

SUNDERLAND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE
18th June 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to:-

1. Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
2. Approve SIB funding of £23,000 for Castle in the Community – Hylton Castle Cabin Project
3. Consider the recommendation of the Place Board for allocation of £6,972.78 for North Area Ambient Air Project
4. Area Committee previously approved £30,000 for project which address social isolation and the committee is requested to consider the following recommendations of the People Board:

Approve subject to conditions detailed in Item 6 Annex 2

- CEED – Wellbeing Together - £4,470
- Groundwork NE – Active Green Living - £4,500
- Age UK Sunderland – Promoting Friendships in North Sunderland - £2,050
- Salvation Army – United we Stand - £4,000

Reject as application failed to meet brief

- B Active N B Fit CIC – Social Activity Health Mentor - £3,000

Approve subject to conditions detailed in Item 6 Annex 3

- Castletown Community Association - £2,500
 - Redby Community Association - £2,500
 - Thompson Park Community Association - £2,500
 - Redhouse Community Association - £2,500
5. Approve that the £4,980 balance of unallocated SIB from the overall pot to help address Social Isolation is used to fund trips/event and activities which help address social isolation for communities in the North. All applications to be endorsed by the People Board as outlined in Section 2.9.
 6. Area Committee previously approved £10,000 for Ward Based Events and the committee is requested to consider the following recommendation of the People Board:
 - Reject application for Southwick Ward Event as outlined in Section

2.10.

- Approve a collaborative approach to this funding through the North Voluntary and Community Sector Network with one application for five ward events to be considered and agreed by the People Board

7. Approve extension to Southwick Community Christmas Project until January 2015

8. Approve extension of Why did Charlie Buchan Go to War (Beamish) Project until March 2015

9. Approve extension of Redhouse Youth Academy Project until March 2015

10. Note the 12 Community Chest approvals supported from 2014/2015 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 5**.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £314,858 for 2014/2015 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area 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

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

18th June 2014

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Purpose of Report

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2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2014/2015:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £314,858				£314,858
Project Name				
Thompson Park House	07.04.14	-	£25,000	£289,858
Health Champions Dementia Training Module	07.04.14	-	£5,750	£284,108
Addressing Social Isolation (Call for Projects)	07.04.14	-	£30,000	£254,108
Ward Based Events (Call for Projects)	07.04.14	-	£10,000	£244,108
Returned Funding: Sunderland North Education and Heritage Project	19.09.11	-	(£3,166)	£247,274
Returned Funding: Fulwell Quarry Tree Planting	30.01.12	-	(£1,407)	£248,681
Returned Funding: Sunderland North Sports Complex Improvement Project (Big Pond Phase 2)	21.06.12	-	(£592)	£249,273
Returned Funding: Operation Educate	23.04.12	-	(£54)	£249,327
Returned Funding: St Peter's Sculpture Trail	15.03.13	-	(£24)	£249,351

Returned Funding: Sunderland Green Neighbourhoods	20.06.13	-	(£36)	£249,387
Returned Funding: Tackling ASB in the North	16.08.13	-	(£160)	£249,547
Returned Funding: International Oral History Festival	06.06.11	-	(£3,800)	£253,347
Balance		£0	£70,750	£253,347

2.2 There is one application for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 6 Annex 1**

Castle in the Community Cabin Project £23,000

2.3 May Place Board recommended the allocation of £6,972.78 SIB to support the delivery of the North Area Ambient Air Project detailed at **Item 6 Annex 6**

2.4 The total budget being requested from the projects listed above is **£29,972.78**. Should the projects be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining following allocation would be **£223,374.22**

2.5 In January North Area Committee agreed the allocation of £30,000 for Services and Activities to Address Social Isolation. The grant was agreed to be used, in part, for a Call for Projects with the balance to be used to fund self-supporting Community Associations in the North. At the request of North Area Committee the People Board developed a project brief and initiated a Call for Projects to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and ring fenced £20,000 of the budget for this purpose. The remaining £10,000 was agreed to be used to support the four Community Associations.

2.6 **Call For Projects.** 5 Applications were received and considered by the People Board held in May. The following projects are detailed in **Item 6 Annex 2** and are recommended by the People Board for approval with specific conditions attached.

- CEED – Wellbeing Together - £4,470
- Groundwork NE – Active Green Living - £4,500
- Age UK Sunderland – Promoting Friendships in North Sunderland - £2,050
- Salvation Army – United we Stand - £4,000

2.7 The following project is detailed in **Item 6 Annex 2** and is recommended by the People Board for rejection as the application failed to meet the brief:

- B Active N B Fit CIC – Social Activity Health Mentor - £3,000

2.8 **Support to Community Associations.** The following projects are detailed in **Item 6 Annex 3** and are recommended by the People Board for approval subject to promoting that they have received funding from North Area committee's SIB.

- Castletown Community Association - £2,500
- Redby Community Association - £2,500
- Thompson Park Community Association - £2,500
- Redhouse Community Association - £2,500

2.9 If the above decisions are supported there will be a total budget remaining of £4,980 from the overall pot to help address Social Isolation. As such the People Board propose that Area Committee approve that the balance is used to fund trips/event and activities which help address social isolation for communities in the North. It is further recommended that all applications are considered and endorsed by the People Board.

