

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 7 DECEMBER 2015 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I																													
Title of Report:	Area Budgets Report																												
Author(s):	Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements																												
Purpose of Report:	This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded Community Chest grant.																												
Description of Decision:	<p>The Area Committee is requested to note the following:</p> <p>(a) Note the financial statement as set out in section 2 and 3.</p> <p>(b) Approve six SIB funding requests for £26,409 SIB 2015 / 2016 as part of the Community Leaders programme, as set out in Annex 1.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">i) Highways Improvements along Doxford Park Way</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) Barley Mow Park</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£3,796</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">iii) Open House New Kitchen</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">iv) Ryhope Cemetery</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£270</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">v) Backhouse Park</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£4,843</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">vi) Tree replacement scheme</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£2,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(c) Approve eight SIB funding requests totalling £135,747 SIB 2015 / 2016, as set out in Annex 1.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">vii) Pinhole Sunderland: Look and Inspire</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">viii) The Box Youth Centre: connectors hub</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">ix) CHANCE: connectors hub</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">x) St Marks CA: connectors hub</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">xi) Ryhope CA: connectors hub</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">xii) St Nicholas Church: connectors hub</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">xiii) Camping Exchange</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£15,970</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">xiv) Improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people</td> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">£64,777</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(d) Note the 12 Community Chest approvals from the 2015 / 2016 budget, set out in Annex 2.</p>	i) Highways Improvements along Doxford Park Way	£10,000	ii) Barley Mow Park	£3,796	iii) Open House New Kitchen	£5,000	iv) Ryhope Cemetery	£270	v) Backhouse Park	£4,843	vi) Tree replacement scheme	£2,500	vii) Pinhole Sunderland: Look and Inspire	£5,000	viii) The Box Youth Centre: connectors hub	£10,000	ix) CHANCE: connectors hub	£10,000	x) St Marks CA: connectors hub	£10,000	xi) Ryhope CA: connectors hub	£10,000	xii) St Nicholas Church: connectors hub	£10,000	xiii) Camping Exchange	£15,970	xiv) Improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people	£64,777
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Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and 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:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

7 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

Area Budgets Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the local work plans, 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 and Community Chest.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The financial statement below indicates the SIB position as at December 2015.

SIB Financial Breakdown for 2015 / 2016					
Starting Balance 2015 / 2016 Budget					
Project Name	Committee Date	SIB Approved	Match Funding	SIB Returned	SIB Balance Remaining
2015 / 2016 Starting Balance					£318,071
Holiday Hunger	Emergency	£5,000		£3,693	£316,764
Seagull Scheme	Emergency	£8,195			£308,569
Captain Maling	Emergency	£11,000			£297,569
Health Sense: Emotional Wellbeing	05.10.15			£300	£297,869
NEETs Roadshow	05.10.15			£500	£298,369
It's a Beautiful Game: Green Adventure	05.10.15			£1,960	£300,329
Young Mums: NEETs	05.10.15			£2,254	£302,583
Little Bit Extra 2	05.10.15			£1,697	£304,280
Coastal Path	05.10.15			£5,215	£309,495
Villers Street	05.10.15			£25,000	£334,495
Be Active Survey	05.10.15	£5,000			£329,495
Community Learning System	05.10.15	£11,000			£318,495
Achieving Everyone's Potential : VCS	07.12.15			£2,666	£321,161
Achieving Everyone's Potential : SAAT	07.12.15			£623	£321,784

Top Up grants: Springboard	07.12.15			£16,500	£338,284
Work Ready: Springboard	07.12.15			£9,925	£348,209
Work Ready: Monumental Music	07.12.15			£11,384	£359,593
Work Ready: YAV	07.12.15			£3,927	£363,520
Work Ready: The Box Youth Centre	07.12.15			£3,573	£367,093
Gateway II	07.12.15			£27,639	£394,732
Balance					£394,732

Table 1: Financial Statement SIB for 2015/2016

2.2 Since the October 2015 Area Committee meeting £76,237 SIB has been returned to budget. This brings the balance remaining to be allocated up to £394,732.

