

Sunderland East Area Committee
13th September 2010
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Community Action in Sunderland East – Progress Review

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

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

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2010/11 budget:

1. Main report: Approve a collective amount £57,823 from the SIB 2010/11 budget (subject to a full detailed application and appraisal) to deliver enhanced policing services across the East area, including; Bridges Shopping Centre and surrounding area during the Christmas period, enhanced patrols in Mowbray Park and Sunnyside Gardens, Taxi Marshalling scheme on a Monday night, extra patrols in Ryhope and Grangetown areas, and a targeted approach in dealing with identified areas of anti social behaviour in the Doxford area between September 2010 and March 2011, all of which will deliver actions against the Area Committee's key priority to 'reduce anti social behaviour and increase confidence and trust levels in the community'..
2. Annex 2a: Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11
3. Annex 2b: Approve 28 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, all projects total £11,500
4. Annex 2c: approve 1 proposal for support from the 2010-11 SIP, totalling £40,000 for the M V Willadora renovation project on behalf of Sunderland Maritime Heritage group, subject to match funding being secured, or a guarantee that the project can be delivered on a smaller scale and approve 1 proposal for support from the 2010-11 SIB, totalling £35,250 for the purchase of five Vehicle Activated Signs, on behalf of Sunderland City Council.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

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.

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. SIP can only be used to deliver capital projects, deliver key priorities identified in the LAP with its main purpose to attract other funding into the area.

Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan to benefit the local community 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:

Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee
Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee
Community and Safety City Scrutiny Committee
Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny