

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE
19th MARCH 2012
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB)
 Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee to consider of proposals for the allocation of Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) to support initiatives that will deliver activity against priorities for 2011/12.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2011/12 budget:

Annex 1: Community Chest Financial Statement

- Note the financial statement for Community Chest funding for 2011/12.

Annex 2: Community Chest Project Proposals

- Approve 8 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest. All projects total £4,174

Annex 3: SIB financial statement

- Note the financial statement for SIB funding for 2011/12.

Annex 4: SIB Executive Summary

- Approve one application from 2011/12 SIB budget.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Sunderland East Work Plan 2011/12. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a budget of £277,456 for 2011/12, with a further £125,000 carried over from 2010-11 which has been ring fenced to deliver a call for projects to increase employment and enterprise opportunities in the Sunderland East area.

The Community Chest forms part of SIB, of which £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2011/2012 across all wards. £10,000 is available for each ward (Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michael's.)

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:

19th MARCH 2012**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB)
Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources****1.0 Why has it come to Committee?**

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Work Plan 2011/12, 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 Community Chest and SIB

2.0 Community Chest

2.1. Members are requested to note the financial statement for Community Chest as shown in **Annex 1**. Since the last meeting £1,905 Community Chest has been returned to budget: £107 to Doxford; £412 to Hendon; £585 to Millfield; £601 to Ryhope and £200 to St Michaels wards.

2.2 There are 8 applications recommended for approval, totalling £4,174, as set out in **Annex 2**.

3.0 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

3.1 Members are requested to note the financial statement for SIB as shown in **Annex 3**. Following the January 2012 Committee meeting £41,766 remained to be allocated for 2011-12. There is one application recommended for approval, as set out in **Annex 4**.

Hendon Youth Initiative: Thornhill School Community Cohesion	£9,450
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3.2 If approved, the overall SIB balance remaining to be allocated for 2011/12 would be £32,316. The deadline for applications for 2011/12 was 9th February 2012. Currently several organisations are developing full applications, approximately totalling £71,660. These applications are expected to be brought forward for discussion in April 2012.

4.0 Recommendations

Committee are requested to:

- i. Note the financial statement set out in Annex 1 and 3.
- ii. Agree to approve 10 Community Chest applications, as set out in Annex 2
- iii. Agree to approve 1 SIB application, as set out in Annex 4.

Annex 1:	Community Chest Financial Statement
Annex 2:	Community Chest Applications
Annex 3:	SIB Financial Statement
Annex 4:	SIB Executive Summary

Background papers:	Community Chest Applications and SIB Application form
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