

**SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE**  
**19<sup>th</sup> September 2011**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB)  
 Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

**Author(s):**

Chief Executive

**Purpose of Report:**

This report requests Area Committee to consider of proposals for the allocation of Community Chest to support initiatives that will deliver activity against priorities for 2011/12.

**Description of Decision:**

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2011/12 budget:

**Annex 1: Community Chest Financial Statement**

- Note the financial statement for Community Chest funding for 2011/12.

**Annex 2: Community Chest Project Proposals**

- Approve 17 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest. All projects total £8,414.

**Annex 3: SIB financial statement**

- Note the financial statement for SIB funding for 2011/12.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

SIB is a budget delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Sunderland East Work Plan 2011/12. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a budget of £277,456 for 2011/12, with a further £125,000 carried over from 2010-11 which has been ring fenced to deliver a call for projects to increase employment and enterprise opportunities in the Sunderland East area.

The Community Chest forms part of SIB, of which £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2011/2012 across all wards. £10,000 is available for each ward (Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michael's) in addition, £5,914 was carried over from previous years, making this years total balance £55,914. In June £1,200 was returned to budget, new balance £57,114.

**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 Scrutiny Committees:

# SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

#### 1.0 Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Work Plan 2011/12, 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 and Community Chest.

#### 2.0 Community Chest

2.1. Members are requested to note the financial statement for Community Chest as shown in **Annex 1**.

2.2 Since the last meeting an audit of all live Community Chest projects (240) has been carried out. The purpose of the audit has been to identify the stage organisations were at when delivering their projects, for example, started or completed. When a project has been identified as completed all under spend has been returned to the ward budget. This has resulted in Doxford ward receiving £83, Hendon ward £60, Millfield ward £272, Ryhope ward £86 and St Michaels £12, totalling £513. This method of returning grant under spend will continue throughout the year and will be reflected on the financial statement at future meetings.

2.3 There are 17 applications recommended for approval, as set out in **Annex 2**, totalling £8,414.

#### 3.0 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

3.1 Members are requested to note the financial statement for SIB as shown in **Annex 3**.

3.2 Since the last meeting £15,840 has been returned to budget, as shown in the financial statement.

#### 4.0 Recommendations

Committee are requested to:

- i. Note the financial statement set out in Annex 1 and 3.
- ii. Agree to approve 17 Community Chest applications as set out in Annex 2.

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Annex 1: Community Chest Financial Statement

Annex 2: Community Chest Applications

Annex 3: SIB Financial Statement