

# Washington

Area Committee Delivery Plan covering the wards  
Washington: Central, East, North, South and West

  
Sunderland  
City Council





# Introduction

**As Chair of the Washington Area Committee, I am delighted to present the Washington Area Committee Delivery Plan, covering the wards of Washington: Central, East, North, South and West.**

During 2019-20 we launched our resident engagement strategy – Let’s Talk Sunderland, where we asked residents what they liked about their neighbourhood, what they’d like to change and how they could become more involved within their community.

We received an excellent response from residents of all ages and communities, including from our local area. Clearly our residents love their neighbourhoods and their city – however they feel it could be better cared for; with more enforcement against those who don’t. They value the strong community spirit and they want to support vulnerable communities. Significant investment is ongoing across Sunderland creating an exciting and vibrant, healthy and dynamic city for everyone – we must however bring back the vibrancy of our neighbourhoods too, ensuring all residents share the journey.

Sunderland City Council supported by the Washington Area Committee, alongside partners and the voluntary and community sector are determined to deliver the Washington Neighbourhood Investment Plan, which was approved by the Council’s Cabinet in March 2020, and to ensure the priorities are achieved, this Area Committee Delivery Plan has been produced.

This Delivery Plan is a dynamic document, supported by a Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme as well as the Area Committee’s Neighbourhood Funds. I urge you to monitor the Council’s progress, as we work hard to improve the lives of our residents.

We will also continue to engage with residents through Let’s Talk Sunderland, consulting further with residents on key topics as the city continues to move forward beyond the Covid-19 pandemic. We will develop a pledge with residents and partners to continue to invest and improve our neighbourhoods – together.



Councillor Len Lauchlan,  
Chair of the Washington Area Committee

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# What we have achieved so far

Following the approval of the five Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, no-one could have anticipated the impact the Coronavirus (COVID-19) would have across the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic was like no other ever experienced in our lifetime, however the Sunderland people came together as they always do during a crisis. On Monday 23 March 2020, the Prime Minister declared to the nation that we must work together, stay at home to stay safe and protect the NHS.

From Tuesday 24 March onwards, our communities mobilised themselves like never before, looking out for each other and working together to support our most vulnerable. Elected Members, alongside officers from across the Council, key partners and our Voluntary and Community Sector quickly and pragmatically established Area Community Hubs.

These hubs coordinated support to our residents, phoning them to check on their welfare if they were shielded, knocking on their door if we were unable to contact them by phone. A leaflet was posted through the letter box of every household, advising residents how to ask for help as well as how to offer their help and support.

The Area Community Hubs have been hugely successful in delivering the response to COVID-19 and particularly in relation to working with partners and more specifically working with VCS.

We will ensure we capture the positives of this approach and strengthen this in our future delivery arrangements to enable the Neighbourhood Investment Plans to be delivered efficiently for the benefit of all partners and residents.

The residents of Sunderland must also continue to be given the opportunity to play their part – just as they have done over the last few months. The community spirit across our neighbourhoods, which kept the city going during the pandemic's darkest days, will strengthen the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans.

Sunderland City Council remains committed to delivering the five Neighbourhood Investment Plans, committing both Capital and Revenue resources to support delivery all the priorities, agreed through significant consultation with residents and partners. Each of the five Area Committees are committed to their delivery – achieving the best outcomes possible, for all residents.

As well as delivering projects and investing within our neighbourhoods the Council is also investing significantly in the City Centre and Riverside, as well as across the city to improve housing, highway infrastructure, Digital opportunities and 5G connectivity, increase business investment and growth, expand the cultural offer and reduce our carbon footprint.

Council frontline services continue to be reformed to clean-up neighbourhoods, enforcing against those who insist on dropping litter and fly-tipping as well as targeting anti-social behaviour and crime.

Growing capacity within our voluntary and community sector will also be crucial as we move forward, enabling residents, of every age, to access vital health and wellbeing services to reduce health inequalities as well as bespoke support to enable financial resilience and digital participation.

Residents clearly stated during the Let's Talk consultation that they wanted to know more about what the Council was doing within neighbourhoods on a day to day basis.

The Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plans will continue to be available to view via the Council's website. Residents will be able to track delivery of priorities as well as investment within the neighbourhoods from across all Council services. This tracking facility will not only keep residents informed but also enable them to see where they could also get involved to support community efforts or projects.

The Washington Area Committee is excited to be also sharing within this document how we are specifically supporting the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, demonstrating how we are leading change and investment within our neighbourhoods, through our neighbourhood funding, to support the priorities raised by residents, alongside the wider council – please follow our progress as we work together to transform our communities and neighbourhoods for the future.

# Neighbourhood Investment Plan delivery model



City Plan



Resident consultation



Washington Neighbourhood Investment Plan

approved by Cabinet in March 2020

Sunderland City Council working towards delivery of priorities to:

- Improve housing
- Create and clean and green environment
- Highways investment
- Become a digitally Smart City
- Large-scale investment
- Supporting job opportunities and raising aspirations
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Supporting the voluntary and community sector
- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improving financial resilience
- Celebrating heritage
- Delivering events
- Supporting young people



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supporting delivery of additional projects to add value to council activities, working closely with residents, partners and the voluntary and community sector to improve people's live and create resilience communities using all available resources.

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Residents can track progress via

[www.sunderland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodinvestmentplans](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodinvestmentplans)



# Washington Area Committee delivery plan 2020-23

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](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk) as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The Washington Area Priorities for 2020-23 are:

1. Tackle empty properties
2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities
3. Ensure enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood
4. Flood mitigation
5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
6. Plantation and tree management
7. Street furniture
8. Transport – Road Safety

9. Highways, pavements and street lighting
10. Increase 5G access & support digital learning
11. Healthy and Well Being
12. Support VCS to provide additional local services
13. Support local volunteering
14. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to help reduce fear of crime through partnership working
15. Local Events
16. Support for young people
17. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage

It is now the responsibility of Washington Area Committee to deliver their 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 More and better housing

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Assistant Director Housing to present an update on housing (including ASB issues and fly-tipping at empty/abandoned properties) to Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board Illegal encampments raised as an issue	Washington Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer in the Washington area	<p>1. Following an update to all Area Chairs, presentation from Private Sector Housing Team to July Board. Sulgrave - PSHT to contact landlords to understand what they want from their properties at Sulgrave Flats and also from the Council currently and also in the future. The team also working closely with Environmental Health and the ASB team</p> <p>2. December AC approved £62k Capital funding to implement Safety Measures. Further £58k aligned at July Area Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EIA completed</li><li>• Resident consultation completed with 90% of those completing the survey agreed with the proposal. The problems most identified by residents is motorbikes/quads followed by youth ASB drinking and drugs and then illegal encampments. Report to November Board to consider issues raised by residents</li></ul>

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 2. Love Where you Live and Bloom Activities

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their community  
 A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement

<p>Continue with Clean and Green community clean ups and litter picks and love where you live campaign projects and campaigns</p>	<p>ACDL to work with the lead with regards to identify project sustainability post March 2022</p>	<p>Washington Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board propose Clean &amp; Green Project as a priority for support. A limited number of volunteers have returned. Small scale litter picking and clean ups currently underway (to include a community group or volunteers). Steering Group met 01.02.22 to confirm programme of work Jan – June 22:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harraton CA</li> <li>2. Usworth Park</li> <li>3. Litter picks across the area</li> </ol> <p>Cllrs requested to put forward additional small scale works/community led projects. SW to contact schools, Friends groups and active RAs for C &amp; G volunteers to assist local action.</p> <p>Current funding/programme will continue to deliver until end of June 2022. Requested full review and evaluation to identify best practice</p>
<p>Scheme: Additional planters – look into feasibility of resident groups adopting them</p>	<p>ACDL to confirm with Environmental Services how many planters are available, condition and requirements for maintenance and repair</p>	<p>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 &amp; Green Team are project managing the scheme</p>
<p>Continue with Ward Improvement Project</p>	<p>ACDL followed up on all outstanding works, all claims submitted.</p>	<p>Washington Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board propose review of Project Outcomes December 2021. Review and evaluation to April Board</p>
<p>Launch Clean &amp; Green Local Action Small Grants Scheme</p>	<p>ACDL to present options/review of project outcomes to future Board</p>	<p>September Area Committee approved an additional £11,000 to extend the Clean &amp; Green Local Action (Small Grants) scheme. C &amp; G: Local Action Small Grants Call for Projects - deadline for applications 25th March 2022</p>

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 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

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

Updates will be provided at Board via the usual NF Performance Reports. Update 02.11.21 to 31.01.22: actions taken since last update (02/11/2021) and close of business 31/01/2022.

