

Washington Area Committee

10 September 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: 46 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest
- Annex 2: 1 proposal from the 2009/10 SIP totalling £15,000

2.2 Note the approved SIB budget for 2009/10 in Annex 3.

2.3 Note the new emergency protocols for accessing SIB and SIP funding.

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 2 July 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £6,424 remained to be allocated from 2008/09 years budget which will be rolled forward to 2009/10.
- 4.2 Since the meeting, £5,020 has been returned to budget from the Area Committee Events Budget, Washington Glebe Bowling and Community Hall Holy Trinity Church, which will be allocated for 2009/10 budget.
- 4.3 The recently approved Washington Area SIB budget allocation for 2009/10 is £287,261. With the additions of 4.1 and 4.2 this will bring the total budget to £298,705 for 2009/10 financial year.
- 4.4 In October 2008 Committee approved £25,550 from the 2008/09 budget and a further £19,910 from 2009/10, subject to budget approval, for Washington Victim Support project. With the budget allocation for 2009/10 been approved the second year funding of £19,910 will be allocated to the group. The Lead Agent will be present at the meeting to answer any questions Committee may have. This will leave a balance £278,495 to allocate from the 2009/10 SIP budget.

5. Current position SIP

- 5.1 Following the 2 July 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £52,492 remained to be allocated from each ward up until March 2011.
- 5.2 There is one SIP application for funding to this Committee requesting £15,000, £3,000 per ward, from the 2009/10 budget, Should the Committee approve the funding request this will leave a balance £49,492 per ward, £247,460 across Washington to allocate.
- 5.3 To date one Expressions of Interest have been received for Washington East which is still under development and if deemed suitable will be presented to future meetings of Area Committee for approval.

6 Current Position Community Chest

- 6.2 To date approvals for each Washington Ward total:

Central	£1199
East	£2200
North	£2700
South	£1600
West	£1470

- 6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Central	£2234
East	£1034
North	£1734
South	£2434
West	£2697

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

Central	£6787
East	£9433
North	£6444
South	£7466
West	£7311

7.0 Emergency Protocols for accessing SIB/SIP funding.

- 7.1 Emergency protocols for accessing SIB or SIP funding can only be accessed when a clear emergency is defined as a genuinely unforeseeable issue. The emergency process can only be initiated where there is a need to approve funding in advance of the next planned Area Committee meeting. An example could be that adverse weather conditions have caused a leaking roof to a community venue that has no other means of financing the repair, creating further damage and preventing the use of the facility. The ArO will consult with the Chair and Vice Chair immediately to determine whether an application is appropriate.
- 7.2 In addition to being a genuine emergency, the application should, where possible, contribute to priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan (LAP). An application form must be completed and all relevant information must be provided. The ArO will provide guidance and support to the applicant.
- 7.3 The application will then be objectively assessed against agreed criteria as a matter of urgency. Consultation with relevant partners/directorates will take place. A report will be produced for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Committee who will make a recommendation whether to approve the funding application.
- 7.4 All elected members of the relevant Area Committee will be consulted by e-mail to confirm they are in agreement with the proposal. If the Application is to be agreed, under the Council's 'Scheme of Delegation', The Deputy Chief Executive will then action the decision in accordance with the Council's constitution. The project applicant will be informed of the decision immediately. Area Committee will be updated at the next meeting. Any Terms and Conditions of offer will be discussed and agreed prior to commencement of project (all usual SIB terms and conditions apply). The emergency process should normally take no more than 7-10 days from submission of application.

8.0 Reasons for the Decision

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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.

9.0 Alternative Options

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

10.0 Relevant Consultations

10.1 Financial Implications

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

10.2 Implications for Other Services

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

10.3 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.

10.4 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.

