

19 September 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Why has it come to Committee

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 Financial statement Coalfield Area Committee as at 19 September 2012

2.1 SIB – Financial Statement (projects approved to date)

	Committee Date	SIB Approvals	Balance
	-	-	£236,798
Project Name	-	-	-
Phoenix Project	23.04.12	£4,000	£232,798
Street lighting, the Cove, Shiney Row	21.06.12	£6,600	£226,198
Houghton War Memorial	21.06.12	£10,000	£216,198
Allotments watering project	21.06.12	£3,458	£212,740
Events and Celebrations (subject to applications and appraisals)	09.07.12	£22,740	£190,000
Total allocated		£49,718	
Amount returned –HCA Empty Homes 2012	N/A	£7,529	£197,529
Balance	-	-	£197,529

2.1.1 The following projects detailed in **Annex 1** are presented for approval:

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| 1 | People's Challenge (Community Challenge phase 2) | £10,000 |
| 2 | Junior and Holiday Youth Provision | £24,482 |

2.1.2 The total of projects listed above is £34,282 and a total of £7,529 has been returned in respect of the Empty Homes project. Should both projects be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining following allocation would be £163,247.

2.1.3 Committee will recall that at the meeting in November 2010 a project to create a 'Safe Walking Route to Rainton Meadows' was presented and Committee approved £34,000 SIB/SIP to implement the scheme. Since this date negotiations have been ongoing for the Council to acquire a piece of unregistered land which is required to commence the works. There have been objections to the Council's application lodged with the Land

Registry, and despite lengthy discussions and negotiations it has not been possible to reach a suitable agreement with all parties concerned. To avoid further legal costs and officer time it is recommended that the scheme is withdrawn and the £34,000 available is returned to the budget and utilised in a more productive way for the benefit of the community.

2.2 Community Chest

2.2.1 The table below details the balances remaining following the last meeting in June 2012, and project approvals as detailed in **Annex 3**. An exercise to reclaim under spends and unused grants has been undertaken and the table below includes the reclaim of £250 from Copt Hill ward (Eppleton Colliery Disaster 60th Anniversary).

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Approvals	Grant returned	Balance
Copt Hill	£10,239	£2,575	£250	£7,914
Hetton	£10,137	£800	£0	£9,337
Houghton	£11,556	£2,995	£0	£8,561
Shiney Row	£4,824	£495	£0	£4,329
Total	£36,756	£6,865	£250	£30,141

2.3 Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF)

2.3.1 As members are aware the Teaching Primary Care Trust (TPCT) has made available a budget of £31,413 to be allocated from the HCIF during 2012/13.

2.3.2 In July 2012, Area Committee invited VCS Area Network members to join together as a consortium with a view of delivering a range of different projects to:-

- (i) Address the main lifestyle causes of cancer: tobacco, alcohol and obesity,
- (ii) Promote awareness of the early signs and symptoms of cancer.

2.3.3 The following project detailed in Annex 1 is presented for **Approval**.

1	Coalfield Healthy Men Partnership	£31,000
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Recommendations:

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and Annex 2
- Approve the two proposals for support from SIB detailed in Annex 1
- Withdraw the previously agreed 'Walking Route to Rainton Meadows' project and return the £34,000 SIB/Houghton SIP to the Committee budget
- Note the nine Community Chest approvals from the July and September Panel Meetings set out in Annex 3
- Approve the project proposal for support from HCIF detailed in Annex 1

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Annex 1	SIB and HCIF Applications
Annex 2	SIB budget and balance for each priority
Annex 3	Community Chest approvals