

**COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
21 MARCH 2012
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:
Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial update and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

Author(s):
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Purpose of Report:
This report requests Area Committee to consider proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will deliver activity against priorities for 2011/12.

Description of Decision:
The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2011/12 budget:
Annex 3:

- Approve 14 Community Chest requests from the 2011/12 budget as outlined in 2.2 of Item 3d

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:
SIB is a budget delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Coalfield Work Plan. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a total SIB budget of £238,257 for 2011/12, which includes £1,564 returned to budget from a previously funded project.

The Community Chest forms part of SIB, of which £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2011/2012 across all wards. £10,000 is available for each ward (Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row) in addition, £2,880 was carried over from previous years, making this years total balance £42,880.

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?
No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees: