

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
26th April 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 2017/18 Strategic Initiatives budget:
 Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statement set out in section 2.1.
- (b) Accept £20,000 match funding from Sunderland City Council to support delivery of youth activity projects within the West, to reduce anti-social behaviour and improve community cohesion.
- (c) Approve the allocation of £60,000 for West Youth activities. Item 3 Annex 1
- (d) Note the 46 Community Chest approvals supported from 2016/2017 Community Chest, as detailed Item 3 Annex 2.

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:

26th April 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				
No projects approved to-date for 2017/2018				
Balance				£331,887

- 2.2 The People Board in April 2017 have made the following recommendation for 2017/2018 SIB funding to Area Committee for consideration.
- 2.3 During Area Committee in March the alignment of £40,000 SIB (2016/2017 allocation), to support a call for projects, to deliver additional youth activities within the West of Sunderland, to promote community cohesion and to reduce anti-social behaviour, was agreed.
- 2.4 In recognition of feedback received through the budget consultation process, it was agreed by Council that £100,000 be included to support Youth activities, to be allocated £20,000 to each of the 5 Area Committees. Area Committee is therefore requested to formerly accept the West allocation of £20,000 match funding, to enable the Area Committee to fund the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to deliver youth activity projects within the community.
- 2.5 The £20,000 would be matched to the £40,000 already approved by the West Area Committee (as noted in 2.3 above), giving the West a total of £60,000 to support the VCS to deliver projects which support the delivery of activities for young people within the West of Sunderland to improve community cohesion and reduce anti-social activity.

- 2.6 The People Board in April 2017 then considered a report (Item 3 Annex 1), to develop a call for projects, which would include a significant element of Holiday Hunger activities. The People Board are recommending the criteria for the Call for projects (Item 3 Annex 1), as well as the approval of a further £60,000 SIB (2017/2018 allocation), to give a total overall budget for the project of £120,000 (£20,000 per ward), to ensure effective delivery throughout the West of Sunderland, which must include Holiday Hunger activities, to be delivered throughout all school holidays from July 2017, through to and including May 2018.
- 2.7 The total SIB budget requested for approval for the above project totals £60,000, if approved the balance of SIB funding remaining for 2017/2018, would be £271,887.

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the Community Chest ward starting balances for 2016/2017. **Item 3 Annex 2** indicates the approvals supported up to 31 March 2017.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2016	Grant Returned	Balance
Barnes	£21,039	£21,039	£0	£0
Pallion	£16,655	£16,655	£0	£0
Sandhill	£16,029	£16,029	£0	£0
Silksworth	£15,138	£15,351	£213	£0
St Anne's	£16,139	£17,699	£1,560	£0
St Chad's	£19,800	£20,300	£500	£0
Total	£104,800	£107,073	£2,273	£0

6. Recommendations:

- 6.1 Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1.
- 6.2 Accept £20,000 match funding from Sunderland City Council to support delivery of youth activity projects within the West, to reduce anti-social behaviour and improve community cohesion.
- 6.3 Approve the allocation of £60,000 SIB (2017/2018), for West Youth activities including Holiday Hunger activities across all school holidays. **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 6.4 Note the 46 Community Chest approvals supported from 2016/2017 Community Chest as set out in. **Item 3 Annex 2**

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