

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
9th DECEMBER 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

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 updated position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2014/15 budget:
 Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in the report
- (b) Consider and agree the approval of SIB 2014/15 for the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark and Physical Hub as detailed in this report and **Annex 1**.
- (c) Consider and agree if additional SIB is required to assist with the implementation of the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark and Physical Hub.
- (d) Consider the alignment of **£20,000** SIB 2014/15 for the development of Employability Support Services Project as detailed in paragraph 2.9 above and in **Item 4 People Board Progress Report**
- (e) Note the 21 approvals of Community Chest detailed within.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation for 2014/2015 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and 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:

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 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 update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB 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 for 2014/2015:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £306,507				
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Project Name				
Dementia Awareness Training	19.06.2014		£7,000	£299,507
Volunteer Development	19.06.2014		£74,850	£224,657
Washington Heritage Festival	Emergency delegated		£2,500	£222,157
Funding returned -Washington Trust £29,370.56	-	-	+ £29,370.56	£251,527
Neighbourhood Improvements	19.06.2014		£125,000	£126,527
Funding returned -Social Isolation (AGE UK) £1,575	-	-	+ £1,575	£128,102
Funding returned -Wash 50-Teal Farm Residents £432			+ £432	£128,534
Funding returned-Unallocated Washington 50 £2,845			+ £2,845	£131,379
Washington Youth Opportunities (Phase 2)			£59,992	£71,387
Washington Way to Wellbeing Call for Projects			£20,000	£51,387
Washington Events Programme 2015			£15,000	£36,387
Washington 50- RETURNS Springwell Village Community Venue £6.92 and Friends of Washington Old Hall £218.40			+ £225.32	£36,612.32
Washington Heritage Festival 2014 RETURN £1194			+ £1,194	£37,806.32
Balance			£268,700	£37,806.32

- 2.2 Members are asked to note the balance of **£37,806**. This includes returns to the budget as detailed in the table above in 2.1
- 2.3 In November 2014 Washington Area Committee invited local and non-profit making organisations including statutory partners to respond to the Washington Way to Well Being Call for Projects.
- 2.4 With an indicative budget of £30,000, proposals to deliver the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark Scheme and the Washington Way to Well Being Physical Hub were invited.
- 2.5 1 application for the Charter Mark scheme and 2 applications for the Physical hub were received (although one of those applications is included as a single application with proposals from the Charter Mark).
- 2.6 **Annex 1** provides the project brief and outcomes and a standard executive summary of the applications received for this Call for Projects. Those applications have been subject to an independent assessment using the SIB Scoring Matrix.
- 2.7 Based on that independent assessment and scoring, Members are asked to consider the full detail of the applications as included in **Annex 1** for the Washington Way to Well Being. Area Committee is asked to consider the following options when determining this application:
- Option 1:** Approve both applications subject to additional SIB funding being identified (additional funding required £19,856)
- Option 2:** Approve £24,856 only for the Charter Mark Scheme plus Information Hub to Washington Mind
- Option 3:** Approve £25,000 only for the Physical Hub to Sunderland Young People's Bike Project
- Option 4:** Decline both applications and reissue the Call for Projects. Members are asked to identify additional outcomes/different approach required for a new Call for Projects brief.
- 2.8 Members are also requested to agree that all applications for the Washington Way to Well Being Small Grants be confirmed via SIB consultation and assessment processes. Area Committee formally approved the budget level for this scheme at the October meeting. This will allow projects to be implemented in January 2015 (deadline for submission and assessment) as the next full Area Committee will not be held until March 2015 – restricting implementation ahead of the end of this fiscal year. All assessments and recommendations will be subjected to full Area Committee consultation. A detailed update will be provided to the March Area Committee with regards to allocation and spend.
- 2.9 Following the November People Board and the establishment of the Employability Support Services Working Group it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align **£20,000** SIB 2014/15 to develop the People based priority for employability support for local residents. Proposals for developing a local approach are detailed in **Item 4** People Board Progress Report. All proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision at the March Area Committee. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£17,806**.

3 Maximising Green Spaces Funding:

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Maximising Green Spaces funding.

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Green Spaces Fund (approved to AC to award)				£20,000
Project Name				
Washington Way to Well Being	16 th October		£20,000	-

New Balance			£20,000	£0
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4. Community Chest

4.1 The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances as at October 2014, **Annex 2** shows the approvals between October-November 2014.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2014	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£11,002.60	£5,677.59	£24.00	£5,349.01
Washington East	£10,853.10	£7,061.59	£24.00	£3,815.51
Washington North	£10,000.00	£5,533.26	£148.00	£4,614.74
Washington South	£10,969.60	£4,078.59	£229.76	£7,120.77
Washington West	£15,369.60	£6,449.76	£24.00	£8,943.84
Total	£58,194.90	£28,800.79	£449.76	£29,843.87

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report
- 5.2 Consider and agree the approval of SIB 2014/15 for the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark and Physical Hub as detailed in this report and **Annex 1**.
- 5.3 Consider and agree if additional SIB is required to assist with the implementation of the Washington Way to Well Being Charter Mark and Physical Hub.
- 5.4 Consider the alignment of **£20,000** SIB 2014/15 for the development of Employability Support Services Project as detailed in paragraph 2.9 above and in **Item 4 People Board Progress Report**
- 5.5 Note the **21** Community Chest approvals supported from 2014/2015 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 2**.

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