EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 16 MARCH 2020 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Area Budgets: Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest

Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement and update on progress in relation to area funding, Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest and presents funding proposals for Members consideration.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to note the following:

- i) Note the financial statement set out in Tables one and two.
- ii) Endorse the recommendations set out in Section 2.6 and Annex One.
- iii) Note the Community Chest funding approvals for 2019 / 2020, as set out in Annex Two.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £393,456 Neighbourhood Fund and £50,000 Community Chest for 2019 / 2020 to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood 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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

16 MARCH 2020

ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Area Budgets Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the neighbourhood plans, 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 Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest.

2 Area Budgets

2.1 Area Committee are requested to note the financial statement, as set out in Table One.

Project Name	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
2018 / 2019				
Neighbourhood Fund				£283,456
Fancy a Day Out (youth activities - top up)	10.06.19		£8,490	£274,966
Walk and Talk	10.06.19		£75,000	£199,966
Community Connectors (4)	10.06.19		£110,000	£89,966
Additional Resource				
Health and Wellbeing Budget (NF/public health)	10.06.19	£50,000	£39,562	£10,438
Fancy a Day Out (youth activities)	10.06.19		£20,000	£0
CCG Improve Health Outcomes	10.06.19	£40,000		£40,000

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund financial statement 2019 / 2020

- 2.2 Since December 2019, table one indicates that there is:
 - £89,966 Neighbourhood Funding remaining to be allocated, a further
 - £10,438 remains against the Health and Wellbeing programme, following on from the call for projects which ended in February 2020, with
 - £40,000 Clinic Commissioning Group funding, which is aligned to improving health outcomes
- 2.3 The total budget to allocate is £140,404.

- 2.4. All Members will be aware that in January both Area Boards discussed a performance report to consider and evaluate which area projects are successful and worth funding further, using the unallocated area budget to continue existing provision.
- 2.5 60 area funded projects, totalling £557,496 of neighbourhood investment were studied The projects which were deemed to have the biggest impact on the community where shortlisted and resulted in the lead agent from each organisation being contacted and requested to submit an application to extend the project.
- 2.6 Following a consultation exercise with all East Councillors, Area Committee are requested to approve the following funding requests, with further detail set out in Annex One.

Maximising Community Assets			
The Box Youth and Community Project	£4,962		
Sunderland East End ABC	£3,500		
Sunderland Boxing Hub	£3,500		
Blue Watch (St Michaels)	£5,000		
Total	£21,962		

Digital Inclusion Project			
Media Savvy – Technical Support	£5,000		
Back on the Map – Community Partnership Support	£35,000		
Total	£40,000		

Fancy a Day Out 2020 / 2021			
Bethany City Church	£6,000		
Blue Watch Youth Centre	£3,150		
CHANCE	£7,050		
Millfield Salvation Army	£1,000		
More Than Grandparents	£3,350		
Hendon Salvation Army	£600		
Sunderland Community Action Group	£4,000		
Sunderland MIND	£900		
The Box Youth and Community Project	£3,325		
Young Asian Voices	£1,000		
Total	£30,375		

East Rangers			
Conservation Management Services	£15,000		
The Box Youth and Community Project (Doxford)	£6,692		
Back on the Map (Hendon)	£6,700		
Groundworks Cumbria and North East (Millfield)	£7,900		
Blue Watch Youth Centre (Ryhope)	£6,653		
International Communities of Sunderland (St Michael's)	£6,028		
Total	£48,973		

2.7 The total cost of the grant request is £141,310. The budget to allocate is £140,404 leaving a gap of £906. It is proposed to use an element of the budget from the equipment and training grant for the East Rangers (Phase One Scheme) to increase the allocation budget to £141,310, enabling Area Committee to approve all project proposals within the financial year of 2019 / 2020.

3. Community Chest

3.1 Area Committee are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made between December and February 2020, as set out in **Annex Two.** and note the financial position for end of year.

Ward	Budget	Awarded	Returned	Remaining
Doxford	£10,000	£7,492		£2,508
Hendon	£10,000	£6,596		£2,904
Millfield	£10,000	£2,707		£6,978
Ryhope	£10,000	£7,390		£1,010
St Michael's	£10,000	£7,390		£3,119
Total	£50,000	£31,575		£16,519

Table Two: Community Chest financial statement 2019 / 2020

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to:
 - (a) Endorsed the recommendations as set out in section 2.6 and Annex one.
 - (b) Note the financial statements set out in tables one and two.

Background Papers Neighbourhood Fund applications, consultation and assessment

results, financial records

Community Chest applications and financial records Companies House and Charity Commission Registers

Annex One: Continuing Good Practice

Annex Two: Community Chest Awards: April 2019 to March 2020

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