

**WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
20 SEPTEMBER 2023
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

West Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

(a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.

(b) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 1**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £540,905 (inc Youth allocation and c/f) for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant 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? No

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

West Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/ 2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024 (£447,428 and £93,477 c/f and any returns)					£540,905
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Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

- 2.2 West Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £540,905 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024
- 2.3 There are no application(s) to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration.

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Area Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest is now online. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it is difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 3.2 The Table below details the Community Chest awards starting balance for 2023/2024. **Annex 1** shows the approvals, supported to date 2023/2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Barnes	£10,000	-	£6,998	£3,002
Pallion	£10,000	-	£0	£10,000
Sandhill	£10,000	-	£545	£9,455
Silksworth	£10,000	-	£1,500	£8,500
St Annes	£10,000	-	£5,886	£4,114
St Chads	£10,000	-	£9,488	£512
Total	£60,000	-	£24,417	£35,583

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

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Recommendations

- a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 1**

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