2.3 In addition, there are two programmes from 2014 / 2015 which have been delegated to the Area Boards to deliver, see table 2.

Approved funds from 2014 / 2015 Budget Rolled Over					
Project Name	Committee Date	SIB Approved	Match Funding	SIB Allocated	SIB Balance Remaining
Community Leaders	20.10.14	£36,000	£22,580	£29,994	£6
Partnership in Practice	16.03.15	£40,000	£40,000	£10,667	£69,333

Table 2: Approved funds from 2014/2015 rolled over

Area People Board: Partnership in Practice

2.4 In June 2015 Area Committee agreed to continue forward with a partnership in practice approach with the East Clinic Commissioning Group to aim at reducing demand on A & E services with a specific focus on BME communities and parents/carers of young children. In October 2015, there was a reference made to how improving access to health services in communities for people with substance misuse problem may also reduce demand on A & E.

2.5 There is a balance of £69,333 to allocate to enable the delivery of action against the area priority 'partnership in practice'. It is proposed that the area priority is re-visited in the New Year with recommendations being brought forward to the March 2016 Area Committee for consideration.

Area Place Board: Community Leaders

2.6 In October 2014 Area Committee approved £36,000 SIB for the Community Leaders Programme, which was split across the wards. At the October 2015 Area Committee a balance of £12,586 SIB remained to be allocated.

2.7 Following on from a tour of local voluntary and community organisations, Area Committee agreed to align £50,000 SIB in October 2015, to enable Place

Based councillors the opportunity to develop capital projects and present proposals to a future meeting. This brought the potential total for allocation under the Community Leaders Programme up to £62,580 SIB, see Table 3.

Wards	Budget	Breakdown		
		Previously Approved	Aligned Approval Required	Balance
Doxford	£16,000	£6,000	£10,000	£0
Hendon	£12,350	£2,350	£3,796	£6,204
Millfield	£10,000	£0	£5,000	£5,000
Ryhope	£14,230	£4,230	£270	£9,730
St Michaels	£10,000	£0	£7,343	£2,657
Total	£62,580	£12,580	£26,409	£23,591

Table 3: financial breakdown of SIB Community Leaders grant remaining to be allocated 2015/2016

2.8 The total project costs of the six Community Leaders applications submitted is £38,989. A proportion of these costs have been met from the approved Community Leaders budget of £12,580. Therefore Area Committee are requested to approve the remaining funding of £26,409 SIB, as set out in Annex 1, these are:

1. Highways Improvements along Doxford Park Way	£10,000
2. Barley Mow Park	£3,796
3. Open House New Kitchen	£5,000
4. Ryhope Cemetery	£270
5. Backhouse Park	£4,843
6. Tree replacement scheme	£2,500

2.9 If approved it would leave £23,591 ring fenced for the Community Leaders Programme.

2.10 In addition, following on from the Place and People Area Boards in November it was agreed to seek approval of a further eight funding requests totalling £135,747 to enable the delivery of the area work plan 2015 / 2016, these are:

1. Pinhole Sunderland: Look and Inspire	£5,000
2. The Box Youth Centre: connectors hub	£10,000
3. CHANCE: connectors hub	£10,000
4. St Marks CA: connectors hub	£10,000
5. Ryhope CA: connectors hub	£10,000
6. St Nicholas Church: connectors hub	£10,000
7. Camping Exchange	£15,970
8. Improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people	£64,777

2.11 If all funding requests are approved it would leave a balance of £232, 576 SIB 2015 / 2016 (includes £23,591 Community Leaders) to allocate against the Area Work Plan Priorities with one Area Committee meeting remaining.

Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2015 / 2016. **Annex 2** shows the approvals between October 2015 to November 2015.

Ward	Start Balance April 2015	Approvals 2015	Returned Grants	Balance
Doxford	£15,894.20	£6,425.73		£9,468.47
Hendon	£10,995.91	£8,662.24	£1,220.00	£3,553.67
Millfield	£19,641.89	£13,987.70		£5,654.19
Ryhope	£12,193.63	£8,673.80	£108.20	£3,628.03
St Michaels	£11,657.10	£8,367.00		£3,290.10
Total	£70,382.73	£46,116.47	£1,328.20	£25,594.46

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:

- (a) Note the financial statements, as set out in sections 2 and 3.
- (b) Approve fourteen SIB funding requests for £162,156 SIB 2015 / 2016, as set out in Annex 1.
- (c) Note the 12 Community Chest approvals from the 2015 / 2016 budget, set out in Annex 2.

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East Sunderland Area Committee

SIB Executive Summary:

Project One: Community Leaders

Background

To ensure action is delivered against the area priority “working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community”, Area Committee agreed align £50,000 SIB against the existing Community Leaders programme, to allow Place Councillors to develop large scale project up to £10,000 per ward.

Project Descriptions are shown below:

Doxford Ward

1. Lead: Highway Improvements along Doxford Park Way

Clean, prepare and repaint the hand rail leading down the steps to the rear of the Inn Place and the new Aldi and replace the 4m guard rail at the bottom on the staircase. (£750 – existing Community Leaders Budget)

Clean, prepare and repaint 433m of highway barrier running down Doxford Park Way between the Colonel Prior roundabout up to Tunstall Lodge roundabout, including the crash barriers over the subway. The costs do take into account the hire of scaffolding which will need to be set up to paint over the subway, and road closure orders, whilst the work is being carried out. (£10,000 – to approve from aligned Community Leaders)

Total: £10,750

(£750 existing Community Leaders / £10,000 seeking approval from aligned Community Leaders)

Lead: The Box Youth Project

Improve the car park by cleaning and disposing of weeds and rubble around the perimeter, and regulate the damage tarmac surface. Breakout and reset manhole cover to new level. Supply a lay tac-coat emulsion 30mm thick of 10mm close grade tarmac surface course.

Install a manual barrier which has a lockable bracket, most pad locks fit. With light weight metal and weights light enough for one person to operate.

Supply a metal rail staggered in front of main entrance.

Total: £12,600
 (£6,300 external funding, £2,750 existing Community Leaders Budget, £3,550 Community Chest)

Lead: Tunstallside Allotments

To install a welcome sign to Tunstall Allotments, directional signage from the entrance up to the community allotment, and health and safety signs, as appropriate.

Total: £1,000
 (£1,000 Community Chest)

Lead: Sunderland Council

A high level of complaints has been received from local residents and sports clubs using the football pitches at Ryhope Recreation Park.

The football pitch backs up onto residents garden fences. This means that when the football season starts, so does the footballs hitting off the roofs and windows of the homes. There is evidence to suggest that the local residents are suffering.

The project proposal will contribute towards the installation of a 30ft high perimeter fence with nettings to prevent the footballs from smashing into the houses.

The field is in Ryhope and the houses are in Doxford.

Total: £5,000
 (£2,500 each from Doxford and Ryhope existing Community Leaders fund)

Financial Breakdown

Doxford Community Leaders				
Project	Approved	Aligned	Community Chest	Totals
1. Highway Improvements along Doxford Park Way.	£750	£10,000	£0	£10,750
Car parking improvements at The Box Youth Project.	£2,750	£0	£3,550	£6,300
Signage at Tunstall Allotments	£0	£0	£1,000	£1,000
Perimeter fence at Ryhope Recreation	£2,500	£0	£0	£2,500
Total	£6,000	£10,000	£4,550	£20,550
Budget	£6,000	£10,000	£9,468	£25,468
Balance	£0	£0	£4,918	£4,918

Hendon Ward

2. Lead: Friends of Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks

To improve the visual appearance of Barley Mow Park the Friends group would welcome the opportunity to remove the old perimeter fence from around the tennis courts, along with the posts and patch and repair the tarmac. (£2,100)

