

Coalfield Area Committee

6 January 2010

Report of Chief Executive

Financial Statements and Funding Request

1.0 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 12 projects for support from the 2009/10 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1.

2.2 The Committee is requested to consider 7 projects for support from the 2009/10 SIB as below and detailed in Annex 2. Committee is also asked to consider receiving an application for SIB funding from Groundwork for the Green Team Project (see Annex 5)

Recommend Deferral

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| • River Wear Trail | £19,500 | Recommend deferral |
| • Community Leaders of the Future | £11,543 | Recommend deferral |

Recommend Rejection

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| • Kool Kids | £11,891 | Recommend rejection |
| • Sea Front Improvements | £10,000 | Recommend rejection |

Recommend Approval

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| • Street Scene | £44,134 | Recommend approval |
| • Miners Memorial window | £5,000 | Recommend approval |
| • Kepier Hall | £3,134 | Recommend approval |

2.3 The Committee is requested to consider two projects for support from the 2009/10 SIP as detailed in Annex 3

Recommend Approval

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| • (Hetton) Flatts Play Area | £20,000 | Recommend approval |
| • (Shiney Row) Village Street Lighting Project | £25,300 | Recommend approval |

2.4 Note the financial statement for 2009/10 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. It was agreed by Committee in September 2009 that SIP be split across the four identified wards of the area, totalling £59,285 per ward, with local ward Councillors and service delivers being responsible and accountable for its expenditure against the LAP priorities, with proposed projects being presented to Area Committee for a final decision.

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 November 2009 Committee meeting, a balance of £249,733 remains to be allocated this financial year.

4.2 Projects recommended for approval total £52,268. Should Committee approve those recommended for approval the remaining balance would be £197,465.

4.3 Members should note that any uncommitted expenditure from this financial year (2009/10) will be carried forward to next year's (2010/11) budget. This has been confirmed by the Director of Finance.

5. Current position SIP

5.1 The full allocation of £237,142 remains to be allocated and fully expended by March 2011. Should Committee approve the two projects in Annex 3, the remaining balances would be

Copt Hill	£59,285
Hetton	£39,285
Houghton	£59,285
Shiney Row	£33,985

6 Current Position Community Chest

6.1 To date approvals for each Ward total:

Copt Hill	£10532
Hetton	£12487
Houghton	£10722
Shiney Row	£8900

6.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Copt Hill	£1125
Hetton	£0000
Houghton	£3825
Shiney Row	£1250

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	£574
Hetton	£0000
Houghton	£1421
Shiney Row	£2350

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 SIP: Proposed projects
- 10.4 Annex 4 Financial statement
- 10.5 Annex 5 Green Team information

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 9 December 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	
Hetton Park Bowls Club – Contribution towards social activities for senior citizens.	250
Houghton & District Fitness & Youth Boxing Club – Purchase of equipment.	625
Houghton Feast 2010 – Contribution towards feast expenses, health & safety etc.,	250
Total	1125
HOUGHTON WARD	
The Kepier Trust – Purchase of tables and chairs.	1000
Houghton & District Fitness & Youth Boxing Club – Purchase of equipment.	625
St. John's Methodist Church – Purchase of boiler.	650
Houghton Swifts Over 40's – Purchase of football strips, jackets etc.,	600
Houghton C.W. C.C. – Contribution towards pitch fees.	860
Youth Musical Spectacular – Contribution towards hire of theatre, lighting, sound systems, catering etc.,	100
Total	3835
SHINEY ROW WARD	
Houghton Feast 2010 – Contribution towards feast expenses, health & safety etc.,	250

Garden Recreation Group – Purchase of garden furniture, bbq, accessories etc.,	500
Old Penshaw Village Hall – Contribution towards refurbishment of toilet area.	500
Total	1250
Total of Projects	6210