

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
7th January, 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Financial Statements and Funding Request

Author(s):

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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 2009/10 budget:

- Annex 1: 18 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest.
- Annex 2: i) Approve three proposals from the 2009/10 SIB budget totalling £24,660, and £20,620 from the 2010/11 SIB budget, subject to Washington Area Committee approving second year of funding
ii) Approve two proposals from the 2009/10 Washington Central SIP allocation totalling £14,545
iii) Defer two proposals for SIB funding, i) the Wearside Trail application to be delivered by Sunderland City Council, ii) Education Business Connections to deliver Community Leaders of the Future project
iv) Reject two proposals for SIB funding, i) Sunderland Dance to deliver Kool Kids project ii) Seafront Improvements to be delivered by Sunderland City Council
- Annex 3: Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2009/10.
- Annex 4: Note the information with regard to the proposed Green Team and consider inviting a funding application for £53,850 SIB to support the Green Team Programme at the March 2010 committee.

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 2009/2010, £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**