In addition, they would like to advertise the park by placing two banners at the entrances to attract people into the park to increase its usage. (£110)

To enable the Friends Group to communication with existing and potential new users they would like to install an information board at the main entrance off Ryhope Road in the park. (subject to specification and liaising with RLS) (£650)

It is proposed to fund the replacement of three litter bins, in consultation with Streetscene services. (£750)

In conjunction with the Blind Society it is proposed to replant the Sensory Garden with a mixture of suitable plants. RLS are willing to advise and supply the plants and well as the hand tools to enable local volunteers, children and older people 'plant up' the bed. (£450)

To enable the group to continue to deliver a varied programme from the 'hut' funding is sought to replace the existing sink. (£400)

Total £4,460

(£664 existing Community Leaders / £3,796 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders)

Financial Breakdown

Hendon Community Leaders			
Project	Approved	Aligned	Totals
2. Barley Mow Park	£664	£3,796	£4,460
Total	£664	£3,796	£4,460
Budget	£664	£10,000	£10,664
Balance	£0	£6,204	£6,204

Millfield Ward

3. Lead: Open House Project c/o St Marys RC Church

The kitchen which is central to the delivery of the drop-in café is in need of being re-vamped. The drop-in café provides a warm and safe environment in which the area's most vulnerable can attend and receive a hot meal once a week. The café is ran by volunteers and relies on contributions of food from local people and businesses. The organisation are seeking a one off capital grant to enable them to replace the whole kitchen, works included are:

1. To manufacture (not flat pack) and deliver kitchen furniture. Units from 18mm colour or wood grain mcf, internal and external with ABS edges for impact resistance. All doors and drawers 'soft close'. Units have adjustable legs, solid backs, detachable plinths and adjustable wall hangers. Pan drawers have extended side rails to maximise storage.
2. Renew worktops.
3. Replace existing sliding door to cupboard with a tall shelf unit to maximise the storage capacity.
4. Install a Lemans Storage mechanism in one of the corner units.
5. Replace the tiles with a continuous splash back which is an effective and hard-wearing alternative.
6. Install double bowl sink drainer and separate hand wash basis, with waste kits, taps, etc.

Total £8,976

(£5,000 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders Fund / £3,976 from St Marys RC Church)

Financial Breakdown

Millfield Community Leaders			
Project	Approved	Aligned	Totals
3. Open House Project	£0	£5,000	£5,000
Total	£0	£5,000	£5,000
Budget	£0	£10,000	£10,000
Balance	£0	£5,000	£5,000

Ryhope Ward

4. Lead: Sunderland Council, Ryhope Cemetery

It is proposed to carry out improvements works to repair the road entrance of Ryhope Cemetery and excavate up to 6m of land, providing a suitable lay of tarmac. The project is needed to ensure a safe access into the cemetery.

Total: £2,000

(£1,730 from the existing Community Leaders / £270 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders)

Financial Breakdown

Ryhope Community Leaders			
Project	Approved	Aligned	Totals
Perimeter fence at Ryhope Recreation (see Doxford)	£2,500	£0	£2,500
4. Ryhope Cemetery	£1,730	£270	£2,000
Total	£4,230	£270	£4,500
Budget	£4,230	£10,000	£14,230
Balance	£0	£9,730	£9,730

St Michael's Ward

5. Lead: Friends of Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks

To enable the Friends Group of the park to advertise activities, share news and communicate better with people, funding is sought to install up to three notice boards. In addition, it is proposed to fund the replacement of three litter bins, in consultation with Streetscene services.

To improve the accessibility and usage of the play park the Friends Group would like to install one picnic table, which will be a mobility accessible table.

Total £4,843

(£4,843 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders)

6. Sunderland Council

Streetscene have agreed to replace 15 London Planes and 10 Field Maples in soft verges, due to the damage, age and health of the existing trees throughout Ashbrooke.

