

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
2nd June 2011
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

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 2011/12 budget:

1. To approve 6 SIB proposals from the 2011-12 budget as detailed in **Annex 1**:

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| 1. Operation Choice | £25,821 | Approve |
| 2. Sunderland Festival | £ 3,000 | Approve |
| 3. Washington Christmas Event | £15,000 | Approve |
| 4. Aircraft Museum | £ 6,000 | Approve |
| 5. Friends of the Old Hall | £ 3,450 | Approve |
| 6. Education and Skills Programme | £30,000 | Approve |
2. To approve £76,840 to deliver the recommendations of the Washington Heritage Offer Feasibility Study from the 2010-11 budget for Washington Heritage Memorial Project as detailed in **Annex 1**.
3. To approve 1 SIP Project for £997 for the Bowes Railway Trust Project as detailed in **Annex 1**
4. To approve 21 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest, all projects total £12,962 as detailed **Annex 2**

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee in order to can be used to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Washington LAP. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area. The Area Committee has been allocated a budget of £287,261 for 2010/11. £126,070 has been carried forward from 2009/10 giving the Area Committee a budget of £413,331 for 2010/11.

The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Regeneration Review Committee.
 Management Scrutiny Committee.

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No