

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
3 MARCH 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 approve **£40,000** (CCG funding £20,000 and SIB £20,000 2015/16) to Washington MIND to deliver the Home from Hospital Project.
- (c) Consider and approve **£35,000** SIB 2015/16 to the Washington Trust to deliver the Support for the VCS Project
- (d) Consider and approve **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 to Sunderland North Community Business Centre to deliver the Washington Events Programme 2016
- (e) Note the 14 approvals of Community Chest detailed within.

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:

3rd MARCH 2016**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS - 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 2015/2016:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB available for 2015/2016 is £329,283.65 This includes new allocation of £287,261 plus unallocated funds and aligned funds from the 2014/15 budget.				
				£329,283.65
Project Name				
Health Priorities Project – matched to CCG £20,000	05.03.2015	£20,000		£309,283.65
Employability Support	09.12.2014	£20,000		£289,283.65
RETURN Washington 50 St Joseph's School £100				£289,383.65
RETURN Local Approach to Employment and Enterprise, Retail Support £3,935.85				£293,319.50
Holiday Hunger Scheme Pilot	Emergency Delegated		£5,000	£288,319.50
Washington Christmas Event	Emergency Delegated		£10,000	£278,319.50
Health and Family Support Project- Self Harm		£50,000		£228,319.50
Can Do Project			£20,000	£208,319.50
Washington Financial Inclusion Project		£40,000		£168,319.50
RETURN Employability Support Services £20,000				£188,319.50
Heritage and Culture Offer		£30,000		£158,319.50
Business Watch Scheme		£10,000		£148,319.50
Washington Events Programme		£50,000		£98,319.50
RETURN Dementia Modules £7,000				£105,319.50

RETURN Holiday Hunger £3,394				£108,713.50
Community Inclusion and Support for the VCS		£35,000		£73,713.50
Washington Skills Conference/ Work Discovery event		£15,000		£58,713.50
Maximising Green and Open Spaces -Local equipment bank		£25,000		£33,713.50
Business Watch Scheme - Derelict industrial estates		£25,000		£8,713.50
RETURN Local Employment and Enterprise (Marketing) £3,501				£12,214.50
Balance				£12,214.50

2.2 Members are asked to note the balance of **£12,214.50** this includes returns to the budget as detailed in the table above in 2.1.

3. People based priorities

3.1 **SIB Call for Projects - Home from Hospital Project:** Following the December Area Committee a Call for Projects invited applications to SIB to deliver the Home from Hospital Project. Area Committee aligned £20,000 SIB 2015/16 to match £20,000 from the CCG resulting in £40,000 being available for this project.

3.1.1. All applications were requested to ensure project proposals achieved the following

- Reduced Accident and Emergency attendance and enable timely discharge from hospital
- Supported people to self-care and provide care closer to home
- Deliver a local scheme to help improve the wellbeing of older people
- Engage the target group in activities and services to improve their wellbeing.
- Increase social interaction
- Increase awareness of support available
- Provide a level of support, services and activities to help older people live more independently following a stay in hospital
- Show how the project will link to the work of the integrated teams in Washington and the Recovery at Home service
- Area Committee was very keen to encourage a collaborative bid and only those applications that include a partnership approach to delivery with the local VCS will be able to apply for more than £10,000. Applications primarily led by one organisation delivering the activities and services can only apply for up to £10,000.

3.1.2 Using SIB governance and protocols, the deadline for applications was 22nd January 2016. Three applications were received.

3.1.3 **Annex 1** provides the standard executive summary of all applications received for this Call for Projects. Those applications have been subject to an independent assessment using the SIB Scoring Matrix and consultation based on standard SIB consultation with Members and relevant partners.

3.1.4 Within that context, Members are asked to consider the information and comments for those 3 applications as presented in **Annex 1**, and agree the allocation of SIB funding of **£40,000** from the 2015/16 budget to the **Home from Hospital application** as proposed by Washington MIND (Collaborative bid).

3.2 **SIB application for Support for VCS:** The December Area Committee meeting agreed a targeted approach to continue to provide support for the local VCS. Washington Trust was

invited to submit an application to SIB 2015/16 to continue to deliver this initiative. Area Committee aligned £35,000 SIB 2015/16 for this project.

