

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Authority Room, Fire Authority Service Headquarters, Nissan Way, Barmston Mere, Washington, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR5 3QY on Thursday 15th December, 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

Membership

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

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5th December, 2022

At a meeting of the WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE held in THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE MAIN HALL, CONCORD, WASHINGTON on THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 at 6.00p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lauchlan in the Chair

Councillors Donaghy, Farthing, Fletcher, Guy, D.E. Snowdon, D. Trueman, H. Trueman, P. Walker, M. Walker and Warne

Also in Attendance:-

Mrs. Karon Purvis	-	Area Officer – Sunderland City Council
Ms. Gerry Taylor	-	Executive Director Health, Housing and Communities, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Paul Wood	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Denise Gilholme	-	Community Support Worker
Mr. Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo
Mr Martin Farrow Farrow	-	TWFRA
Inspector Steve Passey	-	Northumbria Police

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Laws, F. Miller, G. Miller and Williams. Also apologies from Sylvia Copley and Bethan Wilkie

Declarations of Interest

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Whilst the item was for information only and no discussion was had, Councillor Farthing made an open declaration as one of the applications related to her property.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 30th June 2022

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 30th June, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

The Chair of Washington Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which 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 2022-2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Karon Purvis, Area Officer presented the report, highlighting the key points of action within the relevant Task Groups and was on hand to answer any queries raised by Members.

At this juncture, a video presentation was played to the Committee detailing the work of the VCS Support Strategy.

Councillor H. Trueman referred to the contracts and tenders for Play Parks commenting that we needed to be careful we didn't lose the quality and he would rather see things taken out to ensure the quality was provided. Mrs Purvis advised that they were getting good support from surveyors and they were determined to get this tender out so they were hopeful to have some good news soon.

The Chairman referred to the VCS Support Strategy video and commented that it showed it was clearly money well spent.

In relation to Councillor Farthings enquiry, Mrs Purvis advised that they were asking what the options were for Harraton with regards to the disability equipment, designs were still outstanding and it needed costings from procurement in order to find out how much spend could be given on Harraton. It was hoped this would come to December Area Committee.

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 presentation of the VCS Support Strategy

Washington Area 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 Washington Youth Matters, Councillor D. E. Snowdon acknowledged that the project needed to be moved on quickly but raised concerns that the deadline was for the end of the month when most schools would be closed during that time.

Mrs Purvis advised that they were trying to encourage those organisations they have worked with historically and it was hoped that this Brief would be more targeted.

Mrs Purvis also put to the Committee for its determination, the proposal to utilise underspend from the Safety Measures Project (Barriers and fencing) - that instead of taking back the £10,356 underspend, that £8500 be agreed to go to an extra 'Safety Measures' proposal in Glebe Park. It was proposed to install fencing to prevent illegal access to play areas and spaces in the park utilised by the community. Mrs Purvis advised that the balance of £1856 could then be returned to the Capital fund. The Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- i) Noted the financial statements set out in Section 2.1 and 3.1 of the report;
- ii) Considered and agreed the approval of additional NF funding of £10,000 (to be added to a previous approval of £35,000) and the amended Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Washington Youth Matters as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 of the report;
- iii) The Committee agreed to utilise £8500 of the £10,356 underspend from the Safety Measures Project (Barriers and fencing) - to go to an extra 'Safety Measures' proposal in Glebe Park to install fencing to prevent illegal access to play areas and spaces in the park utilised by the community. The remaining balance of £1856 underspend to be returned to the Capital fund
- iv) Noted the 20 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item 3 Annex 2 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)

Denise Gillholme, Community Support Worker presented the report on behalf of the VCS Network.

Mrs Purvis referred to the Warm Spaces Project, advising that the assessment had been done and Members would receive a briefing on the programme.

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) Gentoo

Gentoo provided a report to the Committee on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period March 2022 to June 2022.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Colin McCartney, Gentoo presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Donaghy raised an issue of some constituents not receiving their documentation in relation to the District heating upgrades. Mr McCartney advised that he would speak to Councillor Donaghy after the meeting to obtain more details.

Councillor Farthing referred to the appearance of garages especially within the Oxclose area which she felt were horrendous and were causing distress to residents and enquired if there was a programme to deal with these. Mr McCartney advised that he did not have the detail but he would find out where Oxclose sat within the 5 year plan and make further enquiries.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that garages within Washington was a very emotive issue to residents and Gentoo had recently taken a decision to demolish a number of garages which were owned by elderly residents in bungalows, who did not have a great deal of storage, therefore he felt communication should be better by Gentoo.

Councillor D. E. Snowden informed of the support meetings that were on offer at Columbia to residents and suggested that it would be nice to see a representative from Gentoo in attendance.

Councillor Snowden also commented that many residents were raising queries over their fence repairs and when these would be done. Mr McCartney advised that there was still some to complete city wide with over 1000 fences damaged during the storms, this had coincided with a timber shortage so work was ongoing all the time but he would check to see if there was a communication plan.

Councillor Fletcher wished to praise Gentoo with the response received recently on dealing with a constituents broken fence and requested her thanks be passed on to the team.

In response to Councillor P. Walkers enquiry over private garages which residents pay land rent to Gentoo, Mr McCartney advised that they were looking at site garages with the aim to remove many of them. Work was ongoing with the asset team as some were maintained well whilst others were not and this would be part of the garage strategy moving forward.

Councillor Guy referred to the rendering scheme in Harraton and wished to comment that the area was looking massively improved. Councillor Guy also wished to raise the issue over fences and that certain fences were only being painted on one side whereas others on both sides and he believed this may be due to their height but residents were querying why some were receiving different treatment than others. Mr McCartney advised that he would make further enquiries on this.

The Chairman referred to the window replacement scheme and commented that it was nice to see this progressing as he had received complaints on this historically going back to 2011. Mr McCartney advised that this programme had accelerated massively in the last two years.

The Chairman thanked Mr McCartney for the report

5. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

c) Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police submitted a report which provided data on crime and disorder in the Washington area comparing 'Year to date' figures with the preceding year.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Steve Passey presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Fletcher referred to the Sulgrave Project and commented that this had been a really helpful and well received project. Inspector Passey added that it had been really impactful and that they were doing amazing work.

Councillor H. Trueman commented that he was amazed at the amount of people who would not report crimes, particularly around Albany Shops, which he had been made aware of by residents. These residents did not report the suggested drug dealings witnessed and enquired if we needed a campaign to get people back on track of reporting crimes.

Inspector Passey informed that it was about building trust and they were trying to achieve this through the Sulgrave project and through proactive policing. They were working on some things relating to drug dealing and motorbikes but the challenge was to improve and they needed to get the community on side with a big push to get information out there but he would look into the Albany Shops issue raised.

Councillor Guy informed of a recent consultation with Barmston residents and what their priorities were and he hoped that the work ongoing there would help reduce ASB. In relation to Motorcycle issues at Mount Pleasant, Councillor Guy added that the changing of light sequences at Fatfield Bridge had hopefully helped the issue.

Councillor P. Walker commented that the issues of Motorcycle disorder had appeared to have calmed down this year but he had noticed upon driving around the City, the increase in electric bikes and enquired what the law was around these. Inspector Passey advised that there was some legislation with some rules applying such as licenses/insurance required but as the bikes were quite expensive they were not seeing as much use fortunately.

Councillor M. Walker wished to thank the Police for the work done on the projects and feedback from residents had shown these to be very impactful. Councillor M. Walker also suggested that an app for reporting motorcycle issues may be useful.

Councillor D. E. Snowden commented that she was pleased to see that the Police were working with the team in the Galleries Shopping Centre as this had always been a hotspot for disorder, so it was pleasing to see a police presence there now. Inspector Passey advised that it had been a hotspot in the past but this wasn't the case now so it showed that efforts made had helped.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Passey for his attendance

7. 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 August, 2022 to 31st August, 2022 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) L. LAUCLAN,
Chairman.

Item 2

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
15th December 2022

Item 2

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WASHINGTON NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- a. 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 2022-2023.
- b. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 -2023.

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. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. 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 / 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.

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 the Washington area of Sunderland, 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 Community 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 Progress against the Delivery Plan has been reported regularly to Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee. Good news stories and promotion of projects and local information have been posted on the Washington Sunderland Community Facebook page.
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to December 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update
Enforcement & Neighbourhood Management	Request to extend the project to March 2024 and allow the officer to roll out activities to other areas in Washington. NMEP will also manage the Together Clean & Green Partnership Group as a Project Management Steering Group for NMEP and will liaise directly with Cllrs regarding redeployment of the street cams and identifying any new 'hotspots' for the project to target. To be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report
Invest in Parks: Usworth Park	Following escalating costs to deliver capital improvements, additional funding is now required to continue to deliver aspects of the Usworth Park Development Plan as well as manage the site whilst the building works are completed. A number of actions/activities are still to be completed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Park Security 2. Fencing 3. Gates 4. Landscaping 5. Support for the Friends This funding will allow ES to continue to work with partners to deliver the approved Usworth Park Development Plan to support a future application for Green Flag Status. To be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report
Invest in Parks: Princess Anne Park	Work has now commenced on site to deliver priority items as detailed in the Princess Anne Master Plan and this programme is expected to be delivered within the £100,000 budget already awarded. Building on an that investment to deliver mainly repairs to footpaths and surfaces, additional funds are now requested to carry out footpath maintenance to paths that have root damage / trip hazards to footpaths not previously identified This is a request to approve a further £10,312 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23) to SCC. To be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report
Washington Fixed Play	April 2022 Neighbourhood Board received a detailed report outlining progress with the majority of the works proposed in the WFPS completed and the procurement of new equipment still outstanding. In addition, at local Councillor request, SCC has been requested to complete a design options exercise for a new play area in Harraton. The Area Committee is asked to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Procurement contract for the equipment is now completed – whilst the programme and timescales are still to be confirmed, it is anticipated that all equipment will be installed by 31.03.22 • Officers have been asked to commence with the options exercise for the Harraton site • To be noted North East Community Forest orchard/plantation will also be planted at the Harraton site This proposal is to recommend a further £40,000 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23) be added to the budget to deliver the Play Strategy – including new equipment at the Harraton site. to be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report
Trees and Plantation Management Task Group Report	First Task Group met 19.10.22. Cllr priorities by Ward for 'priority' activity are:

	<p>Washington Central - the area behind Bede / Dene crescent in Washington Village; the area to the top of Village Lane not a big area therefore Burtree/Pendle/Mendip area too</p> <p>Washington East - The plantation behind Sycamore, Chestnut and Laburnum in Harraton</p> <p>Washington North - priority areas are Silverstone Road and Sulgrave Road.</p> <p>Washington South - The plantation between Fieldfare and Lapwing Close in Ayton, the plantation which runs along the back of Fieldfare, and the plantation mentioned in the list at Skaylock in Lambton</p> <p>Washington West - Perimeter road in Donwell. Specifically the trees that overlook Doncrest and Donridge as the road progresses to the roundabout next to the bridge.</p> <p>Lead to survey proposed sites and keep Cllrs updated with regards to ward level programmes of work</p>
Supporting the Voluntary & Community Sector: WISP	<p>The WISP Advice Worker is based in Mickey's Place Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Telephone support and flexible outreach support is also provided to people in need and referrers. There is a strong partnership working in place which maximises the impact of the project and increases the engagement of clients into other services such as Social Prescribers, Wearside Women in Need, WEAR Recovery, Northumbria Police, Gentoo and Energy Advice. The project works very closely with specialist providers to ensure that those with mental illness, drug or alcohol dependencies receive the support they need. Good links were made with other providers involved in delivery of the Household Support Fund scheme and this proved useful when people were identified as needed additional support or were found to be in crisis. The WISP project is also providing services at the Building Blocks Centre</p> <p>Funding from Area Committee will end March 2023 and as ShARP are committed to delivery of this project we will make applications to other funders so that this vital project can continue. Exit Plan presentation to December AC</p>
Events	<p>The cost of running the annual Washington events package has increased due to supplier costs, with some areas of work seeing a significant rise including the cost of marquees that was driven up by demand during covid19 and such as generators for power provision which rely on diesel to fuel them, costs of running vehicles to deliver staging etc. A number of companies are now only installing and de-rigging around a weekend rather than being available of a weekend day, resulting in new security costs that were not envisaged when the application was submitted. We have also noticed an increase in entertainment costs, the number of suppliers providing a quality offer has decreased as some didn't restart after covid and this again has pushed prices up. Further, the 2022 events packaged included the preparation of the 2023 Carnival but not all of its delivery costs and hence an extension to budget is required to include the additional delivery requirements. This is in addition to anticipated rises in staffing, insurance and cleaning costs. Requests for a further £10,000 to ensure the programme can accommodate the delivery of the 2023 Carnival to be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report</p>
Supporting young people: Washington Outreach Project	<p>The project engages young people at hotspot areas re ASB and tries to address challenging and 'at risk' behaviours. Good partnerships in place with Police and SCC ASB Team. Outreach and base work as part of the programme plus referrals into services as required. To date over 5000 young people have been engaged with the programme. ODYPP have funding till the end of June 2023 to provide Safe spaces for young people and to access mental health counselling support – Good Vibes. This provision, whilst essential, is not enough to cater for the numbers of young people requiring interventions and youth sessions and doesn't address anti-social behaviour although it</p>

	complements that provision. Sunderland All Together Consortium in partnership with ODYPP requests three months of continuation funding totalling £7,000, enabling the project to continue till the end of June 2023. Continuation funding of the outreach project is matched to the lottery funded mental wellness sessions hosted in Washington by ODYPP. As the sessions have a health focus and mental health counsellors attached directly to them young people engaged via outreach will have a direct route into mental health wellbeing and support provided by the project and 'Good Vibes' counsellors. This project is funded for 3 years until the end of June 2023 and is a successful model of Counsellors delivering alongside youth workers in community venues at accessible times for young people. To be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report .
Supporting young people: Washington Youth Matters Financial Resilience	Youth Matters (Financial Resilience) Call for Projects closed on the was 30.11.22 with xx application received. Following formal assessment and consultation the Officer Recommendation is included in Item 3 Area Budget Report (Annex 1) for Members' consideration
Local Heritage & Culture: Albany Wheel	A project to relocate the existing pit wheel at Albany to Silksworth is moving forward to completion. A second part of the project to install a refurbished pit wheel in Albany as a replacement is now required. It is proposed that the pit wheel at Albany will be replaced by a wheel currently located at Washington F Pit Museum. This wheel will need to be refurbished prior to installation in Albany village centre as Phase 1 alongside an opportunity to enhance the existing location as a Phase 2 for consideration. Refurbishment of the pit wheel presents an opportunity to explore an enhancement to its existing location. The pit wheel's current interpretation and setting lacks impact and could be improved with a landscape scheme more effectively commemorate Washington's rich mining and industrial heritage. WAC are asked to consider the feasibility of contributing funding to support delivery of the phase two scheme via their Neighbourhood Fund. To be considered under Item 3 Area Budget Report
Local Heritage & Culture: Washington Heritage Partnership	Replacement Heritage Co-ordinator currently being recruited. Interim support being provided by the Washington Heritage Partnership Group and the NE BIC to continue to deliver some of the workstreams.

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 presentation of the Washington Individual Support Project (WISP)

Annex 1 Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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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		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better housing</i>		
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 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	Recently Washington Central Cllrs have requested additional measures to help restrict vehicle access on Glebe Park and anticipate completion by Dec 2022. Building Property Services are looking at installing bollards and this is to be funded via the Washington Central Ward Improvement Project. Site visits carried out and works programme confirmed
2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their community</i> A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
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 July 2023	Include in 23/24 Plans An extension of the Washington Clean & Green Volunteer Project approved at June AC. End date now July 2023. Last Steering Group held 21.09.22. The project volunteers continue to work proactively with groups and organisations across Washington. Detailed updates to all Boards. Next meeting December 2022 (TBC)
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.	Include in 23/24 Plans Following recent agreement with regards to additional requests for services internally, a new simpler process is being established for all Walk & Talk/Ward Improvement Projects. ACDL briefed Members at July Board with regards to implementation of new methodology and Internal Framework. 2 project requests outstanding. Current balances: WC – £4,500; WE - c£8,900; WN – c£12,000; WS – c£9,000; WW - £13,000
Launch Clean & Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme	ACDL to present options/review of project outcomes to future Board	Include in 23/24 Plans Funded 8 schemes to Oct 2022. C4P out Oct - no applications Current balance £14,872

3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods		
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	Include in 23/24 Plans Detailed updates provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target with enforcement activity in all Wards. Street Cams now deployed in Washington and Cllrs consulted via Board for priority sites and hotspots. As part of a city-wide approach drones are also deployed to help combat ASB, vandalism and flytipping. Detailed report at end of this Plan. Request to extend the lifetime of the project to March 2024 to be presented to December AC
Together Clean and Green Partnership with Gentoo and other services to continue to tackle/support local enforcement to household waste management, abandoned trollies, neighbourhood issues	ACDL schedule Together Clean & Green Partnership working group	Alongside Washington NMEP, Together Clean & Green (Gentoo & SCC) 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. PSPO re abandoned trollies in place. The Partnership Group met 05.10.22(SCC & Gentoo) and reported on a number of successes via the NMEP deployment of streetcams and the dedicated EEO enforcement actions and investigations. It is proposed this Partnership Group continues as the Project Steering Group for the WNMEP (included in the application to extend) – to be co-ordinated by the Enforcement Team/Manager
4. Flood Mitigation		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods		
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 requested for February 2023 Board
5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland. More residents informing & participate in cultural events, programmes & activities A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods		
Action	Next steps	Progress

<p>Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks</p>	<p>ACDL established Task & Finish group to develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington Parks and Play in parks.</p> <p>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 	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>Request to approve additional funds for both Princess Anne Park Master Plan and Usworth Park Development Plan to December AC</p>
<p>Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan</p>	<p>Usworth Park Development Plan reviewed and SCC Officer Group established to oversee delivery.</p>	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender awarded for refurbishment of the Pavilion. On site November. Anticipate 6 – 8week work programme. Usworth Park to be put forward for Green Flag Status 2023. SCC also applied for grant to refurbish Tennis Courts. • Delivering the agreed Usworth Park Development Plan remains a priority with the Council fully committed to supporting Usworth Park Green Flag status application and developing the site as a 'Family' resource. This will include security (to Dec), new gates, landscaping and supporting the Friends Group. Events and activities • The Friends are also working with the Clean & Green team to tidy the park and carry out smaller scale landscaping, border maintenance etc. and are to look after a noticeboard in the park. 1st AGM held 10.11.22. VCS Alliance is supporting Officers to draft an engagement and community participation plan to broaden support for the park • Discussions are underway with regards to managing the building in the park once completed • Allotment (Manor View) – Officers are in discussion with owner with regards to tidying up the site. Possibility of enforcement action if he fails to comply. Environmental Services to cost installing new fencing to screen the site

Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan	ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	Include in 23/24 Plans Capital funding awarded to SCC highways team to repair footpaths in Princess Anne Park Play. Work programmed to enable a start on site by end of November. Officers reviewing costed estimate to prioritise activity Request to extend the lifetime of the project to December AC
Improve play areas	ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds	Include in 23/24 Plans WAC approved a total of £100,000 NCIP at June Area committee. SCC confirmed £85,000 capital as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington. The procurement exercise is still ongoing. Design options for renewing the play area at Harraton are currently underway with the council's landscaping team. Requested a report to November Board with options to deliver the outstanding proposals included in the FPS and Harraton – anticipate a request for additional funding. Additional funds to be requested Dec AC to deliver the FPS including design options for Harraton
6. Plantations and tree management		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland. More residents informing & participate in cultural events, programmes & activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
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.	Include in 23/24 Plans £100,000 Neighbourhood Fund approved to SCC to assist with the delivery of community led proposals for the NE Community Forest, and to help facilitate solutions for plantation management. Cllr proposals to be presented to Board and SCC lead to be co-ordinated with SCC new policy and funding applications re LA Treescape Grant and current programmes being delivered city wide. First Task Group met 19.10.22. Cllr priorities by Ward for 'priority' activity are: Washington Central - the area behind Bede / Dene crescent in Washington Village; the area to the top of Village Lane not a big area therefore Burtree/Pendle/Mendip area too Washington East - The plantation behind Sycamore, Chestnut and Laburnum in Harraton Washington North - priority areas are Silverstone Road and Sulgrave Road.

		<p>Washington South - The plantation between Fieldfare and Lapwing Close in Ayton, the plantation which runs along the back of Fieldfare, and the plantation mentioned in the list at Skaylock in Lambton</p> <p>Washington West - Perimeter road in Donwell. Specifically the trees that overlook Doncrest and Donridge as the road progresses to the roundabout next to the bridge.</p> <p>DG to attend Board to update Members</p>
7. Street Furniture including litter bins		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland. More residents informing & participate in cultural events, programmes & activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
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		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Update Neighbourhood & Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme	ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target. Recent request for variation Washington West - surveys completed and variation agreed</p>
Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020	ACDL to organise regular meetings with Road Safety Team for proposals and schemes	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. The project remains on target</p> <p>P Muir attended July Board and presented a summary of activity to date. The Road Safety Team will continue to roll out initiatives at schools to discourage inconsiderate parking. Propose update to February 23 Board</p>
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		<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>Traffic management/parking issues on agenda at Board as required</p> <p>Enforcement Officers and Highways to attend July board re discuss enforcement, speeding, bus links</p>
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services	Highways Maintenance Programmes annually presented to Neighbourhood	Include in 23/24 Plans

for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee	HMP Report presented to November Board as first stage to agree 23/24 programme. Cllr priorities to be presented at February Board – for recommendation to March AC 2023
9. Health and Well Being		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
	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	Cook Well Live Well Project Brief released. 9 applications received to the 1 st round – 3 approved at the March AC. Round 2 – 7 applications received. Presented to July Board for consideration and all approved. Project now complete. £8,888 returned to the budget
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. Anticipate project will complete March 2023 (based on delays and underspend). Request Exit Strategy as part of next QMR/performance management report
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy Action in the Community' projects		2 x legacy projects to complete Movers on the Move weekly dance group adults aged over 60. 14 free taster sessions followed by 15 free sessions to promote the importance of fun physical activity to improve wellbeing, strength, balance and self-confidence. Each session will aim to engage between 15 - 20 participants. Recruiting via Washington Arts Centre The sessions will begin mid-September 2022 and run until mid-February 2023. All completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review processes Addressing ASB (Bowes) – lead to confirm new deadline for diversionary activities – to complete by March 2023
10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		

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	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the ‘anchor’ organisations. Washington CSW Denise Gilholme is supporting partners and groups and attends the Network meeting to update the sector on support.</p> <p>Work continues to ensure the Networks are consulted and participate in the future modelling of the Sunderland VC Alliance. Proposals are being developed and governance confirmed with regards to the independence model. Currently recruiting for a Funding Officer and Business Support Officer. The offer of the Sunderland VC Alliance is promoted widely and the Alliance is leading on delivering Social Value for the sector and co-ordinating volunteering. In addition, various training opportunities and workshops are being delivered in areas by the Alliance, courses and information requested by the sector. This includes Social Intelligence workshops, funding, first aid training.</p>
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.	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>VCS Area Network continues to meet regularly. Washington VCS Network has now appointed its 3rd VCS Representative –Jemma Hutchinson of Washington MIND. Meeting held 29.11.22. Presentation from the Illegal money Lending Team offering training. The Network also discussed the Washington Network Annual Report – to be presented to March 2023 AC. Work will commence on gathering data, intell and priorities at the January 2023 meeting</p> <p>Local VCS organisations are firmly embedded in working with the Council and other public sector partners to deliver identified and much needed community services and support at a local level</p> <p>3 x rounds of Improving Community Assets now approved. 4th round to be released January for approval at February Board meeting</p>
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded ‘Social Isolation’ projects	ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	All completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review processes. £2,950 returned to the budget
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	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>REACT has been extend to March 2023 but with the recent addition of Community Renewal Fund likely to be extended further. Lead will confirm new end date. Project delivering to target</p>

11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Co-ordinate volunteers and link with our VCS.	VCSA lead matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Include in 23/24 Plans Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs and the VCS Alliance Further funding to support vulnerable residents delivered via the established Hub partnerships and the Covid Community Champions partnerships. This model has also been utilised to deliver the Household Support fund and more recently Warm Spaces. 12 Warm Spaces across Washington. Volunteers registered with the Area Hubs have now come forward to support a number of the Warm Spaces
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 July 2022. 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. Project complete. Presentation at the September Area Committee
12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime through a partnership approach		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i>		
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 	Include in 23/24 Plans Joint Police and Cllr meeting held regularly. Next Joint meeting 07.12.22 Sulgrave Partnership now established and led by Police Team – Gentoo, ASB Team, GP Alliance, Housing, Area Arrangements and Alliance attend as required
Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-agency approach	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings	ACDLs and Cllr Laws 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 and new technology now being agreed. Request update as part of next QMR process. If no progress request return of funds
13. Support communities to deliver Local Events		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland. More residents informing & participate in cultural events, programmes & activities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Action		
Continue to update Community Events offer as method to involve local communities and build capacity	Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Event programme	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>Washington Events Programme for 2022/23 approved at June AC. The following events included – Summer Carnival Sept 2022; Washington Illuminations November 2022; Supporting Remembrance Parades November 2022, Christmas Event 2022, 1940s Springwell Weekend June 2023; Miners Picnic Usworth August 2023; planning for Summer Carnival 2023</p> <p>Report to November Board to consider funding required to ensure delivery of the September 23 Event. Request to extend the lifetime of the project presented to December AC</p> <p>Queens Jubilee funding agreed at March AC has awarded 24 grants totalling £11,946 – with £33,054 returned to the budget under Item 3 Area Budget Report. Presentation of projects to July Board</p>
14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Action		
Positive Activities	ACDL amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>Continued support to deliver Positive Activities programmes – school holiday activity programmes plus address holiday hunger, with the project</p>

		Positive Activities 2022/23 programme approved at June Area Committee. 5 organisations delivering 8 – 10 programmes – MBC (All Wards), Active Families (Washington North), Building Blocks (Washington North), Community Opportunities (All Wards), Springwell Village CV (Washington West). 1 organisation delivering 11 – 19s programmes in all Wards. Completes May 2023
Relaunch the 'Can-Do' Project	Review of scheme to July Board	Include in 23/24 Plans Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. September Area Committee approved an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget). Round 16 awarded July – 1 application approved. Round 17 presentations to November Board – 5 applications approved. All applicants invited to attend the Can Do Showcase Event ahead of March 2023 Committee – 16.03.23
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.	Include in 23/24 Plans Creative You Project approved to Sunderland Culture at the December AC Project to commence April 2022. Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. First Taster sessions fully booked over summer periods. 3 or 4 courses to be launched from September at local venues over next 12 months.
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March 2021 Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board. Anticipate project ends September/October 2022 and will present performance report to future 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	Include in 23/24 Plans Engaging young people at hotspot areas re ASB and challenging behaviours. Good partnerships in place with Police and SCC ASB Team. Outreach and base work as part of the programme plus referrals into services as required. Cllrs nominate local ASB hotspots. Request to extend the lifetime of the project to July 2023 to December AC.
Washington Youth Matters: Financial Resilience	Task & Finish Group established	Include in 23/24 Plans 2 nd Call for projects released – deadline for applications 30.11.22. Workshop held to encourage collaborative approach. Applications presented to December AC for approval

15. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Action	Next steps	Progress
Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway	Task and Finish group established to bring together a number of strategies and documents to support and celebrate local heritage	<p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p> <p>Washington Heritage & Culture Project approved December AC – awarded to NE BIC. A number of local partners make up the Project Steering group. Project commenced March 2022. Project Plan 5 workstreams:</p> <p>Mapping & Networking completed</p> <p>Future Washington Heritage Offer</p> <p>Delivering Partnership Working</p> <p>Capacity Building with Communities</p> <p>Promotion & Marketing.</p> <p>Main focus to build communication and collaboration and shape partnership role</p> <p>Co-ordinator working to identify resources, gaps, overlaps and needs of the local heritage sector</p> <p>New Heritage Co-ordinator currently being recruited with interim support provided by the Washington Heritage Partnership Group to assist with the immediate development of some of the other workstreams Funding in place beyond the current Delivery Plan to March 2024. Performance update to November Board</p> <p>Replacement of relocated Albany Wheel - application for funding for options to the enhance the site and landscaping at Albany Village Centre presented to the November Board and recommended for funding to December AC</p>

Additional update: Washington Neighbourhood Management Enforcement Project

Washington Update August, September, October 2022

- 163 written warnings issued, namely for dog fouling around Oxclose area including targeted patrols and environmental enforcement signage erected in the area. Several dog walkers have been spoken to on patrols and asked to show a means to pick up after their dog. Those that failed to do so have been issued a written warning explaining the offence. Residents have also been reminded to report any instances of dog fouling to the council for investigation where intelligence can be provided.

- 10 CPW letters issued to properties around Sulgrave regarding waste at risk of being fly-tipped or attracting fly-tipping, namely sofas and bulky household items. These letters have prompted resident engagement and several properties have since booked in via the council's bulky waste services. Further liaising with Gentoo around similar identified properties that may be in breach of Gentoo tenancy and affecting the local amenities of the area.
- **Footage from a Streetwatch camera in Blackfell has been used in several fly-tipping investigations as the primary source of evidence, including inviting people to attend council offices to be interviewed under caution and assist with our investigations. A number of these offences have been referred for prosecution and the camera locations are pro-actively monitored for any new deposits of waste.**
- Pro-actively monitoring areas for summary only offences such as littering/dog fouling when in an area making observations or investigating a fly-tip. One littering FPN issued in Biddick Village Centre for offence witnessed whilst looking at other items of waste. Concerns over breaches of the Trolleys PSPO in the Barmston area have been raised with Gentoo & colleagues, scheduling dedicated patrols for wardens in the area and increasing resident education on the Trolleys epidemic in Washington.
- A number of Section 46 Notices have continued to be issued across hotspot locations where properties have failed to present their household waste/bins in an appropriate manner. Relationships between council services are flourishing and links are continuing to be built between departments. A number of issues raised with positive outcomes in recent weeks to other departments are:
 - Oil contamination reported to the Environment Agency for investigation was referred to Highways engineers for assessment and to prevent further detriment to the area.
 - Overflowing skip reported to Highways Licensing for assessment, skip company and customer issued fine for breaching contract.
 - Vehicles in a state of neglect/abandonment referred to councils abandoned vehicles officer which have prompted the vehicle owners to complete repairs and improve vehicles appearance in an area.

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE 15th December 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Washington Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Director of Health Housing & Communities	
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 £35,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to extend the Neighbourhood Enforcement Project, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 (c) Consider the approval of £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to contribute to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 (d) Consider the approval of £10,312 Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to contribute to delivering the Princess Anne Park Master Plan, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 (e) Consider the approval of £40,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to deliver the Washington Fixed Play Strategy, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 (f) Consider the approval of £20,000 Neighbourhood Fund and £3,856 Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding to Sunderland City Council to contribute to delivering the Albany Wheel Project, as detailed in both Paragraphs 2.3 and 3.4, and as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 (g) Consider the approval of £7,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Oxclose & District Young People's Project to extend the Washington Outreach Project, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 (h) Consider the approval of £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund to Community Opportunities to extend the Washington Events Programme, as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 (i) Consider the approval of £45,000 Neighbourhood Fund to ShARP to deliver the Washington Youth Matters Project as set out in Item 3 Annex 1 (j) Note the 23 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item 3 Annex 2 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £403,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £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

15th December 2022

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH HOUSING & COMMUNITIES



Washington Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

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

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023					
This includes the Neighbourhood Fund allocation of £403,242 (including Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 together with an underspend from 2021/22 of £953					£404,195
Queen's Jubilee Project	17.03.22	£33,054			£437,249
Clean and Green (Extension)	30.06.22			£24,775	£412,474
Plantations & NECF	30.06.22			£100,000	£312,474
Washington Events	30.06.22			£70,000	£242,474
Positive Activities	30.06.22			£100,000	£142,474
AC Comms Plan	30.06.22			£12,000	£130,474
Cook Well Live Well	29.09.22	£8,888			£139,362
Social Isolation – Keep Active	29.09.22	£2,950			£142,312
Youth Matters -additional	29.09.22			£10,000	
		(44,892)		316,775	£132,312

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

- 2.2 Members are asked to note a balance of **£132,312** available at this meeting.
- 2.3 There are 7 x applications for Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23 presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**

1. Neighbourhood Management Enforcement Project	£35,000
2. Invest in Parks – Usworth Park Development Plan	£10,000
3. Invest in Parks – Princess Anne Park	£10,312
4. Invest in Play	£40,000
5. Albany Wheel	£20,000
6. Washington Outreach Project (Extension)	£7,000
7. Washington Events 2022/23	£10,000

- 2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval at this meeting is **£132,312**. If approved, the Neighbourhood Fund budget for 2022/23 will be fully allocated
- 2.6 In addition to the applications for 2022/23 Neighbourhood funding, Members approved a total of £45,000 from the 2021/22 budget and the 2022/23 budget for the Youth Matters (Financial Resilience) Call for Projects. Deadline for applications was 30.11.22 and 2 applications were received. The results of formal assessment and consultation along with the Officer Recommendation are included in **Annex 1** for Members' consideration

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting	16.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Usworth Park Development Plan	17.12.20			£9,000	£481,000
Washington Tree Management Project	17.12.20			£28,800	£452,200
Safety Measures	17.12.20			£62,000	£390,200
Bowes Railway Museum	18.03.21			£60,000	£330,200
Invest in Parks	18.03.21		£50,000		£280,200
Invest in Play	18.03.21		£80,000		£200,200
Safety Measures (Ph2)	01.07.21		£58,000		£142,200
Usworth Park Development Plan	28.09.21			£50,000	£92,200
Time to Talk	28.09.21		£2,000		£90,200
Improving Community Assets	16.12.22			£90,200	Fully allocated
Safety Measures	30.06.22	£20,000			£20,000
Invest in Play	30.06.22			£20,000	Fully allocated
Safety Measures	29.09.22	£10,356			£10,356
Safety Measures	29.09.22			£8,500	£1,856
Time to Talk Benches	15.12.22	£2,000			£3,856

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 Washington Area Committee was allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complemented the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members have been responsible for allocating the funding through majority decisions at Area Committee.
- 3.3. The Capital Programme could have been allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals came forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee has had up to three years to allocate the full amount.
- 3.4 Members are asked to note the return to budget of £2,000 an underspend from the Time to Talk Benches Initiative, resulting in a balance of **£3,856** to allocate
- 3.4 There is 1 x application for Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme funds presented to Area Committee for consideration and detailed at **Item 3 Annex 1**

1. Albany Wheel

£3,856

- 3.5 The total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme budget requested for approval at this meeting is **£3,856**. If approved, the budget will be fully allocated

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same with ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it becomes 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 of the Community Chest approvals supported April to September 2022, and the balance remaining.

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Central	£10,000	£0	£3,718	£6,718
East	£10,000	£0	£4,174	£5,826
North	£10,000	£0	£4,375	£5,625
South	£10,000	£0	£4,184	£5,816
West	£10,000	£0	£2,079	£7,921
Total	£50,000	£0	£18,530	£31,906

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Tables One, Two and Three.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of **£35,000** Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to extend the Neighbourhood Enforcement Project, as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of **£10,000** Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to contribute to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan, as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Consider the approval of **£10,312** Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to To deliver the Princess Anne Park Master Plan, as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Consider the approval of **£40,000** Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council to deliver the Washington Fixed Play Strategy, as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.6 Consider the approval of **£20,000** Neighbourhood Fund and **£3,856** Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding to Sunderland City Council to contribute to delivering the Albany Wheel Project, as detailed in both Paragraphs 2.3 and 3.4, and as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.7 Consider the approval of **£7,000** Neighbourhood Fund to Oxclose & District Young People's Project to extend the Washington Outreach Project, as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.8 Consider the approval of **£10,000** Neighbourhood Fund to Community Opportunities to extend the Washington Events Programme, as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.9 Consider the approval of **£45,000** Neighbourhood Fund to **ShARP to deliver the Washington Youth Matters Project** as set out in **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.10 Note the 23 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as detailed Item 3 Annex 2

Annexes

Annex 1

Neighbourhood Fund Applications

Annex 2

Community Chest Approvals 2022/23

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Applications for Neighbourhood Fund 2022-23**Application No.1**

Area Committee	Neighbourhood Management Enforcement Project
Area Priority	Neighbourhoods/Love Where You Live
Name of Service	Neighbourhood Enforcement
Service Point of Contact (email)	Michelle Coates, michelle.coates@sunderland.gov.uk
Project Title/Cost Centre Title(s)	WA Neighbourhood Management & Enforcement Project
Project Description	<p>Extend the Enforcement Officer: The project has proven to be very effective re enforcement action and resident engagement in targeted neighbourhoods. All targets have been over-achieved and the project reports activity to each board. To date there has been (September 2022) 17 FPN, 124 investigations, 1889 written warnings, over 200 Section 46 notices. Additional partnerships are established as part of this project management. This extension will now manage the Together Clean & Green Partnership Group as a Project Management Steering Group for NMEP. The project will now liaise directly with Cllrs regarding redeployment of the street cams and identifying any new 'hotspots' for the project to target</p> <p>This additional funding will extend the project to March 2024 and allow the officer to roll out activities to other areas in Washington</p>
Start Date	June 2023
End Date	March 2024

Funding requested £35,000 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23)

Key milestones

Project Management Steering Group Schedule in place	June 2023
Attendance Neighbourhood Board (Schedule confirmed April 2023)	(April 23; July 2023; Oct 2023)
1100 Enforcement Actions delivered	March 2024
Project evaluation	March 2024

Outputs

Number of Enforcement Actions	1100
Number of fixed penalty notices issues	25

Number of investigations commenced	100
Number of written warnings	750
Number of Community Protection Warnings	10
Number of Community Protection Notices	5
Number of Section 46 notices	75
Number of camera deployments	25
Number of Enviro Crime Signs Installed	100
Number of Commercial actions taken	10

Recommendation – Approve £35,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2022/23 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Neighbourhood Management and Enforcement and Love Where You Live

Application No.2

Area Committee	Washington
Area Priority	Love where You Live
Name of Service	Environmental Services
Service Point of Contact (email)	Julie.McBurnie@Sunderland.gov.uk
Project Title/Cost Centre Title(s)	WA Delivering the Usworth Park Plan
Project Description	<p>A total of £234,000 has been allocated to delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan. More than £204,000 has now been allocated to deliver the refurbishment of the pavilion in the park. Contractors are due on-site with a 6 - 8week programme anticipated. The remaining £30,000 (Neighbourhood Fund) has been spent on additional elements of the Delivery Plan which includes locking and unlocking/security, support for the Friends of Usworth Park, additional landscaping and bulb planting, installation of additional bin, additional resources to encourage play activity and improvements to the tennis courts</p> <p>The development of a feature gateway/new entrance is seen as essential to support the Green Flag application. Following escalating costs to deliver capital improvements, additional funding is now required to continue to deliver aspects of the Usworth Park Development Plan as well as manage the site whilst the building works are completed. A number of actions/activities are still to be completed. This includes maintaining Park security, fencing, new gates, landscaping and support for the Friends. This funding will allow ES to continue to work with partners to deliver the approved Usworth Park Development Plan to support a future application for Green Flag Status</p>
Start Date	01.01.2023
End Date	30.09.2023

Funding requested £10,000 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23)**Key milestones**

Building works completed	February 2023
Community Engagement Plan completed (VCSA CSW)	February 2023
Green Flag application	February 2023
Attend Neighbourhood Board	March 2023 (29.03.23)

Outputs

Healthy City	
Asset improved to contribute towards Healthier lifestyles	1
Greenspace improved (m ²)	

Recommendation – Approve £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2022/23 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Love Where You Live and Invest in Parks and Open Spaces.

Application No.3

Area Committee	Washington
Area Priority	Love Where You live – Invest in Parks
Name of Service	Highways
Service Point of Contact (email)	Graeme Hills
Project Title/Cost Centre Title(s)	WA Princess Anne Park Master Plan
Project Description	<p>Work has now commenced on site to deliver priority items as detailed in the Princess Anne Master Plan and this programme is expected to be delivered within the £100,000 budget already awarded.</p> <p>Building on an that investment to deliver mainly repairs to footpaths and surfaces, additional funds are now requested to carry out footpath maintenance to paths that have root damage / trip hazards to footpaths not previously identified. This is a request to approve a further £10,312 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23) to SCC to deliver additional works as detailed above</p>
Start Date	January 2023
End Date	March 2023

Funding requested £10,312 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23)

Key Milestones

Footpath Repairs commence	January 2023
Works completed	March 2023
Attend Neighbourhood Board	29.03.23

Outputs

Asset improved to contribute to healthier lifestyles	1
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	100m ²

Recommendation – Approve £10,312 Neighbourhood Fund (2022/23 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Love Where You Live and Invest in Parks and Open Spaces, and Highways & Traffic Management.

Application No.4

Area Committee	Washington
Area Priority	Love Where You Live – Invest in Play
Name of Service	Environmental Services
Service Point of Contact (email)	Rachel.Wood@sunderland.gov.uk Alan.Rowan@sunderland.gov.uk
Project Title/Cost Centre Title(s)	WA – Delivering Washington Play Strategy
Project Description	Both Washington Area Committee and SCC have already invested significant funds to deliver the Washington Fixed Play Strategy (WFPS). A total of £185,000 capital has been allocated – SCC £85,000 plus WAC £100,000 (NCIP) – together with S106 contributions for specific sites of £116,000. April 2022 Neighbourhood Board received a detailed report outlining progress with the majority of the works proposed in the WFPS completed and the procurement of new equipment still outstanding. In addition, at local Councillor request, SCC has been requested to complete a design options exercise for a new play area in Harraton. The Area Committee is asked to note the Procurement contract for the equipment is now completed – whilst the programme and timescales are still to be confirmed, it is anticipated that all equipment will be installed by 31.03.22. Officers have been asked to commence with the options exercise for the Harraton site. Also to be noted North East Community Forest orchard/plantation will also be planted at the Harraton site. This proposal is to recommend a further £40,000 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23) be added to the budget to deliver the Play Strategy – including new equipment at the Harraton site.
Start Date	January 2023
End Date	December 2023

Funding requested £40,000 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23)

Key milestones

Harraton Design Options completed	Feb 2023
Equipment contract completed – Washington sites	March – June 2023
Stakeholder Engagement Harraton	March – June 2023
Report to Neighbourhood Board	March 29 th 2023
Harraton Design agreed	June 2023

Outputs

Assets (play areas) improved to contribute to healthier lifestyles	15
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Recommendation – Approve £40,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2022/23 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Love Where You Live and Invest in Parks and Open Spaces and Play

Application 5

Area Committee	Washington
Area Priority	Heritage & Culture
Name of Service	Heritage, Museums and Arts
Service Point of Contact (email)	Trina Murphy – Service Manager for Heritage, Museums and Arts Trina.murphy@sunderland.gov.uk
Project Title/Cost Centre Title(s)	WA Albany Wheel – Installation & Enhancement
Project Description	<p>A project to relocate the existing pit wheel at Albany to Silksworth is moving forward to completion. A second part of the project to install a refurbished pit wheel in Albany as a replacement is now required. It is proposed that the pit wheel at Albany will be replaced by a wheel currently located at Washington F Pit Museum. This wheel will need to be refurbished prior to installation in Albany village centre as Phase 1 alongside an opportunity to enhance the existing location as a Phase 2 for consideration.</p> <p>Detailed drawings, calculations, and specifications for the pit wheel installation (Phase 1) have now been received.</p> <p>£93,396 - Costs for the physical removal, transport, and refurbishment of the pit wheel at F Pit. It is anticipated that the budget for the wheel relocation and refurbishment will be sourced from the allocation for the Washington F Pit project within the Council's approved capital programme.</p> <p>The council has also received an estimate of costs to undertake the Phase 2 landscape works at Albany. Refurbishment of the pit wheel presents an opportunity to explore an enhancement to its existing location. The pit wheel's current interpretation and setting lacks impact and could be improved with a landscape scheme more effectively</p>

	<p>commemorate Washington's rich mining and industrial heritage. Early indications are that improved landscape costs are likely to be in the region of £45,000. WAC are asked to consider the feasibility of contributing funding to support delivery of the phase two scheme via their Neighbourhood Fund. Subject to WAC approving £20,000 NF and a further £3,856 NCIP the balance (capped at a maximum total project cost of £45,000) for Phase 2 will be requested to be sourced from the allocation for the Washington F Pit project within the Council's approved capital programme.</p> <p>A communication plan will be developed with residents and stakeholders ensuring they are informed in advance of works commencing. The Lead is also committed to consulting with Gentoo re joint working to enhance landscaping of the village Centre (in line with Gentoo plans to demolish garages and enhance the area)</p>
Start Date	January 2023
End Date	December 2023

Funding requested £20,000 (Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23) and £3,856 (Neighbourhood Investment Capital 2020/23)

Key milestones

Appointment of SCC Landscape Architect and project designs discussed in consultation with Gentoo	30 January 2023
Consultation with Community and project designs (<i>to include street furniture</i>) shared by Landscape Architect and updated to reflect	February 2023
Attend Neighbourhood Board to update progress <i>to include Landscape Architect</i>	29.03.23
Landscape works commence	June 2023
Landscape works complete	September 2023
Installation of Street Furniture	October 2023
Unveiling community event	November 2023

Outputs

Number of assets improved to contribute to healthier lives	1
Number of cultural/heritage events supported and delivered	2

Recommendation – Approve £23,856 Neighbourhood Fund (2022/23 budget) and Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Love Where You Live and Heritage and Culture

Application No.6

Washington Outreach Project: Extension

Washington Area Committee has approved a total of £68,750 to the Sunderland Youth Consortia to deliver the Washington Outreach Project. The project engages young people at hotspot areas re ASB and tries to address challenging and 'at risk' behaviours. Good partnerships in place with Police and SCC ASB Team. Outreach and base work as part of the programme plus referrals into services as required. To date over 5000 young people have been engaged with the programme - 1506 supported/engaged in 2020; 2856 in 2021; 636 up to June 2022. The project has been delivering outreach and centre-based sessions in areas identified as hotspots by partners including the Police and elected members since 4th July 2020. Since then, we have consistently overachieved on our targets engaging over 1700 Young People and working alongside local organisations to address youth ASB. Considerable learning and development have been gleaned from delivering such an innovative and exciting project. Coming out of lockdown we experienced larger groups of young people engaging in anti-social and criminal behaviours. We believe that the periods of lockdown, alongside lack of interaction with appropriate adults such as teachers and youth workers who promote respect and discourage anti-social behaviour, have been contributory factors. Although progress is being made to get young people 'back on track', now is not the time to reduce provision, there needs to be a continuity of youth workers working across the areas in Washington and provision for young people to access. ODYPP have funding till the end of June 2023 to provide Safe spaces for young people and to access mental health counselling support – Good Vibes. This provision, whilst essential, is not enough to cater for the numbers of young people requiring interventions and youth sessions and doesn't address anti-social behaviour although it complements that provision. We fear that ending the Area Committee Neighbourhood funding and hence provision now will be detrimental, especially when the days get longer and warmer, and more young people are out on an evening. The Consortium is looking at various funding streams to extend the Good Vibes project and moving forwards an element of outreach work could be funded to complement that provision not just in Washington but City wide, taking its learning from the Washington Outreach Project.

Sunderland All Together Consortium in partnership with ODYPP requests three months of continuation funding totalling £7,000, enabling the project to continue till the end of June 2023. Continuation funding of the outreach project is matched to the lottery funded mental wellness sessions hosted in Washington by ODYPP. As the sessions have a health focus and mental health counsellors attached directly to them young people engaged via outreach will have a direct route into mental health wellbeing and support provided by the project and 'Good Vibes' counsellors. This project is funded for 3 years until the end of June 2023 and is a successful model of Counsellors delivering alongside youth workers in community venues at accessible times for young people.

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Outreach Salary costs	1940.00	0	1940.00
Transport & activity	700	0	700
Springwell/Sulgrave/Pitstop/Oxclose Outreach Base + Activity Salary costs	5902.15	3310.15	2592.00
Building Costs	1500.00	500	1000
Management Costs	768		768

Total	10810.15	3810.15	7000.00
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Additional outputs

Output	Qtr 1 April-June 23
No of young people in hotspots engaging with workers	25
No of young people referred to support services	5
No of young people accessing youth outreach bases	100

Exit Strategy

As mentioned above Sunderland All Together Consortium is actively looking at a variety of funding streams to continue the Good Vibes, safe space sessions and to retain its clinical counsellors. The Washington Outreach Project has shown us that the young people it engages with on the streets who do not access 'traditional youth provision' will access support once the positive relationship between youth worker and young person has been established. This is something we would like to encourage across the City of Sunderland and have built it into our funding strategy. We would hope to have funding in place from July 2023.

Recommendation – Approve £7,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2022/23 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Supporting Young People

Application No.7

Washington Events Programme 2022/23 (Extension)

Washington Area Committee approved £70,000 at the June 2022 Area Committee to Community Opportunities to deliver the following programme of events:

Miners Picnic 2022

Summer Carnival 2022

Illuminations November 2022

Christmas Fayre Dec 2022

1940s event June/July 2023

Miners Picnic August 2023

Planning for Summer Carnival 2023.

Councillors then requested that the lead agent consider what was required to **deliver** the September 2023 carnival as well as pre planning – in order to avoid tight timescales and turn around of plans etc., based on confirmation of new budgets (2023/24) which are not accepted by Area Committee until the June Area Committee.

The programme delivered to date has included the summer Carnival 2022, the Miners Picnic 2022, the Switch-on/Illuminations and the Christmas Fayre.

The cost of running the annual Washington events package has increased due to supplier costs, with some areas of work seeing a significant rise including the cost of marquees that was driven up by demand during covid19 and such as generators for power provision which rely on diesel to fuel them, costs of running vehicles to deliver staging etc. A number of companies are now only installing and de-rigging around a weekend rather than being

available of a weekend day, resulting in new security costs that were not envisaged when the application was submitted. We have also noticed an increase in entertainment costs, the number of suppliers providing a quality offer has decreased as some didn't restart after covid and this again has pushed prices up. Further, the 2022 events packaged included the preparation of the 2023 Carnival but not all of its delivery costs and hence an extension to budget is required to include the additional delivery requirements. This is in addition to anticipated rises in staffing, insurance and cleaning costs. This proposal requests a further £10,000 is allocated to the events budget to ensure the programme can accommodate the delivery of the 2023 Carnival.

Additional Outputs

- 203 – number of children and young people benefitting – 1000
- 309 – number of community events support – 1
- 311 – number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events - 3000

New milestones

- Compile and submit safety and event plans – 15th July 2023
- Complete risk assessments and publicity – 15th August 2023
- Advertise and market event to residents/visitors – 1st September 2022

Recommendation – Approve £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2022/23 budget)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priorities of Supporting local Events, Heritage and Culture.

Application No.8

Washington Area Committee: Funding Opportunity

Project Brief for Washington Youth Matters

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and public sector partners to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which support delivery of their Supporting Young People priority (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

There is an opportunity for 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 partnership working are encouraged.

Project Description

Washington Area Committee have agreed funding to deliver a financial inclusion and education project for **young people**, targeting education and courses with regards to money management, budgeting, and debt management. Within the context of the Councils Financial Wellbeing and Financial Resilience Project 'Being in control' this Call for Projects is requesting applications to deliver a Washington pilot working with our 4 senior schools and relevant youth providers to deliver engagement and messaging to support our young people to develop financial resilience and develop age-appropriate resources. At the same time the programmes will also need to assist young people to build confidence and raise aspirations with regards to career choices and 'life after school'.

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify **how** it will:

1. **Work in all 4 'senior' Washington schools and with the relevant youth providers delivering Washington to deliver innovative engagement programmes, messaging and age-appropriate resources.** All applicants to evidence how they will
 - Place financial education into the curriculum and key stages within the secondary education setting
 - Target Year 7 and Year 10 students with age-appropriate content and methodologies that is inclusive to students from different socio-economic backgrounds – please provide some examples of the proposed content
 - Link financial wellbeing and resilience to aspiration and attainment, exploring links to careers events/advice as well as pastoral care
 - Include Reality Check events in the schools and also community settings where young people what it takes to manage finances in the real world
 - An engagement plan clearly identifying how the organisation will work with schools is required - this should outline approach and methods

It is important that positive messaging is used throughout the project and that engagement activity is interesting to young people, with a creative and novel approach. Please tell us how this will be achieved by your proposal

2. **Work with and co-ordinate all activity with the Council's 'Being in Control' project**
The applicant should show how their proposal will align with the Councils wider Financial Resilience Programme (FRP) offering an integrated offer and collaborative approach to ensure a blended delivery using recognised branding, existing relationships. This will include opportunities for co-production of sustainable resources including downloadable

web resources for other schools and community providers to use or to include in their financial education in their offer, for example, the Reality Check Event Programme and materials (see below)

Applicants are encouraged to consult with Alison.aisbett@sunderland.gov.uk to understand the planned and existing offer and to be able to orientate their proposals within that context

3. Improve and support emotional resilience, community cohesion and enable young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations.

Applicants will need to ensure that the skills they give to the young people increase their confidence and encourages behaviour change to choose financial services and products that suit them. Please include **how** you will measure this and provide evidence.

(This will involve working with SCC on the concept of “reality checks” to give young people students foresight into what life may be like as an adult including responsibility and career choices)

4. Complement and add value to existing young people’s provision and where appropriate, work in partnership with existing initiatives.

Applicants must evidence that they have strong links with young provision in the area and clearly describe how they can work in partnership to make the activity attractive and interesting to young people to ensure maximum take up, complimenting school-based activity

5. Build skills and confidence amongst young people

The applicants to show how they will embed skills they give to young people to build confidence to manage their finances and encourage behaviour change to choose services and products that suit them. (MAPS UK Strategy for Financial Wellbeing - Financial Foundations.

6. Evidence knowledge of relevant local provision, projects, activities, and initiatives.

The proposed programme(s) must make use of existing networks, programmes and activities to create opportunities for wider engagement. Please include information and evidence of the opportunities you have sought, or contacts already approached

7. All materials and content must be adapted to include Sunderland information and link to the Sunderland identity

All proposals must be able to

- Evidence the organisation’s experience and understanding of ‘Financial Resilience’ and the current challenges affecting financial stability
- Evidence the organisation’s experience in working with young people and have an understanding of the role of ‘Financial education’.
- Evidence the organisation’s experience of delivering advice to young people, e.g. for careers guidance
- Show how it will compliment and add value to other initiatives being delivered across the area (not just young people’s projects)

Applicants should evidence their knowledge of

1. Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan
2. SCC Projects delivering Financial Resilience initiatives and resources, and other age-appropriate resources already available as detailed in the Project Outcomes outlined above
3. Sunderland’s City Plan
4. Community Wealth Building Strategy (SCC)
5. Low Carbon Sunderland

Application No.1 (Youth Matters)

Name of Project	Making Money Work - Fun with Finance
Lead Organisation	Shiney Advice and Resource Project (ShARP)

Total cost	Match funding	NF Requested
£45,000		£45,000
Project Duration	Start date	End Date
2 years	January 2023	December 2025

Taken Verbatim from the application form

Project Proposal

The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance is an innovative project educating young people in everyday financial matters developing financial resilience, building confidence and raising aspirations for the future. The project will benefit young people within the Washington area and will be located within a number of Washington Schools & Youth Provision venues;

- 1) Washington Academy
- 2) Oxclose Community Academy
- 3) PITSTOP
- 4) Oxclose District Young Peoples Project (ODYPP)

The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project will be delivered through a partnership arrangement providing a unique, invaluable experience and learning opportunity for the young people participating and will use practical maths to deliver financial education and build financial resilience to young people, using digital resources including Young Money, Money and Pension Service (MaPS) resources and literature.

Additional to this is the project will raise awareness of gaming & gambling, mobile phones with applications (apps), advertisement inducements including digital apps for example TIKTOK & World Cup betting adverts etc. Helping young people to understand how this can lead to exploitation including scamming, money laundering, illegal money lending through Loan Sharks and how this can spiral into an individual believing they are financially trapped, and at the mercy of the money lender. We will address these issues by raising awareness on how to access specialist services via online platforms or in person to advice providers. We will do this through liaising with specialist providers e.g. NECA Gambling & Advice Service and the IMLT bringing them into the project and using their resources for benefit of the young people to develop an understanding of the potential for gaming and gambling addiction. Supplementary to the Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project is the existing provision in the Washington area of the First Tier Welfare Rights Advice Team. The Advice team will add additional benefit to the Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project when it is apparent families are struggling to cope financially. They can be referred and additional support can be offered via the to ensure a smooth and seamless wrap around support is provided to maximise their income and full benefit entitlement is in place.

The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project will provide the following programme as follows:

Financial Activity Programme 1

12 beneficiaries per year - Washington Academy delivery programme during a school day.
10 to 15-year-olds
2023 Year 1 * 1 session (4 hours per session) per month = 12 sessions
2024 Year 2 * 1 session (4 hours per session) per month = 12 sessions
Jan 2023 – Dec 2024 (2 Years) = 24 sessions

12 beneficiaries per year – Oxclose Community Academy delivery programme during a school day 10 to 15-year-olds

2023 Year 1 * 1 session (4 hours per session) per month = 12 sessions
2024 Year 2 * 1 session (4 hours per session) per month = 12 sessions
Jan 2023 – Dec 2024 (2 Years) = 24 sessions

Delivered by ShARP Advice Worker and supported by Youth Provision (ODYPP)

Financial Activity programme 2

12 beneficiaries per year– within a youth provision setting. Post 16

2023 Year 1 * 1 session (3 hours per session) per month = 12 sessions

2024 Year 2 * 1 session (3 hours per session) per month = 12 sessions

Jan 2023 – Dec 2024 (2 Years) = 24 sessions

12 beneficiaries per year– Community Delivery. 11 – 15

2023 Year 1 * 1 session (3 hours per session) per 1½ month = 8 sessions

2024 Year 2 * 1 session (3 hours per session) per 1½ month = 8 sessions

Jan 2023 – Dec 2024 (2 Years) = 16 sessions

Provisionally - (Guides) 12 beneficiaries per year– Community Delivery

2023 Year 1 * 1 session (3 hours per session) per quarter = 4 sessions

2024 Year 2 * 1 session (3 hours per session) per quarter = 4 sessions

Jan 2023 – Dec 2024 (2 Years) = 8 sessions

Delivered by Youth Provision and supported by ShARP Advice Worker

The project is aimed at a wide range of young people's age groups and the programme will ensure age-appropriate materials, tools and information will be provided, accessed and utilised. The schools programme partnership arrangement will liaise with the Director of Personal Development at Washington Academy who has already been contacted and indicated interest in the project. She will work with us to determine how best the programme will fit the needs of the school students working within the curriculum. We expect Oxclose Community Academy will also support delivery of the project and expect to have this confirmed soon.

The Post 16 partnership delivery aspect will be led by Oxclose DYPP with an emphasis aimed towards the 17- 19-year-olds, of which some may be young carers, and they or their family/carer may be living with debt, fuel poverty, impact of Cost of Living or affected by the ongoing energy crisis. If needs become apparent ShARP will engage through FTWR provision to maximise a family's income and ensure full benefit entitlement is in place. The resources used will link to Young Money and MaPS resources and associated literature for example

- Young People and Money: A review of young people's use of online information and advice
- Skills & Confidence amongst young people MaPS UK Strategy for Financial Wellbeing.
- Existing resources presently being used in School

The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project, will utilise the resources adding a fun twist to budgeting i.e. budgeting for birthdays, days out, events i.e. going to the cinema, watching a sports event. We will also include information in how to go about opening a bank account. We will provide delegated budgets to the group using the Keyfund approach to budget for and plan activities in real time.

The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project will support individuals with their aspirations such as School Careers events and information on Higher Education including College & University and the associated costs. We will use practical activities to provide a reality check on budgeting for food, rent, heating & lighting and planning for costs of independent living.

The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project, post 16 programme elements will look at gaming, gambling and apps. The ease of access to phone betting apps and the pitfalls associated and where it can lead including Loan Sharks and unregulated financial activity. In addition, we will use the Strength & Difficulties questionnaire at the beginning, middle and end of their involvement in the Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project. We will complete financial reality checks through planned activities, using real time budgets and resources. Surveying the young people each year which will help us shape the project. This will also help us to understand how they are experiencing the project and will influence development of the project and future programme delivery. This will shape the 'live' project. We will use the results to inform us in each year's project evaluation report. The young people will also produce Case Studies with completed evaluation reports.

Legacy:

The Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project will inspire a cohort of young people in the community to be more financially resilient. Attaining a developed sense of awareness of risks around unregulated financial activity. They will be empowered to make the right choices for themselves and know when and where to ask for help.

We expect we will have a project that could be taken to scale across the City using resources co-designed and developed with young people. The evaluation report will evidence learning gained from the 2-year pilot project.

Partnership

The partnership arrangement will be a combination of ShARP (Advice Services) as Lead Partner, Youth Provision services, Washington Academy and Oxclose Community Academy. Phil McAloon Chair Person of Youth Council Washington, Oxclose Community Academy & Nicola Williamson (Business Partnership) & Kelly Oakland (Director of Personal Development) Washington Academy are all invested in creating an environment within their venues for the young people to be involved. Both ODYPP & ShARP as the principal leads will work together to deliver all core elements of the project including input into Washington Academy and Oxclose Community Academy.

Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project is a youth organisation delivering training, support and social activities to young people in Washington. Teaching and youth work staff have worked in Washington for over fifteen years and have a sound understanding of the issues faced by local young people and the population of Washington in general. We have well established working relationships with the Attendance and Careers, Job Centre Plus, local schools and community organisations. Staff are qualified youth workers working in youth clubs and out on the streets on outreach and are well known to young people in Washington. As the major provider of youth work services in Washington we have been able to recruit to programmes without difficulty. Staff at Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project provide a welcoming, supportive and fun environment where young people can learn, gain skills and improve confidence. Support is also available for learners with mental health difficulties through our Good Vibes Counsellors who are available for counselling sessions and there is currently no waiting list. Through Oxclose DYPP the project will benefit from access to the wider Youth networks across Sunderland which will aid strategic development and help generate wider interest in the work which will be useful if the Pilot moves to scale up.

We have established contact with Nicola Williamson from Washington Academy and Kelly Oakland (Director of Personal Development) Washington Academy who have both confirmed that the project is needed and they will work with us to deliver it. This confirmed support from school is vital to reach young people and deliver core elements of the project. We have reached out to Oxclose Community Academy and not finalised arrangements yet but from past contact with the school we know that they will welcome additional support and information for their students.

We have good partnership arrangements with Community Opportunities and will use those links to support any work-related training /seeking employment/apprenticeship or other relevant support needs will be met through link up or referral into Community Opportunities REACT.

We have spoken to a representative from the Illegal Money Lending Team and gained agreement in developing links which would include awareness sessions/age appropriate training on the dangers associated with the use of illegal moneylenders or other unregulated financial matters.

We will develop similar links with North East Council on Addictions (NECA) to raise awareness of gambling hook ins, gaming, Apps and advertising.
An important aspect of raising awareness is also knowing where to get help and support should that be needed.

This Pilot project is new but it will not stand alone as we will work with and through the Washington Area VCS Network to develop awareness and support for the project. The First Tier Welfare Rights Advice Team will add additional benefit to the Making Money Work - Fun with Finance project when it is apparent families are struggling to cope financially

The positive implications for SCC are that we expect this pilot to demonstrate the effectiveness of partnership working to maximise engagement and participation of young people, targeted work, co-design, deliver to educate and embed learning. We also expect that there will be extended reach into families who may need additional support which can be delivered through the First Tier Welfare Rights provision.

Outputs

Outcomes - our young people will:

- Be made aware of and encouraged to use resources available through SCC.
- Be linked to the 'Being in Control' initiative to support individuals' wellbeing and financial resilience.
- Know how to find and access a wealth of financial information for everyday budgeting and the knowledge, if needed, of where and when to access advice and support
- Be more knowledgeable about everyday finance, how to budget and how to access digital tools and materials that might help
- Feel more confident about their future in line with their aspirations, gaining an understanding of the finances associated with further study, the world of work and future life as an adult.

Objectives/Milestones

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
To induct project team into project brief, to ensure understanding of targets	January 2023
Launch project from 16 th January 2023 ongoing	16/01/2023
To meet and engage stakeholders: Oxclose Community Academy and Washington Academy	

Confirm use of venue, role, remit and responsibilities with new partners with first month. Start delivery of project immediately from current venues	16/01/2023 then ongoing
Launch project:	23/01/2023
Establish links with the Sunderland City Council wider Resilience programme	23/01/2023
Promote new project through VCS Area Network, VCS Alliance, neighbourhood social media	23/01/2023 then ongoing
Agree delivery pattern and venues with key stakeholders and delivery partners	23/01/2023 then ongoing
Establish a youth participation forum for the project	23/01/2023 then ongoing
Promote the project at various venues using support from stakeholders	23/01/2023 ongoing
Produce End of Year 1 Project Evaluation Report	Jan 2024
2023 – 2024 ongoing project delivery	
Preparation of final evaluation Report and create an opportunity for the young people to present to Washington Area Committee	Jan 2025

Outputs

A Dynamic Smart City Output	CODE	
number of people accessing digital support	102	30
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	60
number of people receiving information, advice and guidance	206	60
A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
number of people more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis	301	30

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	NF Contribution
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Salaries	14,996	14,996
Mileage	2,732	2,732
Project costs	9,498	9,498
Room Hire	1,360	1,360
Management Fee	12,458	12,458
Craft & Materials/ Budgeting	3,956	3,956
Total	45,000	45,000

Experience of the organisations and partner

ShARP is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee with 40 years' experience delivering welfare rights, benefit and debt advice and other community projects. We have a strong track record of engaging local people and working collaboratively to address local need and priorities. We are confident that by working in partnership with Oxclose DYPP we have the relevant level of skill and experience to deliver this project. Both organisations are funded by a mix of grant funding and contracts all of which require that we perform to a high standard and manage all aspects of the service delivery safely and effectively to achieve agreed outcomes. ShARP has a qualified and experienced leadership team comprising of Chief Officer with +35 years management experience gained in Local Authority and Voluntary Sector, Lead Advice Worker with +40 years' experience in Advice, Probation and Education. The Advice team have the necessary qualifications and experience to carry out their role to the required standard. Regular supervision and annual appraisal are in place to support staff and manage performance.

Oxclose DYPP has an experienced leadership team and qualified experienced Youth Workers in place to deliver this contract. They have a good track record of delivery in a range of projects to meet the needs of local young people

Assessment & Consultation

This application met the minimum threshold via formal Neighbourhood Fund scoring and assessment procedures, scoring 94/125.

- Does the application provide a clear project description and explain how the proposal meets the Project brief and specified outcomes:
 - Clear project description with evidence of HOW the project will be delivered
 - Links made with **two out of the four** senior schools in Washington area and existing youth providers as partners.
 - Proposal seems innovative while utilising existing resources from national providers – particular interest in the inclusion of digital platforms and how they target young people.
 - Range of ages are targeted including post-16 which adds an extra element to the project. Key fund approach is innovative, putting young people in charge of a budget and planning activities.
 - Clear focus on financial education and linking financial resilience to aspirations and attainment with career and higher education focused events with costs associated as a 'reality check'.
 - Engagement plan sets out how they will work with schools and in youth provision however **would have liked to see more differentiation for ages 10 – 15 as one session monthly appears to target all year groups.**
 - Positive messaging and innovative approach runs throughout, focusing activities on real life situations that young people find themselves in.
 - The application states that the project will work alongside the FRP and there is specific date in the timeline to engage with the council's 'Being in Control' project. Clear understanding of existing provision and evidence of current and future links with SCC

- Specific mention of the project supporting mental health and that will support emotional resilience.
- Project will definitely complement and add value to existing young people's provision as a local youth provider is a partner in the project.
- Skills and confidence will be built within young people participating as they will have a greater awareness and skills to manage their finances as they move up through school and on leaving.
- Identifies how it will work in partnership to ensure duplication is avoided
 - Strong partnership application with relevant experience evidenced. Clear information given as to the project activity and who will deliver with clear differentiation between school and youth project delivery.
 - Strong links with youth providers/consortium and Washington VCS Network
 - Good description of understanding of other organisations in the area and how they will work together to avoid duplication. Adds value to, and compliments, existing provision
 - Links made with 2 out of the 4 schools and youth provider prior to submitting the application and clear plans for how they will work together to avoid any duplication and complement one another.
- Realistic milestones and outputs
 - Timeline appears to be realistic, particularly with links already made with schools and youth provider in the area as this would likely take up planning time.
Clarification on Outputs - [may be too low based on planned activity of 1 session per month in schools and youth organisation – require more information about how many young people would access each session and age ranges.](#)
- Robust project management and monitoring systems in place, Identified risk and mechanisms to deal with them
 - Strong on project and performance management. Clear explanation of performance monitoring with regular questionnaires to participants and links between youth workers and management within ShARP and ODYPP to feedback.
 - Budget management appears reasonable and both organisations have experience of managing funding. [Recommend request more detailed breakdown for staffing costs \(per organisation\) and 'project costs'.](#)
 - Experience exceeds expectations with additional qualification of youth workers.
 - No risks identified but positive impacts well explained. Experience of financial resilience from advice background. Qualified youth worker demonstrates experience of working with young people and clear explanation of the role financial education and access to advice plays in preparing young people for life after school. Marketing strategy includes promotion via school and youth providers with recruitment via the same sources. There is mention of the council's FRP and specific action within the timeline to link in with FRP which will include discussion around existing branding and how this will be utilised within the project.

Officer Recommendation: Approve subject to the following conditions:

- [Clarification re age-appropriate engagement planning given broad range age identified for each session](#)
- [Plan to engage the other 2 x Secondary schools](#)
- [Further detail re budget breakdown](#)

Application No. 2 (Youth Matters)

Name of Project	Be Moneywise Financial Health
Lead Organisation	Moneywise Credit Union

Total cost	Match funding	NF Requested
£46,850	£1,850	£45,000
Project Duration	Start date	End Date
2 years	January 2023	December 2025

Taken Verbatim from the application form

Project Proposal

This project will be delivered in the 4 Secondary schools and youth projects in the area. As a Credit Union Moneywise has a strong understanding of the need for Financial Resilience amongst both adults and young people. This proposal is about developing and delivering Financial Future Proofing for young people, some of whom are already aware that they lack the financial knowledge and skills necessary for independent adult life. The pandemic has led to job losses, an increase in personal debt and a rise in Loan Shark activity. Some people are struggling financially for the first time as they have lost their jobs or been furloughed. They did not have savings and are carrying existing loans and credit card debt. This situation has now been exacerbated by the current Cost of Living crisis. Families in particular are experiencing difficult financial choices. Young people have become increasingly aware of their family's financial worries and this has had an impact on their mental, physical and emotional health.

Financial Education – as previously stated we view financial education as an imperative in future proofing young people's financial decisions and choices. They need to be prepared for adulthood and have a knowledge of the costs they will need to meet as adults – accommodation, utilities, Council Tax, transport, food and clothing etc., and an understanding of affordable credit. The project outcomes will contribute to the following:

- WAC Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan – supporting young people building financial resilience
- Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy – improving community resilience, community empowerment, engagement and involvement
- Sunderland's A Healthy Smart City – improving access to equitable opportunities and life chances and people enjoying independent lives
- Sunderland City Plan – Families are resilient and resourceful to respond to challenges and achieve the best possible outcomes for their children. Our proposal will prepare and support young people to make informed financial choices and decisions, thus ensuring that if, and when, they become parents they will be able to provide a more stable financial household
- Working in partnership with Sunderland's Financial Resilience Team

BE MONEYWISE

Working in all 4 secondary schools and relevant youth providers:

To explore with Years 7 & 10 pupils and young people in youth projects

- What they currently know about money matters
- What they will have to pay for in the future as independent adults
- What jobs they might be aiming for and what their future monthly income might be based
- Financial planning, budgeting etc
- Their knowledge of credit/loans
- What financial information and financial skills they think are critical for themselves and their contemporaries as they prepare for adulthood

The pupils/young people's suggestions/ideas will then lead to a co-developed Financial Awareness/Education Package specifically for young people with age-appropriate resources such as mock money, budgeting cards, quizzes etc.

To train pupils in schools and young people in youth projects to be Peer2Peer Deliverers of the co-developed Young Person's Financial Awareness/Education Package

To train staff in schools and youth projects to deliver Young Person's Financial Awareness/Education Sessions thus embedding it in the school curriculum and enabling youth projects to deliver to future young participants.

Work with and co-ordinate all activity with the with the Council's 'Being in Control

Project: Work with the SCC Financial Resilience Team and the local VCS to ensure that existing SCC financial branding and Financial Resilience resources are explored and critiqued by young people and relevant resources are included in the co-developed Financial Awareness/Education Package. The Final Package will be a mixture of hard copy resources and digital resources that can be shared and downloaded by other schools and community providers.

Improve and support emotional resilience, community cohesion and enables young people to make informed choices and raise aspirations.

By co-developing a specific Financial Awareness/Education Package with, and for young people, the Project will improve young people's ability to make sensible financial decisions and prepare them for the world of work/further education.

- To deliver financial education sessions to young people in schools and Youth Projects.
- As part of these Sessions young people will evaluate and critique the existing financial resources available to them and consider what other financial information should be added that will be useful to young people
- The young people's suggestions/ideas will then be included and subsequently lead to a new co-developed Financial Awareness/Education Package specifically for young people.
- Reality Check activities will form part of the Sessions – they will explore potential future incomes based on their present career aspirations. They will then have a 'real life' future monthly income to work with.
- The Financial Pack will contain a real- life Budgeting Exercises based on their projected monthly income that covers Housing Costs, Utility Bills, Water Rates, Council Tax, Mobile Phone/ Broadband costs, Food, Clothing, Transport, Leisure etc.
- The Financial Education Pack will also contain Evaluation Sheets that are used at the beginning and end of session delivery. The Evaluation questions are designed to establish the level of financial understanding/knowledge at the start of the session and establish what knowledge they have gained from the session and identify any changes they may make to their financial behaviour in the future. The results of the Evaluation Sheets are entered onto an Excel Spreadsheet – this enables us to monitor how well the Session has been received and identify changes to future financial behaviour/spending/saving etc
- To train young people in schools and youth projects to be Peer2Peer Deliverers of the co-developed Young Person's Financial Awareness/Education Package. As well as leaving a legacy of trained young people to assist future generations, this project will also develop transferrable skills and confidence in the young people
- To raise awareness with young people of the careers information and support that is available to them, not just through IAG in schools but also through on-line resources such as National Careers Service.
- Our Project proposal can also be seen to fit within PHSE in schools

Complement and add value to existing young people's provision and where appropriate, work in partnership with existing initiatives: Moneywise already works with Sunderland MIND and has delivered the Be Moneywise Financial Awareness Sessions to young people who access Sunderland MIND Project. Integral to this Project would be the involvement of not only the secondary schools, but also existing youth projects such as Sunderland MIND, Together for Children and the VCS and Youth Projects in the local area. We would seek to include these young people in the co-development of the Young People's Financial Awareness/Education Package and also to train young people as Peer2Peer Deliverers of the co-developed Training Package and train Project staff as deliverers of the Financial Training Package.

Build skills and confidence amongst young people. Co-development of the financial pack – information and resources, will enable the young people to take ownership of the material and to become financial ambassadors amongst their peers, as they will be trained to deliver the Financial Education Package to their peers. They will increase their financial knowledge, thus increasing their confidence in making sensible financial choices in their adult lives.

Knowledge of relevant local provision, projects, activities and initiatives, Moneywise already works with Sunderland MIND and has delivered the Be Moneywise Financial Awareness Sessions to young people who access Sunderland MIND Project. We have also worked with Sunderland CAB in delivering a joint Financial and Loan Shark Awareness Project in Sunderland Primary Schools.

Partnership

The Final Education Pack will include information on all relevant Sunderland Council services, web content etc. The Pack will also include a list of useful financial support websites, such as CAB, MAPS, Illegal Money Lending Team, Debt Counselling and Support, Price Comparisons, Mental Health etc.

Moneywise is a member of Washington VCS Area Network and Sunderland Wellbeing Network and works with Sunderland MIND and has delivered the Be Moneywise Financial Awareness Sessions to young people who access Sunderland MIND Project. We have recorded a Podcast with MIND about Moneywise Credit Union, the dangers of loan sharks and the risks attached to taking out high interest credit.

We have established a Credit Union Collection Point at Mickey's Place, Sulgrave, Washington and we have delivered Financial Awareness sessions to Headway clients. We work with SSC Financial Resilience Team.

Integral to this Project would be the involvement of not only the secondary schools, but also existing youth projects such as Sunderland MIND, Together for Children, Washington Millennium Centre, and the VCS and Youth Projects in the local area, such as Oxclose Young People's Project. We would seek to include these young people in the co-development of the Young People's Financial Awareness/Education Package and also to train these young people as Peer2Peer Deliverers of the co-developed Training Package. We will also train Project staff to deliver the financial education Package.

Objectives/Milestones

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Establish contact with the 4 Secondary Schools and agree a timeline for delivery within the schools	January – February 23

Commence delivery of Be Moneywise Financial Awareness Sessions in schools	March 23
Delivery of sessions in secondary schools from March 23 – December 23	March 23 – Dec 23
Establish contact with Youth Projects and agree a timeline for delivery within Youth Projects	January 24 – February 24
Commence delivery of sessions in youth projects	March 24 – May 24
Commence re- design of Financial Awareness Package based on young people's comments, suggestions and ideas.	June-July 24
Present re-designed Financial Awareness Package to those young people who contributed for further comment/amends.	Sept- Dec 24
Co-Develop Evaluation Resources that can be used by young people to enable them to evaluate the effectiveness of the Training Package at the end of each session they subsequently deliver	Sept- Dec 24
Organise production of completed Training Package	Jan - Feb 25
Deliver Peer 2 Peer Training in schools, to young people and staff	Feb – July 25
Deliver Peer 2 Training in Youth Projects to young people and staff	Feb – Sept 25
Collate Evaluation Returns from Subsequent Training sessions delivered by Trained deliverers	Sept – Dec 25
Deliver follow up Evaluation sessions with Peer 2 Peer Trainers and adult trainers to establish if they require further training or training materials need to be amended	Nov 25- Dec 25

Outputs

A Healthy City	CODE	Output
Life Chances	203	735 number of children & young people benefiting
Independent Lives	206	735 number of people receiving information, advice and guidance
A Vibrant City	CODE	Output
People Participation	306	12 number of external organisations involved or supported
People Participation	307	498 number of hours spent delivering this funded project

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	NF Contribution
Staff delivery time for sessions with young people including content development and finalisation of contents.	22,540	22,540
Staff delivery time for delivery of Peer 2 Peer and staff training. Staff delivery time for delivery of Evaluation sessions with trained Trainers to review Evaluation Returns and training delivered. To identify any amendments/additions required to Pack content	£7360	£7360
Development of final Financial Awareness/Education Pack	2,100	2,100
Marketing Material Production & Financial Education Resource Pack Production costs	10,000	10,000

Project administration inc staff time	160	
Travel costs	3000	3000
Project Management	1,690	
Total	46850	45000

Experience of the organisation

Moneywise Credit Union is currently delivering the same Project in both Stockton and Redcar – co-developing Young People's Financial Awareness/Education Package and training Peer 2 Peer Trainers.

We are currently working with schools, youth projects, Care Leavers and Young People's Council in Redcar and Stockton.

We have delivered our existing Be Moneywise Financial Awareness Package in primary and secondary schools, colleges, and youth projects. We have also delivered it to adults via the Recovery College, Mental Health projects, and family hubs.

Moneywise already works closely with the Council to raise awareness amongst local people of the benefits of joining a credit union. We also work with the VCS to promote the credit union and deliver financial resilience messages

We work closely with the England Illegal Moneylending Team to raise awareness of the dangers of Loan Sharks and their increasing targeting of people through social media sites. Our proposed Financial Awareness project will incorporate raising young people's awareness of loan sharks, Illegal Moneylending and high interest lenders.

Assessment & Consultation

This application only just under minimum threshold via formal Neighbourhood Fund scoring and assessment procedures, scoring 74/125 – therefore recommended full assessment. (Threshold is 75)

- The application did not explain fully how the proposal will meet the Project brief and specified outcomes:
 - Does not evidence HOW the project will be delivered and HOW engagement with users will be ensured/sustained
 - No existing relationship with schools and no information provided on how they intend to get schools involved.
 - Engagement approaches not innovative - utilising resources developed from previous projects in Redcar and Stockton but no examples of resources provided.
 - Assumption that all year groups will be targeted but no indication of differentiation for different age groups (eg. sessions targeting year 7s would not be engaging to Y11s).
 - Focus is on financial education and mention of 'reality check' events to link to aspirations and attainment but little detail given.
 - Engagement plan is limited to testing existing resources and students/youth group attendees being involved in re-design/co-development of these.
 - Little to no information about positive messaging however peer to peer training could be considered interesting to young people.
 - Little evidence that the project will work with the Council's 'Being in Control' project or how the offer is different than that already available
 - **Intention** to improve and support emotional resilience, health and wellbeing by co-development and education?
 - Proposed methodology Implies that co-developing the resources and delivering peer to peer training has the potential to build skills and confidence amongst young people.

- Identifies how it will work in partnership to ensure duplication is avoided
 - Weak on partnership section. Little evidence of knowledge of existing organisations and services
 - Little information given about existing young people's provision in the area – some mention of groups and venues but no information as to how the project will complement and add value. Mention of previous work with Sunderland MIND – not Washington based.
 - Some mention of organisations in the area but no detail as to their activity and how this project will complement therefore it is unclear if there will be any added value.
- Realistic milestones and outputs
 - No existing relationship with schools will make engaging them and arranging a delivery timescale difficult, particularly starting within two months of initial contact. No information as to whether this will fit into existing timetables or be one off events which may impact schools' desire to participate.
 - Outputs - Unclear where the 735 figure came from in relation to C & YP benefitting and people receiving IAG. Estimates given regarding outputs but these appear to be based on assumptions (rather than experience in similar projects).
- Robust project management and monitoring systems in place, identified risk and mechanisms to deal with them
 - Mention of a project officer in performance management arrangements but no clear information about whether it will be a single officer coordinating the entire project. Some information on how the activities will be delivered (using an existing resource and re-developing with students in schools) and that this will achieve a new co-produced resource to be used by students for peer to peer training.
 - Project performance management - seems sufficient with regular reporting to MW SMT and Board and AC as required. Budget management arrangements appear reasonable.
 - Experience – reference to similar projects in other areas. Feedback and evaluation of these may have been useful in how these were received.
 - Risks are identified regarding schools engaging but no information as to how they will be managed – if relationship with schools is not made, would the project be able to proceed?
 - Financial resilience experience is referenced well as well as previous experience delivering financial education however reliance upon previous resources used but not shared as part of the application. Evaluations of previous work with schools would have been useful to assess impact.
 - Marketing strategy is touched upon briefly, making links to share and promote via existing networks. Reference is made to the council's FRP and use of existing resources however MW's own resources are mentioned earlier in the application so it is unclear which resources will be used as a starting point and critiqued by students to develop new resources.

Officer Recommendation: Decline

Washington Area Committee
15th December 2022
Community Chest Awards April 2022 to March 2023

Washington Central Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project	01.06.22	-	£719
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
South Tyneside Mesothelioma Self Help Group	01.09.22	-	£575
Washington Glebe Bowling Club	01.09.22	-	£500
Washington Station Womens Institute	17.11.22	-	£500
Remaining balance			£6,718
Washington East Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
1st Fatfield Scout Group	01.06.22	-	£780
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
North Biddick Bowl Club	01.09.22	-	£636
Fatfield RA	01.09.22	-	£373
The Forge	01.09.22	-	£988
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£409
Remaining balance		-	£5,826
Washington North Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
Oxclose & District Young peoples project	01.7.22	-	£500
Active Families NE CIC	01.07.22	-	£500
District Youth ABC	01.09.22	-	£500
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£515
Usworth Bowling Club	24.11.22	-	£480
Washington AFC	24.11.22	-	£542
Remaining balance			£5,625
Washington South Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60

Oxclose & District Young Peoples Project	01.06.22	-	£650
Woodland Trust path the Chase Rickleton SCC	01.06.22	-	£2,000
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
Rickleton RA	01.09.22	-	£546
Remaining balance			£5,816
Washington West Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	25.05.22	-	£770
Washington Community Banner Groups	25.05.22	-	£60
St. Bedes ladies Friendship group	01.06.22	-	£700
Washington Community Banner Groups	01.06.22	-	£158
The Little Onion Club	01.09.22	-	£391
Remaining balance			£7,921

REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

- **Purpose of the Report**

The report provides an update with regards to the Washington Area Community & Voluntary Sector Network

- **Background**

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.

Washington Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee informing Members of recent activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector. The delegates will also represent the Network at the VCS Alliance meetings.

- **Washington Network**

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.

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. 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

The Area Network also provides a direct link between the Sunderland VC Alliance and the VCS Sector and continues to engage the sector in the

- **Washington Network (AVCSN) Progress Report**

The Washington Network has continued to meet with 'in person' meetings held every 6 – 8 weeks at the Washington Millennium Centre

The Sunderland VCS Alliance Community Support Worker continues to support organisations across the area and is currently supporting with funding applications, sustaining buildings, and providing governance advice. The VCS Alliance is now distributing the Sectors E bulletin, providing a range of training opportunities identified as needed by the sector, and organising workshops in all areas.

Washington Network has met twice since the last Committee meeting. At the meeting in September the Network received a presentation from Area Arrangements:

- Social Prescribing in Sunderland – creating a citywide community support programme. This outlined the vision for social prescribing and the new Outline Model/Framework phases involving a range of partners. Key aspects included the multi skilled referral process and a one message – one direction approach.

- Key message was that the VCSE are a key and intrinsic element of potentially supporting, delivering, and assisting residents to access their services and provision. This would enable the VCSE with other partners to inform and develop capacity and increase impact and funding opportunities. Within this there would be a mapping and assessment process and a link workers would work directly with the VCSE offering non-clinical support. It was recognised that different groups would be at different levels in terms of their standards of service.
- In practical terms the Warm Spaces- Cost of Living response currently rolling out across the City would be a pilot. The first phase will be place based, followed by a second phase to support individual to access employability opportunities with the third and final phase being the allocation of additional activities which promote and support the improvement of health and wellbeing.
- Washington MIND to provide 'Rays Corner' information to the Warm Spaces Provider Network Meeting 18.10.22
- Warm Spaces list and web page to be circulated

The VCS Alliance confirmed the VCS Alliance 'offer' re support for the local VCS groups and if any organisation had any training needs contact DG. A request to also complete Taking Stock sSurvey. Requirement if applying for any Council grant. Will provide list of VCS needs to match to Social Value contributions from developers and procured contractors.

Meeting held November 2022 welcomed a couple of new 'members' and received a presentation from the Illegal Money Lending Team, and a report from the VCSA Community Support Worker offering support. The Network also discussed plans and methodology for producing the Washington VCS Networks Annual Report 2022/23 which would be presented to the March 2023 Area Committee.

A well-attended meeting provided lots of partner updates and information sharing opportunities

Recommendations

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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REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Anti-Social Behaviour

Since the last Area Committee ASB in Washington has decreased by 12% when compared to the last reporting period. This increase is a fantastic achievement especially considering the reporting period spans Halloween and Bonfire Night. As part of our seasonal planning the area of Washington continues to see increased and targeted patrols designed to combat localised issues. The ASB hotspots currently are Barmston, Concord and The Galleries.

Motorcycle Disorder

The levels of Motorcycle Disorder have increased slightly since the last Area Committee, which equates to 11 more reported incidents. The current hotspots are Concord, Albany and Usworth. It is acknowledged that up until recently, incidents concerning the illegal use of motorcycles was significantly under reported. Following the last Area Committee reports to the Police have increased resulting in the deployment of additional resources. Furthermore, as part of a wider problem-solving approach, the Washington Neighbourhood Team is continuing to work with partners to reduce the illegal use of motorcycles specifically in Concord and Sulgrave. Thus far the team has been successful in seizing numerous illegal motorcycles and recently executed a search warrant in the Sulgrave area. This followed intelligence shared by the local community around motorcycle disorder taking place in the area and that some offending vehicles were being stored at the address.

Sulgrave Project

The Sulgrave Project is now expanding the work it is doing and is looking to deliver a “mentor scheme” to support children vulnerable to exploitation. This work will be undertaken by volunteers and it is hoped that it will positively impact on the lives of young people within the locality.

Operation Butternut

Operation Butternut is a Road Safety operation in collaboration with Sunderland City Council. The operation officially went live in October 2022 and with several deployments already having taken place around Washington. The operation is designed to tackle and educate the public regarding a wide range of Road Safety issues. Thus far countless persons have received suitable education and advice regarding Road Safety in addition to enforcement action that includes; seizure of uninsured vehicles and prosecution of offenders for a wide range of Road Traffic-related offences.

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**Inspector Neighbourhood Policing
Southern**

15th December 2022

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 September 2022 to 30th November 2022, compared with the same period in 2021.

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

3 incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 9 reported incident occurring in the same period during the previous year.

Li14 - Number of Deliberate Primary Fires excluding Vehicles								
	2021				2022			
Ward	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Washington Central Ward	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	0
Washington East Ward	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2
Washington North Ward	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1
Washington South Ward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington West Ward	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	7	9	2	1	0	3

Property Type	Incident Count
Tunnel, subway	6
Food and Drink	1
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	1
Total	9

2021

Property Type	Incident Count
Food and Drink	1
House - single occupancy	1
Retail	1
Total	3

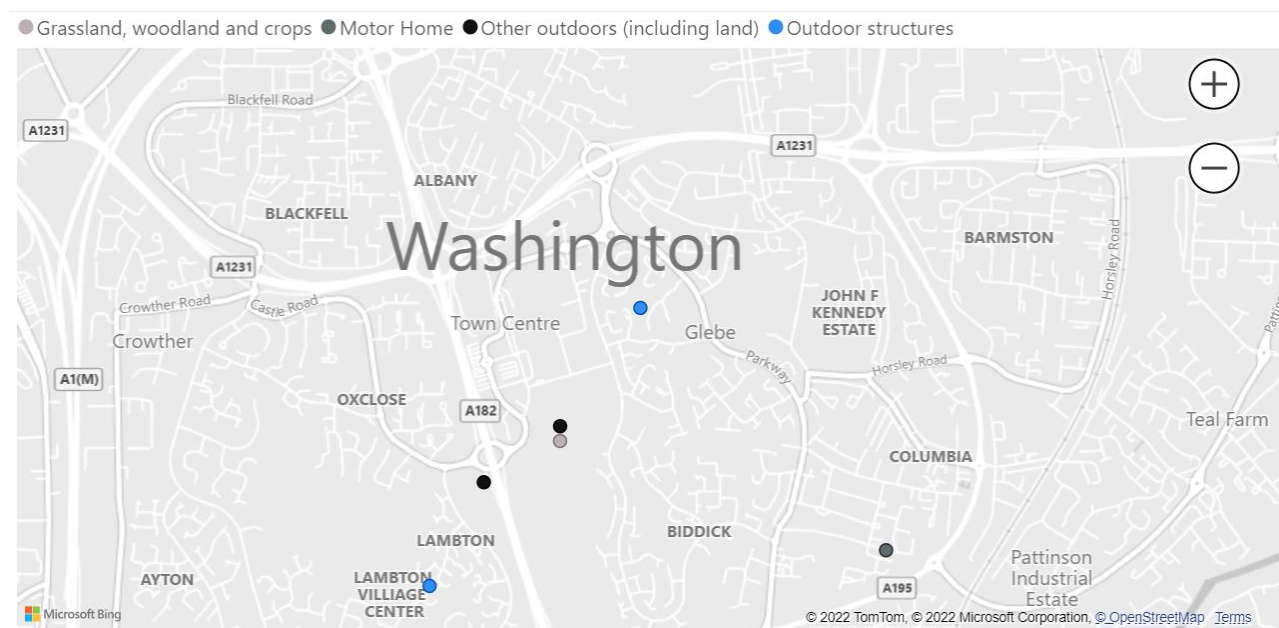
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3.3 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

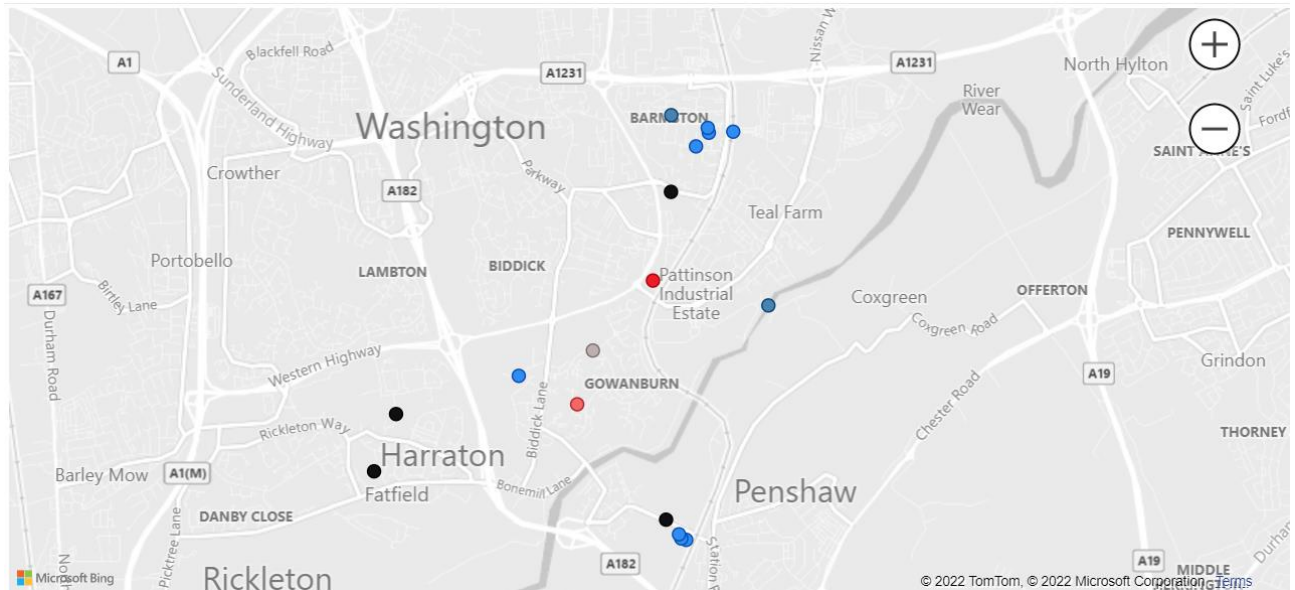
48 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 109 incidents in the previous year.

LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)								
	2021				2022			
Ward	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Washington Central Ward	9	27	15	51	3	1	2	6
Washington East Ward	6	4	9	19	5	4	8	17
Washington North Ward	3	3	9	15	3	5	8	16
Washington South Ward	4	4	2	10	1	5	2	8
Washington West Ward	5	2	7	14	0	0	1	1
Total	27	40	42	109	12	15	21	48

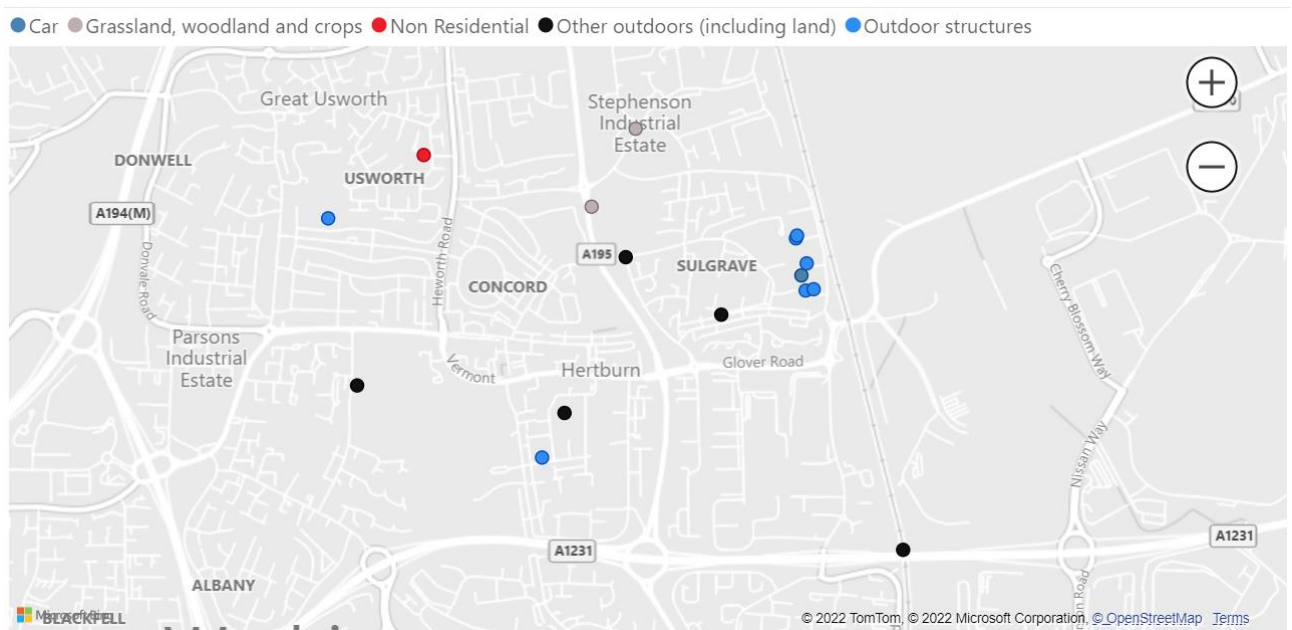
3.3.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 51 the previous year to 6 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;



3.3.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 19 the previous year to 17 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