Total: £2,500

(£2,500 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders)

Financial Breakdown

Community Leaders			
Project	Approved	Aligned	Totals
5. Backhouse Park	£0	£4,843	£4,843
6. Tree Replacement Strategy	£0	£2,500	£2,500
Total	£0	£7,343	£7,343
Budget	£0	£10,000	£10,000
Balance	£0	£2,657	£2,657

Recommendation: Approve all six funding requests

Project Seven: Pinhole Sunderland: Look and Inspire

SIB Requested	£5,000	Organisation	The Art Studio
Start Date	April 2016	End Date	September 2016

Project Description

Funding was awarded to work with a local photographer and artist to develop a photography project to encourage people in the community to work with the studio members to create fine art images of Sunderland East.

Using recycled tins and boxes participants built their own pin hole cameras, and were taught how to process their images using traditional darkroom techniques.

The project was fun and an interesting way to get participants walking around the area, helping to improve their mental health through physical activity.

191 people participate in the project with 426 images being produced. A booklet has been published and there is an exhibition being held in the Winter Gardens throughout November. Two members of staff are now trained Walk Leaders and over 3,000 people liked the project on Facebook. A video on how to make your own pinhole camera is available to watch on YouTube.

The project was a massive success and the Area Place Board are recommending a second course is funded.

Financial Breakdown

Itemised list of all costs	Cost	SIB Contribution
Staffing	£2,000	£1,600
Materials	£1,950	£1,950
Promotion	£750	£750
Venue Hire	£400	£200
Equipment	£750	£350
Administration	£150	£150
Total	£6,000	£5,000

Recommendation: Approve

Project Eight - Twelve: Community Connectors Phase Two

8. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	The Box Youth Centre
9. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	CHANCE
10. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	St Marks Community Association
11. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	Ryhope Community Association
12. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	St Nicholas Church
Start Date	January 2016	End Date	December 2016

Project Description

During 2014 / 2015 East Sunderland Area Committee developed a Community Connectors model in the area. The achievements delivered were:

- 15 VCS Area Network meetings held
- 45 e-bulletins circulated
- Online community services directory launched
- VCS Area Network representation at 100% at Area Committee
- 229 Community Connectors
- 33 grants awarded to local community and voluntary led organisations across the East area
- 2,463 new people engaged in services, connecting to their communities

In June 2015, Area Committee approved their work plan for 2015 / 2016. An area priority agreed was to 'embed and strengthen the community connectors model' by developing a hub and spokes model across the East area, by the People Area Board Councillors identifying a local venue to become a ward hub.

Services across the city are being restructured and deliver at an area level. What has become apparent via discussions with ward councillors, providers, the area network, is that there is an increasing demand on community buildings to provide a venue free of charge for services to be delivered 'outreach' in the community. Many community organisations would welcome the opportunity to have services delivered locally but unfortunately running costs such as utilities bills are becoming increasing harder to secure funding towards.

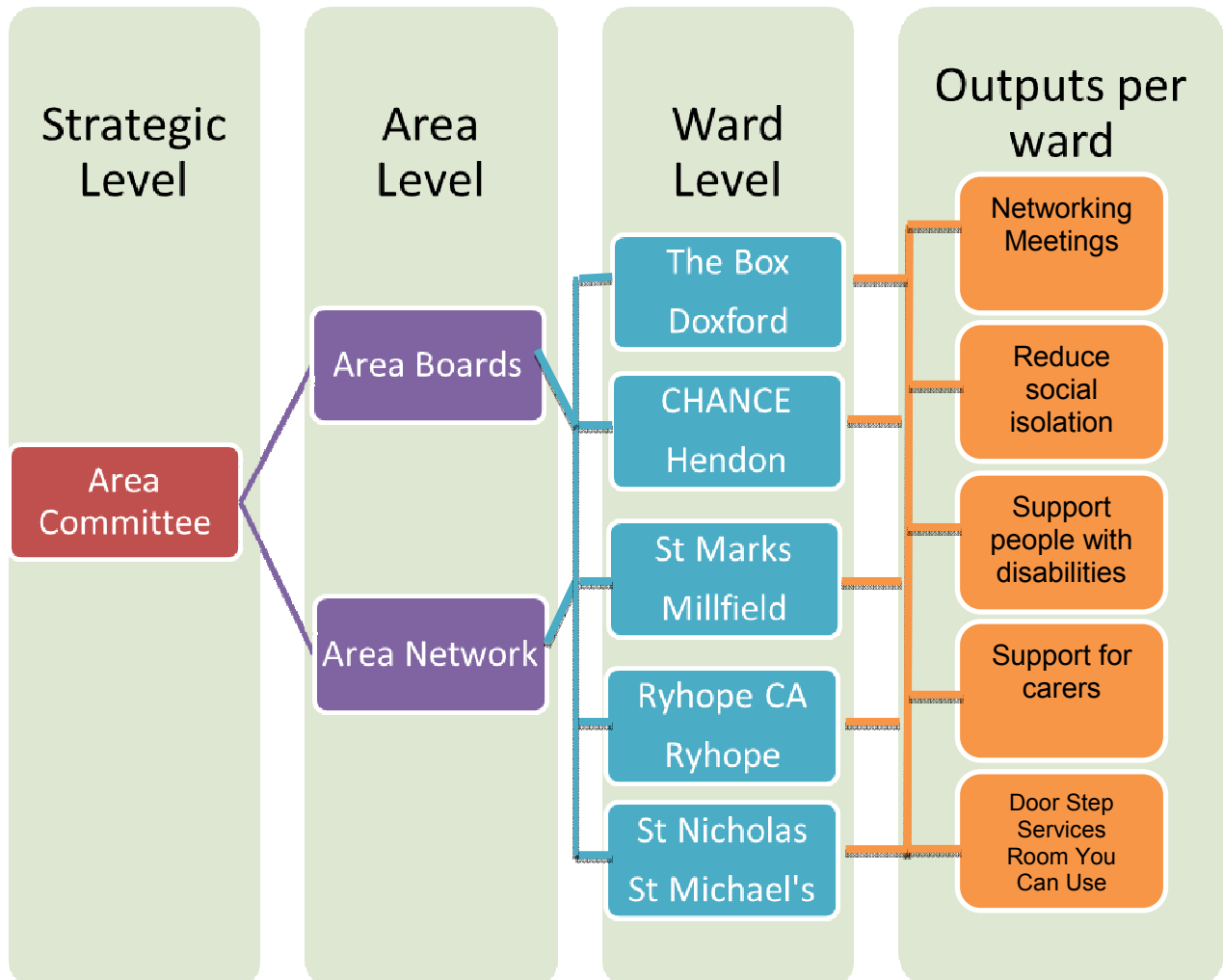
A further point for consideration, it that many 'area based' services have revenue costs for a salaries but not for room hire fees, again placing undue pressure of community organisations. Meaning, that more often than not residents have to travel to the city centre to access services.

The second phase of the Community Connectors model it aimed at supporting hubs with core running costs, whilst enabling the delivering of the following outcomes:

- Bi-monthly ward networking meetings
- Reduce social isolation
- Support people with disabilities

- Support carers
- Support the delivery of a door step service scheme ('use a room')

As the face of public sector services are changing there is a need to target and focus on the area's most vulnerable residents. It is envisaged that the development of a ward 'hub' and spokes model across the East, as illustrated below, will do exactly that.



