

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 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):**

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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 agree **£97,000** SIB 2016/17 Budget (approved at December 2016 AC) to the Washington Millennium Centre for the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project
- (c) Consider and approve **£10,000** SIB 2016/17 Budget to Community Partnerships service to develop the Washington Support Partnership
- (d) Consider and approve **£25,320** SIB 2016/17 Budget for the Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities Project
- (e) Consider and agree to align **£50,000** to develop a joint approach with Public Health to develop a Washington Health and Heritage Project
- (f) Note the approvals of Community Chest detailed in **Annex 3**.

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:

16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**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>
Washington Clean and Green			85,000	<b>£239,476</b>
Washington Events 2017			60,000	<b>£179,476</b>
VCS Community Health			100,000	<b>£79,476</b>
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£79,476</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/crisis support which was considered at the February Board.

- 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 the last Area Committee meeting, officers requested the submission of an SIB application for a VCS led 'Healthy Communities' Project from Washington Millennium Centre. £100,000 was approved at the December Area Committee for that application and the submission has now been out to consultation and assessed under SIB processes and procedures. The Executive Summary is attached as **Annex 1** and Members are asked to consider the information and comments as presented and agree and approve the award of SIB funding (previously approved) of **£97,000** to the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project as proposed by Washington Millennium Centre

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£82,476** remains available (SIB 2016/17).

- 3.3 At the last People Board Officers presented detailed information with regards to identifying the need for a more targeted approach to help local people overcome the challenges and disadvantages that shape their lives. The Board requested this information to better understand the needs of those in our local community who are in crisis. That information is presented in more detail in the People Board Progress Report Item 4.

Members are requested to approve **£10,000** of the £40,000 SIB (previously aligned) to allow officers in the Community Partnerships Service (internal application) to establish and develop a Washington Support Partnership – a network of partners who will deliver a range of 'crisis support' to come together and commit to a joined up approach to supporting Washington residents in crisis, and to develop an action plan to be able to help those in immediate crisis through a 'small grants' pot. It is estimated this work will be delivered over a 6 – 12 month period. The remaining balance of £30,000 (previously aligned to Financial Inclusion) can be subject to a Call for Projects to develop a more long term needs based approach.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£82,476** remains available (SIB 2016/17). In addition £30,000 remains aligned to further develop 'Crisis Support' work.

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

- 4.1 Following a Call for Projects for the Healthy Spaces Healthy People Project, 2 applications were received and considered at the last Area Committee. Members requested that the Healthy Places Healthy People application from Groundwork NE be deferred to the Place Board for further consideration and clarification of issues. As detailed in the Place Board Progress Report Item 5, this application was considered and is now recommended for approval, subject to additional terms and conditions as detailed in **Annex 2**.

If recommendations as detailed in this report are agreed a further £3,243 will be returned to the budget (previously aligned to Health and Green Spaces).

Within that context, Members are asked to consider the information and comments as presented in **Annex 2**, 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 **£85,719** remains available (SIB 2016/17)

### **4.2 Heritage and Health**

Following discussions at both People and Place Boards, Members are asked to agree £50,000 SIB be aligned to develop the Washington Health & Heritage Project as detailed in the Place Board Progress Report Item 5.

Aligning this level of funding will allow Officers to develop a joined up approach with Public Health to research and develop the potential for a project which will use heritage to improve health and well-being. The proposed outcomes are for community based projects that foster positive relationships, connect communities and heritage, improve health and well-being as well as provide accurate 'people based' information that can evidence and inform health related policy for future working.

Should Area Committee agree the above approach, a balance of **£35,719** remains available (SIB 2016/17)

## 5. Community Chest

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

**Annex 3** shows the approvals supported to February 2017.

Ward	Starting Balance 2016/2017	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£16,963	£5,681	£0	£11,282
Washington East	£14,178	£2,635	£0	£11,543
Washington North	£12,881	£6,061	£500	£7,320
Washington South	£19,773	£2,405	£0	£17,368
Washington West	£16,664	£7,129	£0	£9,535
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,459</b>	<b>£23,911</b>	<b>£500</b>	<b>£57,048</b>

## 6. Recommendations: Members are requested to:

- 6.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report.
- 6.2 Consider and approve the award of **£97,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget **to the Washington Millennium Centre** for the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project as detailed in **Annex 1**
- 6.3 Consider and approve **£10,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the development of the Washington Support Partnership (Crisis Support) and Small Grants Scheme (under SIB procedures) as detailed under **Item 4**
- 6.4 Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** from the SIB 2016/17 budget for the Washington Health and Heritage Project
- 6.5 Consider and approve **£25,320** for the Healthy Places Healthy People Project as detailed in **Annex 2**
- 6.6 Note the community chest approvals as detailed in **Annex 3**

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**Annex 1:** Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project Executive Summary

**Annex 2:** Healthy Spaces Healthy Communities Executive Summary

**Annex 3:** Community Chest