

**COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
22 JANUARY 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This 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.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to:-

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2 & 3 and Annex 4
- Approve SIB project applications listed in 2.2, 2.3 and Annex 1,2 & 3
- Agree to allocate £30,000 to the existing Neglected Land project
- Agree to allocate £2,000 to a youth led promotional project
- Agree to allocate £30,000 SIB to develop small projects with the VCS Network to support the 'Love Where You Live' priority
- Agree to allocate £15,000 to develop a 'Local Celebrations 2014' project
- Approve a sum of £5,000 SIB funding to Philadelphia Cricket Club subject to an application form being completed
- Agree that the £4,040 previously allocated to the Last of the Summer Wine project be returned to the main budget

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB and SIP are budgets delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Coalfield Work Plan.

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

Scrutiny Committee

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community - 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 Work Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. This report provides a financial statement 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 following the September 2013 meeting of Area Committee.

The allocation for 2013/14 is £241,514. A balance of £15,933 is carried over from 2012/13, giving a total opening balance of £257,447				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
	-	-	-	£257,447
Business Support Project	20.06.2013	-	£40,000	£217,447
Lighting for footpath at Ross Lea, Shiney Row	20.06.2013	-	£2,000	£215,447
St Aidan's Angling Training	18.09.2013		£5,000	£210,447
Dementia Training SCC Public Health	18.09.2013		£5,750	£204,697
Bernard Gilpin School Community Project	18.09.2013		£5,700	£198,997
Health and Young People SIB allocation for Call for Projects	18.09.2013		£30,000	£168,997
Youth Work Training Herrington Burn YMCA RETURNED £9	N/A	N/A	N/A	£169,006
Russell Foster Traffic RETURNED £4,900	N/A	N/A	N/A	£173,906
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- 2.2 The following projects (further details in Annex 1,2 and 3) are recommended by the People Board for approval. The budget for each priority has been previously approved by Area Committee and already deducted from the main SIB budget as above.

Support for Older People	
Space 4 Care	2170
Hope social	1500
Health Mentor b active b fit	3000
Luncheon club ShARP	2600
Ipad EngAGE Age UK	3000

Annex 1 attached gives a summary of each project with a recommendation from the People Board

Healthy Weight	
Family Health YMCA	4982
Food and ceramics ELCAP	5000

St Aidans	5000
Tackle it SAFC	5000
Awareness W/ton Mind	3050
High Five SNCBC	3640
Trails, snails,scales Groundwork	5000

Annex 2 attached gives a summary of each project with a recommendation from the People Board

Sexual/Mental Health	
Peer educator YMCA	4918
Looking after yourself SNCBC	4318
Healthy young minds	4950

Annex 3 attached gives a summary of each project with a recommendation from the People Board

2.3 The Place Board report at Item 3 outlines further funding required to complete work on a number of priorities, namely, Neglected Land, Love Where You Live and Local Events and Celebrations. The amounts recommended for approval are:

* Neglected Land (increase to existing project)	£30,000
* Promotional project (new project via youth groups)	£2,000
* Love Where You Live (call for projects)	£30,000
* Local Celebrations 2014 (via VCS Network)	£15,000

2.4 Philadelphia Community and Cricket Club has requested a contribution of £5,000 SIB towards a £50,000 project to improve community facilities. The improvements to the club include updated lighting and heating, disabled toilet and an improved kitchen. This will allow the club to increase the community activities delivered on site, including a lunch club and social activities for older people.

2.5 The Last of the Summer Wine project has been unable to generate the interest expected and has now ended. Therefore the People Board recommends that the balance of £4,040 allocated is returned to budget

2.6 The total amount of SIB requested at this meeting is £82,000, total amount to return is £4,040. If all recommendations are approved a total of £95,946 SIB will remain.

3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the balances remaining following the last meeting in September 2013 and includes project approvals from the October, November and December 2013 community chest panel meetings as detailed in **Annex 2** for information only. An allocation of £10,000 per ward was made available for 2013/14.

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Approvals	Balance
Copt Hill	£6,922	£1,782.50	£5139.50
Hetton	£9,897	£3,744	£6,153
Houghton	£8,657	£2,082.50	£6,574.50
Shiney Row	£8,026	£3,250	£4,776
Total	£33,502	£10,859	£22,642.50

Recommendations:

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2 & 3 and Annex 4
- Approve the SIB project applications listed in section 2.2, 2.3 and Annex 1, 2 and 3
- Approve an increase in SIB of £30,000 for the existing Neglected Land project
- Approve a budget of £2,000 SIB to develop a promotional programme with local youth groups
- Approve an allocation of £30,000 SIB for Love Where You Live call for projects via VCS Network

- Approve an allocation of £15,000 SIB for '2014 local celebrations' (including £5,000 for WW1 project) via the VCS Network
- Approve a sum of £5,000 SIB funding to Philadelphia Cricket Club subject to an application form being completed
- Agree that the £4,040 previously allocated to the Last of the Summer Wine project (as stated in Item 4) be returned to the main budget

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Annex 1 SIB recommendations - Support for Older People
Annex 2 SIB recommendations - Sexual and Mental Health Teenagers
Annex 3 SIB recommendations – Healthy Weight Children
Annex 4 Community Chest approvals