

NORTH AREA COMMITTEE
8th June 2015
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

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:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in **Sections 2.1, 2.2 and 3.2.**
- (b) Consider the approval of £20,662 of SIB funding and the realignment of £7,438 of SIB funding (underspend from Phase 1 of this project) for Sunderland City Council – Southwick Illuminations 2015 – 2017 as set out in **Section 2.3 and Annex 1.**
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- (d) Consider the approval of SIB funding of £2,836 to Sunderland City Council – Johnstone Villas Fencing Project as set out in **Section 2.3 and Annex 1.**
- (e) Consider the approval of SIB funding of £4,500 to Sunderland City Council – Downhill 3 2 1 Route Project as set out in **Section 2.3 and Annex 1.**
- (f) Consider the approval of SIB funding of £1,679 to Redhouse Academy – Wall Refurbishment Project as set out in **Section 2.3 and Annex 1.**
- (g) Consider awarding the previously approved £30,000 SIB and £20,000 CCG funding for the North Bike Hire Scheme as set out in Sections 2.4 and 2.5 to:
 - a. Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project, Roker Bike Hub - £50,000
Approval subject to conditions detailed in **Annex 2,**
- (h) Consider increasing the SIB grant allocation for the Summer Holiday Activities for Young People Project from £30,000 to £30,629 and re-align the underspend of £8,043 from the Activities for Young People 2012 project, as set out in **Sections 2.6 and 2.7.** In order to fund the following, subject to the conditions detailed in **Annex 3** :-
 - a. Sunderland North Community Business Centre - £30,000.
 - b. NE Sports - £8,672.
- (i) Reject the Chapel of Light application – Summer Holiday Activities Programme as detailed in **section 2.8 and Annex 3**
- (j) Approve the extension to the Thompson Park Phase 2 Project as set out in **Section 2.9.**
- (k) Approve the Hylton Castle Cabin Project to be put on hold until outcome of HLF bid known, as set out in **Section 2.10.**
- (l) Note the 11Community Chest approvals supported from 2014/2015 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 4.**
- (m) Note the 5 Community Chest approvals supported from 2015/2016 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 5.**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £312,578 for 2015/2016 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

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

8th June 2015

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources****1. 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 up date position on progress in relation to allocating Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Community Chest, Green Space and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) funding in addition to presenting proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the projects approved during March 2015 and the financial position of SIB at the end of 2014/2015:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Project Name				
Castletown Scout Group Minibus Transport Project	02.03.15	-	£27,000	£139,395
Marine Walk Interpretation Board Signs	02.03.15	-	£2,000	£137,395
Delivery of summer Holiday Activities	02.03.15	£30,000	-	£107,395
Redevelopment of Downhill Wheeled Sports Park	02.03.15	£35,000	-	£72,395
Enid Avenue Verge Works	30.03.15 (Delegated Decision)	-	£9,000	£63,395
Surf Rake	30.03.15 (Delegated Decision)	-	£39,365	£24,030

2.2 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2015/2016

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB available for 2015/2016 is £312,578				
				£312,578
Returned Funding at Community Action North	19.09.11	-	(£22,233)	£334,811
Wetherwack Improvements	21.11.11	-	(£2,702)	£337,513
Redhouse Academy Youth Centre (RHAY Centre)	30.01.12	-	(£15,905)	£353,418
Why Did Charlie Buchan Go To War?	21.01.13	-	(£10,585)	£364,003
Billy Hardy Centre Signage	08.12.14		(£50.00)	£364,053
Balance				£364,053

2.3 The People and Place Boards have recommended 5 applications for SIB funding to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 5 Annex 1**:

- a. Sunderland City Council – Southwick Illuminations 2015- 2017 - approve £20,662 and re-align the £7,438 underspend from Phase 1 of this project to cover the total cost of £28,100.
- b. Sunderland City Council – Wetherwack Gyroty Clock Phase 2 - approve £3,651 and re-align the £2,229 underspend from Phase 1 of this project to cover the total cost of £5,880.
- c. Sunderland City Council – Johnstone Villas Fencing Project approve £2,836.
- d. Sunderland City Council – Downhill 3 2 1 Route - approve £4,500.
- e. Redhouse Academy – Wall Refurbishment Project - approve £1,679.

2.4 In December North Area Committee agreed the allocation of £30,000 for the delivery of a North Bike Hire Scheme with a Call for Projects to the Voluntary and Community Sector to be developed by the Boards. March Area Committee agreed an additional £20,000, funding from the CCG, to be allocated to the Bike Project Hire Scheme.

2.5 **Call for Projects** – 1 application was received and considered by the Joint Board held in May. The project is detailed in **Item 5 Annex 2** and the Joint People and Place Board recommend approval, with specific conditions attached for:

- a. Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project - £50,000.

2.6 In March North Area Committee agreed the allocation of £30,000 for the delivery of Summer Holiday Activities for Young People with a Call for Projects to the Voluntary and Community Sector to be developed by the People Board.

2.7 **Call for Projects** – 2 applications were received and considered by the Joint People and Place Board held in May. The following projects are detailed in **Item 5 Annex 3** and are recommended by the Joint Board for approval; subject to increasing the original SIB allocation to £30,629 and the realignment of £8,043 underspend from the Activities for Young People 2012 Project, both to have specific conditions attached:

- a. Sunderland North Community Business Centre £30,000
- b. NE Sports - £8,672.

2.8 The following project is detailed in **Item 5 Annex 3** and is recommended by the Joint People and Place Board for rejection as the application failed to meet the brief:

Sunderland Chapel of Light – Summer Holiday Activities Programme - £1,000

2.9 The total additional budget requested for allocation for the above projects is £33,957 if approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be £330,096.

2.10 Existing SIB Project – Thompson Park Phase 2 has had a delayed start due to awaiting confirmation of match funding. It is proposed to commence the SIB element of the project and extend the proposed completion of the project until March 2017, to allow for the delays to date.

2.11 Existing SIB Project – Hylton Castle Cabin Project was originally approved to provide a venue for officers and partners during the development of the HLF bid submission. Due to the delays in timescales for planning and scheduled monument consent it is requested that this project is put on hold until a decision is reached on the HLF bid which will then identify the project need in the future.

3. Community Chest

3.1 **Item 5 Annex 4** details the Community Chest approvals supported in March from the 2014/2015 budget.

3.2 The table below details the Community Chest starting balances for 2015/2016. **Item 5 Annex 5** shows the approvals supported between April - May 2015.

Ward	Start Balance for 2015/2016	Project approvals since April 2015	Grant Returned	Balance
Castle	£14,189.00	£380.00	£0.00	£13,809.00
Fulwell	£13,174.00	£400.00	£0.00	£12,774.00
Redhill	£24,307.00	£0.00	£0.00	£24,307.00
Southwick	£13,958.00	£0.00	£0.00	£13,958.00
St Peter's	£11,398.00	£2,445.00	£0.00	£8,953.00
Total	£77,026.00	£3,225.00	£0.00	£73,801.00

4. Recommendations

North Area Committee is requested to:-

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