

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE
JUNE 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):

Head of Strategy, Partnerships and Transformation Directorate, Member Support and Community Partnerships Service

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 **£40,000** SIB 2017/18 Budget for the Washington Volunteer and Community Support Project
- (c) Consider and approve **£30,000** SIB 2017/18 Budget for the Washington holiday Activities Programme 2017
- (d) Consider and agree to align **£100,000** SIB 2017/18 budget to progress a VCS collaboration to deliver a CLLD Social Capital Enterprise and Employment approach.
- (e) Consider and approve **£50,000** SIB 2017/18 Budget for the Washington Walk and Talk 2017 Programme
- (f) Consider and agree to align **£60,000** SIB 2017/18 Budget to develop the Events 2018 Project
- (g) Consider and agree to align **£17,500** SIB 2017/18 Budget to support the Tall Ships 2018 Programme
- (h) Agree the return of £487 from the Neighbourhood Improvement Project
- (i) Note Community Chest balances as detailed in **Annex 5**.

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:

15th March 2017

**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 2017/2018:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB available at the beginning of municipal year 2017/2018 is £342,980. This includes new allocation of £287,261 plus unallocated funds £35,719 and £20,000 allocated to positive activities for children and young people. A further £80,000 is aligned from 2016/17 budget but not approved.				
Project Name				
Opening balance 2017/18				£342,980
Crisis Support (previously aligned)		30,000		£342,980
Health and Heritage (previously aligned)		50,000		£342,980
Area funding addition for Youth work			20,000	£342,980
Balance		80,000	20,000	£342,980

- 2.2 Area Committee is requested to note £80,000 remains aligned to financial inclusion/crisis support and to developing a health and heritage project.

- 2.3 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 as **£20,000** to each of the 5 Area Committees. Area Committee is therefore requested to formally accept the Washington allocation of £20,000 to enable the Area Committee to fund the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to deliver youth activity projects within the community. Area Committee is asked to refer this as a further action to the People Board to discuss and propose how this grant could be best utilised.

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

3. People based priorities

- 3.1 At the last People Board the Exit Strategy for the Community and Volunteer Development Officer (CVDO) Project was received. The Board requests Area Committee to consider and approve **£40,000** SIB 2017/18 budget for the Project Brief for a Volunteer and Community Support Project as detailed in **Item 6 Annex 1**. Based on the recommendations of the Exit Strategy and discussions at the last People Board, this Brief is representative of the current position and outcomes. This could be subject to change depending on changing circumstances

and review. The final Brief and Call for Projects including timescales will be determined by the People Board and recommended to the relevant Area Committee.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£302,980** remains available (SIB 2017/18)

- 3.2 At the last People Board Members considered provision for children and young people. Following the allocation to Area Committee of £20,000 for positive activities as detailed in paragraph 2.3 above, the People Board requests that Area Committee approve **£30,000** as a match to develop and deliver positive programmes and youth activities during 2017.

Area Committee is requested to agree this Call to develop positive activities programmes for Summer, October and Christmas breaks for age groups 8 – 10 and 11- 19 in each Ward, as detailed in the Project Brief and Call for Projects attached as **Item 6 Annex 2**. Community Partnerships Service will target relevant VCS organisations to ensure no duplication of core provision and to encourage partnership working.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£272,980** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

- 3.3 At the April People Board meeting Members agreed to identify and develop local projects that could support the delivery of both Washington Area Priorities and Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Objectives. As projects requesting funding from the CLLD programme will require a 50% match from other non-European funding sources, the Board agreed to submit a request to this Area Committee to align **£100,000** of SIB to support the development and implementation of projects focused on delivering area priorities.

The background and detail of CLLD processes and objectives is presented in **Annex 3** for Members information.

It is proposed that projects are identified and developed via a collaborative approach with local VCS organisations in readiness to apply for future CLLD Calls for Projects. The alignment of SIB will help to support those projects in meeting the CLLD criteria for match funding and if successful will add to the SIB investment into projects in the area. At the same time the Area priorities will be supported in the first instance. As projects are developed they will be brought to Area Committee for a decision on the SIB element of the project costs via normal SIB procedures utilising the SIB full application process. It is expected that any partnership bid will be presented to November Area Committee for approval. If a partnership bid cannot be agreed, the funding will be 'returned' to the SIB 2017/18 budget.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£172,980** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

4. Place based priorities

- 4.1 At the last Place Board Members considered how best to address neighbourhood issues whilst the Washington Clean and Green initiatives were embedded as best practice. It was agreed that Board would recommend a Ward based Walk and Talk Programme for 2017/18. It is proposed **£50,000** be allocated, £10,000 per Ward, for Members to develop and deliver a programme of sessions as detailed in **Item 6 Annex 4**. Community Partnerships Service will lead on this proposal as an internal application and provide relevant support to Ward Members.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£122,980** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

- 4.2 At the last Place Board it was agreed that Washington Area Committee be requested to continue to support the development and delivery of the very successful Events Programmes. It is proposed that **£60,000** be aligned to allow officers to present a detailed Project Brief and Call for Projects for the Events Programme 2018 to the next available Area Committee (November 2017). This will allow evidence from the Events 2017 programme to be considered to support the proposed methodology.

