

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
7th June 2017
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 approve the following from the 2016/17 budget:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1.
- (b) Approve the West School Transition Project– enabling enterprise and supporting good mental health **Item 5 Annex 1**
- (c) Approve the West Holiday Hunger and Activities for Young People projects, as detailed **Item 5 Annex 2**
- (d) Approve the West Event for 2018 focusing on Tall Ships. **Item 5 Annex 3**
- (e) Approve the Six West Sail Trainee Ambassadors. **Item 5 Annex 3.**
- (f) Note the 3 Community Chest approvals supported from 2017/2018 Community Chest, as detailed **Item 5 Annex 4.**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £331,887 for 2017/2018 from the 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:

7th June 2017**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS****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 2017/2018:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2017/2018 is £331,887				
				£331,887
Project Name				
Activities for Young People	26.4.17		£60,000	£271,887
Balance				£271,887

- 2.2 The People Board in April and May made the following recommendations for SIB funding to Area Committee for their consideration.
- 2.3 The People Board received a proposal from West schools to deliver a School Transition Project – enabling enterprise and supporting good mental. The project would support young people in Year 6 with their transition into Year 7(senior school). The transition arrangements would ensure young people were not only supported to safeguard their mental health and wellbeing but also create an appetite with the young person to think about enterprise and other opportunities available to them, as they progress through their school journey to Year 11 and beyond. The People Board considered the report and is making a recommendation to fund the project with SIB to the value of £10,000. Item 5 Annex 1.
- 2.4 Following the approval of funding at the April Area Committee in relation to Activities for Young People and Holiday Hunger, A Call for projects was advertised and proposals were asked to:
- Design, develop and deliver activities in term-time, focusing on improving community cohesion and reducing anti-social behaviour
 - Design, develop and deliver a range of non-term time activities which include a meal, for all school age children under the theme ‘a day out not a hand out’ targeting families on low incomes where possible
 - Incorporate additional support over the Christmas period including hampers where appropriate

- Design, develop and deliver an exit strategy to support this work into future years.

Applications were received and considered by the People Board in May 2017, detail noted within Item 5 Annex 2.

- 2.5 The People Board are making the following recommendation to Area Committee:
- Barnes Ward - Recommend approval of the application received from Youth Almighty Project. Total Value £19,994
 - Pallion Ward- Recommend approval of the application received from Pallion Action Group in partnership with Parker and Lambton Street Youth Centre. Total Value £20,000
 - Sandhill Ward - Recommend approval of the application received from Grindon Young People's Centre in partnership with A690. Total Value £19,982
 - Sandhill Ward - Recommend reject of the application received from Keep Active. Total Value £6,200
 - Silksworth- Recommend approval of the application received from Youth Almighty Project. Total Value £19,989
 - St Anne's - Recommend approval of the application received from Pennywell Youth Project in partnership with Schools out fun club. Total Value £19,928
 - St Chad's - Recommend approval of the application received from Youth Almighty Project in partnership with The Box Youth Project. Total Value £19,992
- 2.6 The Place Board in April made the following recommendations for SIB funding to Area Committee for their consideration.
- 2.7 The Place Board received a report from the Head of Events regarding Tall Ships Races 2018 and how the West area can ensure their proactive involvement through the calendar of events for the Tall Ships year. The Tall Ships Races series is to provide an opportunity for young people to develop their personal skills in a challenging and memorable sail-training environment. As part of the contract with Sail Training International, Sunderland needs to provide opportunities for 100 sail trainees. To-date there are 70 opportunities still remaining. Each sail training voyage, which includes the berth on board a Tall Ship and travel, can be a life changing experience for some young people. The cost is £1,500 per Sail Trainee. The Place Board discussed the opportunity and is making a recommendation to fund six Sail Trainees (one per ward). Total value of SIB would therefore be £9,000. Item 5 Annex 3.
- 2.8 The Place Board went on to discuss the Tall Ships year and the Area Committee's commitment through its Place priorities to ensure that the communities within the West benefits from the event. Therefore following the success of previous events held within Barnes Park, the Place Board is making a recommendation to fund a further large-scale event in 2018, again for three days – first two days for schools and the third day being a family fun day. Total value of SIB would be £30,000 for a Tall Ships Event in 2018, which would be managed by the Area team in partnership with the West VCS Network. Item 5 Annex 3.
- 2.8 The total SIB budget requested for approval for the above project totals £49,000, if approved the balance of SIB funding remaining for 2017/2018, would be £212,887.

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the Community Chest ward starting balances for 2017/2018. **Item 5 Annex 4** indicates the approvals supported between April 2017 and May 2017.

Ward	Starting Balance	Approvals since April 2017	Grant Returned	Balance
Barnes	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
Pallion	£10,000	£377	£0	£9,623
Sandhill	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
Silksworth	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
St Anne's	£10,000	£500	£0	£9,500
St Chad's	£10,000	£340	£0	£9,660
Total	£60,000	£1,217	£0	£58,783

4. Recommendations:

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 above.
- 4.2 Approve the West School Transition Project– enabling enterprise and supporting good mental health **Item 5 Annex 1**
- 4.3 Approve the West Holiday Hunger and Activities for Young People projects, as detailed **Item 5 Annex 2**
- 4.4 Approve the West Event for 2018 focusing on Tall Ships. **Item 5 Annex 3**
- 4.5 Approve the Six West Sail Trainee Ambassadors. **Item 5 Annex 3**
- 4.6 Note the 3 Community Chest approvals supported from 2017/2018 Community Chest as set out in. **Item 5 Annex 4**

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