Financial Breakdown (per ward)

Item and Description	SIB Contribution
Room Hire 'use a room' £20 per hour x 250 hours over 12 months period	£5,000
Bi-monthly ward network meetings £150 per meeting x 6	£900
Running costs to deliver activities which reduce social isolation, support people with disabilities and support carers	£4,100
Total	£10,000 x 5 = £50,000

Recommendation: Approve

Project Thirteen: Camping Exchange

SIB Requested	£15,970	Organisation	Sunderland Council
Start Date	January 2016	End Date	December 2017

Background

In June 2015, East Sunderland Area Committee approved their Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016. An area priority, falling under the People Area Board was to 'develop stronger communities and encourage self-help' by 'encouraging outdoor education and support the establishment of a camping exchange'. A call for projects was advertised in July. Eight organisations have submitted an expression. A workshop was held in October hosted by Reynolds Outdoor Specialists and those organisations who expressed an interest in participating in the exchange attended. Also, in October Area Committee noted that a SIB request to support the delivery of the scheme would be presented in December 2015.

Project Description

The Camping Exchange will be delivered in two phases.

Phase 1: Capital Investment.

A one off capital investment of £4,250 is sought to enable the purchase of the camping equipment to deliver the 'rent a tent' scheme. The equipment covers:

Level 1: Non – residential: ideal for Early Years / younger children to deliver outdoor session(s) on different topics throughout the day/early evening. Hire fees based on either a daily charge / Week days only.

Full package includes:

- One large tent to fit up to 30 people in (not to sleep)
- 2 x Ground sheets
- Carpet to cover flooring

Level 2: Residential: ideal for KS1 to deliver a low cost residential over a weekend/week. Hire fees based on either a weekend or full week.

Full package includes:

- As above, plus
- 4 man tents x 6 to enable group work
- 30 x sleeping mats
- 30 sleeping bags / 30 x bag liners

Level 3: Optional Extras

Cooking Experience:

- 6 x cooking stoves / fuel, etc.
- 30 dining sets / utensils
- 6 x pan sets / 6 x Kettles

Rambling Experience:

- 30 x waterproof pants
- 30 x waterproof jackets
- 30 x head torches
- 30 x walking boots (in-kind Reynolds)

- 30 x rucksacks

Each Option will be interchangeable and flexible to the needs of the customer. Reynolds Outdoor Store have agreed to manage the 'rent the tent' programme, as well as, maintain and clean, provide storage, cover insurance, provide training, deliver and collect equipment as part of the partnership agreement. If the 'rent a tent' scheme is unsuccessful, the equipment can be sold with any return coming back to Area Committee.

Phase 2: Revenue Investment

To launch the camping exchange and encourage uptake it is proposed to ring fence £6,720 revenue funding against the priority. This will allow all 24 organisations (schools/uniform groups, etc.) in the East area the opportunity to apply for a one off voucher up to the value of £280. The voucher can then be used to cover the costs of the 'rent the tent' scheme. For instance, one full week or two weekends.

It is envisaged that once the school has participated in the 'rent the tent' scheme and sees the value of outdoor education they will be encouraged to self-fund any future investment.

As part of ensuring maximum take up in the camping exchange programme a revenue budget of £5,000 is requested to support the co-ordination and delivery of an outdoor camp. This will reduce the barriers in accessing the scheme, as extra support can be bought in, if needed.

Financial Breakdown

Item and Description	SIB Contribution
Camping Equipment	£4,250
School Voucher Scheme @ £280 per school	£6,720
Running programme costs	£5,000
Total	£15,970

Recommendation: Approve

Project Fourteen: Improving Health and Housing Standards for Vulnerable People

SIB Requested	£64,777	Organisation	Sunderland Council
Start Date	March 2016	End Date	February 2018

Project Description

In June 2015, East Sunderland Area Committee approved their Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016. An area priority, falling under the Place Area Board but which has a close relationship to the People Board is to work with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community. A key element of the plan has been working with private landlords to look at different ways to improve housing standards and address associated health issues. The proposed project outlined below compliments this area priority.

