

# Sunderland North Area Committee

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010

## Report of Chief Executive

### Financial Statements and Funding Requests

#### 1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report outlines current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest and applications for funding from these budgets in order to support new initiatives, which will benefit the area and the delivery of the Local Area Plans.

#### 2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 29 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex I.

2.2 The Committee is requested to approve that Citywide Community Chest applications are considered at the final meeting of each municipal year, as detailed in Section 6.4 of this report.

2.3 The Committee is requested to consider three proposals for support from the 2009/10 Strategic Initiatives Budget as set out below and detailed in Annex 2

#### Recommend Approval

SIB applications

• Hylton Castle Re-enactment	£15,000
• Kickz	£23,500
• Community Leaders of the Future	£11,543

2.4 The Committee is requested to approve the use of SIB funding to meet the infrastructure costs of managing events and processions on the highway at an area level, in view of the statutory changes made in the safety management of such events as detailed in section 4.5 of this report.

2.5 Note the financial statement for 2009/10 in Annex 3

#### 3.0 Background

3.1 The Council has reduced the amount of Regeneration Frameworks across the City from six to five. This has resulted in a new calculation of SIB funding to be awarded to the Sunderland North Area Committee of £288,548 to be allocated up until March 2010. All allocations of funding should be matched against the criteria outlined in delivering the key priorities of the area, identified within the Local Area Plan (LAP).

3.2 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. This equates to £266,540 for the North. At a meeting in September 2009 the Committee discussed how to split the funds across the five wards of Fulwell, St Peter's, Southwick, Redhill and Castle. The

Committee agreed to contribute £50,000 to the Sea Front Improvement project and divide the remaining £216,540 between the five wards, giving each ward a total of £43,308. Fulwell and St Peters wards identified an additional £15,000 per ward as a further contribution to the Sea Front Project. Each ward will identify areas of priority within their own ward and applications for SIP funding will be presented to Area Committee for a decision. This funding is available until March 2011.

3.3 The Committee will be aware that the Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2009/2010, £10,000 for each Ward, plus any unclaimed allocations identified from previous years. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

#### **4.0 Current Position SIB**

4.1 Following the January 2010 Committee meeting, a balance of £175,571 remained to be allocated this financial year.

4.2 The projects in Annex 2 request a total of £50,043. Should Committee grant this request the remaining balance would be £125,528.

4.3 Members should note that any uncommitted expenditure from this financial year will be carried forward to the following year's budget.

4.4 As part of the ongoing review of SIB procedures and governance, the SIB application form and guidance has been amended to ensure that funding is allocated on an area basis only. This is to ensure projects are tailored to meet the needs of that particular area. From May 2010, area specific application forms will be available and, therefore, organisations wishing to apply for funds to deliver a project in more than one area of the City must complete an application for each area. Projects should be evidence based and must ensure they meet the needs of the area to which they are applying.

4.5 Additionally the Area Committee is requested to approve the use of SIB funding to meet the infrastructure costs of managing events and processions on the highway at an area level, in view of the statutory changes made in the safety management of such events. Due to the lead in times for SIB project governance, known local groups will be contacted to ensure they are able to meet appropriate Committee deadlines.

#### **5. Current position SIP**

5.1 The full allocation of £266,540 remains to be allocated and fully expended by March 2011. At the last meeting Committee agreed to further contribute a total of £96,000 from SIP towards Sea Front improvements the request the remaining balance is now £170,540.

#### **6 Current Position Community Chest**

6.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Castle	£9290
Fulwell	£11588
Redhill	£3876
Southwick	£11555
St. Peter's	£6741

6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Castle	£0000
Fulwell	£2600
Redhill	£13,993
Southwick	£3391
St. Peter's	£2665

6.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances, including the unclaimed allocations identifies from previous years, would be:

Castle	£2210
Fulwell	£639
Redhill	£1963
Southwick	£992
St. Peter's	£3517

## **7.0 Reasons for the Decision**

7.1 SIB and SIP was established to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan, and to attract other funding into the area. Applications for SIB/SIP funding should demonstrate the potential benefits to local communities the proposed project would bring, and subsequently be able to provide evidence and statistics that can illustrate these benefits.

7.2 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, provide genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

## **8.0 Alternative Options**

8.1 Each project is required to indicate what alternative options they have considered during the application business process.

## **9.0 Relevant Consultations**

9.1 Financial Implications

The Director of Financial Resources has been consulted on this report and all costs associated with developing SIB, SIP and Community Chest applications.

9.2 Implications for Other Services

Each project is required to indicate what implications there may be for other services in the application business process.

