

Sunderland West Area Committee

4th November, 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 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 27 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 one proposal for support from the 2009/10 SIB budget, as detailed in Annex 3

2.4 Agree the recommendation for the allocation of SIP, as detailed in Annex 4.

2.5 Note the SIB project update, as detailed in Annex 5.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Council has reduced the number of areas across the City from six to five. This has resulted in a new calculation of SIB funding to be awarded to the Sunderland West Area Committee of £331,887 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 £233,230. 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 £332,634 remained to be allocated from 2009/10 years budget.

4.2 The project in Annex 1 requests a total of £17,820. Should Committee approve this the remaining balance would be £314,814. At the last meeting, Committee agreed to receive

an application for highway improvements. A fully developed application will come forward to the January 2010 meeting.

5.0 Current position SIP

5.1 The full amount of £233,230 remains to be allocated and fully expended by March 2011. options for its allocation are included in Annex 4.

6.0 Current Position Community Chest

6.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Barnes	£6311
Pallion	£500
Sandhill	£4572
Silksworth	£6545
St. Anne's	£2550
St. Chad's	£3967

6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Barnes	£380
Pallion	£1370
Sandhill	£4552
Silksworth	£1200
St. Anne's	£5270
St. Chad's	£4200

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:

Barnes	£3509
Pallion	£15471
Sandhill	£12166
Silksworth	£4105
St. Anne's	£6900
St. Chad's	£3206

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 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

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| 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 |
| 10.4 | Annex 4 | SIP: options for allocation |
| 10.5 | Annex 5 | SIB: Live project update |

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 20th October, 2009.
- Reports to previous Area Committees
- Sunderland West Local Area Plan

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
BARNES WARD	
33rd Ewesley Road Scouts – Contribution towards trips.	380
Total	380
PALLION WARD	
St. Gabriel's Beavers – Contribution towards trips.	200
Family Focus – Contribution towards trips, refreshments etc.,	420
Pallion Action Group – Contribution towards range of positive activities for young people, transport etc.,	750
Total	1370
SANDHILL WARD	
Greenside Court – Contribution towards trips, refreshments etc.,	450
Grindon Mill Bowling Club – Contribution towards re-wiring to clubhouse.	2500
'Lets Go Gardening' – Purchase of plants and shrubs.	800
Family Focus – Contribution towards trips, refreshments etc.,	420
St. Aldate's Residents Club – Contribution towards Christmas meal, pantomime, transport etc.,	382
Total	4552
SILKSWORTH WARD	
Tunstall W.I – Contribution towards anniversary dinner and entertainment.	100
Tom Urwin House – Contribution towards Christmas lunch.	100

St. Leonard's R.C. Primary School – Contribution towards dropped kerb works. 1000

Total 1200

ST. ANNE'S WARD

Upper Pennywell Residents Association – Contribution towards Christmas dinner and gifts. 500

Pennywell Youth Project – Contribution towards mobile climbing wall to celebrate 6th birthday of group. 400

The Tansy Centre – Contribution towards Christmas party for the children. 375

Pennywell Community Association Luncheon Club – Purchase of fridge/freezer and contribution towards Christmas party. 500

South Hylton Residents Association – Contribution towards Christmas party for senior citizens. 495

Sangini – Contribution towards Annual Cultural event. 1000

South Hylton Brownies – Purchase of materials, crafts, games/sports equipment etc., 2000

Total 5270

ST. CHAD'S WARD

Farringdon Residents Association – Contribution towards trips, transport, refreshments etc., 500

2nd Herrington Scout Group – Contribution towards building works, heaters etc., 950

Herrington Flower Club – Contribution towards workshop costs, demonstration costs, room hire, refreshments etc., 250

Emblehope Residents Group – Contribution towards Christmas outing, meal, transport etc., 600

St. Aidan's Centre – Contribution towards room hire, healthy eating programme, football coaching etc., 100

Amalfi Tower Bingo Club – Contribution towards Christmas party, refreshments, presents etc., 350

Oakfield Court Residents Group – Contribution towards Christmas party. 500

St. Chad's Ward Various Locations - Purchase and planting of bulbs and trees.	950
Total	4200
Total of Projects	16,972