

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 2017
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

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 SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in the report
- (b) Consider and approve the officer recommendation to reject the application for the Volunteer and Community Support Project and allow People Board to revisit and consider the project brief.
- (c) Consider and approve **£13,184** SIB 2017/18 Budget for the Time to Care
- (d) Consider and approve the return of **£25,000** SIB 2017/18 previously aligned to the Health and Heritage Project
- (e) Consider and approve **£68,000** SIB 2017/18 Budget for the Washington Events 2018 Programme
- (f) Consider and approve **£5,500** SIB 2017/18 Budget for the Washington Heritage Action Plan
- (g) Consider and approve **£10,000** SIB 2017/18 Budget to deliver the VCS Tall Ships Events and Activities Programme Small Grants Scheme
- (h) Note Community Chest balances as detailed in **Annex 5**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

16th November 2017

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF STRATEGY, PARTNERSHIPS and TRANSFORMATION DIRECTORATE
- Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for
further allocation of resources**

1. Purpose of Report

- 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 update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2017/2018:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB available at the beginning of municipal year 2017/2018 is £342,980. This includes new allocation of £287,261 plus unallocated funds £35,719 and £20,000 allocated to positive activities for children and young people. A further £80,000 aligned from 2016/17 budget but not approved.				
Project Name				
Opening balance 2017/18				£342,980
Crisis Support (previously aligned)		30,000		£342,980
Health and Heritage (previously aligned)		50,000		£342,980
Volunteer and Community Support Project			40,000	£302,980
Positive Activities for Young People			50,000	£252,980
Washington Recruitment Hub (CLLD collaboration)		100,000		£152,980
Washington Ward Improvement Project			50,000	£102,980
Washington Events 2018		60,000		£42,980
Tall Ships 2018 (Trainees)			7,500	£35,480
Tall Ships 2018 (VCS Events and Activities)		10,000		£25,480
Return to budget NIP £359				£25,839
Balance		250,000	147,500	£25,839

- 2.2 Area Committee is requested to note at this meeting **£250,000** remains aligned to

- Crisis support
- Developing a health and heritage project. Members are asked to note a request is included in this report to return £25,000 of the previously aligned £50,000 for the Health and Heritage Project.

- £100,000 is also aligned to developing a collaborative approach with local VCS organisations in readiness to apply for future CLLD Calls for Projects
- £60,000 to develop and deliver the Washington Events Programme for 2018.
- £10,000 for the Tall Ships 2018 Events and Activities Project

2.3 Members are therefore asked to note the available balance as detailed in the table above and in paragraphs 2.2.

3. **People based priorities**

3.1. Following discussions at the last People and Place Boards, Area Committee is requested to return £25,000 of the previously aligned £50,000 for the development of a Health and Heritage Project in conjunction with Public Health. Public Health has now confirmed the availability of £25,000 match funding to this project resulting in a total of £50,000 still available.

Should the Area Committee agree the above a balance of **£50,839** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

3.2 At the last People Board information was presented with regards to the SIB funded Time to Care Project, delivered by Washington MIND to help Washington young people aged 11 – 19 who self harm. The details of best practice and a rationale to extend the project is included under **Item 3 Annex 2 People Board Progress Report**.

Area Committee is therefore requested to consider the Washington People Board's recommendation that the Time to Care Project is extended to continue to deliver identified best practice and new milestones and outcomes. Area Committee is requested to approve an extension to the project and an additional SIB from the options presented above, subject to confirmation of match funding being achieved.

Should the Area Committee agree SIB funding of **£13,184** as detailed in Item 3 People Board report a balance of **£37,655** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

3.3 At the last Area Committee meeting Members approved the Project Brief and **£40,000** SIB 2017/18 for the Volunteer and Community Support Project.

The Call for Projects was released September 28th with a deadline for applications 16th October. 1 application was received. **Annex 1** provides the officer recommendation following assessment and consultation, based on required Project Outcomes being met in line with formal SIB procedures.

Within that context, Members are asked to consider the information and comments as presented in **Annex 1**, and agree the officer recommendation.

