

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**  
**27<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Community Chest, and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

**Author(s):**

Chief Executive

**Purpose of Report:**

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

**Description of Decision:**

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

1. Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report
2. Approve one SIB proposal from the 2012/13 budget as outlined in Item 4 at Annex 1:
  - i) £15,000 Heritage Miners Banners for Schools – Beamish Museum
3. Approve one HCIF proposal from the 2012/13 budget as outlined in Item 4 at Annex 1:
  - i) £31,000 Well Men Partnership – Washington MIND

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Washington LAP. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area. The Area Committee has been allocated a budget of £287,261 for 2012/13. £1,834 has been carried forward from 2011/12 giving the Area Committee a budget of £289,095 for 2012/13.

The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**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:**

Scrutiny Committee.

**Is it included in the Forward Plan? No**