10.5 Public Relations and Publicity

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

10.6 Councillors

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

11.0 List of Appendices

- Annex 1 Community Chest: Proposed projects for approval
- Annex 2 SIP: Proposed project for approval
- Annex 3 Financial Statement

12.0 Background Papers

12.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 26th August, 2009.
- Reports to previous Area Committees
- Washington Local Area Plan

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COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to
WASHINGTON CENTRAL WARD	
Washington Sequence Dance Club – Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments etc.,	200
Barmston & District Senior Citizens - Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments etc.,	200
Washington Association Football Club – Purchase of football equipment.	100
St. Thomas Handicapped Club – Contribution towards social activities, bowling alley, refreshments etc.,	80
Washington Village Bloom Group – Purchase and planting of bulbs.	500
Usworth Colliery Banner Group – Contribution towards insurance, new poles etc.,	250
Glebe Residents Association – Contribution towards room hire etc.,	300
Lambton Lions Under 9's F.C. – Purchase of training equipment, waterproof clothing etc.,	100
Girlguiding Durham North – Contribution towards celebration of 100 years of guiding.	284
M.S. Society – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	20
Washington History Society – Contribution towards purchase of display boards.	200
Total	2234
WASHINGTON EAST WARD	
Washington Association Football Club – Purchase of football equipment.	100
St. Thomas Handicapped Club – Contribution towards social activities, bowling alley, refreshments etc.,	80

Usworth Colliery Banner Group – Contribution towards insurance, new poles etc.,	250
Lambton Lions Under 9's F.C. – Purchase of training equipment, waterproof clothing etc.,	100
Girlguiding Durham North – Contribution towards celebration of 100 years of guiding.	284
M.S. Society – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	20
Washington History Society – Contribution towards purchase of display boards.	200
Total	1034

WASHINGTON NORTH WARD

Washington Sequence Dance Club – Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments etc.,	200
Washington Association Football Club – Purchase of football equipment.	100
St. Thomas Handicapped Club – Contribution towards social activities, bowling alley, refreshments etc.,	80
Usworth Colliery Retired Miners Trust – Contribution towards trips, Christmas lunch, entertainment etc.,	500
Usworth Colliery Banner Group – Contribution towards insurance, new poles etc.,	250
Lambton Lions Under 9's F.C. – Purchase of training equipment, waterproof clothing etc.,	100
Girlguiding Durham North – Contribution towards celebration of 100 years of guiding.	284
M.S. Society – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	20
Washington History Society – Contribution towards purchase of display boards.	200
Total	1734

WASHINGTON SOUTH WARD

Washington Association Football Club – Purchase of football equipment.	100
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Washington Sequence Dance Club – Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments etc.,	200
Barmston & District Senior Citizens - Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments etc.,	200
St. Thomas Handicapped Club – Contribution towards social activities, bowling alley, refreshments etc.,	80
Lambton Lions Under 9's F.C. – Purchase of training equipment, waterproof clothing etc.,	100
North East England Japanese School – Purchase of equipment, photocopier, projector, screen etc.,	1000
Usworth Colliery Banner Group – Contribution towards insurance, new poles etc.,	250
Girlguiding Durham North – Contribution towards celebration of 100 years of guiding.	284
M.S. Society – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	20
Washington History Society – Contribution towards purchase of display boards.	200
Total	2434
WASHINGTON WEST WARD	
Washington Association Football Club – Purchase of football equipment.	100
Washington Sequence Dance Club – Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments etc.,	200
Barmston & District Senior Citizens - Contribution towards social activities, transport, refreshments etc.,	200
St. Thomas Handicapped Club – Contribution towards social activities, bowling alley, refreshments etc.,	80
Albany Allstars Toddler Group – Contribution towards room hire, trips etc.,	1463
Girlguiding Durham North – Contribution towards celebration of 100 years of guiding.	284
Usworth Colliery Banner Group – Contribution towards insurance, new poles etc.,	250
M.S. Society – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	20

Lambton Lions Under 9's F.C. – Purchase of training equipment, waterproof clothing etc.,	100
Total	2697
Total of Projects	10,133