

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
23 JANUARY 2013
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF) - Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

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 update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, SIP and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

This report denotes an item relating to an executive function

Description of Decision:

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 and Annex 2
- Approve the following 4 proposals for support from SIB

1. Community transport project	£9,321
2. Welfare and benefits advice	£23,166
3. Flatts – looking good	£10,000
4. Environmental improvements	£10,000
- Approve the allocation of £30,000 SIB to deliver local projects which meet the priority ‘Support for older people, vulnerable adults and carers’ outlined in 2.4
- Approve the proposed allotments project outlined in 2.5 (subject to consultation and assessment)
- Approve the change of Lead Agent on the Community Heritage project from City Services to ELCAP and Groundwork on behalf of the VCS Network
- Note the 29 Community Chest approvals from the October, November and January Panel Meetings set out in Annex 3
- Approve the one Community Chest application for Houghton ward based on a majority decision as identified in 5.2

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 £236,798 for 2012/13.

The Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF) is a budget made available to Area Committee from the Teaching Primary Care Trust to deliver initiatives to address the main lifestyle causes of cancer and promote awareness of the early signs of cancer. A budget of £31,413 is available for 2012/13

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: