

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
14th 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):

Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships

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 2018/19 budget:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1.
- (b) Approve £5,000 to support the inclusion of area updates within the Sunderland Community Vibe Magazine **Item 7**
- (c) Approve £5,000 to support transport to Safety Works **Item 4 and Item 7**
- (d) Approve £30,000 to deliver a West Green Event in 2019 **Item 7 Annex 1**
- (e) Approve £20,000 to deliver a West Apprenticeship Programme **Item 7 Annex 2**
- (f) Approve £10,000 to deliver a West Training Resource **Item 7 Annex 3**
- (g) Approve £30,000 to deliver a West Digital Skills Programme **Item 7 Annex 4**
- (h) Approve £60,00 to deliver West Clean and Green Programme **Item 4 Annex 2**
- (i) Note the 23 Community Chest approvals supported from 2018/2019, as detailed **Item 7 Annex 5**

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 2018/2019 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:

14th November 2018**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)

The table below shows the financial position of West SIB for 2018/2019:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2018/2019 is £359,907				
				£359,907
Project Name				
Youth activities and Holiday Hunger	20.4.18	£90,000		£269,907
Youth activities and Holiday Hunger (Children's Services funding)	13.6.18	£28,020		
CLLD West match-funding	13.6.18	£62,000		
Balance				£179,887

- 2.1 Approve £5,000 to support the inclusion of area updates within the Sunderland Community Vibe. The allocation will cover the costs of 4 editions of Community Vibe during 2019, as well as the first being delivered to households during November 2018.
- 2.2 People and Place Board discussed the feedback received from the 2018 Ships Ahoy! Event held in June 2018. Both boards received a further report detailing the opportunity to deliver a Clean and Green themed West Event during 2019. Both boards agreed to make a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £30,000 SIB to fund the 2019 event. **Item 7 Annex 1.**
- 2.3 People Board discussed the success to-date of the West Area Committee funded Apprenticeship Programme. Outputs from the programme were discussed at length and the board agreed to make a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £20,000 SIB to fund a further 9 apprentices within the West of Sunderland. **Item 7 Annex 2.**
- 2.4 People Board went on to discuss the requirement to support funding for training for those people who are unable to access free training however are not able to afford

training to move from a job to a better job. The board agreed to make a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £10,000 SIB to support delivery of a West Training programme, coordinated and managed by the West Area Arrangements team. **Item 7 Annex 3.**

2.5 People Board discussed the requirement to support the development of Digital skills with our more vulnerable communities. The board agreed to make a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £30,000 SIB to deliver a West Digital Skills Programme. **Item 7 Annex 4.**

2.6 Place Board discussed the value of West Schools attending Safety Works and agreed to recommend to Area Committee £5,000 SIB to cover transport costs which will enable all Year 6 and Year 8 children to attend from West Schools during the 2018/2019 academic year. The Place Board also recommended that West Youth Providers were also given the opportunity to invite their young people to attend Safety works to share important safety messages to harder to reach young people. **Item 7.**

2.7 Place Board discussed the requirement for a dedicated West Clean and Green Programme which would develop volunteering opportunities as well as improve areas within each ward in the West of Sunderland, areas which have been highlighted by ward councillors and residents. The board agreed to make a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £60,000 SIB to deliver a West Clean and Green programme, ensuring that those areas highlighted are addressed as well as volunteering developed to improve behaviours in relation to fly tipping and litter. **Item 4 Annex 2.**

2.8 The total SIB budget requested for approval for the above project totals £160,000, if approved the balance of SIB funding remaining for 2018/2019, would be £19,887.

3. Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the Community Chest ward starting balances for 2018/2019. **Item 7 Annex 5** indicates the approvals supported between April 2018 and end of October 2018.

Ward	Starting Balance	Approvals since April 2017	Grant Returned	Balance
Barnes	£10,000	£4,311	£0	£5,689
Pallion	£10,000	£400	£0	£9,600
Sandhill	£10,000	£1,550	£0	£8,450
Silksworth	£10,000	£5,674	£0	£4,326
St Anne's	£10,000	£3,070	£0	£6,930
St Chad's	£10,000	£1,030	£0	£8,970
Total	£60,000	£16,035	£0	£43,965

4. Recommendations:

4.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 above.

4.2 Approve £5,000 to support the inclusion of area updates within the Sunderland Community Vibe Magazine. **Item 7.**

4.3 Approve £5,000 to support transport to Safety Works **Item 4 and Item 7**

4.4 Approve £30,000 to deliver a West Green Event in 2019 **Item 7 Annex 1**

- 4.5 Approve £20,000 to deliver a West Apprenticeship Programme **Item 7 Annex 2**
- 4.6 Approve £10,000 to deliver a West Training Resource **Item 7 Annex 3**
- 4.7 Approve £30,000 to deliver a West Digital Skills Programme **Item 7 Annex 4**
- 4.8 Approve £60,000 to deliver West Clean and Green Programme **Item 4 Annex 2**
- 4.9 Note the 23 Community Chest approvals from 2018/2019 Community Chest as set out in. **Item 7 Annex 5.**

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