

West Sunderland Area Committee

6th January, 2010

Report of Chief Executive

Financial Statements and Funding Request

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report outlines current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest and applications for funding from these budgets in order to support new initiatives, which will benefit the area and the delivery of the Local Area Plans.

2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 10 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest, as detailed in Annex 1.
- 2.2 The Committee is requested to consider two projects for support from the 2009/10 SIB allocation, as below and detailed in Annex 2.

Recommend Approval

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| • Miners' Memorial (SCC) | £5,000 |
| • Seaburn Public Realm (SCC) | £10,000 |

Recommend Deferral

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| • Community Leaders of the Future (Education Business Connections) | £11,543 |
| • Green Team (Groundwork) | £53,825 |

Recommend Rejection

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| • Kool Kids (Sunderland Dance) | £11,645 |
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- 2.3 Note the financial statement for 2009/10 in Annex 3.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Council has reduced the number of areas across the City from six to five. This has resulted in a new calculation of SIB funding to be awarded to the Sunderland West Area Committee of £331,887 to be allocated up until March 2010. All allocations of funding should be matched against the criteria outlined in delivering the key priorities of the area, identified within the Local Area Plan (LAP).
- 3.2 SIP was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was an additional one-off allocation of £1.426m to Area Committees. The amount allocated to each Area Committee was the same as SIB allocation for 2008-09. This equates to £233,230.
- 3.3 The Committee will be aware that the Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2009/2010, £10,000 for each Ward, plus any unclaimed allocations identified from previous years.

4.0 Current Position SIB

- 4.1 Following the November 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £314,814 remained to be allocated from 2009/10 years budget.
- 4.2 There are two projects recommended for approval requesting £15,000. Should Committee approve this the remaining balance would be £299,814.
- 4.3 Members should note that any uncommitted expenditure from this financial year will be carried forward to the following year's budget.

5.0 Current position SIP

- 5.1 The full amount of £233,230 remains to be allocated.

6.0 Current Position Community Chest

- 6.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Barnes	£6691
Pallion	£1870
Sandhill	£9124
Silksworth	£7745
St. Anne's	£7820
St. Chad's	£8667

- 6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Barnes	£356
Pallion	£0000
Sandhill	£0000
Silksworth	£600
St. Anne's	£0000
St. Chad's	£2706

- 6.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances, including the unclaimed allocations identified from previous years, would be:

Barnes	£3153
Pallion	£15471
Sandhill	£12166
Silksworth	£3505
St. Anne's	£6900
St. Chad's	£0000

7.0 Reasons for the Decision

- 7.1 SIB and SIP was established to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan, and to attract other funding into the area. Applications for SIB/SIP funding should demonstrate the potential benefits to local communities the proposed project would bring, and subsequently be able to provide evidence and statistics that can illustrate these benefits.
- 7.2 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, provide genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

8.0 Alternative Options

- 8.1 Each project is required to indicate what alternative options they have considered during the application business process.

9.0 Relevant Consultations

9.1 Financial Implications

The Director of Financial Resources has been consulted on this report and all costs associated with developing SIB, SIP and Community Chest applications.

9.2 Implications for Other Services

Each project is required to indicate what implications there may be for other services in the application business process.

9.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate what consultation it has undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in during the application business process. Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Local Area Plans and bids support these identified priorities.

9.4 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Councils Race Equality Scheme.

Each project is required to indicate whether it has an equal opportunities policy, or what measures it employs to address equal opportunity issues, during the application process.

9.5 Public Relations and Publicity

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote funding awarded from Area Committee.

9.6 Councillors

Members have been consulted on all applications for SIB, SIP and Community Chest support and the implementation of the review.

10.0 List of Appendices

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| 10.1 | Annex 1 | Community Chest: Proposed projects for approval |
| 10.2 | Annex 2 | SIB: Application summaries |
| 10.3 | Annex 3 | Financial statement |

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms;
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 10th December, 2009;
- Reports to previous Area Committees;
- Sunderland West Local Area Plan;
- SIB applications, appraisals and consultation.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

**Recommended Grant
subject to final estimates,
invoices, up to:**

BARNES WARD

Mowbray Park Bowling Club – Purchase of uniforms.	156
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Sunderland Men's Probus Club – Contribution towards social activities, trips etc.,	200
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Total	356
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SILKSWORTH WARD

Churches Together – Contribution towards production of carol service C.D etc.,	600
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Total	600
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ST. CHAD'S WARD

Jubilee Watercolours – Purchase of art materials.	100
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Sunderland Diabetic Support Group – Contribution towards room hire, printing, stationery, laptop etc.,	100
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Ravens Ski Club – Contribution towards training software, tutors, shelter, etc.,	750
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Altringham Tower Friendly Club – Contribution towards social activities, trips, refreshments etc.,	350
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The Box Youth Project – Purchase of equipment, craft materials etc.,	1000
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East Herrington Townswomen's Guild – Contribution towards speakers, demonstrators etc.,	300
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Sunderland & District Table Tennis Club – Contribution towards centenary celebrations, purchase of equipment etc.,	106
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Total	2706
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Total of Projects	3662
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