

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE18th December 2019**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I****Title of Report:**

Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

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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 Neighbourhood Fund (formerly Strategic Initiatives Budget), 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** and **3.1**.
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- (k) Approve the previously aligned **£30,000** to deliver a Communication Project on behalf of Area Committee and delegate the responsibility to oversee the development of ideas and all Call for Projects to the North People Board as set out in **Section 2.7**
- (l) Consider the alignment of **£35,000** of Neighbourhood Fund for the development of a School Holiday Activity Programme 2020 as set out in **Section 2.8**
- (m) Note the 14 Community Chest approvals supported from 2019/2020 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 £392,495 for 2019/2020 from the

Neighbourhood Fund (Formerly Strategic Initiatives Budget) to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area. Area Committee has an additional allocation of £20,000 to support Youth Activities in the area, £25,000 Public Health Funds and £40,000 CCG Funds.	
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:

18th December 2019**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE****Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources****1. Purpose of Report**

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2 Neighbourhood Fund (Formerly SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Neighbourhood Fund for 2019/2020:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total Neighbourhood Fund available for 2019/2020 is £392,495 plus a further £20,000 for Youth Activities, £40,000 CCG & £25,000 Public Health				
				£392,495
Castletown Scout Group	20.06.19	-	£5,632	£386,863
Area Committee Communication Project	20.06.19	£30,000	-	£356,863
Match funding to the £25,000 North Area Committee's Public Health Funding. To fund health projects in the community	20.06.19	£25,000	-	£331,863
St Bede's Community Project additional funding	15.07.19 (Via Delegated Decision)	-	£5,662	£326,201
North Area Enforcement and CCTV Project	14.08.19	-	£110,000	£216,201
Returned Funding: Marley Park Lighting	(29.02.16)	-	(£20,000)	£236,201
Returned Funding: Marley Park Play Area Swing	(29.02.16)	-	(£790)	£236,991
Returned funding: School Holiday Activities Summer 17	(04.06.17)	-	(£432)	£237,423

Returned Funding: Energy Audits for Community Facilities	(13.07.17)	-	(£3,263)	£240,686
Returned Funding: Summer Holiday Provision 2018	(07.06.18)	-	(£1,371)	£242,057
Southwick Illuminations	25.09.19	-	£13,348	£228,709
North Self-Supporting Community Associations	25.09.19	-	£20,000	£208,709
Southwick Green Regeneration Plan	25.09.19	£28,208	-	£160,501
Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Project	25.09.19	£40,000	-	£120,501
Balance				£140,501

2.2 There are 3 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 5 Annex 1**

- **Castle Raising Aspirations Phase 2** **£50,000**
- **Southwick Village Green Project Phase 1** **£28,977 (£28,209 previously aligned – additional £769 required)**
- **North Air Quality Monitoring Project** **£10,000 (previously aligned)**

2.3 In order to deliver to the previously agreed Public Health and Neighbourhood Fund Match Project North People Board have developed a Call for Projects Brief to deliver a Community Public Access Defibrillator Project with **£10,000** budget, Area Committee are requested to agree the Brief as set out in **Annex 2**

2.4 September Area Committee agreed the Call for Projects and Neighbourhood Fund Match for the Activities for Young People Project with a total budget of £40,000. Four applications detailed in **Annex 3** were received and formally appraised and considered by the November People Board with the following recommended by the Board for approval:

- a) Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project – Partnership **£40,000**

The following are recommended by the Board for rejection:

- a) Everyone Active Aquatic Centre **£16,050**
b) Salvation Army **£5,000**
c) Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project **£4,991.25**

2.5 June Area Committee accepted a grant of £40,000 from the Sunderland CCG and agreed to delegate the responsibility to oversee the development of a call for projects to the North People Board. September People Board agreed the Call for Projects which was circulated to the North Voluntary and Community Sector Network to deliver the North Healthy Action in the Community Project. Thirteen applications detailed in **Annex 4** were received and formally appraised and considered by the November People Board with the following recommended by the Board for approval:

- a) All About You CIC **£4,950**
b) Grace House NE **£4,115**
c) Sunderland Community Action Group **£5,000**
d) SNCBC – Fulwell Mill **£4,680**
e) Sunderland Home Grown CIC **£4,996.80**
f) SNCBC – Hylton Castle **£4,962.50**
g) St. Bede's Community Venue **£4,467**

h) Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project £1,360

The following are recommended by the Board for rejection:

a) Impact NE	£4,990
b) B Active N B Fit	£4,900
c) Everyone Active	£4,657
d) Groundwork NE	£4,424
e) Salvation Army	£3,000

- 2.6 Due to significant delays to the opening of Hylton Castle and the project lead inability to deliver the project until Castle opening December Area Committee are requested to place the Skilled Up Hylton Castle Neighbourhood Fund & CLLD Match project on hold until the Hylton Castle Trust are in a position to move the project forward.
- 2.7 June Area Committee agreed to align **£30,000** in order for a communication project to be developed to promote key messages from the North Area Committee. November People Board considered newsletter proposals and recommend that Area Committee approve the previously aligned **£30,000** and delegate the responsibility for the development of Calls for Projects to the North People Board. Projects developed in response to those calls to be presented to a future Area Committee for decision.
- 2.8 The People Board Workplan for 2019 – 2020 includes the priority Activities for Young People. In order to continue to support a school holiday activity programme 2020 Area Committee are requested to align **£35,000** subject to a full application to be presented to a future Area Committee.
- 2.10 The total additional budget requested for allocation for the above projects is **£85,769** if approved the balance of Neighbourhood Fund remaining would be **£54,732**.

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the Community Chest Ward starting balances for 2019/2020. **Item 5 Annex 5** shows the approvals supported between September to November 2019.

Ward	Start Balance for 2019/2020	Project approvals since April 2019	Grant Returned	Balance
Castle	£10,000	£6,346	£160.68	£3,814.68
Fulwell	£10,000	£5,820	£0	£4,180
Redhill	£10,000	£295	£0	£9,705
Southwick	£10,000	£6,823.40	£0	£3,176.60
St Peter's	£10,000	£6,315	£0	£3,685
Total	£50,000	£25,599.40	£160.68	£24,561.28

4. Recommendations

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