

2nd June 2011.

Report of the Chief Executive.

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), Community Chest - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources**1. Why has it come to Committee?**

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 up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, SIP and Community Chest.

**2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT WASHINGTON COMMITTEE
FUNDING STREAMS 2011-2012 AS AT 2nd June 2011**

SIB: Washington SIB Statement at 2nd June 2011 AC				
* £ 287,261 is allocated for 2011/12. £12,321 has been brought back from 2010/11 allocations giving a total balance of £299,582				
	Committee Date	SIB Budget	Approvals	Total
Available Funding 2011/12*	02.06.11	£299,582		£299,582
Project Name	-	-		-
Balance		£299,582		£299,582

SIP: Washington SIP Statement at 2nd June 2011 AC			
	SIP Budget	Approvals	Balance
Available Funding 2011/12*	£219,059		
Central	£34,447	£34,447	£0
East	£49,492	£48,495	£997
North	£46,492	£46,492	£0
South	£48,992	£48,992	£0
West	£39,636	£39,636	£0
Balance	£219,059	£218,062	£997

Community Chest			
Available Funding 2011/12 *This includes the 2011/ 2012 allocation of £10,000 per ward, £13,041 unclaimed funding for 2008/2009 and £2,660 unallocated funding from 2010/ 2011.			
	Community Chest Budget	Approvals	Balance

Central	£11,435	£198	£11,237
East	£15,899	£236	£15,663
North	£11,385	£0	£11,385
South	£13,997	£0	£13,997
West	£12,985	£0	£12,985
Balance	£65,701	£434	£65,267

2.2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.2.1 An allocation of £287,261 has been made for financial year 2011 – 2012. £12,321 has been brought back to budget from 2010/11 allocations giving a total balance available of **£299,582**

2.2.2 The following 6 projects as detailed in **Annex 1** are recommended for approval from the 2011/12 budget as follows:

	<u>2011/12</u>	
1. Operation Choice	£25,821	Approve
2. Sunderland Festival	£ 3,000	Approve
3. Washington Christmas Event	£15,000	Approve
4. Aircraft Museum	£ 6,000	Approve
5. Friends of the Old Hall	£ 3,450	Approve
6. Education and Skills Programme	£30,000	Approve

2.2.3 Projects recommended for approval from the 2011/12 budget total **£83,271**.

2.2.4 Area Committee is also asked to approve funding of **£76,840** to the Washington Heritage Memorial Project which was notionally allocated the funding from the 2010/11 budget at the last Area Committee in March. This was subject to the receipt of a detailed SIB application form which has been received and was assessed in line with SIB governance and protocols. The details, summary and recommendations from that assessment are included in **Annex 1**.

2.2.5 Should all projects detailed above be approved, the remaining balance for the 2011/12 allocation will be **£216,311**. The 2010/11 budget will be confirmed as fully allocated.

2.3 Strategic Investment Plan

2.3.1 The table below details SIP balances remaining to be allocated following the last meeting of March 2011.

Ward	Balance at November 2010	Project proposals	SIP Balance
Washington Central	£0		£ 0
Washington East	£997		£ 997
Washington North	£0		£ 0
Washington South	£0		£ 0
Washington West	£0		£ 0

2.3.2 Only one project is recommended for approval as detailed in **Annex 1**. Approval of this project will result in the SIP budget being fully allocated.

2.4 Community Chest

2.4.1 The table below details the balances remaining to be allocated following the last meeting. A total of 21 project proposals received are set out in **Annex 2**, together with remaining balances should those proposals be approved.

2.4.2 Table 1

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Proposals	Balance Remaining
Washington Central	£11,237	£ 1,028	£10,209
Washington East	£15,663	£ 5,386	£10,277
Washington North	£11,385	£ 2,428	£ 8,957
Washington South	£13,997	£ 2,278	£ 11,719
Washington West	£12,985	£ 1,842	£ 11,143
Total	£65,267	£12,962	£52,305

3.0 Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

1. Note the financial statement set out in Section 2.1 of this report.
2. Agree the recommendations set out in **Annex 1** with reference to the SIB and SIP applications.
3. Approve SIB funding of £76,840 for the Washington Heritage Memorial Project as detailed in **Annex 1**
4. Approve the 21 proposals for support from 2011/12 Community Chest as detailed in **Annex 2**

SIB and SIP Funding Applications

Summary Document

SIB Application No.1.

