

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
16 OCTOBER 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, 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 updated position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2014/15 budget:
Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in the report
- (b) Consider the approval of £59,992 SIB 2014/15 to Youth Opportunities Project (SNCBC)
- (c) Consider the approval of £20,000 SIB 2014/15 for the Washington Way to Well Being Call for Projects
- (d) Consider the approval of £15,000 SIB 2014/15 to support the development of the Washington Events Programme 2015 via a Call for Projects
- (e) Note the 32 approvals of Community Chest detailed within.
- (f) Note the approvals for Washington 50 Community Programme

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation for 2014/2015 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area 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?

16th October 2014

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, 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 and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2014/2015:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £306,507				
				£306,507
Project Name				
Dementia Awareness Training	19.06.2014		£7,000	£299,507
Volunteer Development	19.06.2014		£74,850	£224,657
Washington Heritage Festival	Emergency delegated		£2,500	£222,157
Funding returned -Washington Trust £29,370.56	-	-	-	£251,527
Neighbourhood Improvements	19.06.2014		£125,000	£126,527
Funding returned -Social Isolation (AGE UK) £1,575	-	-	-	£128,102
Funding returned -Wash 50-Teal Farm Residents £432				£128,534
Funding returned-Unallocated Washington 50 £2,845				£131,379
Balance		-	£	£131,379

2.2 There is one application for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as detailed at **Annex 1**:

2.2.1 Youth Opportunities (Phase 2): Sunderland North Community Business Centre (Community Opportunities)

2.3 The total budget being requested from the project is **£59,992**. Should the project be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£71,387**.

2.4 Following the September People Board it was agreed to seek approval from Area Committee to approve **£20,000** SIB 2014 / 2015 to develop People based area priority of Health and Well Being, as set out in **Item 4 Annex 2**, and matched against the Maximising Green Spaces funding and CCG funding (TBC). This will result in a balance of £60,000 to be subject to a Call

for Projects as detailed under **Item 4, Annex 2** (People Board Progress Report). If approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£54,698**

2.5 Following the September Place Board it was agreed to seek approval from Area Committee to approve **£15,000** SIB 2014/15 to develop the Place Based priority for Events 2015 Programme as set out in **Item 3 Annex 2**. Proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects to deliver key events in Washington during 2015 and to develop a business approach to source additional funding. If approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£36,387**

2.6 Members are also asked to note the approvals for the Washington 50 Community Programme (Call for Projects) following completion of the 4th round, as detailed in **Annex 2** of this report

3 Maximising Green Spaces Funding:

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Maximising Green Spaces funding.

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Green Spaces Fund (approved to AC to award)				£20,000
Project Name	-		-	-
			-	-
New Balance				£20,000

4. Community Chest

4.1 The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances as at October 2014, **Annex 3** shows the approvals between June-September 2014.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2014	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£11,002.60	£3,602.83		£7,399.77
Washington East	£10,853.10	£4,119.33		£6,733.77
Washington North	£10,000.00	£5,108.50	£124.00	£5,015.50
Washington South	£10,969.60	£3,653.83		£7,315.77
Washington West	£15,369.60	£6,025.00		£9,344.60
				£0.00
Total	£58,194.90	£22,509.49	£124.00	£35,809.41

5. Recommendations:

5.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report

5.2 Consider the approval of **£59,992** SIB 2014/15 to Youth Opportunities Project (SNCBC) as set out in **Annex 1** of the report

5.3 Consider the approval of **£20,000** SIB 2014/15 for the Washington Way to Well Being Call for Projects

5.4 Consider the approval of **£15,000** SIB 2014/15 to support the development of the Washington Events Programme 2015

- 5.5 Note the approvals and completion of the Washington 50 Community Programme as detailed in **Annex 2** of the report
- 5.6. Note the 32 Community Chest approvals supported from 2014/2015 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 3**.

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