

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE
23rd MAY 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):

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Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee to consider of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest 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:

- Approve 14 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest. All projects total £7,605.

Annex 2:

- Approve 5 SIB proposals from the 2011-12. As outlined in 2.3.

Agree one of the three options outlined in section 2.4.4. in relation to Education Business Connections, Community Leaders of the Future Project.

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. 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 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) in addition, £5,914 was carried over from previous years, making this years total balance £55,914.

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:

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1. 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 SIB and Community Chest.

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING STREAMS 2011/2012

Community Chest 2011/12			
	Budget	Approvals total	Balance
Doxford	£10,297	0	£10,297
Hendon	£10,261	0	£10,261
Millfield	£10,789	0	£10,789
Ryhope	£12,035	0	£12,035
St Michaels	£11,532	0	£11,532
Total	£55,914	0	£55,914

Strategic Investment Plan (SIP):				
	Approved/ Returned	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Returned to Hendon ward	23.05.11	£1,851		£1,851
Remaining balance		£1,851		£1,851

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): list of approved projects from 2011/12				
	Approval Date	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Carried over from 2010/11	-	125,000	-	125,000
SIB approved for 2011/12	-	277,456	-	402,456
<i>Employment Call for Projects</i>	<i>04.01.11</i>	-	<i>125,000</i>	<i>277,456</i>
Sunderland Heritage Forum	28.03.11	-	18,928	258,528
<i>Youth Call for projects</i>	<i>28.03.11</i>	-	<i>50,000</i>	<i>208,528</i>
Funding returned to budget	23.05.11	4,265		212,793
Cleaner and Greener Call for Projects	23.05.11	-	36,000	176,793
Tackling crime Call for Projects	23.05.11	-	74,599	102,194
Remaining balance		406,721	304,527	102,194

2.1 Community Chest

- 2.1.1 The table below details the budget, total of project recommended for approval and the balance, if approved. The project proposals are set out in **Annex 1**.
- 2.1.2 Following the March 2011, £5,914 was returned to budget, bring the final total for allocation from £50,000 to £55,914. The projects recommended for approval from the 2011/12 Community Chest budget total £7,605. This would leave a collective balance of £48,309 to allocate. A breakdown is shown below:

Table 1: Community Chest Balance

Ward	Budget remaining	Project proposals	Balance
Doxford	£10,297	£2,200	£8,097
Hendon	£10,261	£1,300	£8,961
Millfield	£11,789	£1,750	£10,039
Ryhope	£12,035	£1,000	£11,035
St Michael's	£11,532	£1,355	£10,177
Total	£55,914	£7,605	£48,309

2.2 Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

- 2.2.1 Following the March 2011 Committee meeting, £1,851 SIP has been returned to budget, by Hendon Young People's Project, as there was an under spend on carrying out roof repairs. Advice has been sought and confirmation given that Hendon ward can re-allocate the funds.

2.3 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

- 2.3.1 During the March 2011 Committee meeting it was agreed to ring fence £50,000 SIB from the 2011/12 budget, enabling Committee to implement the 'call for projects' protocol. Statutory and Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations have been invited to submit applications to deliver a project totalling £75,000 (£25,000 provided by Children Services) with the outcome aimed at delivering activities during school holidays and establishing junior youth clubs, as outlined in the work plan. In addition, a further £18,928 was awarded to the Sunderland Heritage Forum to deliver the Sunderland Heritage Quarter project. The budget was £208,528.
- 2.3.2 Since March 2011, £4,265 has been returned to budget, bringing the total up to £212,793.
- 2.3.3 Subject to approval, as outlined in the work plan, Committee have agreed to align £36,000 towards the Cleaner and Greener Streets priority and £74,599 towards the Tackling Crime priority, leaving a final balance of £102,194 to be allocated during 2011/12.
- 2.3.4 There are five applications recommended for approval, as set out in **Annex 2**.

SIB Budget 2011-12

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| 1. Gentoo | £5,000 |
| 2. Sunderland City Council | £5,000 |
| 3. Sans Street Youth Centre | £10,512 |

2.3.5 Projects 1, 2 and 3 are recommended to be approved from the 2011/12 budget total £20,512. Should the Committee approve these proposals the Committee will have a budget of £81,682 SIB 2011/12.

CALL FOR PROJECTS:

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| 4. SES Sustainable Enterprise Strategies CIC | £74,696 |
| 5. Sunderland North Community Business Centre (S.N.C.B.C.) | £49,982 |

2.3.6 Project 4 and 5 are recommended to be approved from the £125,000 which was ring fenced from the 2010/11 budget and carried forward into 2011/12. The total requested is £124,678, leaving a balance of £322 which would be added to the main SIB stream, bringing the final total for allocation throughout 2011/12 at **£82,004**.

2.4 Education Business Connections (EBC)

2.4.1 Area Committee were approached in March 2011 to consider options against and EBC grant award, unfortunately the meeting was not quorate, and therefore a discussion could not be held. Colleagues from Legal Services have advised the Area Officer to re-present the information, to provide a further opportunity for a discussion at Area Committee.

2.4.2 As part of SIB governance, when an organisation who has received a grant from Area Committee wish to amend the terms and conditions of a grant there is guidance to follow. If the proposed change is under 10% Area Co-ordination Team can make a decision to either reject or approve the amendments. If the change is over 10% the decision is referred to Area Committee as it is seen as a significant change to the original agreement. Based on an amended application received from the above organisation, the milestones and outputs are above 10%, therefore identified as significant change.

2.4.3 In addition, two of the three city wide schools are not participating, as originally agreed, which are reflected in the 'Grant Total Two' figure.

2.4.4 At July 2010, Area Committee agreed to fund Education Business Connections £11,543 to deliver a project 'Community Leaders of the Future'. In essence the organisation sought revenue funding for salaries and running costs to deliver a multi area programme open to secondary and special schools with a key theme of volunteering, developing employability skills and delivering accredited training to participating young people aged between 11-13. The table below reflects the changes proposed by EBC.

Section	Originally agreed	Proposed change	Difference
EBC proposed	£11,543	£10,619	£924 (8%)
Other areas	£11,543	£9,979	£1,564 (14%)
Milestones	September 2010- December 2011	February 2011 – December 2011	6 months delay
No. of community groups supported.	8	7	1
No. of young people volunteering	230	135	95 (59%) reduction
No. of young people into in diversionary activity	230	135	95 (59%) reduction

2.4.5 Committee are requested to consider the above information and select one of the three options outlined below:

- i) Reject the changes, and recoup all unclaimed expenditure
- ii) Approve the changes (selecting option a) or b) below)
 - a) Reduction of grant by £924 (8%)
 - b) Reduction of grant by £1,564 (14%)

Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in section 2.
- Agree the recommendations set out in Annex 1 (Community Chest proposals)
- Agree the recommendations set out in Annex 2 (SIB applications)
- Agree one of the three options outlined in section 2.4.4.

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Background Papers: Community Chest Applications
SIB Applications
Scoring Matrix and consultation comments

Annex 1: Community Chest Applications

Annex 2: SIB Executive Summary of Applications