

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
11 March 2015
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):

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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 sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1
- (b) Approve one request for SIB funding set out in 2.2 for £20,000
- (c) Note the 11 approvals of Community Chest set out in Annex 1

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £268,412 for 2014/2015 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area 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?

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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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 2014/2015:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £268,412				
				£268,412
Project Name				
Advice Volunteer Co-ordinator - ShARP	09.04.14		£30,000	£238,412
Community Transport - ELCAP	09.04.14		£60,000	£178,412
Social Club – Houghton Centre for the Blind	09.04.14		£4,000	£174,412
Baulkham Hills Footpath - SCC	09.04.14		£4,289	£170,123
Houghton Feast 2014 community involvement and Friday evening opening programme	18.06.14		£10,000	£160,123
Returned Funding - Delivering the Heritage Action Plan			(£442)	£160,565
Health and Greenspaces	15.10.14		£20,000	£140,565
Shopping Centre Support	15.10.14		£55,000	£85,565
Local Events, Celebrations and Heritage	15.10.14		£10,000	£75,565
Love Where You Live (LWYL)	15.10.14		£10,000	£65,565
Provision of a bus shelter at Blind Lane stop number 28071	03.12.14		£5,500	£60,065
Total		-	£208,347	£60,065

2.2 There is one application for SIB funding for consideration as below and in **Annex 1**.

Social Inclusion and support for older and vulnerable adults £20,000

If approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be £40,065.

3 Green Spaces Funding:

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Green Spaces following the April 2014 Area Committee meeting.

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Green Spaces Fund (approved to AC to award)				£20,000
Project Name	-		-	-
Health and Greenspaces Area Committee match funding	15.10.14		£20,000	£0
New Balance			£20,000	£0

3.2 Annex 2 to the People Board report, at Item 3, shows progress made to date in developing a detailed action plan to deliver Health and Greenspace outcomes. The initiatives developed and agreed by the project working group have been priced by each lead agent and can all be delivered within the £40,000 total funds available, including funding for co-ordination of voluntary activity across all projects. Regular updates will be provided to ensure that all financial and project activity remains on track

4. Community Chest

4.1 The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances as at 28 February 2015, Item 5 Annex 2 shows the approvals between December 2014 – February 2015.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2014	Grant Returned	Balance
Copt Hill	£12,889.76	£7,318.41	£26.15	£5,597.50
Shiney Row	£11,859.00	£9,806.80	£1,066.15	£3,118.35
Houghton	£13,917.50	£7,643.80	£526.15	£6,799.85
Hetton	£13,088.00	£10,903.40	£26.15	£2,210.75
Total	£51,754.26	£35,672.41	£1,644.60	£17,726.45

5. Recommendations:

Members are requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1
- Approve one request for £20,000 SIB funding set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- Agree the process and timescale for developing a Call for Projects set out in Annex 1
- Note the 11 approvals of Community Chest set out in Annex 2

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