

Coalfield Area Committee

4 November, 2009

Report of Chief Executive

Financial Statements and Funding Request

1 Purpose Of The Report

1.1 This report outlines current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest and applications for funding from these budgets in order to support new initiatives, which will benefit the area and the delivery of the Local Area Plans.

2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve 15 projects for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex I.

2.2 The Committee is requested to approve one project for support from the 2009/10 SIB as detailed in Annex 2.

- Phoenix Project

2.3 Note the financial statement for 2009/10 in Annex 3.

2.4 Note the SIB project update report in Annex 4.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Council has reduced the amount of Regeneration Frameworks across the City from six to five. This has resulted in a new calculation of SIB funding to be awarded to the Coalfield Area Committee of £241,514 to be allocated up until March 2010. All allocations of funding should be matched against the criteria outlined in delivering the key priorities of the area, identified within the Local Area Plan(LAP).

3.2 SIP was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was an additional one-off allocation of £1.426m to Area Committees. The amount allocated to each Area Committee was the same as SIB allocation for 2008-09. This equates to £237,142 for the Coalfield. At a meeting in September 2009 the Committee discussed how to split the funds across the four wards of Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row. A separate report is presented to Area Committee for a final decision on how funds will be split. This funding is available until March 2011.

3.3 The Committee will be aware that the Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2009/2010, £10,000 for each Ward, plus any unclaimed allocations identified from previous years. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

4.0 Current Position SIB

4.1 Following the September 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £263,311 remains to be allocated this financial year.

- 4.2 The project in Annex 2 requests a total of £13,578. Should Committee grant this request the remaining balance would be £249,733
- 4.3 Emergency protocols for accessing SIB or SIP funding were agreed by Committee at the September 2009 meeting.

5. Current position SIP

- 5.1 The full allocation of £237,142 remains to be allocated and fully expended by March 2011.

6 Current Position Community Chest

- 6.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Copt Hill	£9232
Hetton	£10941
Houghton	£9922
Shiney Row	£5150

- 6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Copt Hill	£1300
Hetton	£1546
Houghton	£800
Shiney Row	£3750

- 6.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances, including the unclaimed allocations identifies from previous years, would be:

Copt Hill	£1699
Hetton	£0000
Houghton	£5246
Shiney Row	£3600

7.0 Reasons for the Decision

- 7.1 SIB and SIP was established to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan, and to attract other funding into the area. Applications for SIB/SIP funding should demonstrate the potential benefits to local communities the proposed project would bring, and subsequently be able to provide evidence and statistics that can illustrate these benefits.
- 7.2 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, provide genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

8.0 Alternative Options

- 8.1 Each project is required to indicate what alternative options they have considered during the application business process.

9.0 Relevant Consultations

9.1 Financial Implications

The Director of Financial Resources has been consulted on this report and all costs associated with developing SIB, SIP and Community Chest applications.

9.2 Implications for Other Services

Each project is required to indicate what implications there may be for other services in the application business process.

9.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate what consultation it has undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in during the application business process. Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Local Area Plans and bids support these identified priorities.

9.4 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Councils Race Equality Scheme.

Each project is required to indicate whether it has an equal opportunities policy, or what measures it employs to address equal opportunity issues, during the application business process.

9.5 Public Relations and Publicity

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote funding awarded from Area Committee.

9.6 Councillors

Members have been consulted on all applications for SIB, SIP and Community Chest support and the implementation of the review.

10.0 List of Appendices

10.1 Annex 1 Community Chest: Proposed projects for approval

10.2 Annex 2 SIB: Proposed projects

10.3 Annex 3 Financial Statement

10.4 Annex 4 SIB: Project updates

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 14th October, 2009.
- Reports to previous Area Committees
- Coalfield Local Area Plan

ANNEX 1**COMMUNITY CHEST 2009/2010****PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

	Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to:
COPT HILL WARD	
Houghton Town F.C. – Contribution towards pitch fees etc.,	500
Houghton Rectory Park – Contribution towards room hire, printing, new trellis, plants etc.,	800
Total	1300
HETTON WARD	
Hetton Workmen’s Ladies Bowls Club – Purchase of jackets and shirts.	350
Hetton Workingmen’s Bowling Club – Contribution towards maintenance of green and mobility access.	400
Hetton Primary School – Contribution towards educational visits.	500
The Hetton Centre – Contribution towards Christmas event, bands, decorations etc.,	296
Total	1546
HOUGHTON WARD	
Houghton Rectory Park – Contribution towards room hire, printing, new trellis, plants etc.,	800
Total	800
SHINEY ROW WARD	
New Herrington Ladies Club – Contribution towards children’s Christmas party.	250
St. Aidan’s Art Group – Purchase of materials, tutor costs etc.,	500

New Herrington Allstars Toddler Group – Purchase of new toys and activities.	500
Penshaw Neighbourhood Watch Group – Purchase of signs, stationery, security equipment etc.,	500
St. Aidan’s Centre – Contribution towards room hire, healthy eating programme, football coaching etc.,	500
St. Aidan’s Community Group – Contribution towards lease agreement.	500
Monument View – Purchase of polycarbonate tunnel.	500
Penshaw Penguins – Purchase of toys and equipment for mother and toddlers.	500
Total	3750
Total of Projects	7396