Should the Area Committee agree the above grant, a balance of **£62,980** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

- 4.3 **Tall Ships 2018: Sail Ambassador/Trainee Bursary Project:** Area Committee is requested to align £7,500 to support working with young people in Washington to access Sail Training Ambassador opportunities. Some commercial sponsorship to support these opportunities for the City's young people is already in place. However, there is no way of knowing whether sponsorship will be achieved for all ambassadors. In order to support young people from Washington to access these opportunities, Place Board is requesting the Area Committee to align **£7,500** to fund a scheme for 1 young person from each Ward in Washington to apply to for support.

The Sail Trainee Programme is anticipated to launch in September 2017. Community Partnerships Service will liaise with the Tall Ships 2018 Programme Team to ensure a fair process for recruitment is in place and to determine how the project will be managed as part of the wider programme. It is also proposed that the Programme Team will engage the People Board in the decision making process when the application and recruitment process is confirmed.

Tall Ships 2018: Events and Cultural Programme:

As part of the Tall Ships Programme there will be cultural events in the months leading up to the event and a programme of activity and entertainment throughout the 4 days of the event. The Place Board is recommending Area Committee align **£10,000** to develop a locally led Events Programme for the Tall ships 2018 Programme. It is proposed that the Washington VCS Area Network is consulted with regards to developing a programme and identifying how Washington organisations and groups can take part in and deliver a locally beneficial community events programme to contribute to the Tall Ships 2018 Entertainment and Cultural Programme.

Should Area Committee agree the above grants, a balance of **£45,480** remains available (SIB 2017/18).

- 4.4 Members are also asked to agree the return of £487. This is unallocated funding from the Neighbourhood Improvement Project. This results in a balance of **£45,967** remaining available (SIB 2017/18)
- 4.5 Area Committee is asked to note should all approvals be agreed as presented in this report £20,000 of this balance remains allocated to positive activities for children and young people, leaving an unallocated balance of **£25,967**.

5. Community Chest

The table below details the Community Chest Ward starting balances for 2017/2018.

Annex 5 shows nil approvals to the end of May 2017. Applications will have been considered by Panels end of May – verbal updates will be presented to Area Committee.

Ward	Starting Balance 2017/2018	Project Approvals to date	Grant Returned	Balance
Washington Central	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
Washington East	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
Washington North	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
Washington South	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
Washington West	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
Total	£50,000	£0	£0	£50,000

6. **Recommendations:** Members are requested to:
- 6.1 Note the financial statement set out in the report.
- 6.2

- 6.3 Accept **£20,000** match funding from Sunderland City Council to support delivery of youth activity projects within Washington as set out in **Section 2.3**
- 6.4 Consider and approve the award of **£40,000** SIB and the Project Brief attached in **Annex 1** for the Volunteer and Community Support Project
- 6.5 Consider and approve the award of **£30,000** SIB and the Project Brief attached in **Annex 2** for Holiday Activities Programme for children and young people
- 6.6 Consider and approve the alignment of **£100,000** SIB to deliver shared priorities and CLLD outcomes as detailed in **Annex 3**
- 6.7 Consider and approve the award of **£50,000** to the Community Partnership Service to support and deliver Washington Walk and Talk Programme as presented in **Annex 4**
- 6.8 Consider and approve the alignment of **£60,000** SIB for the Washington Events Programme 2018
- 6.9 Consider and approve the alignment of **£17,500** to support the Tall Ships 2018 Programme as detailed in **paragraph 4.3**
- 6.10 Agree the return of £487 to the SIB 2017/18 budget from the Neighbourhood Improvement Project
- 6.11 Note the community chest balances as detailed in **Annex 5**

Contact Officer: Karon Purvis Washington Area Community Development Lead 0191 561 2449
karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk

Annex 1: Volunteer and Community Support Project Brief
Annex 2: Holiday Activities Project Brief and Call for Projects
Annex 3: Community Led Local Development
Annex 4: Walk and Talk Executive Summary SIB application
Annex 5: Community Chest