Name of Project	Operation Choice
Lead Organisation	Northumbria Police

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£51,009	£25,188	£25,821
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
9 months	June 2011	March 2012

The Project

Operation Choice will be two fold and will build on the success of Operation Horizon. A conscious effort has been made to absorb the best practice from Operation Horizon into 'core business' and this is reflected in this proposal and the changing working practices to support the project. SB has reduced across Washington and this new project is designed to not only support ongoing positive momentum gained in hot spot areas but continue to engage young people and proactively divert them away from disorder and into local youth provision and/or local respect areas.

Targeting specifically Friday evenings (highest ASB evening) this project's team of a PC/CSO/ASB Team and a youth worker will patrol areas of high ASB and interact positively with young people. (Please note it is recognised that partner working and staffing is uncertain at this time and will be confirmed before the project commences). Bringing a high level of core service commitment and resources to the project, Northumbria Police will also continue to use duty resourcing to build upon the success of positive operational partnership working already achieved. However, Area Committee support is required again although due to tactics now being performed by duty resourcing and new tactics and activities being introduced, an enhanced service will be achieved with less Area Committee investment.

The project will continue to target those young people who are committing offences or refusing to engage with staff through the structured tactics of Gryphon.

In addition there will be a number of 'new' activities and approaches delivered:

- Proactive Engagement
It is anticipated the majority of young people engaged with on the Friday evenings will respond positively to redirection to youth provision. This opportunity will also allow staff and partners to consult children regarding any perceived gaps in provision.
- This project will also support the Area Committee's priority of engaging with and providing activities for the 8 – 13 year olds through closer links with Primary Schools and other linked projects including the proposed 'Youth Watch' pilot.
- The project will identify the locations and schools where working in partnership with Youth workers and Children's Services, the Mobile Youth Bus can be deployed across Washington. It is planned areas lacking youth provision and/or where an ASB issue has been identified will be identified and the Mobile Youth Bus deployed on a Monday and/or Thursday. The local Primary Schools will be the preferred conduit for such engagement. This resource is additional to the services currently being delivered across Washington.

- Building on a provisional pilot in the Blackfell area of Washington a Youth Neighbourhood Watch or similar youth initiative is to be developed to include Primary School Children. This will be supported by the Northumbria Police Team and will act as a pilot with the aim to roll it out across the area.

Need for the Project

In September 2010 Operation Horizon was implemented and as a result youth related ASB fell dramatically. ASB is known to be seasonal and unless addressed in a positive manner it is difficult to control. Local residents identify ASB and teenagers hanging around as one of their main concerns within their communities. Youth activities across Washington need to be promoted and young people engaged with to ensure the provision(s) is better utilised and gaps identified. Area Committee funding will be enhanced by a high level of contribution from Northumbria Police's core resources. The funding will be used to cover direct staffing costs for the project, activities, and costs for the additional deployment of the youth bus.

The police duty resource is a minimum commitment at this time and the NPT will be seeking to allocate extra resources on an ongoing basis as and when operational commitments allow.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
S5	No. young people benefiting from young inclusion and/or diversionary projects	750
S6	No. additional young people engaged	150
A6	No of events held	18

Key Milestones for the Project

Launch Operation Choice	June 2011
Publicity	June 2011
Delivery of the projects to begin – 1 st operation	July 2011
Project ends	March 2012

Recommendation: Approve

This project contributes to meeting the Area Committee's priorities to engage young people linking them with the broader community and to tackle anti social behaviour and youth disorder as included in the Washington Local Area Plan Workplan for 2011/12.

SIB Application No.2

Name of Project	Sunderland Festival
Lead Organisation	City of Sunderland Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£60,000	£45,000	£15,000 - £3,000 (per Area Committee)
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 months	June 2011	July 2011

The Project

The new Sunderland Festival will take place between 1 - 4 July 2011. The festival will be city wide with the main site located at North Area Playing Fields in Washington. Because of the

location of the main site in Washington and the link to Independence Day the festival's theme will be Americana. The project will showcase local bands, music, dance and theatre groups. The main site will feature local & regional bands, a Country & Western evening, a Classic American Car Display, American Football Display, Baseball and Basketball Demonstrations and competition, Fun Fair, Kite Flying, Cheerleading demonstrations, Music and dance performances from schools across Sunderland

The emphasis of activity on the main site will be on participation as well as enjoying the entertainment. Additional activity will be taking place at:

- Arts Centre Washington - Arts & Craft Fair
- Drive In Movie - Herrington Park
- City Centre - Market and Music in Sun
- Roker - International Brass Bands performing on the seafront
- Washington Old Hall - Independence Day activity

Need for Project

Previous festivals - Sunderland International Friendship Festival and prior to that the Kite Festival, on the North Area Playing Fields site have attracted significant visitors from both Washington and the wider area.

The new Sunderland Festival will have activity taking place across the city throughout the weekend providing greater opportunities for people to see and participate in American themed activity. There will be activity taking place in each of the 5 areas of the city enabling residents to take in something on their own doorstep as well as in a neighbouring area. The festival will also encourage participation whether that is children and young people showcasing their music and dance talent or the opportunity to play American Football, Basketball or Baseball, Kite flying or joining in a wide range of children's activity.

The funding from Area Committee will provide access to the festival activity for a greater number of people. This will include reduced car parking fees, reduced catering prices, and transport for groups wishing to perform at the festival. The city's core festival budget will provide the infrastructure and associated expenditure to enable the events to take place. The request to Washington Area Committee and requests to each of the other 4 Area Committees will enable the additional accessibility as described previously

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A6	No. community events held	5
P3	No. volunteers	100
S6	No. young people engaged in activities	100

Key Milestones for the Project

Event planning	June 2011
Programme delivered	July 2011
Evaluation	Sept 2011

Recommendation: Approve

This project contributes to meeting the Area Committee's priorities to engage young people linking them with the broader community and to promote equality, inclusion and community engagement as included in the Washington Local Area Plan Workplan for 2011/12.

SIB Application No.3

Name of Project	Washington Christmas Event 2011
Lead Organisation	City of Sunderland Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£20,000	£5,000	£15,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	June 2011	December 2011

The Project

It is proposed to hold a Christmas Fair/Festival within the Washington Village area to coincide with the Christmas lights switch on. The Washington village setting lends itself superbly to a 'traditional' event. A number of community groups and schools have already shown their interest in developing the project, and those wishing to be involved, will be programmed into the event. It is proposed that a variety of activity including, performance, music, craft and community group stalls will be developed as part of the project. Discussions with members of the community have already identified that the local churches and public houses within the village wish to participate in the project to compliment it further. It has been agreed by the steering group that only good quality relevant activities should be available and that all stalls and stands are attractive and presentable. A suitable location will be considered to host Santa's Grotto, this will be managed by the volunteer groups. Washington Old Hall are key partners and are considering holding their annual Frost Fair on Sunday 27 November to compliment this event and assist with promotion.

All necessary infrastructure, such as, stewards, car parking, marquees, First Aid, etc for the event will be organised and supported through the Events team of the City Council, working in partnership with the Voluntary sector to deliver the event. The majority of the funding will be used for the cost of any road closures, infrastructure, marquees, signage and marketing. It is envisaged that this event will further promote community cohesion and local pride with residents and visitors to the area.

The Christmas Fair is a great opportunity to bring members of the local community together to promote the many active groups and societies within this area. Attracting visitors and residents to the event will highlight and raise awareness of the rich and varied history of the village. It is expected that new partnerships will be formed between groups and societies during the orgination and delivery of this event. Also established partnerships will gain from the extra publicity and benefits of joint-working.

Need for the project

Members from local voluntary groups have discussed the possibility of such an event and have had very positive feedback via the local pubs and various community groups in the area. The Scouts group have also indicated that they would like to have a prescence at the Christmas Fair. Local traders, community groups, schools and churches have also expressed an interest in becoming involved. The high number of requests for such an event have come from the voluntary and community sector, through discussions with Local Members, who have approaced Sunderland City Council Culture and Tourism to take the lead and manage the funding and event management side of the project.

The Fair will appeal to all members of the community and visitors to the area, as there will be a wide range of activites and representation from popular local groups and from local schools. The event will be a tourism draw and the local groups and businesses involved will gain in economic terms.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A6	No. community events held	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Project programme developed	August 2011
Project delivered	December 2011
Evaluation	February 2012

Recommendation: Approve

This project contributes to meeting the Area Committee's priorities to promote equality, inclusion and community engagement as included in the Washington Local Area Plan Workplan for 2011/12.

