

**EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
10 DECEMBER 2019
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 2.4 and Annex One.
- iii) Note the Community Chest funding approvals for 2019 / 2020, as set out in Annex Two.
- iv) Members are encouraged to sponsor and submit Community Chest proposals by the end of March 2020 to encourage maximum expenditure of the area budget.

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

10 December 2019

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	10.06.19	£50,000		£50,000
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 September 2019, table one indicates that there is:
- £89,966 Neighbourhood Funding remaining to be allocated
 - £50,000 aligned to the Health and Wellbeing programme, which is set out in **Annex One** for consideration, and
 - £40,000 CCG aligned to improving health outcomes which should be allocated by the end of March 2020.

Health and Wellbeing Programme

- 2.3 In July 2019, a call for projects was advertised across the East VCS Area Network seeking funding applications which deliver activity against one or both workstreams, these are:

Workstream One: 'More Males'

Targeting **inactive older males (50+)** who are not engaging in existing community provision (must be **new beneficiaries**) into some form of regular community activity which reduces levels of smoking, drinking and increases healthy eating and physical activity contributing towards improving mental wellbeing and increasing life expectancy.

Workstream Two: 'Positive Parenting'

Targeting the **parents and carers of 0-5 year olds, along with the child(ren)** and look towards improving key milestones associated with their age group, such as, movement, hand and finger skills; language, cognitive, social and emotional development.

- 2.4 The budget aligned is £50,000. Twelve applications were submitted, totalling £102,449. The following recommendations are submitted for your approval:

Workstream One: More Males

Organisation	Funding requested	Recommendation
Rainbow Foundation	£1,614	Reject
CHANCE	£5,000	Approve
Sunderland MIND	£19,771	Defer
Back on the Map	£20,000	Defer
Raich Carter	£15,761	Defer

Workstream Two: Positive Parenting

Organisation	Funding requested	Recommendation
Active Families NE	£4,590	Defer
Groundworks NE	£4,600	Approve
IMPACT NE	£4,984	Reject
Keep Active NE	£4,970	Approve
Ryhope CA	£3,770	Defer
Raich Carter	£7,389	Defer

None eligible

Organisation	Funding requested	Recommendation
Sunderland Street Pastors	£10,000	Reject

- 2.5 Subject to endorsement, all approved applications for funding could progress to offer letter stage. All deferred applications would be provided with feedback and an opportunity to resubmit an application which would be considered at the January 2020 People Board and Area Committee asked to consider recommendations for decision using Area Committee's responsive decision-making procedure. All reject applications would be notified.

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 Area Committee are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made between September and November 2019, as set out in **Annex Two**, and note the financial position from December 2019.

Ward	Budget	Awarded	Returned	Remaining
Doxford	£10,000	£7,492		£2,508
Hendon	£10,000	£6,596		£3,404
Millfield	£10,000	£2,707		£7,293
Ryhope	£10,000	£7,390		£2,610
St Michael's	£10,000	£7,390		£2,610
Total	£50,000	£31,575		£18,425

Table Two: Community Chest financial statement 2019 / 2020

- 3.2 There are ten Community Chest virtual panel meetings held each year. Three panels are due to be held before the end of the financial year 2019 / 2020. Members are reminded that no Community Chest budget is rolled over into the new financial year and that ward budgets are topped up to a starting balance of £10,000 each, subject to Full Council's agreement in March 2020.
- 3.3 Members are therefore encouraged to sponsor and submit eligible projects for consideration to ensure maximum expenditure is achieved in the East Sunderland area.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to:
- (a) Endorsed the recommendations as set out in section 2.4 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: Health and Wellbeing Programme
Annex Two: Community Chest Awards: April 2019 to November 2019

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