

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**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 **£25,000** SIB (2018/19) for the continuance of the Washington Healthy Lifestyles Project to the Washington Millennium Centre Development Trust.
- (c) Consider and approve Project Brief and Call for Projects and **£25,000** SIB (2018/19) for Positive Activities for Children and Young People Summer Programme 2019
- (d) Consider and approve **£5,000** SIB (2018/19) for the Community Vibe.
- (e) Consider and approve **£12,000** SIB (2018/19) to Place Services for the purchase of a Gator Utility vehicle
- (f) Consider and approve Project Brief and Call for Projects and **£50,000** SIB (2018/19) for Clean and Green 2019
- (g) Consider and approve Project Brief and Call for Projects and **£40,000** SIB (2018/19) for Events 2019 Programme
- (h) Note the Washington Ward Improvement balances as detailed in **Paragraph 5**
- (i) Note the community chest balances as detailed in Paragraph 6 and **Annex**

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:

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF STRATEGY, PARTNERSHIPS and TRANSFORMATION DIRECTORATE  
- 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 2018/2019:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
<b>Total SIB available at the beginning of municipal year 2018/2019 is £356,535. This includes new allocation of £287,261 plus 'returned to budget funds of £14,155 and £2,099. Also added to the balance is £28,020 allocated to Positive Activities for children and young people and £25,000 from Public Health for the Health &amp; Heritage Project.</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>				
				<b>£356,535</b>
Washington Healthy Lifestyles		£25,000		<b>£331,535</b>
Health and Heritage			£25,000	<b>£306,535</b>
WISP2 (Previously aligned)			£30,000	<b>£306,535</b>
Positive Activities			£50,000	<b>£256,535</b>
Washington Safe Partnership			£10,000	<b>£246,535</b>
Washington Safe		£40,000		<b>£206,535</b>
Fire Safety Education Project			£5,000	<b>£201,535</b>
Clean and Green		£50,000		<b>£151,535</b>
Usworth Park Management Plan			£20,000	<b>£131,535</b>
Washington Ward Improvement Project			£50,000	<b>£81,535</b>
Washington Events 2019		£40,000		<b>£41,535</b>
Return to budget Tall Ships	1,500			
Return to budget Events 17/18	2,372			
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£45,407</b>

- 2.2 Members are asked to note the available balance as detailed in the table above.

- 2.3 Members are also asked note a contribution to the SIB budget of £25,000 from Public Health which was approved as a match to the Health and Heritage Project approved at June Area Committee.

## 2. People based priorities

### Priority: Health and Well Being

- 3.1 Following a detailed report to People Board in September outlining the successful delivery, demand and over performance re initial targets, the Washington Millennium Centre Development Trust requested the Board to recommend the approval of £25,000 SIB previously aligned to extend the project for a further year. The WMC Trust will match fund up to £15,000 and continue to seek ways to fund the project beyond SIB funding or if that fails, mainstream some elements of the project into the centre offer. The application to change the project re project outcomes, outputs and milestones has been subject to SIB procedures re consultation and is presented to the Area Committee for approval under **Annex 1**.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£45,407** remains available (SIB 2018/19).

### Priority: Community Inclusion: Young People

- 3.2 The Positive Activities Programme for Children and Young People has once again successfully delivered an extensive programme in Washington over the summer holidays. Historically the project is not commissioned until the June Area Committee following confirmation of an 'area' contribution.

People Board is recommending the approval of **£25,000** SIB (2018/19) and the Project Brief and Call for Projects attached as **Annex 2** to allow the proactive and timely commissioning of this initiative - at least for the Summer Programme 2019. This gives the potential lead agents more time for planning and booking activities. The remainder of the proposed programme can then be commissioned (using the same Project Brief) following the confirmation of the 'area funding' at the June 2019 meeting.

Area Committee is therefore requested to agree this Call to develop positive activities programmes for Summer 2019 for age groups 8 – 10 and 11- 19 in each Ward, as detailed in the Project Brief and Call for Projects attached as **Item 5 Annex 2**.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£20,407** remains available (SIB 2018/19).

### 3.3 Community Vibe

Area Committee is requested to approve £5,000 to support the inclusion of area updates within the Sunderland Community Vibe, the first being delivered to households during November 2018.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£15,407** remains available (SIB 2018/19).

## 3. Place based priorities

### Priority: Environment and Green Space

- 4.1 September Place Board discussed the purchase of a Gator Utility vehicle to assist the Area Teams in servicing hard to reach litter and dog bins across Washington. The application has been subject to SIB procedures re consultation and is presented to the Area Committee for approval under **Annex 1**. Area committee is requested to approve **£12,000** SIB (2018/19) to purchase a Gator Utility vehicle for use across Washington.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£3,407** remains available (SIB 2018/19).

- 4.2 After receiving detailed reports and performance data with regard to the Washington Clean and Green Project (Plantations and Community Clean Ups) June Area Committee aligned **£50,000** SIB with a view to consider an extension to this current work stream. Following an evaluation of what's worked well/best practice the Board recommends Clean and Green (Plantations and

Community Clean Ups) continues post March 2019. Members are asked to consider the Project Brief and Call for Projects for Phase 2 attached as **Annex 3**. Members are asked to note the proposed timeline with regards to this Call for Projects.

Should the Area Committee agree this, a balance of **£3,407** remains available (SIB 2018/19).

- 4.3 June Area Committee agreed a reduced SIB budget of £40,000 for the 2019 Programme. Place Board and the Events Sub Group have considered lots of information re costs and format of previous programmes and recommended a further meeting to determine preferred option for the 2019 Programme. That meeting took place on October 9th

Place Board recommends Area Committee approve previously aligned **£40,000** SIB (2018/19) for the proposed Events 2019 Programme and Members are asked to approve the Project Brief and Call for Projects attached as **Annex 4**.

Should the Area Committee agree this, a balance of **£3,407 SIB (2018/19)** remains unallocated.

- 4.4 Area Committee is asked to note should all approvals be agreed as presented in this report the following budget remains **aligned and not approved**:

1. Washington Safe £40,000 (People)

As work continues to develop this projects as detailed in the report, members are asked to note should evidence not be available to support the proposals then these funds would be returned to the SIB budget at the March 2019 Area Committee. Officers will continue to report progress via the appropriate boards.

## 5. Washington Ward Improvement Project

The table below details the Washington Ward Improvement Balances to date:

Ward	Allocation approved	Project spend	Balance
Washington Central	£20,000	£4,366	£15,634
Washington East	£20,000	£5,105	£14,895
Washington North	£20,000	£7,101	£12,899
Washington South	£20,000	£7,809	£12,191
Washington West	£20,000	£2,068	£17,932
<b>Total</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£26,449</b>	<b>£73,551</b>

## 6. Community Chest

The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances for 2018/2019.

**Annex 5** shows approvals to the end of October 2018.

Ward	Starting Balance 2018/2019	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£10,000	£1,014	£0	£8,986
Washington East	£10,000	£7,897	£1,000	£3,103
Washington North	£10,000	£2,800	£0	£7,200
Washington South	£10,000	£1,500	£0	£8,500
Washington West	£10,000	£2,967	£0	£7,033
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,000</b>		<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£34,822</b>

## 6. Recommendations: Members are requested to:

6.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report under paragraphs 2.1.

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- 6.10 Note the community chest balances as detailed in Paragraph 6 and **Annex 5**

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**Annex 1:** SIB Applications (2)

**Annex 2:** Project Brief and Call for Projects for Positive Activities Children and Young People Summer 2019

**Annex 3:** Project Brief and Call for Projects for Clean and Green Project 2019

**Annex 4:** Project Brief and Call for Projects for Events Programme 2019

**Annex 5:** Community Chest 2018/19