SIB Application No.4

Name of Project	Development of Aircraft Site
Lead Organisation	North East Aircraft Museum

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£6,000	£0	£6,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	June 2011	January 2012

The Project

The aim of the project is to facilitate combining the North East Aircraft Museum with a number of local museums and preservation organisations all on one site, thereby providing a major educational, tourism and leisure facility for the North East in Washington.

The North East Aircraft Museum, The Military Vehicle Museum, The North East Bus Preservation Trust, The North East Electric Transport Trust, Save the Trident and the RAF Fire Service Museum all wish to combine on the site presently occupied by the Aircraft Museum. Expansion of our current site is required to accommodate all the stakeholders. This will enable future building expansion to accommodate these collections. Planning permission is required for the relocation of an adjacent football field and expansion of the site which will require the re-aligning of the site's perimeter fence.

The Project will include the development of a framework to manage how the groups can work together and develop legal mechanisms to enable this to proceed. The brief also includes provision for a comprehensive feasibility study to apply for funding for further development of the site.

Through this project the following will be facilitated:

- Provide opportunities for education and training with the opportunity to develop training courses in the life long learning sector.
- Provide an opportunity within a combined collection to provide access to artifacts and equipment currently in storage which have not been on view for a number of years.
- Provide expanded volunteer opportunities to enable skills to be learned and developed which in turn, will encourage the development of employment training opportunities to younger people, especially NEETs.

- Allow the diverse collections to be used by local schools with visits to the site for history, science, engineering, environmental and social development sessions.

Need for Project

Study conducted on behalf of the Military Vehicle Museum, discussions with the Local Authority, A survey of visitors expectations as to expanding attractions on offer, discussions with local school teachers.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. new community facilities improved	1
A5	No. feasibility studies	2

Key Milestones for the Project

Submission of planning permission	July 2011
Relocation of football pitch and repositioning of external fence	November 2011
Appointment of consultant for feasibility study	September 2011
Complete Study	December 2011

Recommendation: Approve

This project contributes to meeting the Area Committee's priorities to promote and develop the Washington heritage offer and to promote equality, inclusion and community engagement as included in the Washington Local Area Plan Workplan for 2011/12.

SIB Application No.5

Name of Project	Nature on the Doorstep
Lead Organisation	Friends of Washington Old Hall

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£12,488	£9038	£3,450
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	June 2011	January 2012

The Project

The primary aim of Nature on Your Doorstep is to promote the importance of pond, insect and wild life by creating an accessible haven in the heart of Washington.

There are hundreds of species of insect, birds, mammals, pondlife and a multitude of habitats in the Nuttery (Nut Orchard) at Washington Old Hall. We propose to support the National Trust at Washington Old Hall to develop this area and to promote awareness/use of the site to the local community. Led by a development worker we will seek to involve Young People, local schools and community groups as well by creating volunteering opportunities at all stages of the project. By protecting and enhancing the wildlife on this site we will encourage Washington's residents to come and see the "Nature on their Doorstep". We will:

- Create, nurture and manage wildlife habitats
- Promote the project through outreach and publicity
- Design and deliver educational activities for different groups and abilities.
- Gather a comprehensive list of species and activity.
- Feed results into national data
- Improve interpretation of the site.

We will work with volunteers at every stage and specifically target young people to be part of the planning development and delivery. We have established links with Washington MIND young Peoples Project who are looking forward to being part of this project.

Need for the Project

The NT's vision is to have a healthy environment that supports a rich diversity of wildlife and is valued and enjoyed by everyone, now and in the future. Through the Wahington Old Hall's Plot to Plate Project and the introduction of honey bees a lot of the engagement work carried out in the gardens is largely concentrated on growing, finding, identifying food, and living sustainable. Witnessing how user groups and visitors respond to the space with its diverse variety of wildlife was an inspiration for this project as well as a natural progression. Visitors local and national are often surprised to find the Nuttery. This project is in response to alarming national data such as

- Pond Conservation - "80% of ponds in England and Wales are in a 'poor' or 'very poor' condition. Ponds support more endangered freshwater plant and animal species than either rivers or lakes and, in a typical patch of English countryside, a wider variety of common species too."
- Defra - "Insects pollinate around a third of the agricultural crops grown globally and the total loss of insect pollinators could cost up to £440m per year in the UK (about 13% of the UK's income from farming). Because of the vital role pollinating insects play it is absolutely crucial that we generate knowledge that can be applied to strategies aimed at reversing the decline."

