

Sunderland East Area Committee

7th September 2009

Report of Chief Executive

Financial Statements and Funding Request

1. Purpose Of The Report

1.1 This report outlines current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest and applications for funding from these budget in order to support new initiatives, which will benefit the area and the delivery of the Local Area Plans.

2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 16 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex I.

2.2 Note the approved SIB budget for 2009/10 in Annex 2.

2.3 Note the new emergency protocols for accessing SIB and SIP funding.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Council has reduced the amount of Regeneration Framework across the City from six to five. This has resulted in a new calculation of SIB funding to be awarded to the Sunderland East Area Committee of £277,456 to be allocated up until March 2010. All allocations of funding should be matched against the criteria outlined in delivering the key priorities of the area, identified within the Local Area Plan(LAP).

3.2 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. This equates to £227,293. At a meeting in July 2009 the Committee agreed to split the funds across the four wards of Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michaels. With local Councillors and service delivers being responsible and accountable for its expenditure against the LAP priorities, with proposed projects being presented to Area Committee for final endorsement. This funding is available until March 2011.

3.3 The Committee will be aware that 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, plus any unclaimed allocations identified from previous years. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

4.0 Current Position SIB

4.1 Following the 29 June 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £1,199 remained to be allocated from 2008/09 years budget which will be rolled forward to 2009/10.

4.2 Since the meeting, £3,156 has been returned to budget from the Area Committee Events Budget which will be allocated for 2009/10 budget.

4.3 The recently approved East Area SIB budget allocation for 2009/10 is £277,456. With the additions of 4.1 and 4.2 this will bring the total budget to £281,711 for 2009/10 financial year.

5.0 Current position SIP

5.1 Following the 29 June 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £56,293 remained to be allocated from each ward up until March 2011 totally £227,293 across the area.

5.2 To date three Expressions of Interest have been received, two for St Michaels and one for Ryhope, all of which are still under development and if deemed suitable will be presented to future meetings of Area Committee for approval.

6.0 Current Position Community Chest

6.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Doxford	£3,900
Hendon	£9,159
Millfield	£8,225
Ryhope	£2,000
St. Michael's	£3,861

6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Doxford	£6,222
Hendon	£400
Millfield	£1,300
Ryhope	£2,013
St. Michael's	£350

6.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances, including the unclaimed allocations identifies from previous years, would be:

Doxford	£2,713
Hendon	£691
Millfield	£1,007
Ryhope	£8,695
St. Michael's	£7,359

7.0 Emergency protocol for accessing SIB and SIP funding

7.1 Emergency protocols for accessing SIB or SIP funding can only be accessed when a clear emergency is defined as a genuinely unforeseeable issue. The emergency process can only be initiated where there is a need to approve funding in advance of the next planned Area Committee meeting. An example could be that adverse weather conditions have caused a leaking roof to a community venue that has no other means of financing the repair, creating further damage and preventing the use of the facility. The ArO will consult with the Chair and Vice Chair immediately to determine whether an application is appropriate.

7.2 In addition to being a genuine emergency, the application should contribute to priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan (LAP). An application form must be completed

and all relevant information must be provided. The ArO will provide guidance and support to the applicant.

7.3 The application will then be objectively assessed against agreed criteria as, a matter of urgency. Consultation with relevant partners/directorates will take place. A report will be produced for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Committee who will make a recommendation whether to approve the funding application.

7.4 All elected members of the relevant Area Committee will be consulted by e-mail to confirm they are in agreement with the proposal. If the application is to be agreed, under the Council's 'Scheme of Delegation', The Deputy Chief Executive will then action the decision in accordance with the Council's constitution. The project applicant will be informed of the decision immediately. Area Committee will be updated at the next meeting. Any Terms and Conditions of offer will be discussed and agreed prior to commencement of project (all usual SIB terms and conditions apply). The emergency process should normally take no more than 7-10 days from submission of application.

8.0 Reasons for the Decision

8.1 SIB and SIP was established to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan, and to attract other funding into the area. Applications for SIB/SIP funding should demonstrate the potential benefits to local communities the proposed project would bring, and subsequently be able to provide evidence and statistics that can illustrate these benefits.

8.2 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, provide genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

9.0 Alternative Options

9.1 Each project is required to indicate what alternative options they have considered during the application business process.

10.0 Relevant Consultations

10.1 Financial Implications

The Director of Financial Resources has been consulted on this report and all costs associated with developing SIB, SIP and Community Chest applications.

10.2 Implications for Other Services

Each project is required to indicate what implications there may be for other services in the application business process.

10.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate what consultation it has undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in during the application business process. Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Local Area Plans and bids support these identified priorities.

10.4 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Councils Race Equality Scheme.

Each project is required to indicate whether it has an equal opportunities policy, or what measures it employs to address equal opportunity issues, during the application business process.

10.5 Public Relations and Publicity

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote funding awarded from Area Committee.

10.6 Councillors

Members have been consulted on all applications for SIB, SIP and Community Chest support and the implementation of the review.

11.0 List of Appendices

- 11.1 Annex 1 Community Chest: Proposed projects for approval
Annex 2 Financial Statement

12.0 Background Papers

12.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 18th August, 2009.
- Reports to previous Area Committees
- Sunderland East Local Area Plan

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
DOXFORD WARD	
Mill Hill Primary School Outdoor Grounds – Purchase of trees, hedging and shrubs.	1500
Tunstall Allotments – Contribution towards removal of soil heaps.	2817
Doxford Park Bowling Club – Contribution towards room hire etc.,	880
Doxford Park Forum – Contribution towards Christmas lunch, gifts etc.,	500
Croftside House - Contribution towards Christmas lunch, gifts etc.,	525
Total	6222
HENDON WARD	
Nelson Close Sheltered Housing – Contribution towards purchase of crockery and Christmas lunch.	400
Total	400
MILLFIELD WARD	
Free Gardeners F.C. – Purchase of strips, tracksuits, balls etc.,	400
Millfield 'N' Pallion Panthers Under 11's F.C. – Purchase of training equipment.	400
M.S. Society – Contribution towards trips, physio sessions etc.,	100
The Mayor's Fund – Contribution towards needy children.	100
Sunderland Polish Community Association – Contribution towards drop-in centre, room hire etc.,	300
Total	1300

RYHOPE WARD

Voices Together – Purchase of uniforms.	468
Ryhope C.A. – Contribution towards Wellness Programme for over 50's.	1395
S.S.A.F.A. Big Brew Up – Contribution towards large scale coffee morning for armed forces.	150
Total	2013

ST. MICHAEL'S WARD

S.S.A.F.A. Big Brew Up – Contribution towards large scale coffee morning for armed forces.	150
Sunderland Floral Art Club – Contribution towards demonstrations, talks, workshops etc.,	200
Total	350

Total of Projects	10,285
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