WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
15th October 2015
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 the alignment of **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 for the development of a collaborative and partnership approach for a Health and Family Support Project, for families of young people who self-harm
(c) Consider and agree the approval of **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Washington 'Can do' Project
(d) Consider and approve the alignment of **£40,000** SIB 2015/16 for the development of a Washington Financial Inclusion Project
(e) To agree to the return of £20,000 SIB aligned to develop Employability Support Services
(f) Consider and approve the alignment of **£30,000** SIB 2015/16 to support the local heritage and culture offer
(g) Consider and approve the alignment of **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 to develop a local business Watch scheme
(h) Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 to support the development of the Washington Events Programme 2016
(i) Note the 12 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:

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE **Item 5**

15th October 2015

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**
Balance				**£278,319.50**

2.2 Members are asked to note the balance of **£278,319.50.** This includes returns to the budget as detailed in the table above in 2.1.

3. People based priorities

3.1 Following the September People Board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 to develop the People based priority for Health and Well Being. Proposals for developing a collaborative and partnership approach for a Health and Family Support Project, for families of young people who self-harm as detailed in **Item 3** People Board Progress Report. All proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£228,319.50**

3.2 Following the September People board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to approve **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 to develop the People based priority to support Community Inclusion. Proposals for a Young Person's 'Can Do' Small Grants fund are set out in

detail in **Item 3**. All proposals and applications will be subjected to the SIB Smalls Grants protocol and Members are asked to approve the methodology outlined, i.e. People Board to award grants utilising the SIB Smalls Grants Procedures. If this request is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be collated would be **£218,319.50**

Members are also requested to approve the Call for Projects Project brief as outlined in **Annex 1** of this report and to identify any further targets, outcomes or objectives they would like to see included in the brief.

3.3 Following the September People Board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align SIB 2015/16 to develop the People based priority for Health and Well Being. Proposals for developing a Financial Inclusion Project as detailed in **Item 3** of the People Board Progress Report are presented to the Area Committee for consideration. All proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. Members are requested to align a budget of **£40,000** to develop this project. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£178,319.50**

3.4 Following the September People Board Area Committee is also asked to note the People Board recommendation as detailed in **Item 3** to return the aligned £20,000 SIB 2014/15 to the SIB budget. This funding had been identified to support the development of Employability Support Services via the VCS. The balance of SIB funding remaining would then be **£198,319.50**

4. Place based priorities

4.1 Following the September Place Board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align SIB 2015/16 to develop the Place based priority for Heritage and Culture. Washington Area Committee has for some time maintained 'Heritage and Culture' as a local priority, identifying and generating opportunities to use heritage and culture for a positive impact on the local community, to maximise the 'Washington Offer', and to generate and attract match funding to maximise potential.

Proposals to develop an approach to support the local offer are detailed under **Item 4** and are presented to the Area Committee for consideration. All project proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. Members are requested to align a budget of **£30,000** to develop this project. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£168,319.50**

4.2 Following the September Place Board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align SIB 2015/16 to develop the Place based priority for developing local industrial areas. Place board recommends the development of a local Business Watch scheme targeting the local industrial estates. The aim is to encourage a group of business' who work together with the Police and other agencies to make their area a safer place for all to work, live and visit.

Proposals to develop this approach are detailed under **Item 4** and are presented to the Area Committee for consideration. All project proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. Members are requested to align a budget of **£10,000** to develop this project. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£158,319.50**

4.3 Following the September Place board it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to align SIB 2015/16 to develop the Washington Events Programme for 2016. Aligning funding now will allow a more planned approach and will allow Area committee to consider and build on a 'business approach' to events to encourage additional resourcing. It will also allow identification of priority events at the beginning of the year and help confirm scheduling and programming.

Proposals are detailed under **Item 4** and are presented to the Area Committee for consideration. All project proposals will be subject to a Call for Projects and an Area Committee decision. Members are requested to align a budget of **£50,000** to develop this project. If this request for alignment of funds is approved the balance of SIB funding remaining to be allocated would be **£108,319.50**

Community Chest

The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances as at end of September 2015. **Annex 2** shows the approvals **June to September 2015**

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since June 2015	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£11,597.89	£547.00	£0.00	£10,250.89
Washington East	£12,664.39	£875.00	£0.00	£11,359.39
Washington North	£10,568.62	£1,524.00	£0.00	£9,044.62
Washington South	£13,469.65	£452.00	£0.00	£13,017.65
Washington West	£15,355.72	£420.00	£0.00	£14,720.72
Total	£63,656.27	**£3,818.00**	**£0.00**	**£58,393.27**

6. Recommendations: Members are requested to:

6.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report

6.2 Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 for the development of a collaborative and partnership approach for a Health and Family Support Project, for families of young people who self-harm as detailed in paragraph 3.1 above and in **Item 3 People Board Progress Report**

6.3 Consider and agree the approval of **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 for the Washington 'Can do' Project as detailed in this report and approve the Project Brief for the Washington 'Can Do' Project as outlined under **Annex 1.**

6.4 Consider and approve the alignment of **£40,000** SIB 2015/16 for the development of a Washington Financial Inclusion Project as detailed in paragraph 3.3 above and in **Item 3 People Board Progress Report**

6.5 To agree to the return of £20,000 SIB aligned to develop Employability Support Services

6.6 Consider and approve the alignment of **£30,000** SIB 2015/16 to support the local heritage and culture offer as detailed in paragraph 4.1 and in **Item 4 Place Board Progress Report**

6.7 Consider and approve the alignment of **£10,000** SIB 2015/16 to develop a local business Watch scheme as detailed in paragraph 4.2 and in **Item 4 Place Board Progress Report**

6.8 Consider and approve the alignment of **£50,000** SIB 2015/16 to support the development of the Washington Events Programme 2016 as detailed in paragraph 4.3 and in **Item 4 Place Board Progress Report**

6.9 Note the 12 approvals of Community Chest detailed within.

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Annex 1: Project Brief for Washington Young Peoples Can Do Fund
Annex 2: Community Chest awards – for information only