- Issued 586 Section 46 Advisory warning letters to households across targeted areas in relation to presentation of household bins.
- Issued 13 Section 46 Notices to households that failed to adhere to initial advisory letter.
- Issued 6 littering warning letters to households believed to be littering cigarette ends onto communal paths/public highways.
- 5 FPN's of £150 each issued for littering offences.
- 1 FPN issued in the amount of £400 for fly-tipping offence.
- Attended 1 community litter pick Keep Washington Tidy around Barmston
- Continue to visit targeted streets weekly to monitor environmental concerns and request services/cleansing and improvements through staff report it. Including recent replacement of damaged steps at Bamburgh Close.
- Continued to be involved with the implementation of the Trolleys PSPO.
- Addressed concerns over dog control orders at Usworth Park and attended to replace signage and complete regular patrols.
- Continue to erect SCC signage and posters where appropriate in relation to litter, dog fouling and fly-tipping.



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<p>Together Clean and Green Partnership with Gentoo and other services to continue to tackle/support local enforcement to deal with fly-tipping, dog mess, abandoned trollies</p>	<p>ACDL schedule Together Clean &amp; Green Partnership working group</p>	<p>Alongside Washington NMEP, Together Clean &amp; Green keen to roll out extensive education and PR campaign to promote enforcement messages, encourage tenancy enforcement and to work with local communities to encourage effective Neighbourhood Management. SCC continues to work with Trolleywise and supermarkets to reduce the number of abandoned trollies meeting with the Regional Manager bi-monthly. PSPO re trollies –</p> <p>Coms campaign being pulled together, which will comprise of a leaflet being distributed to residential properties in the vicinity, posters erected in shops and signage displayed throughout the area. The campaign will run for approx 4weeks followed by a zero-tolerance approach. One new full time Neighbourhood Warden recruited to focus mainly on the enforcing of abandoned trollies in the Washington area on a full-time basis. Together Clean and Green Partnership meeting held 2nd March. Full update and progress to be provided to next board 4 April</p>
<p>PR &amp; communications campaign re enforcement</p>	<p>ACDL work with SCC Comms to determine PR &amp; campaigns responsive to local issues. Consider how to fit with corporate approach re enforcement, messages &amp; campaigns, and prosecutions when developing local project.</p>	<p>Use of Area Facebook pages and SCC Social Media for Campaign/messages to support the proposed NMEP and Together C &amp; G work continues</p>

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 4. Flood Mitigation

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

Washington Flood Mitigation Scheme: Request update to Washington Board (EA/SCC/NW funded)

ACDL request update to Board

Flood Mitigation Scheme update report presented

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities

A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods

Assistant Director for Environmental Services to provide an update to Washington Neighbourhood and Community Board with regards to scope for a Review of Washington Parks and Play in Parks

ACDL established Task & Finish group to develop a co-ordinated plan for Washington Parks and Play in parks. To consider

- Service Capacity
- City's Play Strategy
- Inspection and maintenance regimes for any new development
- Plans for investment in parks and green spaces
- Dealing with and response to ASB and vandalism of play areas and parks
- Opportunities to access S106
- Which of our parks are parks? Or green/open spaces – Albany Park previously designated as open space?
- Local issues identified including ongoing ASB/vandalism in parks and green spaces

Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agree investment in Parks and Play as a priority for support 2021/22

