

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 2016  
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):**

Head of Area Arrangements, Scrutiny and Member Support.

**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 **£25,320** for the Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities Project as detailed in **Annex 1**
- (c) Consider and approve the Project Brief and **£100,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the VCS Healthy Communities Project as detailed in **Annex 2**
- (d) Note the Go Washington awards as detailed in Paragraph 3.3
- (e) Consider and approve **£85,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the Washington Clean and Green Project as detailed in **Annex 3**
- (f) Consider and approve **£60,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the Washington Events Programme 2017/18 as detailed in **Annex 4**
- (g) Note the approvals of Community Chest 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:

15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF AREA ARRANGEMENTS, SCRUTINY AND MEMBER SUPPORT SERVICE - 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 2016/2017:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
<b>Total SIB available at the beginning of municipal year 2016/2017 is £299,476. This includes new allocation of £287,261 plus unallocated funds £12,214. A further £195,000 is aligned from 2015/16 budget but not approved.</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>				
Opening balance 2016/17				<b>£299,476</b>
Time to Care (June 2016) (previously aligned)			50,000	<b>£299,476</b>
RETURN Washington Way			30,563	<b>£330,039</b>
RETURN Industrial Estates			35,000	<b>£365,039</b>
GO Washington			2,000	<b>£363,039</b>
Health & Green spaces		28,563		<b>£334,476</b>
Washington Heritage			30,000	<b>£334,476</b>
Skills and Enterprise			15,000	<b>£334,476</b>
RETURN Equipment Bank			25,000	<b>£359,476</b>
Support for Friends Groups			25,000	<b>£334,476</b>
Clean & Green Education and Awareness Project			10,000	<b>£324,476</b>
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£324,476</b>

- 2.2 Area Committee is requested to note that in addition to the balance above, funding of £40,000 remains aligned to financial inclusion

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

### **3. People based priorities**

- 3.1 Following a Call for Projects for the Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities Project, 2 applications were received. **Annex 1** provides the executive summary of the applications, together with results of SIB scoring and assessment, consultation comments and officer recommendation 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 and approve the award of SIB funding (previously aligned) of **£25,320** to the Washington Healthy Places Healthy People Project as proposed by Groundwork NE.

Should Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£324,476** remains available (SIB 2016/17)

- 3.2 Following the last Area Committee meeting, officers were requested to discuss with partners options to deliver a VCS led Healthy Communities proposal which was included in the People Board Progress Report October 2016. A detailed proposal was presented to the last People Board along with evidence of need for a project to address health inequalities in Washington's most deprived neighbourhoods. This proposal will address the Area Committee's Health and Well Being priority and in particular deliver support and services for over 50's and embed joint working to address the health needs of the aging population. The Board also requested that a targeted approach with regards to the application be implemented.

The Board proposes a budget of £100,000, £50,000 per year for 2 years, with a mid-term/interim evaluation implemented to identify best practice and inform a Forward Strategy to sustain the work.

Members are requested to agree the Project Brief and approve SIB funding of £100,000 as detailed in **Annex 2** and that a targeted approach be adopted. Should the Committee agree this methodology it is anticipated a full application from the Washington Trust on behalf of local partners will be presented to the March 2017 Area Committee for a decision.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£224,476** remains available (SIB 2016/17).

### **4. Place based priorities**

- 4.1 **Washington Clean and Green:** Following the last Area Committee which agreed the Project Brief and SIB funding for the Washington Clean and Green Project, a Call for Projects was released with 1 application received. The Call for Project had specifically asked that a collaboration of local partners be developed and that approach is evidenced in the application as presented in **Annex 3**, which provides the executive summary and the officer recommendation, based on SIB consultation and assessments procedures.

Within that context, Members are asked to consider the information and comments as presented in **Annex 3**, and agree the award of SIB funding of **£85,000** to the Washington Clean and Green Project as proposed and led by SNCBC on behalf of a local partnership approach.

Should Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£139,476** remains available (SIB 2016/17)

- 4.2 **Washington Events 2017/18:** Following a Call for Projects for the Washington Events Programme 2017 1 application was received. **Annex 4** provides the executive summary of the application and the officer recommendation, based on SIB consultation and assessments procedures.

Within that context, Members are asked to consider the information and comments as

presented in **Annex 4**, and agree the award of SIB funding of **£60,000** to the Washington Events Programme 2017 as proposed and led by SNCBC

Should Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£79,476** remains available (SIB 2016/17)

- 4.3 Members are asked to note that in addition to the balance outlined in paragraph 4.2, £40,000 remains aligned to Financial Inclusion. Proposals for this funding will be considered at the next People Board in January 2017.
- 4.4 In addition, if recommendations as detailed in this report are agreed a further £3,243 will be returned to the budget resulting in a balance of **£83,719** available (SIB 2016/17)

## 5. Community Chest

The table below details the Community Chest Ward starting balances for 2016/2017.

**Annex 5** shows the approvals supported to November 2016.

Ward	Starting Balance 2016/2017	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£16,963	£5,561	£0	£11,402
Washington East	£14,178	£2,421	£0	£11,757
Washington North	£12,881	£5,251	£0	£7,630
Washington South	£19,773	£1,894	£0	£17,879
Washington West	£16,664	£201	£0	£16,463
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,459</b>	<b>£15,328</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£65,131</b>

6. **Recommendations:** Members are requested to:
- 6.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report.
- 6.2 Consider and approve **£25,320** for the Healthy Places Healthy People Project as detailed in **Annex 1**
- 6.3 Consider and approve the Project Brief and **£100,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the VCS Healthy Communities Project as detailed in **Annex 2**
- 6.4 Consider and approve **£85,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the Washington Clean and Green Project as detailed in **Annex 3**
- 6.5 Consider and approve **£60,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the Washington Events Programme 2017/18 as detailed in **Annex 4**
- 6.6 Note the community chest approvals as detailed in **Annex 5**

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**Annex 1:** Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities Executive Summary

**Annex 2:** VCS Healthy Communities Project Brief

**Annex 3:** Washington Clean and Green Executive Summary

**Annex 4:** Washington Events Programme 2017 Executive Summary

**Annex 5:** Community Chest