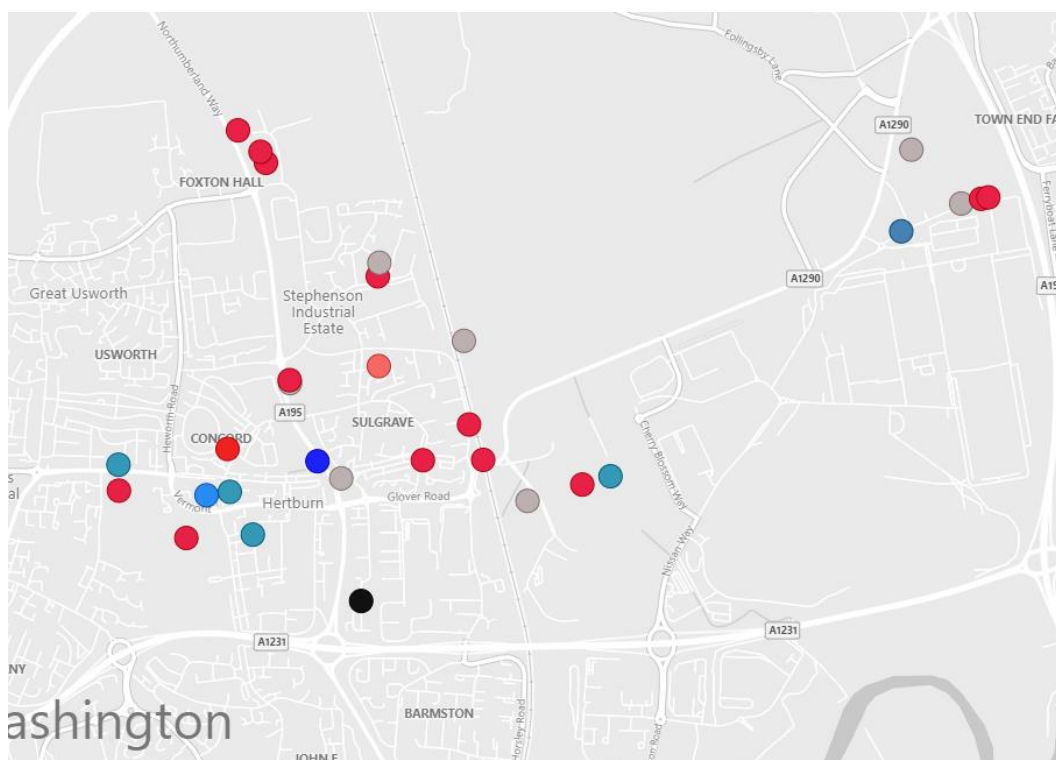
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 44 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 30 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	11
Grassland, woodland and crops/Scrub land	2
Refuse/rubbish tip	2
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	2
Heathland or moorland	1
Wasteland	1
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	1
Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	1
Other outdoor structures	1
Car	1
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
HGV	1
Private Garden Shed	1
Minibus	1
Motorcycle	1
Purpose Built Flat - multiple occupancy/Up to 3 storeys	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Grand Total	30

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington North Ward.

Fig. 5 - LI 33 – Washington North Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



