

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
9th September, 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 3 proposals from the 2010/11 SIB budget totalling £108,150 as follows:

2010/11

1. Operation Horizon £40,150
2. Catch 22 £19,000
3. Wheeled Sports Park £49,000

ii) Approve 8 proposals from the 2010/11 SIP allocation:

Washington Central: £6,315 for JFK Primary School, £11,500 for Glebe Park, £14,632 Biddick Primary School.

Washington East: £7,000 Wormhill Terrace fencing, £16,000 Dropped Kerbs

Washington North: £1,500 Usworth Colliery School, £5,000 Beverly Court

Washington South: £19,220 Bonemill Lane Roundabout.

iii) Approve 23 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest.

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.**