

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
26th September 2019
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Neighbourhood Fund (formally Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB)) and Community Chest - 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 (formally SIB), and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2019/20 budget:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1.
- (b) Approve £120,000 towards the West Play Improvement Programme
- (c) Approve £40,000 towards the delivery of a 3 day event in Barnes Park during 2020
- (d) Approve £90,000 towards the priority of West Youth Activities
- (e) Note the 15 Community Chest approvals supported from 2019/2020, as detailed **Item 6 Annex 1**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £431,887 for 2019/2020 from the Neighbourhood Fund (formally 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:

26th September 2019**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE****Neighbourhood Fund (formally Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources****1. Purpose of Report**

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2 Neighbourhood Fund

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

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total Neighbourhood Fund for 2018/2019 is £431,887 plus £25,000 from Public Health, plus £40,000 CCG, plus £20,000 from Children's Services for Youth activities – total allocation is therefore £516,887				
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Project Name				
Match funding for Public Health Grant in addition to £7,088 match funding secured from 2018/2019 Neighbourhood Fund allocation	1.4.19	£17,912		
Public Health Grant to support West health priorities	1.4.19	£25,000		
CCG Health Grant to support West health priorities	1.4.19	£40,000		
Youth activities and Holiday Hunger	24.4.19		£28,000	
Consultation with young people	11.7.19		£6,000	
Walk and talk	18.7.19		£120,000	
Balance				£279,975

- 2.2 The People Board discussed and considered youth activities across the West and made a recommendation to an Extraordinary (via email) Area Committee to fund a consultation exercise with young people to understand the needs of non-engaged and engaged young people. The application for £6,000 was approved and consultation was carried out in August and September. The findings of the consultation will be considered at a future People Board and any recommendations will be considered by the Area Committee.
- 2.3 The People and Place boards in July discussed how successful the Walk and talk programme had been to-date and how moving forward each ward would be able to progress neighbourhood concerns promptly, by having an extension of the Walk and Talks budget per ward. The recommendation of £120,000 (£20,000 per ward) went to an Extra Ordinary Area Committee (via Email in July), this recommendation was approved.
- 2.4 The Place Board considered the priority of Play Areas and agreed to recommend to Area Committee £120,000 be approved to support the West Play Area Improvement Programme.
- 2.5 The Place Board are recommending to Area Committee to support a 3-day themed event in Barnes Park and are recommending an approval of £40,000
- 2.6 The People board are recommending to Area Committee the approval of £90,000 towards the priority of West Youth Activities. The People board will discuss the full evaluation and findings of the youth consultation and develop a Call For Projects at an extra ordinary People board in October with applications to be presented to a future Area Committee.
- 2.7 The People board are recommending to Area Committee that the call for projects for both the Public health funding and the CCG be developed and considered at a future People Board. Details in Item 3.
- 2.8 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval for the above project totals £250,000 if approved the balance of Neighbourhood Fund funding remaining for 2019/2020, would be £29,975.

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the Community Chest ward starting balances for 2019/2020.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April	Grant Returned	Balance
Barnes	£10,000	£1,400.00	£0	£8,600.00
Pallion	£10,000	£1,294.00	£0	£8,706.00
Sandhill	£10,000	£6,367.00	£0	£3,633.00
Silksworth	£10,000	£3,486.50	£0	£6,513.50
St Anne's	£10,000	£3,183.00	£0	£6,817.00
St Chad's	£10,000	£3,539.00	£0	£6,461.00
Total	£60,000	£19,269.50	£0	£40,730.50

4. Recommendations:

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 above.
- 4.2 Approve £120,000 funding towards the West Play Area Improvement Programme
- 4.3 Approve £40,000 funding towards the delivery of a 3-day event in Barnes Park during 2020.
- 4.4 Align £90,000 funding towards the priority of West Youth activities
- 4.5 Agree the development of a call for projects to support the West health outcomes detailed in Item 3
- 4.6 Note the 15 Community Chest approvals from 2019/2020 Community Chest as set out in **Item 6 Annex 1**.

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