

## **Washington Area Committee**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

### **Report of Chief Executive**

#### **Financial Statements and Funding Request**

##### **1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 This report outlines current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest and applications for funding from these budgets in order to support new initiatives, which will benefit the area and the delivery of the Local Area Plans.

##### **2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)**

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve:

- Annex 1: 15 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest ;
- Annex 2: One proposal from the 2009/10 SIB budget of £11,880 and a further £11,880 from the 2010/11 SIB budget, subject to Washington Area Committee approving second year of funding in 2010/2011, for Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue to deliver the Phoenix Project.
- Annex 3: One proposal from the 2009/10 SIP totalling £2,445 from Sunderland City Council for the Blue House Lane drop kerbed scheme.

2.2 Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2009/10 in Annex 4.

2.3 Note the live update report on the eleven projects that are still operating and receiving SIB funding, totally £192,599, attached as Annex 5.

##### **3.0 Background**

3.1 The Council has reduced the amount of Regeneration Framework across the City from six to five. This has resulted in a new calculation of SIB funding to be awarded to the Washington Area Committee of £287,261 to be allocated up until March 2010. All allocations of funding should be matched against the criteria outlined in delivering the key priorities of the area, identified within the Local Area Plan (LAP). It is recognised however that Committee are willing to consider applications seeking funding if there have clear benefit for residents in Washington which may not be outlined in the LAP.

3.2 SIP was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was an additional one-off allocation of £1.426m to Area Committees. The amount allocated to each Area Committee was the same as SIB allocation for 2008-09. This equates to £262,461 for the Washington area. At a meeting in July 2009 the Committee agreed to split the funds across the five wards of Washington Central, East, North, South and West. With local Councillors and service delivers being responsible and accountable for its expenditure against the LAP priorities, with proposed projects being presented to Area Committee for final endorsement. This funding is available until March 2011.

3.3 The Committee will be aware that the Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2009/2010, £10,000 for each Ward, plus any unclaimed allocations identified from previous years. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

#### **4.0 Current Position SIB**

- 4.1 Following the 10 September 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £278,495 remaining to be allocated from 2009/10 years budget.
- 4.2 Since the meeting, one SIB full application has been received seeking approval from the 2009/10 SIB budget of £11,880 and a further £11,880 from the 2010/11 SIB budget.
- 4.3 If Members agreed the application, this will leave a balance of £266,615 for the remainder of 2009/10 financial year, with a possible commitment of £11,880 from 2010/11, subject to Washington Area Committee approval in the new municipal year.

#### **5. Current position SIP**

- 5.1 Following the 10 September 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £49,492 remained to be allocated from each ward up until March 2011.
- 5.2 There is one SIP application for funding to this Committee requesting £2,445 from the Washington West Ward from the 2009/10 budget. Should the Committee approve the funding request this will leave a balance for Washington West of £47,047, with the remaining four wards having a balance of £49,492 per ward. Overall area SIP budget would be £245,015 across Washington to allocate.

#### **6 Current Position Community Chest**

- 6.2 To date approvals for each Washington Ward total:

Central	£3933
East	£3234
North	£4434
South	£4034
West	£4167

- 6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Central	£1600
East	£250
North	£2850
South	£2250
West	£1180

- 6.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances, including £2380 the unclaimed allocations identifies from previous years, would be:

Central	£5163
East	£9659
North	£3594
South	£6168
West	£6607

## **7.0 Reasons for the Decision**

7.1 SIB and SIP was established to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan, and to attract other funding into the area. Applications for SIB/SIP funding should demonstrate the potential benefits to local communities the proposed project would bring, and subsequently be able to provide evidence and statistics that can illustrate these benefits.

7.2 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, provide genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

## **8.0 Alternative Options**

8.1 Each project is required to indicate what alternative options they have considered during the application business process.

## **9.0 Relevant Consultations**

### **9.1 Financial Implications**

The Director of Financial Resources has been consulted on this report, all costs associated with developing SIB, SIP and Community Chest applications.

### **9.2 Implications for Other Services**

Each project is required to indicate what implications there may be for other services in the application business process.

### **9.3 The Public**

Each project is required to indicate what consultation it has undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in during the application business process. Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Local Area Plans and bids support these identified priorities.

### **9.4 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Councils Race Equality Scheme.**

Each project is required to indicate whether it has an equal opportunities policy, or what measures it employs to address equal opportunity issues, during the application business process.

### **9.5 Public Relations and Publicity**

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote funding awarded from Area Committee.

### **9.6 Councillors**

Members have been consulted on all applications for SIB, SIP and Community Chest support and the implementation of the review.

## **10.0 List of Appendices**

- Annex 1 Community Chest: Proposed projects for approval
- Annex 2 SIB: Proposed project for approval
- Annex 3 SIP: Proposed project for approval
- Annex 4 Financial Statement
- Annex 5 Live Update Report

## **11.0 Background Papers**

11.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2009.
- Reports to previous Area Committees
- Washington Local Area Plan

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## COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

## PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<b>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to</b>
<b>WASHINGTON CENTRAL WARD</b>	
<b>Washington Victoria F.C.</b> – Purchase of strips and equipment.	300
<b>Washington of the Third Age</b> – Contribution towards ten year anniversary, trips, celebration dinner etc.,	250
<b>Lambton Community Centre</b> – Contribution towards decoration costs.	1000
<b>Sunderland Carers Centre</b> – Contribution towards irish country dancing classes, tuition fees, room hire etc.,	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1600</b>
<b>WASHINGTON EAST WARD</b>	
<b>Washington of the Third Age</b> – Contribution towards ten year anniversary, trips, celebration dinner etc.,	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>WASHINGTON NORTH WARD</b>	
<b>Washington of the Third Age</b> – Contribution towards ten year anniversary, trips, celebration dinner etc.,	250
<b>Usworth &amp; District WMC Club</b> – Contribution towards social event for elderly members.	1500
<b>Retired Members Christmas Tea</b> – Contribution towards social events, entertainment, refreshments etc.,	1000
<b>Usworth Colliery Primary School</b> – Contribution towards 'Christmas Tea' for the residents of Roseberry Court and grandparents.	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>2850</b>
<b>WASHINGTON SOUTH WARD</b>	
<b>Washington of the Third Age</b> – Contribution towards ten year anniversary, trips, celebration dinner etc.,	250

**Lambton Community Centre** – Contribution towards decoration costs. 1000

**Oxclose Community School** – Contribution towards start up costs for pilot scheme. 1000

**Total** 2250

**WASHINGTON WEST WARD**

**Washington of the Third Age** – Contribution towards ten year anniversary, trips, celebration dinner etc., 250

**Blackfell Village Senior Citizens** – Contribution towards Christmas party. 600

**Springwell Village Hall** – Contribution towards Christmas event. 330

**Total** 1180

**Total of Projects** 8130