WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
4th November, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Financial Statements and Funding Request.

Author(s):

Office of the 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.
This report denotes an item relating to an executive function.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

- Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11 as detailed in Item 3a.
- Annex 1a: Approve 34 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest.
- Annex 1b: i) Approve 5 proposals from the 2010/11 SIB budget totalling £106,430 as follows:

	2010/11
1. Catch 22	£19,000
2. Washington Health Champions	£49,030
3. Employers Demand Survey	£10,000
4. Christmas Illuminations	£19,400
5. Washington Bowls Club	£ 9,000

ii) Approve 10 proposals from the 2010/11 SIP allocation:
Washington Central: £1,337 Graffiti Subway Project
Washington East: £2,492 Monument Park Waiting Restrictions
Washington North: £3,332 Coverdale Lights and Barriers; £2,000 High Row Reinstatement; £2,350 Manor View East Drainage; £1,300 High Row Lighting; £5,000 Usworth Primary School.
Washington South: £16,512 Oxclose Play
Washington West: £13,073 Springwell Village School; £16,906 Blackfell Play.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:
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 **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No	**Relevant Review Committee:** **Regeneration Review Committee.** **Management Scrutiny Committee.**