

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
1st July, 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Financial Statements and Funding Request

Author(s):

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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.

This report denotes an item relating to an executive function

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following:

- Annex 2a: Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11
 - Annex 2b: i) Approve 4 proposals from the 2010/11 SIB budget totalling £55,133, and £14,770 from the 2011/12 SIB budget, subject to Washington Area Committee approving second year of funding as follows
- | | 2010/11 | 2011/12 |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Washington Glebe Banner | £10,000 | |
| 2. Community Leaders (EBC) | £11,543 | |
| 3. CEED | £22,835 | |
| 4. Mind – Recovery Support | £10,755 | £14,770 |
- ii) Approve 12 proposals from the 2010/11 SIP allocation:
 - Washington Central: £2,000 for Washington Village Sign
 - Washington East: £14,500 Barmston Primary School, £9,500 Pattinson Sign
 - Washington North: £7,500 Inkerman Rd Layby, £3,500 Miners Memorial, £7,000 Chains Of Hope, £10,981 Lighting at Coverdale & Cumberland
 - Washington South: £11,809 Cricket club Ground Improvements, £650 Goalposts, £801 Paving at Lambton Village
 - Washington West: £1,657 Albany Centre Light, £10,279 Blackfell Lighting
 - iii) Approve 23 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest
 - iv) Reject 1 proposal for SIB funding: The Green Team £40,950

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

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

Is it included in the Forward Plan?
No

Relevant Review Committee:

**Regeneration Review Committee
Management Scrutiny Committee**