3.4.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

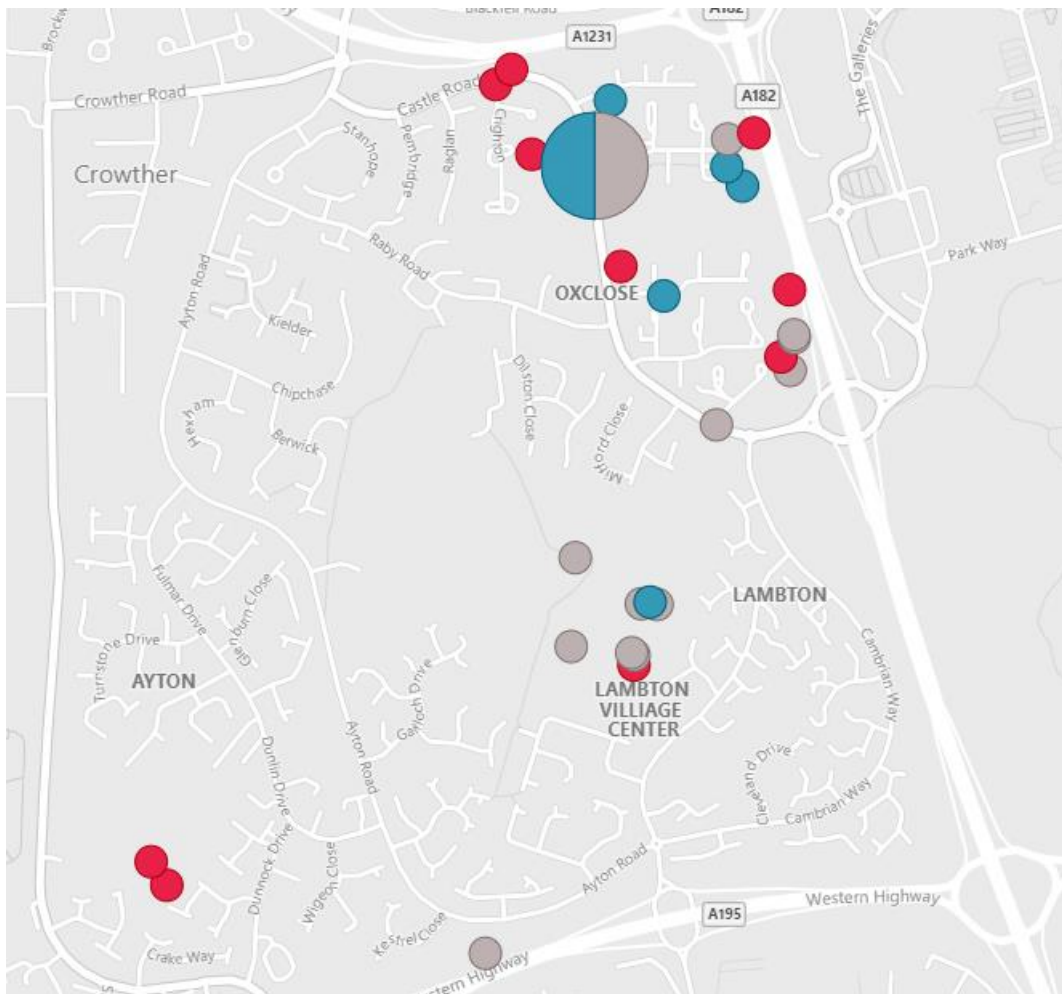
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 12 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 29 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	11
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	9
Wheelie Bin	3
Refuse/rubbish tip	1
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	1
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
Grassland, woodland and crops/Scrub land	1
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Grand Total	29

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington South Ward.

Fig. 6 - LI 33 – Washington South Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



3.4.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents.