9.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate what consultation it has undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in during the application business process. Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Local Area Plans and bids support these identified priorities.

#### 9.4 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Councils Race Equality Scheme.

Each project is required to indicate whether it has an equal opportunities policy, or what measures it employs to address equal opportunity issues, during the application business process.

#### 9.5 Public Relations and Publicity

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote funding awarded from Area Committee.

#### 9.6 Councillors

Members have been consulted on all applications for SIB, SIP and Community Chest support and the implementation of the review.

### **10.0 List of Appendices**

10.1 Annex 1 Community Chest: Proposed projects for approval

10.2 Annex 2 SIB: Proposed projects

10.3 Annex 3 Financial statement

### **11.0 Background Papers**

11.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest and SIB Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010
- Reports to previous Area Committees
- Progress reports from current SIB projects
- Sunderland North Local Area Plan

**COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010**  
**PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
<b>FULWELL WARD</b>	
<b>Fulwell Junior School</b> – Contribution towards purchase & installation of display screen, projector, etc.,	750
<b>Sunderland District Scouting Summer Event</b> – Contribution towards events, water activities, climbing wall etc.,	100
<b>Various footpath works Fulwell Area</b> – Contribution towards footpath repairs etc.,	1500
<b>Sunderland Headlight</b> – Contribution towards purchase of desktop packages.	50
<b>M.S. Society</b> – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	100
<b>Sunderland Diabetic Support</b> – Contribution towards laptop, room hire, printing costs etc.,	50
<b>Sunderland &amp; District Table Tennis Club</b> – Contribution towards centenary celebrations, purchase of equipment etc.,	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>2600</b>
<b>REDHILL WARD</b>	
<b>All Friends Together</b> – Contribution towards tutor costs, craft workshops, room hire, equipment etc.,	1830
<b>Redhouse Academy</b> – Contribution towards allotment/garden project.	2000
<b>HALO (Holistic and Lifestyle Opportunities)</b> – Purchase of equipment.	2000
<b>Sunderland District Scouting Summer Event</b> – Contribution towards events, water activities, climbing wall etc.,	100
<b>Various Locations within Redhill Ward</b> – Contribution towards street furniture.	7000
<b>Bunny Hill Cheerleading Club</b> – Purchase of outfits and costumes for competitions.	488

<b>Downhill Diamonds</b> – Contribution towards wheelchair ramp and works.	575
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,993</b>
<b>SOUTHWICK WARD</b>	
<b>Sunderland District Scouting Summer Event</b> – Contribution towards events, water activities, climbing wall etc.,	100
<b>Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project</b> – Purchase of equipment.	473
<b>Southwick Girls Group</b> – Purchase of games and equipment.	238
<b>Grange Park Primary School</b> – Purchase of ‘Storyphones’ ICT system.	495
<b>High Southwick Methodist Church</b> – Contribution towards decoration costs.	600
<b>Southwick Health &amp; Community Forum</b> – Contribution towards trips, entrance fees, craft materials etc.,	485
<b>Thompson Park C.A.</b> – Contribution towards renewal of flooring.	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3391</b>
<b>ST. PETER’S WARD</b>	
<b>Roker Youth Club</b> – Contribution towards leisure activities for young people.	915
<b>Sunderland District Scouting Summer Event</b> – Contribution towards events, water activities, climbing wall etc.,	100
<b>Barbary Coast Residents Association</b> – Contribution towards admin costs for newly formed group.	500
<b>St. Andrew’s Sea Scouts</b> – Purchase of cleaning equipment.	500
<b>Sunderland Headlight</b> – Contribution towards purchase of desktop packages.	50
<b>Pipkin Rabbit Rescue</b> – Contribution towards care of abandoned pets.	50
<b>M.S. Society</b> – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	50

<b>Royalty Theatre</b> – Contribution towards updating of fire regulations, re-wiring etc.,	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>2665</b>
<b>Total of Projects</b>	<b>22,649</b>

**Application 1**

Name of Project	Hylton Castle Re-enactment
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total Cost of Project	Total Match Funding	<b>Total SIB Requested</b>
£40,000	£13,000	<b>£ 27,000</b> <b>(£15,000 from North Committee)</b>
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year 3 months	Summer 2010	August 2010

**The Project**

Following requests from Local Residents and the Castle in the Community, to stimulate interest in Hylton Castle and the surrounding area, as a visitor attraction, and to raise awareness of the area's rich and diverse heritage, a large scale re-enactment based on the Battle of Boldon Hill, which took place during the English Civil War will be carried out over a two day period (proposed dates 14/15 August 2010), and will deliver a number of living history displays, as well as offering a range of family orientated learning activities interpreting the life and times of the period.

The re-enactment will take place on and around Hylton Castle, with an identified camp site at Seaburn to accommodate the visiting re-enactors which will be in the region of 500 – 1000 people. The event will consist of a wide range of family orientated learning activities, encouraging visitors to participate by handling objects and engaging with the re-enactors on all levels.

**The Need for the Project**

The project builds upon the work currently ongoing through the Castle in the Community, who are working with a number of partners, including English Heritage, Sunderland City Council and local voluntary and community groups to enable the future development of Hylton Castle.

The group have continually worked to raise awareness and the importance of the Castle to the area and the City, in terms of its heritage importance, and this has included a number of events and activities within the area. This event would support their aims and aspirations in terms of bringing visitors to the area, and highlighting the importance of the heritage asset, as well as engaging and encouraging the local community to expand their knowledge of the community's history and heritage.

**The Outputs for the Project**

Output Code	Description	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
A6	No of community or education visits held: - Four pre education outreach visits - One main event over two days.		5	
S5	No of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects [ Four pre education outreach visits * 25 young people per session = 100] (Not including attendance at main event)		100	



### The key milestones for the Project

Milestone and key event	Forecast Dates
All funding confirmed and secured	May 2010
Project event team meetings held to confirm programme, event management, health and safety etc	Monthly – Feb – Aug 2010
Education & out reach work	Jun – Aug 2010
Successful delivery of event	14/15 August 2010
Event Evaluation	September 2010

Recommendation: **Approve subject to:**

- The availability of matched funding
- That the project demonstrates compliance with the Equal Opportunities policy and ensures that the event is available to all groups

## Application 2

Name of Project	Kickz	
Lead Organisation	SAFC Foundation	

Total Cost of Project	Total Match Funding	<b>Total SIB Requested</b>
£47,000	£23,500	<b>£23,500</b>
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 Year	2010	2011

### The Project

SAFC Foundation has a dedicated Kickz programme in the Seaburn area of Sunderland (classified as Sunderland North). The programme will fund a full time specialist member of staff, who together with existing staff, trainees and volunteers will run three evening sessions per week for 48 weeks of the year, a total of 288 two-hour sessions over the course of the project. These sessions will be run at times appropriate to issues eg a Friday night.

### The Need for the Project

The need for the provision has been identified by the Police, Seaburn Centre, local residents and the young people themselves. The lack of alternative provision in the area means this service is vital to the community and maintaining the reduction in anti social behaviour which has come about due to the Kickz project – 47%.

### The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	2009/10	2010/1 1	2011/1 2
P3	Number of people employed in voluntary work	5	5	
L6	Number of young people aged 16-19 years old not in employment, education or training encouraged into further education and employment	5	5	
L7	Number of additional youth sessions been delivered per week			
L8	Number of additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	50	50	
S5	Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	300	300	
S6	Number of additional young people engaged in youth activities	50	50	
H2	Number of people engaged in sports activities	300	300	

### The key milestones for the Project

Milestone and key event	Forecast Dates
20 young people gain accreditation	July 2010
2,000 individual engagements	July 2010
5 young people progress to apprenticeships/senior members/volunteers	July 2010
100 young people gain accreditation	March 2011
4,000 individual engagements	March 2011
5% reduction in incidents of anti social behaviour involving young people in the	March 2011

Concord area at times when sessions are running	
300 individual young people participating in sessions	March 2011

Recommendation: **Approve subject to:**

- Undertaking further actions to sustain the outputs and outcomes of the project

### Application 3

Name of Project	<b>Community Leaders of the Future</b>
Lead Organisation	Education Business Connections

Total Cost of Project	Total Match Funding	<b>Total SIB Requested</b>
£75,915	£18,200	<b>£57,715 (£11,543 from North Committee)</b>
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
Two years	March 2010	February 2012

### The Project

It is a two-year project which includes a high profile citywide competition open to all secondary and special schools with a key theme of volunteering whilst developing both key employability skills, work readiness and entrepreneurship on participating young people. It will culminate in a high profile awards event to mark the European Year of Volunteering in 2011. There will be 4 large scale events during the two years. A secondary school from each of the five regeneration areas, with pupils in the range 11 to 13, will be invited, to take part in the competition and activities plus 2 citywide special schools and one citywide voluntary aided school

The project includes a number of core elements all designed through a phased learning programme to raise awareness in targeted young people of the impact they can make in supporting local VCS organisations in their community. There is also accredited training for young people resulting in NCFE awards. In particular the programme will aim to develop young people's work readiness and employability skills, foster a sense of entrepreneurship and an understanding that volunteering makes a real difference to everyday life across the city and that young people can be positive about giving freely of their time and energy as a preparation for adulthood and citizenship.

