

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
5th November 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Financial Statements and Funding Request

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of a proposal for the allocation of Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2009/10 budget:

- i) approve the 15 proposals for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1
- ii) approve £11,880 from the 2009/10 SIB budget and a further £11,880 from the 2010/11 SIB budget, subject to Washington Area Committee approving second year of funding in 2010/2011, for Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue to deliver the Phoenix Project.
- iii) approve £2,445 from the 2009/10 Washington West SIP allocation for Sunderland City Council to deliver a drop kerbed scheme at Blue House Lane

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? **Yes**

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

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. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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. SIP can only be used to deliver capital projects, deliver key priorities identified in the LAP with its main purpose to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?

No

Relevant Review Committee:

Regeneration Review Committee
Management Scrutiny Committee

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

No