

Sunderland North Area Committee

9 November 2009

Report of Chief Executive

Financial Statements and Funding Requests

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 budgets 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 financial statement for 2009/10 in Annex 2.

2.3 Approve four proposals for support from the 2009/10 SIB budget as detailed in Annexes 3, 4, 5 and 6

- Castletown Gating Order
- Community Neighbourhood Support Project
- Phoenix Project
- Sea Front Toilets – Winter Opening

2.4 Note the SIB project update report in Annex 7.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Council has reduced the amount of Regeneration Frameworks across the City from six to five. This has resulted in a new calculation of SIB funding to be awarded to the Sunderland North Area Committee of £288,548 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 £266,540 for the North. At a meeting in September 2009 the Committee discussed how to split the funds across the five wards of Fulwell, St Peter's, Southwick, Redhill and Castle. The Committee agreed to contribute £50,000 to the Sea Front Improvement project and divide the remaining £216,540 between the five wards, giving each ward a total of £43,308. Fulwell and St Peters wards identified an additional £15,000 per ward as a further contribution to the Sea Front Project. Each ward will identify areas of priority within their own ward and applications for SIP funding will be presented to Area Committee for a decision. 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 September 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £305,150 remained to be allocated this financial year.

4.2 The projects in Annex 3-6 request a total of £77,094 Should Committee grant this request the remaining balance would be £228,056. At the last meeting Committee agreed to receive applications for a number of projects, including a contribution to the Sea Front project, support to the Mobile Youth provision and support for Head Cams. Fully developed applications, with recommendations, will come forward to the January 2010 meeting.

4.4 Emergency protocols for accessing SIB or SIP funding were agreed by Committee at the September 2009 meeting.

5. Current position SIP

5.1 The full allocation of £266,540 remains to be allocated and fully expended by March 2011. At the last meeting Committee agreed to contribute a total of £80,000 from SIP to the Sea Front project. A fully developed application will come to Area Committee in January 2010.

6 Current Position Community Chest

6.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Castle	£8790
Fulwell	£7963
Redhill	£1475
Southwick	£5828
St. Peter's	£3541

6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Castle	£0000
Fulwell	£1880
Redhill	£0000
Southwick	£4927
St. Peter's	£950

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

Castle	£2710
Fulwell	£4984
Redhill	£18357
Southwick	£5183
St. Peter's	£8432

7.0 Reasons for the Decision

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.

8.0 Alternative Options

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

9.0 Relevant Consultations

9.1 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.

9.2 Implications for Other Services

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

9.3 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.

9.4 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.

9.5 Public Relations and Publicity

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

9.6 Councillors

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

10.0 List of Appendices

- 10.1 Annex 1 Community Chest: Proposed projects for approval
- 10.2 Annex 2 Financial Statement
- 10.3 Annex 3 SIB: Proposed project for approval – Castletown Gating Order
- 10.4 Annex 4 SIB: Proposed project for approval – Community Neighbourhood Support
- 10.5 Annex 5 SIB: Proposed project for approval – Phoenix Project
- 10.6 Annex 6 SIB: Proposed project for approval – Sea Front Toilets – Winter Opening
- 10.7 Annex 7 SIB: Live Project Update report

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest and SIB Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 13th October, 2009.
- Reports to previous Area Committees
- Progress reports from current SIB projects
- Sunderland North Local Area Plan

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
FULWELL WARD	
Southwick & Monkwearmouth Community Transport – Contribution towards repairs etc.,	500
Bidders for Bede – Contribution towards new notice board and printing of calendars.	100
Sunderland Floral Art Club – Contribution towards room hire, demonstrations, workshops etc.,	30
Sunderland Polish Community Association – Contribution towards room hire for 'drop in' centre	150
Friends of Sunderland Museum – Purchase of display boards and stands.	50
M.S. Society – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	50
Royalty Theatre – Contribution towards updating of fire regulations, re-wiring etc.,	1000
Total	1880
SOUTHWICK WARD	
Southwick Area – Purchase of trees and bulb planting in various locations.	4227
Southwick & Monkwearmouth Community Transport – Contribution towards repairs etc.,	300
Southwick Primary School – Contribution towards lantern festival.	400
Total	4927
ST. PETER'S WARD	
Southwick & Monkwearmouth Community Transport – Contribution towards repairs etc.,	200
Sunderland Residents Federation – Contribution towards room hire, publications, newsletters etc.,	100

Sunderland Polish Community Association – Contribution towards room hire for ‘drop in’ centre	50
Friends of Sunderland Museum – Purchase of display boards and stands.	50
M.S. Society – Contribution towards trips and physiotherapy sessions.	50
Royalty Theatre – Contribution towards updating of fire regulations, re-wiring etc.,	500
Total	950
Total of Projects	7757