### The Need for the Project

The project would appear to fill a gap for schools and young people. The applicant states that having worked with all the city's secondary schools, there is a clear demand and an unmet need to deliver more activities. In particular, the application states that schools have requested curriculum enhancing activities around involving business and enterprise activities, friendly competitions between schools, programmes which embed employability skills and which reward pupils' achievements, as well as connecting the schools to local communities. This project would actually meet all of these requirements, in particular for the 8 schools involved and their pupils (which will number 30 from each secondary and 10-15 in each special school). There is evidence in the application around the importance of volunteering and the need to engage young people in this activity as early as possible in terms of developing their citizenship skills, an understanding of their communities as well as learning, life and employability skills.

### The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
A3	Number of community/vol groups supported	8		
P3	No of young people in voluntary work	230		
S5	No of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary activities	230		

### The key milestones for the Project

Milestone and key event	Forecast Dates
Market and recruit project to schools	April 2010
Presentations and initial classroom work	May – July 2010
Official launch	June 2010
Project activity: Classroom activities; Pupils review business plans, etc; re-profile income generating target etc; Mix of face-to-face and online support from third sector organisations and EBC to complete gathering of evidence for NCFE qualification submissions; Cut off for completion of NCFE qualification portfolios Updating of website based on project activity Mid term evaluation	September – December 2010
Skills/industry/employment Event	October 2010
Project activity	November – June 2011
Third Sector Event	May 2011
Fundraising Enterprise Event	July 2011
Project activity	August – November 2011
Celebratory Event	December 2011

### Recommendation: Approve

The project is innovative and ambitious and requires a high level of support from schools, including a commitment to identifying and supporting at least 30 young people over a 2 year period. The project has now been discussed with the schools identified and they have given their initial commitment to supporting the project for a two year period. The project is also reliant on commitment from a number of voluntary sector organisations to ensure success of the project. These commitments have now been confirmed.

## Financial Statement for 2009-10

<b><u>SIB: North SIB Statement 1st March 2010</u></b>				
* £288,548 was allocated for 2009-10, £28,712 was carried over from 2008-09: Balance £317,260				
	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Main Fund 80%</b>	<b>Opportunities: 20%</b>	<b>Total 100%</b>
<b>Available Funding 2009/10 *</b>	29.06.09	£253,808	£63,452	£317,260
Project Name	-	-	-	-
Hylton Castle & Dene Business Plan Extension	07.09.09	-	£12,110	£305,150
Phoenix Project	09.11.09	£15,274	-	£289,876
Community Neighbourhood Support Initiative	09.11.09	-	£46,320	£243,556
Castletown Gating Order	09.11.09	£3,500	-	£240,056
Sunderland History Fair	04.01.10	-	£3,800	£236,256
ABOUT Project	04.01.10	-	£23,685	£212,571
Seafront Improvements	04.01.10	£32,000	-	£180,571
Miners Memorial	04.01.10	-	£5,000	£175,571
<b>Balance</b>	-	<b>£203,034</b>	<b>-£27,463</b>	<b>£175,571</b>

<b><u>SIP: North Statement 1st March 2010</u></b>			
	<b>SIP Budget</b>	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Available Funding 2009/2010</b>	£266,540	£0	£266,540
Central allocation for Sea Front Regeneration	£50,000	£50,000	£0
Castle	£43,308	£0	£43,308
Fulwell	£43,308	£23,000	£20,308
Redhill	£43,308	£0	£43,308
Southwick	£43,308	£0	£43,308
St Peter's	£43,308	£23,000	£20,308
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£266,540</b>	<b>£46,000</b>	<b>£170,540</b>

**Community Chest: North Statement 1st March 2010**

\*:£10,000 was allocated per ward from 2009-10, Budget includes carry over from 2008-09 of £25,020

	<b>Community Chest Budget</b>	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Available Funding 2009/10 *</b>			
Castle	£11,500	£9,290	£2,210
Fulwell	£14,827	£11,588	£3,239
Red Hill	£19,832	£3,876	£15,956
Southwick	£15,938	£11,555	£4,383
St Peter's	£12,923	£6,741	£6,182
<b>Total</b>	<b>£75,020</b>	<b>£43,050</b>	<b>£31,970</b>