

10th April 2014**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources****1. 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 up date 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 2014/2015:

| | Committee Date | Allocated (not yet assessed) | Approvals | Balance |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £303,806 | | | | |
| | | | | £306,507 |
| Project Name | | | | |
| No projects approved to date within this financial year | | | | £ |
| Balance | | | | 306,507 |

2.2 There are 2 applications for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as detailed at **Annex 1**

2.3 The total budget being requested from the projects listed is **£81,850**. Should the projects be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining following allocation would be **£224,657**

2.4 Call for Projects Washington Events 2014: Following a Call for Projects to allocate **£20,000** (approved January 2014 Area Committee) for 2 key Washington Events, 1 application for each event has been received as detailed in **Annex 2**.

2.5 The following applications have been received:

1. Washington Illuminations – Sunderland Live £10,000
2. Washington Village Christmas Festival – Sunderland Live £10,000

2.6 Members are requested to approve the above awards.

2.7 Members are also asked to note the approvals for Round 1 of the Washington 50 Community Programme (Call for Projects) as detailed in **Annex 3**

2.8 Members are asked to note the Washington Heritage Festival SIB application has now been assessed and consultations are complete. £30,000 SIB from the 2013/14 budget was approved at the January Area Committee subject to appraisal, assessment and consultation.

3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2014/2015. **Annex 4** shows the approvals between January to March 2014

| Ward | Start Balance for 2014/2015 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Washington Central | £11,002.60 |
| Washington East | £10,853.10 |
| Washington North | £10,000.00 |
| Washington South | £10,969.60 |
| Washington West | £15,369.60 |
| Total | £58,194.90 |

4. Recommendations

The Area Committee is requested to

4.1 Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report

4.2 Consider the approval of SIB Application as detailed in **Annex 1**:

1. Washington Health Champions Dementia Awareness **£7,000**

4.3 Consider the deferral of SIB application as detailed in **Annex 1**

1. Washington VCS Support Project **£74,850**

4.4 Consider the of 2 x SIB applications for the Washington Events 2014 (Call for Projects) **as detailed in Annex 2**

1. Washington Illuminations – Sunderland Live **£10,000**

2. Washington Village Christmas Festival – Sunderland Live **£10,000**

4.6 Note the allocation of **£13,894** SIB (2013/14 budget Call for Projects) to support Round 1 applications for the Washington 50 Community Programme as detailed in **Annex 3**

4.7 Note the 11 Community Chest approvals supported from 2013/2014 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 4**

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