- September AC approved an additional £50,000 to deliver the next stage of the Usworth Park Development Plan. SCC Capital funding of £120,000 will then be made available. The tender invite for the refurbishment of the Pavilion now out.
- Princess Anne Park - Task group confirmed priority spend. Application to March AC to approve £50,000 Capital (match £50k SCC) to repair and refurbish network of footpaths and routes
- SCC Officer to revisit Fixed Play Survey and confirm required specifications and work - request SCC Officer attend April Board (date to be confirmed) to confirm programme for play improvements
- Funding to support the roll out of Time to Talk benches agreed at September AC



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### 5. Invest in Parks, play, cycle and walking routes

<p>Deliver Usworth Park Development Plan</p>	<p>ACDL to redraft Usworth Park Development Plan. Include review and redraft of Action Plan</p>	<p>The Friends Group for Usworth Park established.</p> <p>Work is now underway with progress re bins, seats, landscaping, tennis court improvements, new gate into tennis courts, new fencing, line marking on the courts for play, goalposts, litter picks and tidy ups, planters project, security, tree planting and bulbs, and local consultation for new gates.</p> <p>The tender invite for the refurbishment of the Pavilion now out. Anticipate start on site May. Estimated work schedule 6 – 8 weeks. Some access to the park will be restricted whilst works are underway.</p>
<p>Implementation of review of Princess Anne Park Master Plan</p>	<p>ACDL to continue working with Project Lead to provide regular updates to the Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board</p>	<p>March Area Committee aligned £50k Neighbourhood Capital funds to contribute to delivering the improvements in Princess Anne Park as identified by the recent review of the masterplan for the park. SCC has agreed an additional £50,000</p> <p>Following the review of the Masterplan Ward councillors identified footpath repairs and car park resurfacing as the main priorities. Detailed proposal to March AC under Item 3 Budget Report.</p>
<p>Improve play areas</p>	<p>ACDL to liaise with Planning – report to November Board re S106 opportunities and investigate accessing S106 funds/developer funds</p>	<p>Fixed play survey (FPS) presented to Board and Area Committee. WAC aligned £80,000 NCIP and SCC confirmed £85,000 capital as well as £116,000 S106 to deliver repairs and maintenance programme identified in the FPS across 17 play areas in Washington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCC Officer to revisit FPS and confirm required specifications and works - report to April Board.</li> </ul>

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 6. Plantations and tree management

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities

A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods

Assistant Director for Environmental Services requested to update Neighbourhood & Community Board with regard to the Strategic approach for future management of large plantations close to residential areas. (Currently no pro-active maintenance in place)

Strategic update to Board.

Following the successful implementation of the WAC funded tree management scheme (Phase 1 & 2), SCC Officers invited to attend future Board to discuss strategic approach to manage large plantation areas in Washington.

Report to Feb Board: Management of Shrub Beds and Planters in Lower Oxclose. Environmental Services to work with Gentoo and together Clean & Green to resolve issues

Report to Feb Board re opportunities for NE Community Forest/Trees for Climate – new Task & Finish Group proposed to consider opportunities and options for schemes.

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### 7. Street Furniture including litter bins

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities

A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods

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



## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 8. Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods  
A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

<p>Update Neighbourhood &amp; Communities Board with regard to implementation of agreed VAS Programme</p>	<p>ACDL to provide update to November Board dependent on procurement schedule</p>	<p>VAS signs for the Washington Area received and deployed. Rotation programme agreed and included in previous Board Reports. Area report presented to Board detailing winter rotation. Proposals for additional VAS approved Dec AC. Officers attended February Board to discuss new sites/rotation programming and to look at issues raised re the current programme. ACDL emailed Cllrs requesting proposals for new sites/rotation programme.</p>
<p>Implement Road Safety Education Programme September 2020</p>	<p>ACDL organise meeting Road Safety Team re draft proposals and schemes – complete. Detailed report to November Board and December Area Committee with regards to proposals for campaign.</p>	<p>Event held at Usworth Colliery PS 17 July. SCC Road Safety Officers are keen to engage with more Primary schools in Washington and now that restrictions have eased / lifted there is scope to improve the offer. Key to this will be interest and take up from the schools. ACDL meeting with Road Safety Team to draft programme of further activity, targeting the key sites recently identified by Councillors. Joint working with Police and Fire Service agreed. Confirm further dates and activities to commence New Year. Event February 15/16 Usworth Colliery Primary School re the follow up pavement parking campaign.</p> <p>Rickleton PS expressed an interest - this location may be an option for March.</p> <p>In addition to the WAC project, the Council is delivering the School Streets Project - St Bedes being considered as part of a wider programme.</p> <p>Issues identified at St Roberts – local Ward Cllrs meeting Officers to resolve.</p> <p>March 9 the team will be visiting Vigo Lane/Rickleton PS to target parent parking/inconsiderate parking. Police, camera car and civil enforcement foot patrols will also be in attendance</p>

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### 8. Highways, road safety, pavements and street lighting

<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>		<p>Traffic management/parking issues on agenda at Board as required</p>
<p>Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.</p>	<p>Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to Washington Area Committee</p>	<p>A prioritised list of proposed streets for the 2022/23 agreed at the Feb 2022 Board and presented for approval at the March AC 2022. Highways Maintenance Programme 2022-23 and then city wide programme submitted to Cabinet for approval April 2022</p>

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 9. Health and Well Being

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives  
 A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS

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. Ward Cllrs consulted on all applications and recommendations for approval presented under Item 3 Budget Report.
Continue the Neighbourhood funded Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs	Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Healthy Action in the Community' projects		6 projects approved – 5 either complete or still fully operational and delivering on target. 1 project has been requested to confirm delivery/start date or to confirm return of funds. All completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review processes



## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS

<p>Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots organisations such as Residents Associations</p>	<p>Strategic approach under development to support, develop and build the capacity of the VCS via the VCS Alliance</p>	<p>Area Reps attended the VCS Alliance Strategic Board and the Operational Group to feed sector priorities and issues into the 'anchor' organisations. All 5 CSW posts now filled – Washington CSW Denise Gilholme has started meeting partners and groups and attends the Network meeting to update the sector on support. VCS Alliance Manager also now in post. VCS Alliance presented to the next Area Network meeting February 22nd and held workshop to discuss options and business model for the Alliance. The Washington workshop was the first of the 5 area events and the results of the workshops and consultations with the sector will be reported back via the Area Networks in April/May.</p>
<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.</p>	<p>Number of WAC funded Project already provide additional services – REACT, WISP, VCS Support, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.</p>	<p>March Area Committee approved 12month extension for REACT, WISP, Washington Healthy Lifestyles, Washington Safe Care.</p> <p>February Board agreed an application to be received by March AC to extend WISP until March 2023 – application for consideration under Item 3 Budget Report</p> <p>Improving Community Assets Call released January. 6 applications received. Ward Cllrs consulted on all applications and recommendations for approval presented under Item 3 Budget Report</p>
<p>Continue to monitor delivery of Neighbourhood funded 'Social Isolation' projects</p>	<p>ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board</p>	<p>12 projects approved – 10 either complete or have submitted new delivery milestones. 1 has withdrawn their application and the funds have been returned to the budget. 1 has been requested to confirm delivery or return funds. All the completed or nearly complete projects have been requested to submit evaluations which will be reported through normal NF Performance and Review processes</p>

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 10. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services and extend opening

Continue the Neighbourhood Fund/CLLD funded REACT Project supporting local residents to access employment and training opportunities, support and advice

ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs

Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed investment and support for digital inclusion for learning and employment as a priority for support 2021/22

REACT has all 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.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 11. Launch of volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities. Support local volunteering

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS

<p>Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.</p>	<p>Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.</p>	<p>Work continues to support residents via the SCC Area Hubs The hubs are also starting to complete 'personal pathway plans' for all those still registered for support to ensure they continue to get the help they need. Further funding to support vulnerable residents delivered via the established Hub partnerships and the Covid Community Champions partnerships</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>VCS Support Project linked to Hub –Anticipate project ends December 2021. All VCS support and volunteering support co-ordinated with the CSW Action Plan. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board</p>

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 12. Establish Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and continue to reduce fear of crime through a partnership approach

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods

<p>Develop local Neighbourhood Watch schemes</p>	<p>ACDL to Schedule joint Police/Cllr meeting (Microsoft Teams) with Inspector and bring information to future board meeting re potential for neighbourhood watch schemes</p> <p>Maintain communication and information sharing established through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington Area News weekly bulletin</li> <li>• Area Face Book pages</li> <li>• Information sharing</li> <li>• Joint Police/Cllr meeting</li> </ul>	<p>Washington Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board agreed establishing a community scheme as a priority for support 2021/22.</p> <p>Date for next Joint Police and Cllr meeting confirmed 20th October 2021 (currently Inspector Gjorven on leave – Acting in place is Sgt Steven Passey)</p>
<p>Continue to utilise LMAPs as forum for multi-agency approach</p>	<p>ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings</p>	<p>ACDLs and Cllr F Miller to continue to report issues raised which require a multi-agency approach.</p>
<p>Continue the Neighbourhood funded 'Fire Angels' Project working with vulnerable adults re home safety alarms</p>	<p>ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs</p> <p>ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood &amp; Community Board</p>	<p>No further update received due to pandemic/restrictions. Request update as part of next QMR process</p>

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 13. Support communities to deliver Local Events

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities  
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement

Continue to update Community Events offer as method to continue to involve local communities and build capacity

Lead to confirm schedule and options for Washington Event programme

Washington Events Programme rolled over to 2021/22. ACDL in discussions with lead with regards to options and alternatives events – dependent on restrictions being eased. Project supported Springwell 1940s Event and Miners Event 4 September in Usworth Park. Events timetable will now include a new Easter Event extending the original programme and support for the 2022 Springwell village 1940s Event. Consideration of new Events Programme for 2022/23 will be presented to April Board as part of the performance review of the current Delivery Plan. The February Board agreed a Project Brief for the Queens Jubilee Fund – for events, activities and celebrations. To be considered under Item 3 Budget Report

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances  
A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods  
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience

Positive Activities

ACDL amended Project Brief for full Area Committee approval by correspondence.

Continued support to deliver Positive Activities programmes – school holiday activity programmes plus address holiday hunger. March 2021 AC agreed a new 12month programme. Report/activity of project confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC

Relaunch the 'Can-Do' Project

Review of scheme to July Board

Continued support for Can Do – a fund to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver projects that benefit the wider community. September Area Committee approved an additional £10,000 Neighbourhood Fund (2021/22 budget). Next round to coincide with April Board for presentations with the invite to apply sent out after Feb Half Term. Circulated March 3 with deadline for submissions 25 March.

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### 14. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe

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.	Call for Projects for the Creative You Project approved at the September AC. Three applications were received and have been subject to independent scoring and assessment. Considered under Item 3 Budget Report. Approved – Project to commence April 2022
Washington Safe Care		Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. March Area Committee approved 12month extension. No issues to report to Board
Washington Outreach Project	ACDL to continue working with the Project Lead to deliver proposed outcomes and to adapt the programme to current needs ACDL to provide updates to the Neighbourhood & Community Board	The project continues to address partner and Cllr hotspot areas re ASB. Report/activity confirmed via usual QMR reporting. No issues to report to Board. The AC video animation for September showcases the work funded by WAC. Evaluation and Review of Washington Outreach Project presented to February Board. Project invited to apply to extend the current programme to March 2023. To be considered under Item 3 Budget Report
Washington Youth Matters: Financial Resilience	Task & Finish Group established	The February Board agreed the Project Brief and Call for Projects to deliver a financial inclusion project for young people, targeting education courses with regards to money management, budgeting, and debt management – working through our 4 Senior/Secondary schools. To be considered under Item 3 Budget Report



## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 15. Invest in community heritage and celebrate local heritage

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities

Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement

Consider how to support local heritage including F Pit, Arts Centre Washington and Bowes Railway

ACDL to establish Task and Finish group. Bring together a number of strategies and documents to consider how best to support local heritage:

- Washington Heritage Strategy
- Feasibility Study F Pit/Albany Park
- Bid for Culture documents – summarises some of the offer of local heritage groups
- Need for archive for collections
- Build on the work of the Blue Plaque installations

Washington Neighbourhood & Community Board agreed delivering the Washington Heritage Strategy as a priority for support 2021/22

- Capital investment at Bowes Railway approved March 2021
- Project Brief for 'Heritage & Culture' organisation to deliver the Washington Heritage Strategy approved July AC
- Call for Projects released with deadline for applications 7th August

o applications submitted. The Heritage Task Group was reconvened in September to consider options and brief and agreed a second invite – keeping to the original Project Brief approved by WAC.

A second C4P was then released with partners requested to submit an Expression of Interest to attend a workshop to determine applications against the identified project outcomes. One partnership application received. Approved – project to commence January 2022

Briefing and summary of works to relocate Albany Wheel and replace. Report and costs to be presented to February Board for consideration.

Washington Heritage & Culture Project approved December AC – awarded to NE BIC – a number of local partners also included. Anticipate project will commence mid to end February

# Key outputs 2019-20

<b>£438,910</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>42</b>
Neighbourhood funding awarded to 32 projects during 2019-20.	Clean & Green Environmental Programmes and community clean ups.	Clean & Green Environmental Volunteers Keep Washington Tidy volunteers collected more than 1500 bags of litter throughout 2019-20.	New volunteers recruited, trained and given ongoing support to volunteer in local community organisations.	Local organisations supported to develop their capacity, apply for funding and strengthen their governance arrangements.
<b>£59,630</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>247</b>
Was awarded to 55 groups within the local community via Community Chest, with an average grant of £800 to support neighbourhood projects.	Young People engaged in 25 'social action' projects.	Children and young people accessing 'activity with food' sessions during summer holidays.	Individual ward improvement projects.	People received much needed information, advice and guidance 164 one to one advice sessions for residents in crisis.
<b>11</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>14,150</b>	<b>71</b>
Community based projects approved to provide support to lonely or vulnerable adults and reduce social isolation.	Local residents benefiting from 'Healthy Action' Projects.	Residents supported during COVID -19 with shopping support, dog walking and prescriptions.	Residents (all ages) attended the 4 Washington Community Events	Residents receiving support to access employment and training opportunities through Washington REACT Project

# Thank you

Washington Area Committee would like to take this opportunity to offer a massive thank you to all of our Partners across the Washington Area who have made the actions become reality, and for providing vital services to the area's most vulnerable, these are

- 1st Washington Brownies
- 3rd Washington Brownies
- 4th Washington Scouts
- Active Families North East
- Barmston & District Community Forum
- Bowes Railway Museum
- Bridge Street Resident's Association
- Columbia Community Association
- District Youth ABC
- Everyone Active
- Fatfield Academy
- Groundwork NE
- Headway Wearside
- Holy Trinity Community Hall
- Holy Trinity High Usworth Church
- Keep Active NE
- Keep Washington Tidy
- Little Onion Club
- Marlborough Primary School
- Mickey's Place
- North Biddick Bowling Club
- North Biddick Social Club
- North East Electrical Traction Trust
- North East Restoration Club
- Oxclose Academy
- Oxclose & District Young People's Project
- Pacey's Plea
- Rainbow Family Centre
- Rickleton Primary School
- Rickleton Resident's Association
- Shiney Row Advice & Resource Project
- Springwell Village Community Venue
- St Bede's Catholic School
- St Bede's Ladies Fellowship club
- Sunderland Carers
- Sunderland Empire Creative Learning
- Sunderland North Community Business Centre
- Sunderland Parents Support Group
- Sustrans
- Teal Farm Resident's Association
- Usworth Miner's Banner Group
- Washington Academy
- Washington Boxing Club
- Washington Forge Rotary Club
- Washington Glebe Bowling Club
- Washington Glebe Miner's Banner Group
- Washington Millennium Centre
- Washington MIND
- Washington New Tavern FC
- Washington Old Hall
- Washington Support Group for Men
- Washington Trust NE
- Washington U3A
- Washington Village in Bloom
- Wessington Primary School
- Willowbrook Resident's Group
- Youth Active Project