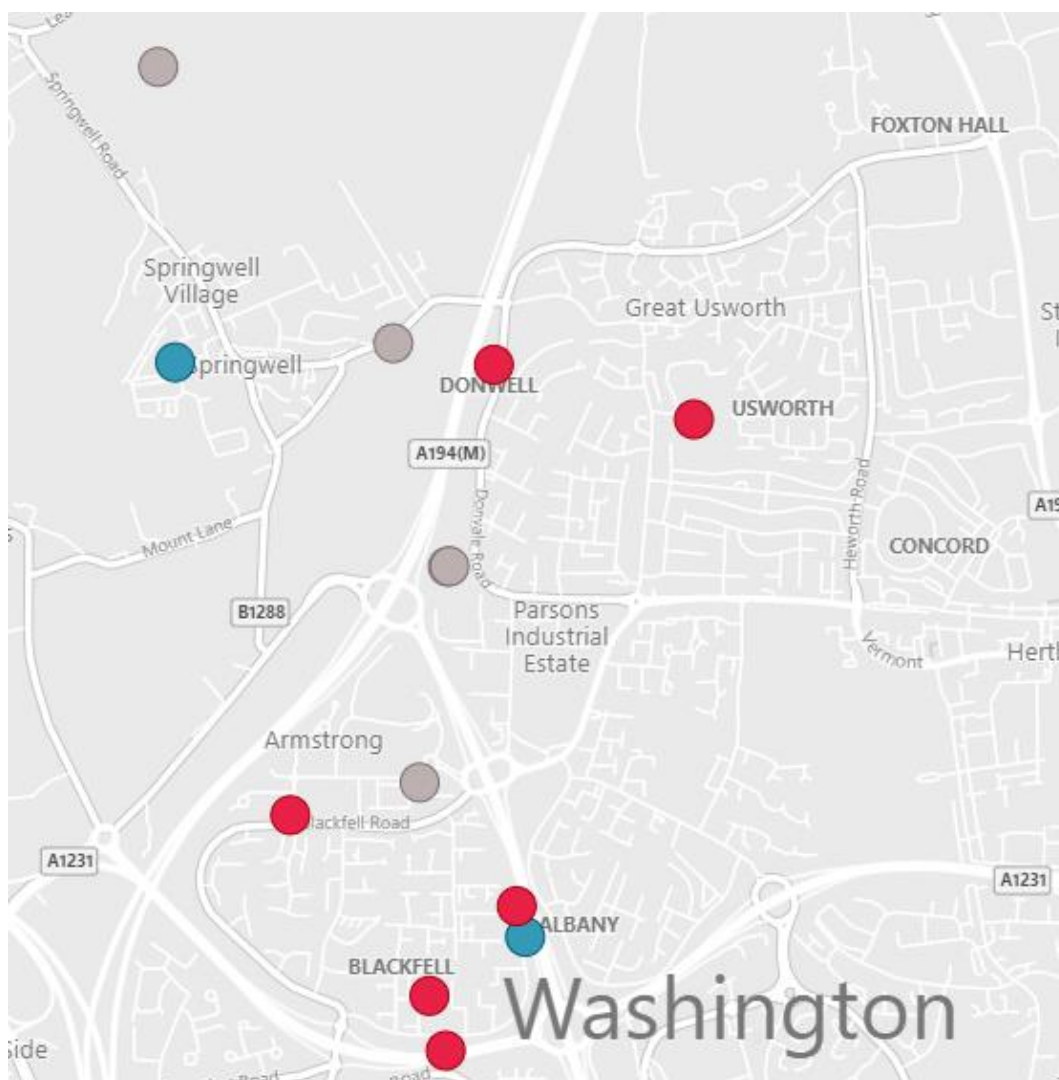
- 01/04/2020 to 31/08/2020 = 8 incidents
- 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 = 13 incidents

Incident type for 01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021 include the following;

Loose refuse (incl in garden)	6
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	2
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
Grassland, woodland and crops/Scrub land	1
Wheelie Bin	1
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	1
Woodland/forest - conifers/softwood	1
Grand Total	13

The below heat map shows where incidents have occurred within the Washington West Ward.

Fig. 7 - LI 33 – Washington West Ward (01/04/2021 to 31/08/2021)



4 Lighter / Darker Nights

- 4.1 Darker nights will soon be upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558.



- 4.2 Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. As part of a local initiative, crews have carried out regular tours of the Washington area, to identify and report discarded items and fly tipping which have potential to be ignited in acts of anti-social behaviour. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community. Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

5 Summary

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively. Following the procurement and use of body worn cameras there has been a significant reduction in both verbal and physical attacks on fire crews.

6 Recommendations

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

7 Contact Officer:

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Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

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28th September 2021

Washington Report: Northumbria Police

Burglary Residential: The Washington Area performs very well in relation to Residential Burglaries and has the lowest recorded number of burglaries in the Sunderland City region. During the latest reporting period we have seen an additional 2 residential burglaries taking our overall total to 12. However, some of these burglaries appear to be spurious, but without evidence to the contrary remain in our crime statics.

Burglary Commercial: The Washington Area performs extremely well in relation to Commercial Burglaries and saw a slight reduction in the latest review period with only 4 recorded. It has been noted an emerging pattern whereby business premises on industrial estates have been targeted. The Neighbourhood Team are in the process of devising a plan of action and analytical work in currently underway to assist in identifying possible offenders.

Vehicle Crime: Overall Vehicle Crime is very low across the Washington Area with only 23 incidents being reported during the latest reporting period. The majority of these incidents occurring in close proximity to The Galleries. As with Commercial Burglaries, it has been noted an emerging pattern whereby business premises on industrial estates have been targeted. The Neighbourhood Team are in the process of devising a plan of action and analytical work in currently underway to assist in identifying possible offenders.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Incidents of ASB continue to fall in the Washington Area and are down 21% in the latest review period and are down 37% when compared to last year. However, last year's figure was inflated due to COVID incidents, but when compared to 2019 it would appear that incidents are almost back to normal levels. Incidents of anti-social behaviour appear to be spread across the area with the highest concentration of incidents occurring in Oxclose, The Galleries, Sulgrave and Concord. Over the summer Neighbourhood Team have worked alongside the Local Authority and Together for Children to provide extra youth provision and engagement opportunities. This was in addition to some enforcement action against key protagonists resulting in subsequent referrals to the Youth Offending Service.

Motorcycle Disorder: Due to the change in our IT systems the recording of motorcycle disorder is no longer accurate. This issue has been raised and it is hoped that a remedy will be found as soon as possible. Anecdotal reports from local officers state that incidents appear to have subsided, but have not certainly gone away. The Neighbourhood Team are in the process of devising a new strategy to combat the illegal use of motorcycles and are seeking to work in collaboration with both the Local Authority and Fire Service.

Steve Passey 3598
A/Inspector Neighbourhood Policing
Southern

Current Planning Applications(Washington)

Between 01/08/2021 and 01/09/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02049/TEX	Land At Parkway / Washington Town CentreWashington	Replacement of existing 17.5m high streetpole with 20m high streetpole, 1no. equipment cabinet and ancillary works.	27/08/2021	16/10/2021
Washington Central				
21/01995/LBC	The Lodge Dame Margaret Hall The AvenueWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7LE	Erection of a single storey extension	19/08/2021	14/10/2021
Washington Central				
21/01994/FUL	The Lodge Dame Margaret Hall The AvenueWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7LE	Erection of a single storey side extension	19/08/2021	14/10/2021
Washington Central				
21/01990/FUL	2 Boston AvenueWashingtonNE38 7JE	Erection of a single storey rear extension.	18/08/2021	13/10/2021
Washington Central				
21/00790/AM1	2 Ovingham CloseWashingtonNE38 8NP	Non material amendment to previously approved application 20/00206/FUL (Erection of a two storey side extension) to allow for window and door alterations to rear elevation.	10/08/2021	05/10/2021
Washington Central				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/01859/FUL	Ruchill Village Lane Washington Village WashingtonNE38 7HX	Erection of single storey extension to rear.	05/08/2021	30/09/2021
Washington Central				
21/02045/FUL	45 The Generals WoodHarraton WashingtonNE38 9BN	Erection of a single storey extension to rear.	26/08/2021	21/10/2021
Washington East				
21/02030/FUL	1 Delton CloseFatfield WashingtonNE38 8LS	Erection of single storey rear extension.	26/08/2021	21/10/2021
Washington East				
21/02017/SUB	28 The Generals WoodHarraton WashingtonNE38 9BL	Erection of replacement conservatory to side. (Resubmission)	23/08/2021	18/10/2021
Washington East				
21/01796/FUL	Fairbridge South ViewFatfield WashingtonNE38 8AH	Erection of a front porch extension, single storey extension to side, erection of garage/plant room extension to rear with first floor balcony to rear and internal alterations.	16/08/2021	11/10/2021
Washington East				
21/01671/FUL	Land AtEddison Road Swan Industrial Estate Washington	Erection of proposed hand car wash and associated works	04/08/2021	29/09/2021
Washington East				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/01805/FUL	Land At2 Wylam CloseStephensonWashingtonNE 37 3DR	Construction of 5 new dwellings.	23/08/2021	18/10/2021
Washington North				
21/01931/FUL	51 Bramhall DriveWashingtonNE38 9DE	Erection of dormers to front side and rear.	12/08/2021	07/10/2021
Washington South				
21/02034/TEX	Land At Sunderland CollegeStone Cellar RoadUsworthWashington	Proposed slim line phase 8 monopole, c/w wraparound cabinet at base, 3no. additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works.	25/08/2021	14/10/2021
Washington West				
21/02018/FUL	Communication Station O2 Site (34874)Coach RoadUsworthWashington	Proposed upgrade to the existing base station telecommunications apparatus. Existing TEF 15.0m Hutchinson Engineering Single Stack Elara Street pole on existing root foundation to be removed. Existing root to be capped off. Proposed TEF Hutchinson Engineering 20.m High Orion Streetpole on Proposed D9 root foundation. Colour to be light grey, RAL7035 (behind) and associated ancillary works.	23/08/2021	18/10/2021
Washington West				
21/01882/FUL	7 Sycamore GroveSpringwellGatesheadNE9 7SE	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey extensions to front and rear.	08/08/2021	03/10/2021
Washington West				