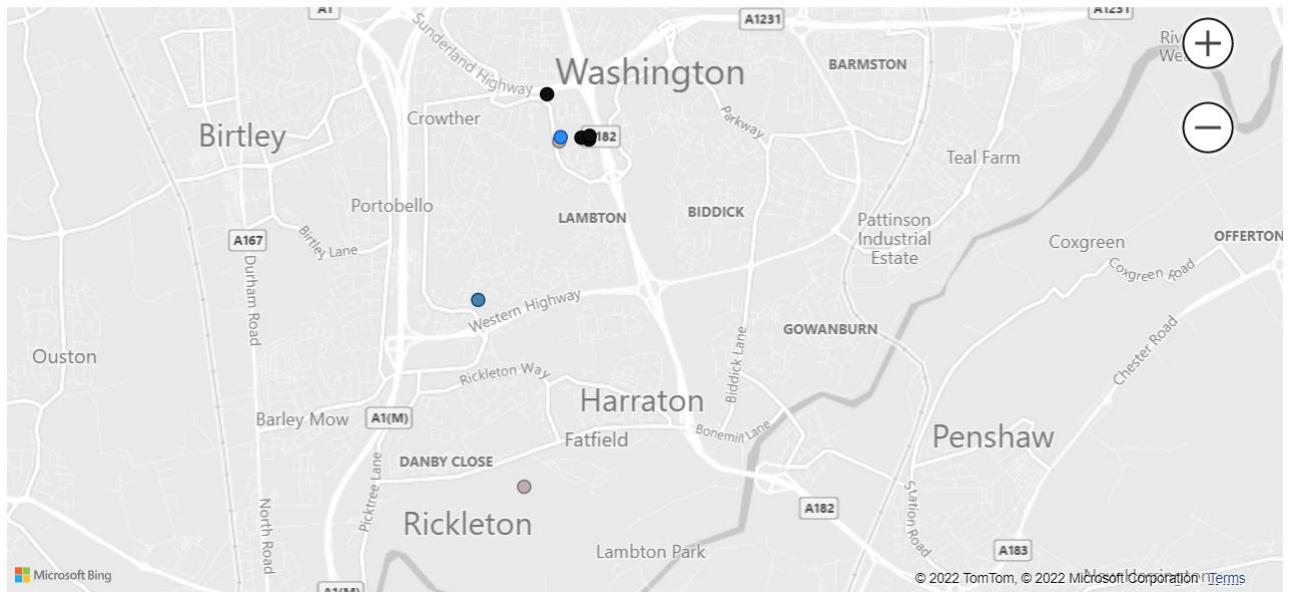


3.3.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 15 the previous year to 16 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



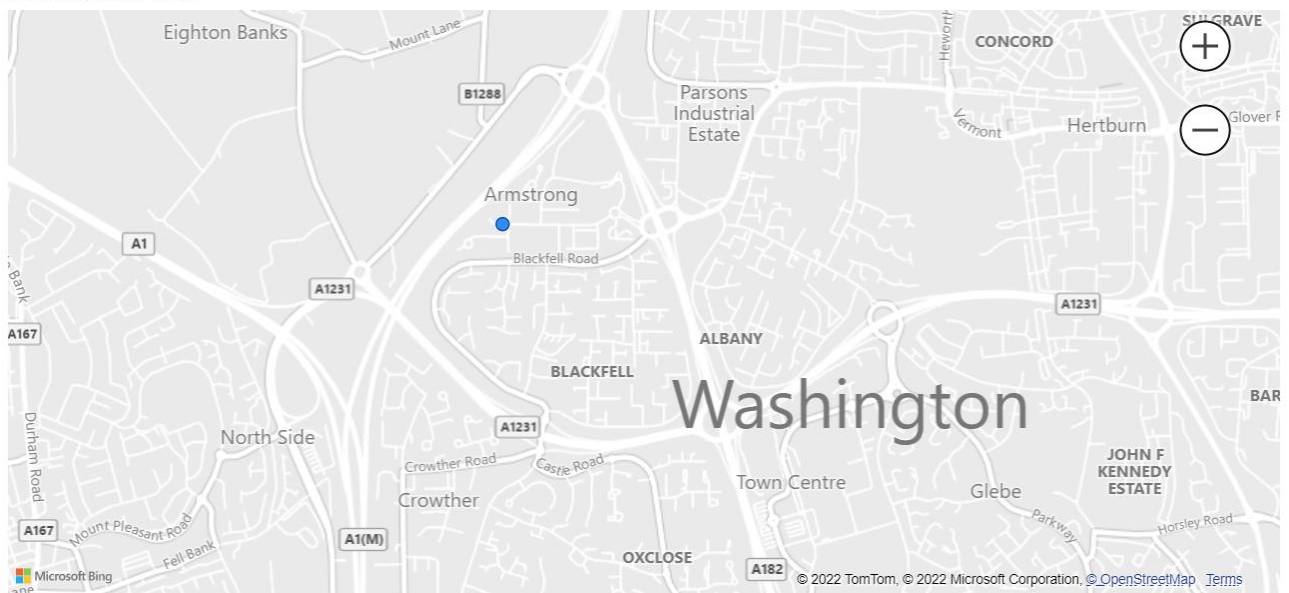
3.3.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 10 the previous year to 8 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

● Car ● Grassland, woodland and crops ● Other outdoors (including land) ● Outdoor structures



3.3.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 14 the previous year to 1 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

● Outdoor structures



4 Fire Stoppers Hotline

- 4.1 It is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. 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.

6 Recommendations

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

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15 December 2022

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the Washington Area Committee from September to December 2022.

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 Following the recent coverage around the tragic impact mould and damp can have, we know that some of our tenants may be concerned about mould and damp in their home. To ensure we provide the necessary support, we have set up a dedicated phone line where tenants can report any concerns about mould or damp, and these will be addressed as soon as possible. A dedicated team has been set up to deal with any concerns. The health and safety of our tenants is our number one priority, and we believe everyone has the right to live safely and comfortably in their own home.
- 3.2 Estate walks with Local Councillors are going well and would like to thank all Councillors for your contribution at these walks, showing residents in our neighbourhoods the collaborative working that goes on in making the area's people are proud to live in.
- 3.3 At last committee Gentoo shared with you that we have entered into an agreement with other Housing providers called 'The Bread & Butter Thing'. The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) is a charity that makes life more affordable for people on a low income. Their mission is to create a fair solution for people in poverty and their long-term aim is to address the premiums that people in poverty pay for food, loans, energy and other everyday essentials, simply because of their personal circumstances. It works by collecting surplus food and staple goods that often end up going to waste from supermarkets, factories, and farms and distribute them at a discount price through community hubs, our first area in the City to be able to access this is Pennywell. On 9/11/22 the first session benefitted 75 families, the second session on 16/1/22 79 families and 1 single person attended and received their shopping at a substantially reduced rate.
- 3.4 Bonfire Night update, in the run up to the 5th November Gentoo deployed a number of teams to work out of hours across the City, they were actively picking up fly tipping and waste that could have been used potentially for bonfire. On the 5th November, working in partnership with the City Council, TWFRS teams and Gentoo the partners worked across the City dismantling bonfires and collecting waste items that could become part of a bonfire.

As a result of all of the partnership working, the actual number of bonfires was greatly reduced and demonstrated how working and a coordinated citywide approach, can play a massive part in keeping everyone safe.

Waste figures from Gentoo's waste partners Biffa and Suez has highlighted that during the lead up to bonfire night, working out of hours and on the 5th, Gentoo disposed of 23 tonnes of waste at the two transfer stations, that would have ended up on bonfires.

- 3.5 This year's Christmas campaign is underway and an opportunity for staff to nominate a family they are supporting to receive tickets for the pantomime (200 tickets available), Christmas gifts and Christmas dinners (160 or more).
- 3.6 Staff conference foodbank collection. Christmas during the cost-of-living crisis will be a difficult time for local families and communities. To offer a helping hand and support the stocks at the Foodbank, we are asking colleagues to bring along a small donation for Sunderland Foodbank to this year's staff conference on 9 December.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 Washington District Heating scheme is progressing, gas meters are being installed and old District heating being removed, residents are having new combi boilers fitted. This programme is due to complete in December 2023 and includes both tenants and owner occupiers.
- 4.2 Lambton Village Centre external decoration works are ongoing, weather dependant these works should be completed in December 2022.
- 4.3 The window renewal scheme is ongoing in Washington we have completed 1181 properties with 226 outstanding. We are currently working in Bamston, Concord, Donwell and Blackfell with Straightline and Sekura being our contractors for these works. The feedback is very positive from tenants who are benefitting from these upgrades and the target for completion is February 2023.
- 4.4 Decarbonisation works are nearing completion at Whinfell, the properties look great and our tenants will see a big difference in their homes due to the insulation works.
- 4.5 Ongoing internals works including new kitchens, bathrooms and rewiring is taking place in Biddick, Columbia and Springwell Village. Tenants who are included in these works are being contacted.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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Current Planning Applications(Washington)

Between 01/10/2022 and 24/11/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02237/TPA	Chantry HouseVillage LaneWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7HT	Crown thin Sycamore tree by 25%.	10/10/2022	05/12/2022
Washington Central				
22/02240/PRI	Stella Maris6 Biddick ViewColumbiaWashingtonNE38 7DU	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 4m from the original dwelling, 3.8m in height and 2.6m to the eaves).	10/10/2022	21/11/2022
Washington Central				
22/02257/TPA	RavenstoneThe AvenueWashington VillageWashingtonNE38 7LE	Crown thim up to 25% of 1no. Sycamore tree	11/10/2022	06/12/2022
Washington Central				
22/02327/ADV	1 Galleries Retail ParkWashingtonNE38 7QY	Erection of 2no. Fascia signs to front and 1no. projecting sign.	21/10/2022	16/12/2022
Washington Central				
22/02400/FUL	Public Car ParkThe GalleriesWashington Town CentreWashington	Erection of a substation, Installation of 8no. ultra-rapid electric vehicle chargers and associated electrical equipment.	01/11/2022	27/12/2022
Washington Central				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02251/DEM	Columbia Community Association Oxclose Road Washington NE38 7ET	Demolition of existing structure to east elevation	03/11/2022	01/12/2022
Washington Central				
22/02451/CLP	Units 05, 7, 8, 9A, 9B 10 And 11, Units 58, 58A, Y2, Y3, Unit W, Unit V1, 35A And 35C First Floor The Galleries Shopping Centre Washington NE38 7SD	Lawful development certificate for proposed use as a gym.	07/11/2022	05/01/2023
Washington Central				
22/02477/VAR	Unit 1C The Galleries Washington Town Centre Washington NE38 7SD	Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) attached to planning application 22/01381/FUL to allow design change	10/11/2022	05/01/2023
Washington Central				
22/02127/FUL	6 Eden Villas Columbia Washington NE38 7EJ	Replacement of store to side of Dental Practice with single storey extension to side/rear. The extension will provide an additional surgery, X-ray room, decon room, waiting area and staff area, as well as an accessible toilet.	17/11/2022	12/01/2023
Washington Central				
22/02282/TEX	Land At Fallowfield Way Fatfield Washington	Proposed 15m 5G street pole with additional equipment cabinets.	14/10/2022	03/12/2022
Washington East				
22/02338/FUL	43 Fatfield Park Fatfield Washington NE38 8BP	Erection of single storey extension to rear (Retrospective).	24/10/2022	19/12/2022
Washington East				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02407/TPA	High TreesVigo LaneWashingtonNE38 9AA	Removal of Ash tree due to dead wood within the tree and signs of ash die back disease.	01/11/2022	27/12/2022
Washington East				
22/02529/PCZ	20 Eddison RoadSwan Industrial EstateWashingtonNE38 8JH	Installation of 294 x 410w panels which equates to a 120.54kWp system to existing roof.	17/11/2022	15/01/2023
Washington East				
22/02494/FUL	60 Biddick LaneFatfieldWashingtonNE38 8AA	Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey extension to rear/side of property.	18/11/2022	13/01/2023
Washington East				
22/02192/FUL	Rear Of3 - 4 West ViewConcordWashingtonNE37 2DT	Erection of 4No. storage units.	03/10/2022	28/11/2022
Washington North				
22/02189/ADV	Land To The West Of Infiniti Drive Washington	Erection of 2no. single sided hoarding signs	03/10/2022	28/11/2022
Washington North				
22/01713/FUL	28 Manor ParkConcordWashingtonNE37 2BT	Erection of a single storey extension to front	05/10/2022	30/11/2022
Washington North				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01895/FU4	Land To The East Of Infiniti Drive Washington	Creation of temporary soil storage mounds; including temporary construction accesses off Infiniti Drive	06/10/2022	05/01/2023
Washington North				
22/01885/FUL	22 Brackley Sulgrave Washington NE37 3DP	Conversion of the existing outbuilding to a self-contained holiday let (Retrospective) (Description amended 02.11.2022)	17/10/2022	12/12/2022
Washington North				
22/02235/FUL	15 Barton Close Washington NE37 3LN	Erection of a single storey extension side and rear	17/10/2022	12/12/2022
Washington North				
22/02300/FUL	7 Dalmahoy Usworth Washington NE37 1SF	Erection of single storey extension to rear.	18/10/2022	13/12/2022
Washington North				
22/02233/FUL	50 Hexham Oxclose Washington NE38 0NS	Erection of dormer window to the rear with Juliette balcony	09/10/2022	04/12/2022
Washington South				
22/01984/FUL	2 Hargill Drive Rickleton Washington NE38 9EY	Erection of two storey extensions to side and front with single storey extension to front and rear	10/10/2022	05/12/2022
Washington South				

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02542/FUL	29 Gairloch DriveLambtonWashingtonNE38 0DS	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear.	21/11/2022	16/01/2023
Washington South				
22/02213/CLP	4 Fell RoadSpringwellGatesheadNE9 7RP	Certificate of proposed use for erection of a single storey rear extension	05/10/2022	30/11/2022
Washington West				
22/02258/FUL	1-7 And 9-22 WhinfellAlbanyWashingtonNE37 1AS	Removal of asbestos and timber external cladding. Install external wall Insulation and render with grey banding. Remove and renew canopies above front entrance doors, including increase in roof heights, new ramped access to nos. 12 and 13, renew fencing and repalce entrance steps amd handrails	04/11/2022	30/12/2022
Washington West				
22/02484/FUL	Garage Block North Of17 - 20 Albany Village CentreWashington	Demolition of existing single storey garages and replacement with soft landscaping.	10/11/2022	05/01/2023
Washington West				
22/02485/FUL	Garage Block East Of7 CrossgillAlbanyWashington	Demolition of existing single storey garages and replacement with soft landscaping.	10/11/2022	05/01/2023
Washington West				