

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
6TH JANUARY 2011
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2010/11 budget:

1. Annex 1a: Approve 11 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, all projects total £8,440.
2. Annex 1b:
 - Approve one SIB proposal from the 2010-11 budget: £24,488 to Sunderland City Council to deliver Oxclose Play Project.
 - Approve three SIP proposals from the 2010-11 budget:
 - £6,670 to deliver an eco lighting energy saving project at Fatfield Primary School,
 - £2,000 to enable North East Electric Traction Trust Trams to purchase two trams and
 - £1,029 to Sunderland City Council to deliver a dropped kerb scheme in Wharfedale Avenue.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee in order to can be used to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Washington LAP. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area. The Area Committee has been allocated a budget of £287,261 for 2010/11. £126,070 has been carried forward from 2009/10 giving the Area Committee a budget of £413,331 for 2010/11.

The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Regeneration Review Committee.
Management Scrutiny Committee.

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No