It became clear that the Nuttery is quite special and can be used to highlight the importance of nature as well as being an enjoyable safe green space in the middle of Washigton. The gardens are open free to the public from March till October, Sunday till Wednesday 10 am till 5pm. There are 7 schools within walking distance of the hall and gardens who could all take advantage of this resource.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. new community facilities improved	1
P3	No. volunteer recruited	30
A2	No. people using improved facilities	2000

Key Milestones for the Project

Assesment and planning	July 2011
Volunter and young people recruitment	August 2011
Construction	November 2011
New interpretation installed	March 2012
Outreach activities programme completed	April 2012

Recommendation: Approve

This project contributes to meeting the Area Committee's priorities to promote equality, inclusion and community engagement as included in the Washington Local Area Plan Workplan for 2011/12

SIB Application No. 6

Application 6a

Name of Project	Education and Skills for Young People
Lead Organisation	Tweblo

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£	£	£30,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	2011	2012

The Project

The Heritage Education Officer post will act as a co-ordinating position to engage young people at both school age and those categorised as NEET to access heritage as a volunteering opportunity and training opportunity. The post of Heritage Education Officer will be open to all whilst the post of Heritage Trainee will be targeted to the NEET category. The Heritage Trainee will be trained within ICT, bid writing and event organising in order to support museums and community groups with their administration and event organising. The Heritage Education Officer will be responsible for the recruitment and training of volunteers across the spectrum of museums and community buildings.

One of the main responsibilities of the role will be to communicate with youth groups and schools to demonstrate the opportunities that are available within the heritage and community sectors. We will work with both MLA registered museums and private museums to give opportunities to young unemployed people to train in heritage skills, as well as supporting groups who wish to strengthen their communities by remembering their past. The Heritage Education Officer will work with groups of all ages, to explore the opportunities that heritage has to offer in terms of volunteering and training, and to support groups who want to record and preserve the past history and traditions of their communities. By sharing each group's experiences with each other, it is hoped that we can break down the barriers between them and help them share life experiences and bring the groups closer together.

Currently we are unaware of any likelihood of duplication of provision. We believe there is no existing provision attempting to deliver this unique Heritage Education skills programme for NEETs. The project is very clear in its delivery aims, 2 posts, 10 volunteers, engagement with schools and local communities, and ideally the removal of some of our NEET cohort into education, training, volunteering or employment.

All relevant permissions and approvals are in place with partners to deliver this project.

Need for Project

We are targeting an acknowledged major problem in our NEET cohort, when you review the issues as raised by the City's Economic Masterplan. The Washington Area Action Plan as agreed by Washington Area Committee has this area as one that we need to invest time and resources in. The city wide scrutiny policy review identified within the remit of Childrens Services that the NEET cohort and how to deal with it in a positive manner was a key target for the city council going forward. This would help the city achieve its outcomes within the Childrens and Young Peoples Plan NEETs target goals.

This will comply with the Washington Area Committee's priorities such as community cohesion, heritage, the voluntary sector, education, training and NEETS.

The following groups will benefit:-

- NEET cohort will be engaged and reduced as we move them into volunteering with a view to either employment opportunities with local heritage based businesses and/ or movement into further education and skills training.
- Bowes Railway Company as an accredited MLA and Scheduled Monument, and other local heritage sites will benefit from an increased volunteer workforce that will secure the future by residents of the North East but Sunderland/Gateshead and Washington communities in particular.
- Local schools and their young people will be engaged by the project to come and learn from the site about the local history of their communities and how industries such as mining, ship-building, steel manufacturing enabled their communities to be built and what jobs and careers there are in these heritage sectors now.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
P1	No. people going into employment	2
P3	No. people volunteering	10
L6	No. of young people aged 16 – 19 not in employment education and training encouraged into further education or employment	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Employment of Heritage Officer and Trainee	July 2011
Engage ment with first Volunteers from NEET cohort	Sept 2011
Engagement with local schools and businesses	July 2011
Local schools and businesses using sites, e.g Bowes Railway Museum	October 2011
Funding secured to continue project post June 2012	July 2011

This application has been submitted through Area Committee’s Call for Projects to commission an education and skills development programme for young people, and linking the development of Washington’s 'Heritage Offer' to learning opportunities and employment/training opportunities.

