

**Sunderland East Area Committee meeting
4th January 2010
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

Financial Statements and Funding Request

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Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of a proposal for the allocation of Community Chest, SIB and SIP to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2009/10 budget:

- Annex 1: 9 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest.
- Annex 2:

SIB 2009-10 budget

Approve three proposals totalling £70,722

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| 1. People Power, Ryhope Community Association | £55,722 |
| 2. Miners Memorial project, Sunderland City Council | £5,000 |
| 3. Seaburn public realm, Sunderland City Council | £10,000 |

Reject one proposal totalling £11,645

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| 4. Kool Kids, Sunderland Dance | £11,645 |
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Defer one proposal totalling £11,453

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| 5. Community Leaders of the Future Project, EBC | £11,453 |
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SIP 2009-10 budget

Approve four proposals from the 2009/10 SIP budget totalling £36,557

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| 6. Refurbishment, Sunderland Young Peoples' Bike Project | £19,000 |
| 7. Refurbishment, Olympians Boxing Club | £12,995 |
| 8. Upgrade security, St Marks Community Association | £2,762 |
| 9. Demolish wall, Northumbria Police | £1,800 |

- Annex 3: Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2009/10.

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 2009/2010, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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.

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:

Management Scrutiny Committee

Sunderland East Area Committee

4th January 2010

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 budget 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:

Annex 1: Nine proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest.

Annex 2:

SIB budget 2009/10

Approve three proposals totalling £70,722

1. People Power, Ryhope Community Association	£55,722
2. Miners Memorial project, Sunderland City Council	£5,000
3. Seaburn public realm, Sunderland City Council	£10,000

Total: £70,722 Budget: £267,385 Balance, if approved: **£196,663**

Reject one proposal

4.. Sunderland Dance	£11,645
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Defer one proposal

5. Education Business Connections	£11,453
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SIP budget 2009/10

Approve two proposals from the Ryhope Ward budget totalling £31,995.

6. Refurbishment, Sunderland Young Peoples' Bike Project	£19,000
7. Refurbishment, Olympians Boxing Club	£12,995

Total: £31,995 Budget: £44,173 Balance, if approved: **£12,178**

Approve two proposals from the Millfield Ward budget totalling £4,562

8. Upgrade security, St Marks Community Association	£2,762
9. Demolish wall, Northumbria Police	£1,800

Total: £4,562 Budget: £56,823 Balance, if approved: **£52,261**

2.2 Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2009/10 in Annex 3.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Council has reduced the amount of Regeneration Framework across the City from six to five. This has resulted in a new calculation of SIB funding to be awarded to the Sunderland East Area Committee of £277,456 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 £227,293. At a meeting in July 2009 the Committee agreed to split the funds across the four wards of Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michaels. With local Councillors and service delivers being responsible and accountable for its expenditure against the LAP priorities, with proposed projects being presented to Area Committee for final endorsement. 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 9 November 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £267,385 remains to be allocated from 2009/10 budget.
- 4.2 There are three applications for funding presented to this Committee requesting a total of £70,722 from the 2009/10 budget. Should the Committee grant these requests, £85,148 will be committed from the 2009/10 budget. This will leave a balance of £196,663 to be allocated from 2009/10 budget, with two meetings remaining.
- 4.3 There are a further two applications being presented to this Committee seeking SIB funding. Application four, from Sunderland Dance which we are advising the Committee to reject and application five from Education Business Connections which we are advising the Committee to defer, as outlined in Annex 2.
- 4.4 Members should note that any uncommitted expenditure from this financial year (2009/10) will be carried forward to next year's (2010/11) budget. This has been confirmed by the Director of Finance.

5.0 Current position SIP

- 5.1 Following the 9 November 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £56,293 remained to be allocated from each ward up until March 2011 totally £227,293 across the area.
- 5.2 Since the last meeting the Chair and Vice Chair agreed to an emergency application to come forward on behalf of Olympian Boxing Club to replace the heating and plumbing system for £12,650 from the Ryhope ward SIP 2009/10 allocation. The protocol was implemented and all elected members of the Area Committee were consulted and received a copy of the application. No elected member opposed the recommendation to approve the funding and the application was independently appraised against a scoring matrix to ensure that the application contributed to the priorities identified in the Local Area Plan (LAP). The application was approved under delegated decision of the Deputy Chief Executive.
- 5.3 There are four applications for funding presented to this Committee requesting a total of £31,995 from Ryhope ward and £4,563 from the Millfield ward allocation 2009/10 SIP budget. Should the Committee grant these requests, £44,645 will be committed from the

Ryhope ward and £4,562 will be committed from the Millfield ward 2009/10 SIP budget. This will leave a balance of £12,178 for Ryhope and £52,261 for Millfield, with St Michael's and Hendon balance remaining at £56,823 to be allocated and fully expended by March 2011.

6.0 Current Position Community Chest (November 09 figures)

6.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Doxford	£10,122
Hendon	£9,259
Millfield	£10,325
Ryhope	£8,627
St. Michael's	£4,961

6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Doxford	£1880
Hendon	£991
Millfield	£0000
Ryhope	£0000
St. Michael's	£4580

6.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances, including the unclaimed allocations identifies from previous years, would be:

Doxford	£833
Hendon	£0000
Millfield	£207
Ryhope	£4,081
St. Michael's	£2,029

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 SIB/SIP 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 business 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 |
| | Annex 2 | SIB and SIP Application Summaries |
| | Annex 3 | Financial Statement |

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- SIB and SIP full applications, scoring matrix and comments from consultation exercise
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 15th October and 14 December 2009.
- Reports to previous Area Committees
- Sunderland East Local Area Plan

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COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
DOXFORD WARD	
Doxford Park Craft Club – Contribution towards rent etc.,	880
Portland Judo Club – Contribution towards competition costs, equipment etc.,	1000
Total	1880
HENDON WARD	
Hudson Road Primary School – Contribution towards residential trip to Derwent Hill.	741
Lumley Tower Community Café – Contribution towards social events in January.	250
Total	991
ST. MICHAEL'S WARD	
Sunderland Men's Probus Club – Contribution towards social activities, trips etc.,	200
Cedars Park Residents Association – Contribution towards erection of railings.	1894
Mowbray Park Bowling Club – Purchase of uniforms.	156
St. George's Guides – Contribution towards adventure holiday.	330
Hill View Infant School – Contribution towards installation of railings and paving in garden area.	2000
Total	4580
Total of Projects	7451