SUNDERLAND North AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
13th September 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Reviewing Progress

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.

This report denotes an item relating to an executive function

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

- Annex 2a: Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11
- Annex 2b: i) Approve three proposals from the 2010/11 SIB budget totalling £70,400;
  1. £55,000 for the "Thompson Park" project
  2. £10,500 for the "Wearside Allotments" project.
  3. £4,900 for Town End Farm's "Sensory Garden";

  ii) Approve the following proposal from the SIP budget project totalling £24,466
  1. £20,266 for the City Council's "Oswald Tce South;Hard Paving of Grassed Verge" project.
  2. £4,200 for the City Council's "Tree Lights to Washington Road Gateway"
- Annex 2c: i) Approve 30 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest totalling £21,822

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Each Area Committee has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum 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.

The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011; £10,000 for each Ward.

Strategic Investment Plan (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.

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 Committee:** Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee