

1st July 2021**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD****Washington Area Delivery Plan 2020-2023****1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report:

- a. Provides an annual update of the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the Washington Area Committee during 2021 onwards.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the Washington Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland.

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.

- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.

- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. 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 May 2021.

- 3.6 Other local groups / boards where Washington Sunderland Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below: -

Group	Elected Member Representatives
Washington Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S)	Cllr Fiona Miller
Washington VCS Area Network	Cllr Len Lauchlan (Co-chair)
CLLD Local Advisory Group (LAG)	Cllr Len Lauchlan

4. Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023: Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which are being delivered within Washington, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan is monitored by the Area Committee and actions will continue to be addressed up to 2023, via the Washington Neighbourhood and Communities Board.
- 4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council's website which is available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk, as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 3 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to June 2021.

Priority/Issue	Update
Invest in parks, play, cycle and walking routes, open spaces and Love Where You Live activities	At the last AC in March £180k Capital funding was aligned for Parks and Play. 2 pilot tree/plantations programmes delivered. The Clean & Green Project and support for Keep Washington Tidy has continued to deliver community clean ups and litter picking activities. 30 Clean and Green volunteers have carried out 45 community clean ups and litter picks collection 150 bags of litter and Keep Washington Tidy volunteers have collected more than 3440 bags of litter = 52 tonnes of street waste. There have been 44 environmental improvement projects across the area
Develop a Multi-Agency approach to Washington Neighbourhood Management	2year Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project recently approved – targeted action and focus on 5 x identified hotspot areas to address. SCC and Gentoo partnership in place through the Together Clean & Green Partner Group to encourage joint working to co-ordinate effective neighbourhood management. Good use Area Facebook pages to get messages out. Additional safety measures with regards to encampments currently under consideration
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	A report on what proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed. VAS scheme implemented Road Safety Education Programme commenced to address inconsiderate parking at Primary Schools Regular updates at board with SCC highways to address traffic and highways issues
Health and wellbeing - 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 to be established to look at a Washington project to help families with 'Healthy Choices' (Nutrition. Cooking. Activities). At the March AC WAC approved continued support for the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project at the Millennium Centre which helps adults with chronic/long term health problems improve their lifestyle, and for the Washington Safe Care Project – which works with young people at risk of risky behaviour. 970 Washington residents have benefited from 14 separate health health programmes and initiatives supported by Area Committee
Ensure the Washington VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout 2020-2021 using Neighbourhood Fund, Community Chest and the Washington Ward Improvement Project. WAC has approved funding to extend the Washington REACT Project, delivering employability support, and the WISP Project – which has helped 350 residents in crisis receive one to one support in the last year. Joint working, support and co-ordination with local food networks is in place working

	with Mickey's Place, Washington Community Food Project, Feeding Families, the Area Hub and a number of local volunteering groups
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee, the Community Hubs receive on-going support and the VCS network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities. Members received weekly performance reports throughout lockdown.
Community inclusion through co-ordinated events programmes	Washington Events Programme funded and in place – expect to start rollout of events as restrictions ease. Plans to hold the September Family Carnival are underway. Community Opportunities is also supporting a collective of the Miner's Banner Groups to host an event in Usworth Park in August. WAC has also supported additional festive lights and tree dressing through capital funds
Support young people	Continued support to deliver Positive Activities programmes – school holiday activity programmes plus address holiday hunger. March AC agreed a new 12month programme. Washington Safe Care Project extended. Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. The Washington Outreach Project - youth teams and police address ASB in identified hotspots. A Task Group has been established to develop a new 'offer' for young people– a new programme to consider more arts and culture, creative and music. 1200 children and young people have been supported and accessed a range of activities and projects in Washington
Invest in local heritage and culture	Project Brief for 'Heritage & Culture' organisation to deliver the Washington Heritage Strategy – to be presented to July AC for approval. Capital investment in Bowes Railway Museum approved.

5. Recommendations -Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.
- 5.2 Note the Area Committee video update which summaries the Annual performance of the Area Committee during 2020/2021. A summary of the Area Committee performance will also be shared with Full Council later in 2021.

Annex 1 Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

Annex 2 Neighbourhood and Community Board Terms of Reference

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