

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**  
**28<sup>th</sup> July 2011**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Community Chest, and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) - 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) 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 5 SIB proposals from the 2011-12 budget as detailed in **Item 2d Annex 1**:
 

1. Oxclose Church Hall	£ 6,500	Approve
2. Young Carer's Integration Project	£15,000	Approve
3. Washington Business Breakfast	£ 1,500	Approve
4. Washington NEETs Support Project	£ 2,000	Approve
5. Houghton Feast	£ 3,000	Approve
2. To approve £100,000 to commission activity through a Call for Projects for the Washington NEETs Support Project as detailed in **Item 2a**
3. To approve £11,000 to commission activity through a Call for Projects for activities for children and young people as detailed in **Item 2b**
6. To approve 16 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest, all projects total £6,474 as detailed **Item 2d Annex 2**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee in order 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.

**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

**Is it included in the Forward Plan? No**

**Relevant Scrutiny Committees:**

Regeneration Review Committee.  
 Management Scrutiny Committee.