

**COALFIELD SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**  
**13 MARCH 2024**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Coalfield Sunderland Area Budget Report

**Author(s):**

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**Purpose of Report:**

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**Description of Decision:**

Committee are requested to:-

- a)** Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- b)** Approve 11 Neighbourhood Fund proposals for Community Assets as set out in 2.3, and **Annex 1**
- c)** Approve 4 Neighbourhood Fund proposals as set out in 2.4 and **Annex 2**
- d)** Approve alignment of Neighbourhood Fund set out in 2.4 and **Annex 3**
- e)** Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 / 2024, as detailed in **Annex 4**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The Area Committee has an allocation of £357,946 (inc Youth allocation) for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant 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? No

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### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

#### Coalfield Sunderland Area Budget Report

#### 1. Purpose of Report

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#### 2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/ 2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024</b>					<b>£357,946</b>
Elemore Park Music Event	07.06.23			£10,000	<b>£347,946</b>
Holiday Activities	07.06.23			£13,554	<b>£334,392</b>
Houghton Feast	27.09.23			£5,000	<b>£329,392</b>
Local Events and Celebrations	27.09.23			£20,000	<b>£309,392</b>
Coalfield Christmas	27.09.23			£41,910	<b>£267,482</b>
Christmas Cheer	27.09.23			£5,000	<b>£262,482</b>
Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)	13.12.23			£23,342	<b>£239,140</b>
Tackling Motorcycle Disorder	13.12.23			£25,000	<b>£214,140</b>
Community Assets (C4P)	13.12.23		£75,000		<b>£139,140</b>
Various closed projects	13.03.24	£18,164			<b>£157,304</b>
<b>Balance</b>					

*Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024*

2.2 Coalfield Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £357,946 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024



### **3. Recommendations**

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**Annex 1** Neighbourhood Fund – Community Assets  
**Annex 2** Neighbourhood Fund Proposals for approval  
**Annex 3** Neighbourhood Fund Proposals for alignment  
**Annex 4** Community Chest