

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
18th March 2020
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Neighbourhood Fund (formerly 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 Neighbourhood Fund (formerly SIB), and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1.
- (b) Approve the £8,967 balance of Neighbourhood Fund from the 'Get a better job' project for Pallion Action Group to deliver the remainder of the project
Section 2.2. and Annex 1
- (c) Approve the alignment of £12,957 to Pennywell Youth Project subject to full application, consultation and CLLD approval **Section 2.3**
- (d) Approve the alignment of £24,975 for the West CLLD Support Programme and release a call for projects for this opportunity **Section 2.4**
- (e) Note the 18 Community Chest approvals supported from 2019/2020, as detailed **Section 3.**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £431,887 for 2019/2020 from the Neighbourhood Fund (formally Strategic Initiatives Budget) to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and 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

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

18th March 2020**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE****Neighbourhood Fund (formally 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 Neighbourhood Fund (formerly SIB) and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Neighbourhood Fund for 2019/2020:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total Neighbourhood Fund for 2018/2019 is £431,887 plus £25,000 from Public Health, plus £40,000 CCG, plus £20,000 from Children's Services for Youth activities – total allocation is therefore £516,887				
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Project Name				
Match funding for Public Health Grant in addition to £7,088 match funding secured from 2018/2019 Neighbourhood Fund allocation	01.04.19	-	£17,912	
Public Health Grant to support West health priorities	01.04.19	£25,000	-	
CCG Health Grant to support West health priorities	01.04.19	£40,000	-	
Youth Activities and Holiday Hunger	24.04.19	-	£28,000	
Youth Provision Consultation	22.7.19	-	£6,000	
West Walk and Talk	24.09.19	-	£120,000	
West Play Improvement Plan	26.09.19	-	£120,000	

West Event 2020	26.09.19	-	£40,000	
West Youth Activities	26.09.19	-	£90,000	
Safety Works Transport	11.12.19	-	£5,000	
Balance				£24,975

- 2.2 The People board discussed the success to date with the 'Get a better job' initiative. The People Board agreed to the call for project brief, have considered the application received and are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve that the £8,967 remaining balance from this project be awarded to Pallion Action Group to promote and manage the remaining term of the project. **Annex 1**
- 2.3 Following an update on the CLLD projects, the People Board invited Pennywell Youth Project to submit an expression of interest to extend the Community Champion pilot project. The Board are recommending to Area Committee to align the remaining £12,957 budget from the West CLLD Support Programme (approved in March 2018) to the Pennywell Youth Project subject to full application, consultation and CLLD approval. The full application will be brought to June Area Committee for consideration.
- 2.4 At the West People Board in January, members agreed to recommend to Area Committee the alignment of a further £24,975 Neighbourhood Funding, to ensure additional match-funding is in place, to support West projects who wish to deliver CLLD activities, but who are unable to secure match-funding from other sources
- 2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund requested for the above projects totals £24,975 if approved the balance of Neighbourhood Fund funding remaining for 2019/2020, would be **Nil**.

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2019/2020. **Annex 1** shows the approvals supported between November 2019 to March 2020.

Ward	Starting Balance	Approvals since April 2017	Grant Returned	Balance
Barnes	£10,000	£3,377.00	£0	£6,623.00
Pallion	£10,000	£9,999.10	£0	£0.90
Sandhill	£10,000	£10,000.00	£0	£0.00
Silksworth	£10,000	£7,931.96	£0	£2,068.04
St Anne's	£10,000	£7,745.50	£0	£2,254.50
St Chad's	£10,000	£6,447.94	£0	£3,552.06
Total	£60,000	£45,501.50	£0	£14,498.50

4. Recommendations:

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1.
- 4.2 Approve the £8,967 balance of Neighbourhood Fund from the 'Get a better job' project for Pallion Action Group to deliver the remainder of the project **Section 2.2. Annex 1**.

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- 4.5** Note the 18 Community Chest approvals supported from 2019/2020, as detailed **Section 3.1 Annex 2**

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