3.2.1. The application was requested to ensure project proposals achieved the following

- How the project supports the Council's journey with regards to partners doing more.
- How it will build on and continue to deliver support to groups both informal and formal.
- How it will build further ties to the Washington Area Network's aspirations re the mentoring/peer support by larger organisations for smaller informal groups.
- How it can facilitate further funding opportunities re delivering the Area Committee's priorities – in particular how the project can help to deliver elements of other Area Committee funded initiatives and proposals to bring additionality and value for money to Area Committee work.
- How it will grow the volunteering aspects of the previous programmes – including developing 'corporate giving and volunteering' in Washington
- How it will access other funding to present a sustainable approach for the VCS

3.2.2 **Annex 2** provides the standard executive summary of the application which has been subject to standard SIB consultation with Members and relevant partners.

3.2.3 Within that context, Members are asked to consider the information and comments for the application as presented in **Annex 2** and agree the allocation of SIB funding of **£35,000** from the 2015/16 budget to the Support for the VCS Project as proposed by the Washington Trust.

4. Place based priorities

4.1 **SIB Call for Projects – Washington Events Programme 2016:** Following the December Area Committee a Call for Projects invited applications to SIB to deliver the Washington Events Programme 2016. Area Committee aligned £50,000 SIB 2015/16 for this project.

4.1.1. All applications were requested to ensure project proposals achieved the following

- Identified responsibility and methodology for the co-ordination and management of the events included in the proposed schedule with proposed dates and venues for each event.
- Identified all infrastructure required for the events.
- Develop and co-ordinate community programmes, contribution or activity including how they would manage and co-ordinate specific steering groups and organisations for individual events. The application should also include how it will develop the community participation and partnership approach for each event, utilising local community resources where appropriate.
- Identify how they will liaise and consult with the Area Committee Place Board particular with reference to the Place Board having responsibility for providing advice and guidance with regards to new additional sources of funding, and that any Council with regard to reputation, procurement policy and procedures, corporate identity and appropriate advertising content.
- Identify how they will develop all relevant Events Management Plans, a Communications Plan, and Promotion and Marketing Plan.
- Pilot a 'business approach model' raising additional resources for the programme.

4.1.2 Using SIB governance and protocols, the deadline for applications was 5th February 2016. Three applications were received, one of which was ineligible for grant being a commercial business.

4.1.3 **Annex 3** provides the standard executive summary of the two eligible applications received for this Call for Projects. Those applications have been subject to an independent assessment using the SIB Scoring Matrix and consultation based on standard SIB consultation with Members and relevant partners.

4.1.4 Within that context, Members are asked to consider the information and comments for the 2 applications as presented in **Annex 3**, and agree the allocation of SIB funding of **£50,000** from the 2015/16 budget to the Washington Events Programme 2016 proposed by Sunderland North Community Business Centre.

5. **Community Chest**

The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances as at end of February 2016.

Annex 4 shows the approvals **December 2015 to February 2016**

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£11,597.89	£4,497.60	£60.00	£7,160.29
Washington East	£12,664.39	£3,319.60	£60.00	£9,404.79
Washington North	£10,568.62	£5,722.60	£60.00	£4,906.02
Washington South	£13,469.65	£8,016.60	£4,320.00	£9,773.05
Washington West	£15,355.72	£8,751.67	£60.00	£6,664.05
Total	£63,656.27	£30,308.07	£4,560.00	£37,908.20

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

- 6.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report.
- 6.2 Consider and approve **£20,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Home from Hospital Project (matched to £20,000 CCG funding) as detailed in paragraph 3.1 and **Annex 1** attached.
- 6.3 Consider and approve **£35,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Support for the VCS Project as detailed in paragraph 3.2 and **Annex 2** attached.
- 6.4 Consider and approve **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Washington Events Programme 2016 as detailed in paragraph 4.1 and **Annex 3** attached.
- 6.5 Note the **14** approvals of Community Chest detailed within.

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Annex 1: Home for Hospital Executive Summary.

Annex 2: Support for the VCS Executive Summary.

Annex 3: Washington Events Programme 2016 Executive Summary.

Annex 4: Community Chest awards – for information only.