

21 January 2013

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Why has it come to Committee

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, Healthy City Investment Fund 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 September 2012 meeting.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
The allocation for 2012/13 is £288,548 (subject to approval), with the under spend of £30,000 from 2011/12 this totals £318,548				
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Project Name				
Wearside Small Holder Allotments	23.04.12		£25,650	£292,898
Phoenix Project	23.04.12		£4,000	£288,898
Holiday Activities for Young people	23.04.12		£30,000	£258,898
Operation Educator	23.04.12		£19,000	£239,898
Sunderland North Community Sports Complex Phase 2	21.06.12		£16,698	£223,200
Returned funding:				
Operation Educator			-£153	£223,353
Sunderland North Sports Complex Big Pond			-£676	£224,029
Castle View Academy	21.06.12		£58,000	£166,029
Southwick Old Town Hall	17.09.12		£6,000	£160,029
Southwick Community Christmas	17.09.12		£35,837	£124,192
Returned funding:				
Houghton Feast			-£114	£124,306
Last Man Standing			-£6,750	£131,055.52
Balance				£131,055.52

2.2 The following projects detailed in **Annex 1** are presented for approval:

1. Beamish - Why did Charlie Buchan go to War?	£15,000	Approve
2. Keeping Kids Active in Sunderland	£27,810	Approve
3. North East Aircraft Museum- Access Road	£13,000	Approve

2.3 Members are requested to consider the allocation of £3,500 from the 2012/2013 SIB budget to support delivery to improvements to the Shopping Centres and Neglected Land Priority, funding will be used to replace the steps at Hylton Dene and to replace 3 tree grills at Southwick Green Shopping Centre. (Subject to receipt of a detailed application, consultation and appraisal).

2.4 The total budget being requested from the projects listed above is **£59,310**. Should the projects be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining following allocation would be **£71,745.52**

2.5 An Improvement programme for Thompson Park was approved for £30,000 (subject to full application, consultation and appraisal) by North area Committee on 19th March 2012. The project was to include demolition of the caretaker's house at the Newcastle Road entrance, creation of a car park on the footprint of the caretaker's house site, completion of the footpath, recently installed, and installation of a fitness trail of young people and adults to use.

2.6 Since the approval a bat survey has taken place and a bat was found, this means the caretakers house can no longer be demolished and therefore no car park can be built. Since the approval the project has secured match funding of £19,250 (subject to offer letter) to install a wide footpath. The project is therefore requesting to no longer demolish the caretakers house and install a car park. The project has requested to install the footpath around the park (subject to securing the match funding) and to install the fitness trail and the garden path. Area Committee are requested to consider the changes above (subject to full application, consultation and appraisal)

3. **Healthy City Investment Fund**

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of HCIF following the September 2012 Meeting.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
Healthy City Investment Fund (approved to AC to award)	19.03.12			£31,079
Project Name	-		-	-
Tackling Men's Health in the North	17.09.12		£31,000	£79
New Balance			£31,079	£79

3.2 £79 Healthy City Investment Fund remains to be allocated to special initiatives as agreed at March 2012 Committee.

4 **Community Chest**

4.1 The table below details the balances remaining following the last meeting in September 2012 and project approvals as detailed in **Annex 2**.

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Approvals since last meetings	Grant returned	Balance
Castle	£5,732.80	£4,860.00	£0	£872.80
Fulwell	£13,554.99	£2,832.00	£0	£10,722.99
Redhill	£15,616.47	£955.81	£0	£14,660.66
Southwick	£10,744.28	£2,750.00	£0	£7,994.28
St Peter's	£14,995.27	£6,312.97	£0	£8,682.30
Total	£60,643.81	£17,710.78	£0	£42,933.03

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1, 4.1.
- 5.2 Approve the allocation of £3,500 from the 2012/2013 SIB budget to deliver improvements to support the Shopping Centres and Neglected Land Priority, as outlined in section 2.3. (Subject to a detailed application, consultation and appraisal).
- 5.3 Approve the 3 proposals for support from SIB detailed in **Annex 1**.
- 5.4 Approve the changes requested for Thompson Park, as outlined in section 2.5 and 2.6. (Subject to receipt of detailed SIB application, assessment and consultation)
- 5.5 Note the 21 Community Chest approvals supported from 2012/2013 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 2**.

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