2.10 January Area Committee agreed the allocation of £10,000 for a Call for Projects to the VCS for the provision of five ward based events to be delivered in the North. The events were to link to the Strengthening Families project and help to address childhood obesity through showcasing health eating, health initiatives, leisure and volunteering opportunities. The People Board agreed the project brief and circulated it to the North Voluntary and Community Sector. One application was received and appraised and is detailed in **Item 6 Annex 4:-**

- Salvation Army - £2,000

The People Board recommend:

- The application is rejected as it has failed to meet the brief.
- Develop a collaborative approach to utilising the £10,000. Open up the opportunity via the North Voluntary and Community Sector Network for groups interested in working collaboratively to develop one application to deliver 5 ward events. The final proposal to be endorsed by the People.

2.11 Existing SIB Project - Southwick Community Christmas has successfully delivered 2 illumination switch on events under budget with £5,362 remaining in order to ensure delivery of a 3rd switch on event in November 2014 an extension of the project is requested until January 2015.

2.12 Existing SIB Project – Why Did Charlie Buchan Go to War (Beamish) had a delayed start due to slow engagement of schools and voluntary and community sector organisations. The project is now delivering with local schools, voluntary and community sector and linking to the Hylton Castle project an extension of the project is requested until March 2015.

2.13 Existing SIB Project – Redhouse Academy Youth Project has exceeded the output targets and reached the completion date under budget. An extension of a further year is requested giving a further years delivery and enable the project to work with local voluntary and community sector youth providers to continue youth provision after SIB funding has ended.

3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2014/2015. **Item 6 Annex 5** shows the approvals between April - June 2014:

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2014	Grant Returned	Balance
Castle	£15,341.50	£5,489.84	£0	£9,851.66
Fulwell	£14,596.77	£5,236.58	£0	£9,360.19
Redhill	£27,409.66	£1,242.00	£0	£26,167.66
Southwick	£13,040.29	£2,600.00	£0	£10,440.29
St Peters	£13,861.31	£1,395.00	£0	£12,466.31
Total	£84,249.53	£15,963.42	£0	£68,286.11

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in **sections 2.1** and **3.1**
- 4.2 Consider the approval of £23,000 for Hylton Dene Cabin Project as set out in **section 2.2**.
- 4.3 Consider the approval of £6,972.78 for the North Area Ambient Air project as set out in **section 2.3**
- 4.4 Approve subject to conditions detailed in **Item 6 Annex 2**:
- CEED – Wellbeing Together - £4,470
 - Groundwork NE – Active Green Living - £4,500
 - Age UK Sunderland – Promoting Friendships in North Sunderland - £2,050
 - Salvation Army – United we Stand - £4,000
- 4.5 Reject the B Active N B Fit – Social Activity Health Mentor application as detailed in **section 2.7**.
- 4.6 Approve subject to proposal set out in **Section 2.6** and conditions detailed in **Item 6 Annex 3**
- Castletown Community Association - £2,500
 - Redby Community Association - £2,500
 - Thompson Park Community Association - £2,500
 - Redhouse Community Association - £2,500
- 4.7 Approve that the £4,980 balance of unallocated SIB from the overall pot to help address Social Isolation is used to fund trips/event and activities which help address social isolation for communities in the North. All applications to be endorsed by the People Board as outlined in **Section 2.9**.
- 4.8 Reject application for Southwick Ward Event as outlined in **Section 2.10**.
- 4.9 Approve a collaborative approach to Strengthening Families – Family Focus Ward based events funding through the North Voluntary and Community Sector Network with one application for five ward events to be considered and agreed by the People Board as outlined in **Section 2.10**.
- 4.10 Approve extensions to projects as set out in **Sections 2.11, 2.12** and **2.13**.
- 4.11 Note the **12** Community Chest approvals supported from 2014/2015 Community Chest as set out in **Item 6 Annex 5**

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Ambient Air Monitoring

Background

A request was made by the Place Board to monitor ambient air in the Castletown ward in order to assess the impact of local industrial emissions; particularly volatile organic compounds and deposits.

Reports of offensive odour in the area have also been made by Castletown residents and the investigation will additionally focus on capturing an event in order to isolate the compounds involved and potentially identify the cause.

Monitoring Proposals

- **ThreeMonths' Passive Monitoring**

It is intended to expose four passive diffusion tubes for a period of one month for 3 consecutive months over the summer period in order to absorb volatile compounds in the locality. Following exposure, each of the tubes will be analysed and all compounds identified and quantified. The results for each location will then be compared

Location 1 – Local factory

Location 2 – Castle Ward residential – location in Hylton Castle Estate

Location 3 – Roker seafront residential.

Location 4 – Busy road residential- potentially North Bridge Street.

Two additional tubes could also be exposed in Castletown; one specifically during the factory shutdown fortnight and one when the local industries are operational in order to compare levels.

- **Pumped Grab Sample**

During the three month monitoring period equipment will be available to allow officers to respond to three incidents of reported local odours. On receiving a report equipment will be taken to the site of the odour report and the odour will be pumped into the absorbent and stored to allow subsequent analysis and quantification. This will allow the odour to be characterised to determine its potential source and assessed as to whether there are any known health impacts by comparing the levels of compounds to health or occupational standards.

- **Real time portable VOC monitoring**

A portable, total VOC monitor will be acquired for use in three separate weeks in the monitoring period. The equipment will be used to measure total VOCs at given points in a grid across Castletown, Town End Farm and Hylton Castle. In addition, measurements will be made at Roker seafront and at residential locations adjacent to busy roads to compare levels. There will be no identification of compounds in this test. However, the total VOC concentrations will be mapped for the area.

- **Assessment of Reported Deposits**

Reports of a sticky deposit affecting the area have been made. It is intended to expose 50 glass slides in a variety of horizontal locations for the three month period. The slides will be collected and washed with deionised water – any residual deposit will be assessed.

Total cost for three months' assessment £6,972.78