Using the formal SIB governance protocols and guidance, the application was assessed scoring 69 out of 80

This application:

- Evidences it meets the key priorities of the Washington Local Area Plan and Area Committee’s key priorities**
- Presents a partnership approach, with a good communications plan and aims to assist and support a number of local heritage organisations through building links with young people and encouraging volunteering opportunities in the sector**
- Identifies a number of organisations it intends to work with and include in the project**
- Presents excellent ‘value for money’ with the majority of the proposed budget being allocated to activity.**
- The project is in line with the recommendations of the recently completed Washington Heritage Centre and Heritage Offer Feasibility Study (Feb 2011)**

- f) **The project evidences extensive experience in this field and has a good record of successful project delivery**

Recommendation: Approve subject to:

- 1. Lead Agent providing copies of Articles of Association or Constitution and confirmation of safeguarding and CRB if required.**
- 2. Provision of Job Descriptions for Heritage Officer and Traineeship**
- 3. Considers including numbers engaged as a measure of success in addition to volunteers**
- 4. That the project is co-ordinated with the NEET Co-ordination Research and Mapping Project currently underway and expected to complete September 2011**

This project contributes to meeting the Area Committee's priorities to help local people access employment opportunities by focusing on NEETS and skills development and learning outcomes This is included in the Washington Local Area Plan Workplan for 2011/12.

SIB Application No.7

Name of Project	Washington Heritage Miner's Memorial
Lead Organisation	City of Sunderland Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£81,840	£5,000	£76,840
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	June 2011	January 2012

The Project

The installation of a memorial will commemorate the miners and their families from Washington, keeping the history alive for future generations. It will celebrate the local heritage and traditions and is in line with the recently completed Washington Heritage Feasibility Study recommendations which was approved at the March 2011 Area committee.

The Washington Miners Memorial is a specially commissioned bronze sculpture to be located at a central point within Concorde shopping area. The life size bronze sculpture will take the form of a Miner, his wife and son and aims to celebrate the mining heritage of Washington and keep alive the memory of local miners and their families for current and future generations. The project was started in 2010 when the Washington F Pit Banner Group campaigned and fund raised for the production of designs and a maquette. The completion of the project will now be managed by Culture & Tourism to ensure a successful fabrication stage and installation phase.

This initiative has been driven by the community and is a clear example of people from different backgrounds coming together to make something happen for their community. The driver behind the sculpture is not just about celebrating the mining heritage of Washington but ensuring that memories live on and that future generations of the community remember the struggle that families endured. The community of Washington is supportive of other similar initiatives which support traditions including Washington Heritage Festival, Washington Green Christmas Festival and the Christmas Lights and Switch On at Concord

Need for Project

The Washington Banner Group undertook the initial consultation phase to demonstrate the demand for such a sculpture as a way of commemorating the lives of miners and their families in

Washington. The project need is also recognised as part of the recently completed Washington Heritage Feasibility Study recommendations.

The Washington Banner Group will continue to play an advocacy role as this project continues through to installation and beyond. The sculpture has been commissioned to celebrate mining heritage in Washington and therefore will benefit residents of and visitors to Concord and will serve as a reminder of the tough times experienced by a miner and his family. It is anticipated that local schools and history groups will use the sculpture as a tool to educate children and young people.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. new community facilities	1
A3	No. voluntary groups supported	3
A6	No. community events held	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Groundworks	July 2011
Fabrication of statue	August 2011
Installation of memorial	October 2011
Publicity Postcards	October 2011
Launch event	November 2011

Recommendation: Approve

This project contributes to meeting the Area Committee's priorities to promote and develop the Washington heritage offer and to promote equality, inclusion and community engagement as included in the Washington Local Area Plan Workplan for 2011/12.