Members are asked to allow People Board to revisit the project brief in order to ensure the correct detail and outcomes are included. An amended Project Brief will be brought to the next Area Committee for approval.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£37,655** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

4. **Place based priorities**

4.1 At the last Area Committee it was agreed that Washington Area Committee would continue to support the development and delivery of the very successful Events Programmes and aligned **£60,000** to allow officers to develop a detailed Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Events Programme 2018.

Place Board considered the first draft of the Project Brief and requested additional funding of **£8,000** be sought to support the inclusion of the Springwell '40s' Event in the 2018 Programme and added to the overall budget available for this Call for Projects.

Members are requested to approve the Project brief and Call for Projects and approve **£68,000** SIB 2017/18 (£60,000 previously aligned) to deliver the Washington Events Programme 2018 as detailed in **Annex 2**.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£29,655** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

4.2 **Washington Heritage Action Plan**

Place Board requested that Officers met with the Washington Trust and develop a plan to deliver the proposed Heritage Action Plan for Washington.

Area Committee is asked to approve a Change of Project application as submitted by the Washington Trust and detailed in Annex 5. This application will take up a projected £4,500 underspend from the original allocation and requests an extension to the project and approval of an additional **£5,500** SIB 2017/18. This will make £10,000 available to the Trust to support the package of measures and new milestones and outcomes as identified in the action plan and application form attached as **Annex 3**.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£24,155** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

4.3 **Tall Ships 2018: Events and Cultural Programme:**

As part of the Tall Ships Programme there will be cultural events in the months leading up to the event and a programme of activity and entertainment throughout the 4 days of the event. At the last Area Committee meeting Members agreed to align **£10,000** to develop a locally led Events Programme for the Tall Ships 2018 Programme. It was proposed that the Washington VCS Area Network is consulted with regards to developing a programme and identifying how Washington organisations and groups can take part in and deliver a locally beneficial community events programme to contribute to the Tall Ships 2018 Entertainment and Cultural Programme.

The local VCS responded positively to proposals for a Small Grants scheme for activities and events to support and link to the Tall Ships Activities Programme. Members are requested to agree the attached Project Brief and Small Grants Scheme application form and guidance notes attached as **Annex 4**

Should Area Committee agree the above grants, a balance of **£24,155** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

4.4 **Area Committee is asked to note should all approvals be agreed as presented in this report, a balance of £24,155 remaining unallocated.**

5. **Community Chest**

The table below details the Community Chest Ward starting balances for 2017/2018.

Annex 5 shows approvals to the end of October 2017. Applications will have been considered by Panels after the end of October– verbal updates will be presented to Area Committee.

Ward	Starting Balance 2017/2018	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£10,000	£2,010	£0	£7,990
Washington East	£10,000	£2,666	£0	£7,334
Washington North	£10,000	£4,075	£0	£5,925
Washington South	£10,000	£727	£0	£9,273
Washington West	£10,000	£1,162	£0	£8,839
Total	£50,000	£10,640	£0	£39,360

6. **Recommendations:** Members are requested to:

6.1 **Note the financial statement set out in the report.**

- 6.2 Consider and approve the officer recommendation to reject the application for the Volunteer and Community Support Project and allow People Board to revisit and consider the project brief.
- 6.3 Consider and approve the return of **£25,000** SIB 2017/18 previously aligned to the Health and Heritage Project
- 6.4 Consider and approve **£13,184** SIB 2017/18 Budget to Washington MIND to extend the Time to Care Project
- 6.5 Consider and approve **£68,000** SIB 2017/18 Budget and the Project Brief for the Washington Events 2018 Programme as detailed in **Annex 2**
- 6.6 Consider and approve **£5,500** SIB 2017/18 Budget to the Washington Trust for the Washington Heritage Action Plan as detailed in **Annex 3**
- 6.7 Consider and approve **£10,000** SIB 2017/18 Budget to deliver the VCS Tall Ships Events and Activities Programme Small Grants Scheme and as detailed in **Annex 4**
- 6.8 Note the community chest balances as detailed in **Annex 5**

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Annex 1: Volunteer and Community Support Project Executive Summary SIB applications

Annex 2: Events 2018 Project Brief

Annex 3: Change of Project Request – Washington Heritage Strategy and Refresh: Washington Heritage Action Plan

Annex 4: Tall Ships 2018: VCS Events and Activities – Small Grants Scheme

Annex 5: Community Chest