There are five private hostels in and around the Sunnyside area of the East, providing 142 bed spaces to vulnerable adults, the majority of which have complex needs. A one year pilot project has been funded by the North East Regional Homelessness Group until February 2016 to improve current practices and the service offer to those vulnerable individuals in occupation. The project has successfully co-ordinated and strengthened a multi-agency approach between the various agencies and individual departments within the Council including; ward members, Northumbria Police, Housing Benefits, Safeguarding, Changing Lives, Turning Point, Counted 4 and Life Line to support tenants and help avoid homelessness as well as providing other services to vulnerable individuals.

Sunderland Council are seeking two years revenue funding to continue the programme up until February 2018. The project will continue to ensure that the necessary transition work can be undertaken to ensure housing standards and the service offered to vulnerable residents will be embedded and part of mainstream delivery on completion of the project.

Landlords, Partners and Councillors agree that the work undertaken to date has made a positive impact on the hostels, landlords, tenants, service providers and the community in general. For example, enhanced inspections regimes have raised the standards of living accommodation and hostel landlords feel that they now have a voice in which to express their concerns. Hostel owners and hostels are now accredited under the Sunderland Accredited Landlord Scheme and hostel owners as Homes of Multi Occupation (HMO) Licence Holders are regulated through enhanced adult safeguarding conditions as part of the HMO licence which is resulting in further support to tenants.

By funding the programme for a further two years the practices which have been established during the pilot will be developed further and embedded to ensure they are sustainable on completion of the project. Enabling the Hostel Strategic Working Group to expand and connect to other appropriate 'bodies' within a recognised framework covering a multitude of complex issues, for instance, housing, health, crime, welfare, safeguarding and community cohesion. Once the necessary framework is developed and in place at the end of the project practices will be 'self managed' through this network.

Financial Breakdown

Item and Description	Total costs/ Breakdown	Match Costs	SIB Contribution
Establish a work plan to deliver under the remit of the Hostel Strategic Working Group to achieve the required outcomes.	£3,930	£1,500	£2,430
Host bi-monthly Hostel Strategic Working Group throughout 2016 / 2018 to co-ordinate and deliver the work plan.	£7,978	£1,500	£6,478
Effective referral reporting by hostel owners as per safeguarding procedures which becomes entrenched practice.	£15,955	£3,000	£12,955
Effective and embedded hostel inspection regime resulting in further improved standards of accommodation.	£25,957	£4,500	£21,457
Development of a robust system of management of occupiers finances by hostel owners which is fully auditable, transparent and follows good practice from other care settings.	£7,860	£3,000	£4,860
Increase direct health care service provision within hostels (where feasible)	£12,025	£1,500	£10,525
Develop an exit strategy which will evaluate the project and ensure that systems and processes are in place for hostels to self-regulate and for statutory elements to be encompassed with the Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Team.	£6,072	£0	£6,072
Total	£79,777	£15,000	£64,777

Recommendation: Approve

7 December 2015

Community Chest: Financial Statement October 2015 – November 2015

Doxford Ward Budget C/F	£10,877		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Naughton Solicitors U12 FC	21.10.15		£961.56
Doxford Park CA	30.10.15		£446.97
Remaining balance			£9,468.47
Hendon Ward Budget C/F	£4,053.67		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hudson Road Primary School	02.11.15		£500.00
Remaining balance			£3,553.67
Millfield Ward Budget C/F	£15,066.19		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Gabriel's Church Men's Outreach	15.09.15		£1,825
SCC – Pocket Park Equipment	21.10.15		£7,087.00
City Centre Residents Group	02.11.15		£500.00
Remaining balance			£5,654.19
Ryhope Ward Budget C/F	£4,951.83		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
SCC – Traffic Management	02.11.15		£323.80
Ryhope Community Spirit	12.11.15		£1,000
Remaining balance			£3,628.03
St Michaels Ward Budget C/F	£6,472.10		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Friends Backhouse Park	21.10.15		£582.00
St Michael's Ward RA	21.10.15		£600.00
Sunderland Bowling Club	21.10.15		£1,000.00
Sunderland Symphony Orchestra	21.10.15		£1,000.00
Remaining balance			£3,290.10