SIP Application No.1 (Washington East)

Name of Project	Bowes Railway Repairs
Lead Organisation	Bowes Railway Trust

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£1847	£850	£997
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 month	June 2011	June 2011

The Project

This project will support a local heritage resource and improve community facilities. The repair of the WST 22 engine is essential to ensuring a heritage facility is available to the community and can be used on Open Days, events etc. The WST Engine is vital to the Bowes Railway Company. It is our 'star' on steam days which is when we run a steam train up and down the Bowes Railway line for members of the public to enjoy.

It is essential to our continuance as without the ability to put on steam days which bring paying members of the public plus enthusiasts into Bowes the museum will lose vital finances and would be at real risk of closure. This engine which has only ever worked on the Bowes site is a

direct engineering link to our 19th century working history, a key part of why the Bowes site is a Scheduled Monument and needs protection.

Need for Project

By supporting the museum infrastructure and plant the museum can offer more activities for the surrounding community and visitors from further a field to come and visit for. It is expected that visitor numbers will go up on previous years given the forward planning being applied to the organisation.

If the repairs are not facilitated this will impact on the activity the museum can deliver for the public and possible lead to the sites closure.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	No. improved facilities or equipment	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Contract for repairs in place	June 2011
Engine repaired and utilised for events	July 2011

Recommendation: Approve

This project contributes to meeting the Area Committee's priorities to promote and develop the Washington heritage offer as included in the Washington Local Area Plan Workplan for 2011/12.

**COMMUNITY CHEST 2011/2012 WASHINGTON AREA
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

WARD	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALLOCATION 2011/2012	PROJECT PROPOSALS	PREVIOUS APPROVALS	BALANCE REMAINING
Central	Washington Village and District Sequence dance club. An outing for a dinner and dance. Members are from all wards in Washington.	250				
	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project. A one day music festival celebrating the Washington skate park launch	700				
	Carers Information Card. Information cards in order to make carers better aware of the support and services available to them within the Washington/Sunderland area.	78				
	Totals	1,028	11,435		198	10,209
East	Washington Village and District Sequence dance club. An outing for a dinner and dance. Members are from all wards in Washington.	250				
	Refurbishment of Fatfield War Memorial	3000				
	North Biddick Bowling Club. Update facilities	1008				
	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project. A one day music festival celebrating the Washington skate park launch.	700				
	Columbia Pie and Pea Lunch Club. Costs for a Christmas dinner	350				
	Carers Information Card. Information cards in order to make carers better aware of the support and services available to them within the Washington/Sunderland area.	78				
	Totals	5,386.	15,899		236	10,277
North	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project. A one day music festival celebrating the Washington skate park launch	700				
	PR Display Equipment. Display equipment comprising a portable gazebo laptop, display boards and associated material for use at community events. E.g Washington Heritage Day	650				
	Carers Information Card. Information cards in order to make carers better aware of the support and services available to them within the Washington/Sunderland area.	78				
	Usworth Family Group - Family activities, summer trip and panto	1000				

	Totals	2,428	11,385			8,957
South	Brancepeth Residents Club. Request for new tables and chairs in communal hall to enable residents to carry out social activities. The current tables are unsuitable for wheelchair access. The funding will also be used for a new carpet.	1000				
	Oxclose Toddler Group Junior Club 1st 4 Kidz. Toddler Group- £200 of the grant will be used to fund purchasing local specialist educationalists to provide sessions to encourage learning through music, crafts and sport. Proposed specialists are Min music makers and Socatots. Junior Club- £250 will be used to purchase age appropriate equipment for leisure/games and craft activities for members to use to encourage team building skills, co-ordination and social inclusion £50 will go towards purchasing items to replace equipment used by the club.	500				
	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project. A one day music festival celebrating the Washington skate park launch	700				
	Carers Information Card. Information cards in order to make carers better aware of the support and services available to them within the Washington/Sunderland area.	78				
	Totals	2,278	13,997			11,719
West	Bowes Railway. To enable essential repairs to a steam engine.	850				
	Oxclose and District Young Peoples Project. A one day music festival celebrating the Washington skate park launch	700				
	Carers Information Card. Information cards in order to make carers better aware of the support and services available to them within the Washington/Sunderland area.	78				
	Blackfell Lunch Club - To purchase a new bingo machine.	214				
	Totals	1,842	12,985			11,143
Totals		12,962	£65,701		£434	52,305

