

18 SEPTEMBER 2013

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF) – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources****1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Work Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. This report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, HCIF and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)**

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB following the June 2013 meeting of Area Committee.

| The allocation for 2013/14 is £241,514. A balance of £15,933 is carried over from 2012/13, giving a total opening balance of £257,447 |                |                              |           |                 |
|---|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Project Name  | Committee Date | Allocated (not yet assessed) | Approvals | Balance         |
|   | -              | -                            | -         | <b>£257,447</b> |
| Business Support Project  | 20.06.2013     | -                            | £40,000   | £217,447        |
| Lighting for footpath at Ross Lea, Shiney Row   | 20.06.2013     | -                            | £2,000    | £215,447        |
|   |                |                              |           | <b>£215,447</b> |

2.2

The following projects (further details in Annex 1) are recommended by the People Board for approval, with the St Aidan's Fishing project also being considered by the Place Board at their September meeting.

- St Aidan's Angling Training £5,000
- Dementia Training £5,750
- Bernard Gilpin School community project £5,700

2.3

The People Board also recommends that £30,000 SIB be allocated for the development of a call for projects to support the 'health and young people' priority as already discussed in the People Board report at Item 5. The total requested is £46,450 and should Committee approve all requests a balance of £168,997 will remain.

**3 Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)**

3.1 A balance of £14,000 remains for the Houghton ward. It is recommended that this sum be allocated to improvements in Houghton Rectory Park. Details of the project to be developed in conjunction with the Head of Street Scene and become part of any wider improvement project to the park.

#### **4 Healthy City Investment Fund: Financial statement and proposals**

4.1 A balance of £413 remains in the HCIF. It is recommended that this sum be allocated to existing Men's Health project and become part of the capacity fund available to local Voluntary and Community Sector organisations.

#### **5 Community Chest**

5.1 The table below details the balances remaining following the last meeting in June 2013 and includes project approvals from the July and August 2013 community chest panel meetings as detailed in **Annex 2** for information only. An allocation of £10,000 per ward was made available for 2013/14.

| <b>Ward</b>  | <b>Budget Remaining</b> | <b>Project Approvals</b> | <b>Balance</b> |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Copt Hill    | £9,578                  | £2,656                   | £6,922         |
| Hetton       | £14,206                 | £4,309                   | £9,897         |
| Houghton     | £11,762                 | £3,105                   | £8,657         |
| Shiney Row   | £10,436                 | £2,410                   | £8,026         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>£45,982</b>          | <b>£12,480</b>           | <b>£33,502</b> |

#### **Recommendations:**

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2, 3 and 4 and Annex 2
- Approve the SIB project applications listed in 2.2 and Annex 1
- Approve a sum of £30,000 for small projects to address the young people and health priority
- Agree to allocate £14,000 SIP to Houghton Rectory Park improvements as part of a larger project
- Agree to allocate £413 HCIF to the existing Men's Health Project

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**Annex 1** SIB Applications recommended for approval

**Annex 2** Community Chest approvals