

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
15th January 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB)
 Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources.

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of a proposal for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2013/14 budget:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in 2.1, 3.1, 4.1 and 5.1.
- (b) Approve the SIB funding of £26,973 for the development of a West Area Community Hub.
- (c) Approve the allocation of SIB £10,600 to match fund Gentoo to create 18 additional parking spaces in Lakeside Village subject to full application, consultation and appraisal.
- (d) Approve the allocation of SIB £48,000 (£8000 per ward) to support the delivery of ward based People and Place improvements.
- (e) Approve the allocation of SIB £135,000 (£45,000 per provider) to support delivery of work placements for NEET young people.
- (f) Approve the allocation of SIB £11,000 to support the delivery of an enterprise scheme to establish 10 businesses in the West.
- (g) Approve the allocation of SIP £54,400 to support the delivery of capital improvement programmes subject to full application, consultation and appraisal.
- (h) Note the 21 approvals of Community Chest detailed within **Annex 1**.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

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 and Healthy Cities Investment Fund – 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, SIP and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the position financial position of SIB following the September 2013 meeting.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
The allocation for 2013/14 is £331,887 with the under spend of £388,332 from 2012/13 this totals £720,219				
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Project Name				
Pennywell Partnership Co-coordinator	25.06.13		£18,000	£702,219
Stay & Bake Courses	25.06.13		£12,500	£689,719
Dementia Module – Health Champions	25.06.13		£5,750	£683,969
Work Experience Programme	25.06.13	£45,000		£638,969
Community Health Information Points (CHIPs)	25.06.13		£2,000	£636,969
Safety Works	25.06.13		£5,000	£631,969
Work Clubs	18.09.13		£70,000	£561,969
Returned funding: Community Action in Sunderland West – Health Champions	18.09.13		(£1,330)	£563,299
Returned funding: Operation Freedom	18.09.13		(£2,620)	£565,919
Balance		£45,000	£109,300	£565,919

- 2.2 There is one application for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 5 Annex 1**.
- West Area Hub Development £26,973
- 2.3 At the Place Board meeting of 3.10.2013 members received a proposal for the creation of 18 car parking spaces at Lakeside Towers as a partnership approach with Gentoo detailed within **Item 5 Annex 2**. The Place Board recommended the approval of £10,600 SIB to the delivery of this programme, subject to full application, consultation and appraisal, Gentoo funding 50% of the capital costs and covering the ongoing maintenance costs to the site.
- 2.4 Members participated in an area tour of the West area in September 2013. As part of the tour members visited areas relating to Place and People priorities. These visits allowed members to identify additional improvements they would like to see progressed on both People and Place based issues.
- 2.5 At the Place and People boards in October and November 2013 members recommended extension of the Walk and Talk programme to incorporate People and Place issues as described at **Item 5 Annex 3** and to support delivery of improvements approve £48,000 SIB (£8000 per ward), subject to full application, consultation and appraisal.
- 2.6 Area Committee previously approved £45,000 to the development and delivery of a work placement programme for NEET young people resident in the West via a Call for Projects to local voluntary and community sector organisations.
- 2.7 At September Committee members agreed the Call for Projects brief to be used to market the opportunity and invite applications. The Call for Projects was marketed to all Voluntary and Community Sector organisations and three full applications were received from the following providers:
Farringdon Jubilee Centre
Youth Almighty and Pallion Action Group Partnership
Community Opportunities (SNCBC)
- 2.8 All 3 applications were appraised and consulted upon and the full detail of the applications and scoring is attached at **Item 5 Annex 4**. A recommendation has been made by the People Board to approve £45,000 to each of the three applicants based upon the consultation and appraisal, need within the West area and priority of improving Job Prospects.
- 2.9 At June People Board meeting members received information on the opportunity to build upon the success of the previous enterprise scheme funded by West Area Committee. A potential opportunity exists to support the creation of enterprise in the West that would increase the support offer to our residents requiring social care, giving them increased choice and control over services they could buy in personally or using a personal budget to remain independent.
- 2.10 At the December People board a further report was presented offering proposals for the development of an enterprise scheme attached at **Item 5 Annex 5**. There is an opportunity to utilise existing provision through the BIC for Business Support which would reduce the costs from £1500 per business to £500 per business A recommendation has been made by the People Board to pilot a scheme to establish 10 businesses offering business support, training and a start-up loan totalling £1100 per business of which £500 would be recouped.

3. Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIP following the September 2013 meeting.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
The allocation for 2013/2014 is £54,440, including the underspend carried over from 2012/2013				
				£54,440
Project Name				
No projects approved to date within this financial year				
Balance	-	-		£54,440

3.2 During the area tour of the West a number of environmental capital improvement works were discussed. At the Place board in September 2013 further discussion took place regarding potential capital environmental improvements and agreement given to draft proposals for consideration.

3.3 At the Place Board in December 2013 the draft proposals were presented as described in the Place Board update report and at **Item 5 Annex 6**. The Place Board recommended aligning the balance of SIP £54,440 to the delivery of these improvements, subject to full application, consultation and appraisal.

4. Healthy City Investment Fund

4.1 The table below shows the financial position of HCIF following the September 2013 meeting.

	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
Healthy City Investment Fund (approved to AC to award)	19.03.12			£31,079
Project Name	-		-	-
Tackling Men's Health in the West	19.09.12		£31,079	£0
New Balance			£31,079	£0

5. Community Chest

5.1 The table below details the balances remaining following the last meeting in September 2013 and includes project approvals as detailed in **Item 5 Annex 7**.

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Approvals Since September 2013	Grant returned	Balance
Barnes	£17,046.06	£1,000	£0	£16,046.06
Pallion	£15,810.59	£2,840	£0	£12,970.59
Sandhill	£10,560.80	£3,943	£0	£6,617.80

Silksworth	£4,307.46	£1,000	£0	£3,307.46
St Anne's	£10,719.33	£2,165	£0	£8,554.33
St Chad's	£5,558.26	£2,000	£0	£3,558.26
Total	£64,002.50	£12,948	£0	£51,054.50

6. Recommendations:

- 6.1 Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, and 5.1.
- 6.2 Consider the approval of an SIB application as set out in 2.2 and **Annex 1**.
- 6.3 Consider the approval of an allocation of £10,600 to the development of parking spaces at Lakeside Village as described at **Annex 2** subject to full application, consultation and appraisal and stated conditions.
- 6.4 Consider the approval of £48,000 SIB (£8,000 per ward) to the delivery of People and Place improvements subject to full application, consultation and appraisal as described at **Annex 3**.
- 6.5 Consider the approval of £45,000 SIB per provider (£135,000) for the delivery of work placements for young people as described at **Annex 4**.
- 6.6 Consider the approval of £11,000 SIB to the delivery of a pilot enterprise scheme to establish 10 new businesses in the West as described at **Annex 5**.
- 6.7 Consider and approve the allocation of £54,400 SIP funding to the delivery of capital Improvement projects as described at **Annex 6** subject to full application, consultation and appraisal.
- 6.8 Note the 21 Community Chest approvals supported from 2013/2014 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 7**.

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