

24 APRIL 2013

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF) – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources**1. 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. This 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.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB following the extraordinary March 2013 meeting.

Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
The allocation for 2012/13 is £236,693, with the under spend of £105 from 2011/12 this totals £236,798				£236,798
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
Houghton Feast	09.07.12		£15,000	£197,740
Area Events and Celebrations	09.07.12		£7,740	£190,000
Returned to budget: HCA Empty Homes 2012			(£7,529)	£197,529
People's Challenge	19.09.12		£10,000	£187,529
Junior and Holiday Youth Provision	19.09.12		£24,482	£163,047
Allotments Improvement Programme	19.09.12		£30,000	£133,047
Shop Local (subject to consultation and appraisal)		19.09.12	£20,000	£113,047
Returned to budget: Route to Rainton Meadows			(£20,000)	£133,047
Returned to budget: Houghton Feast 2011			(£113)	£133,160
Community Transport Project	23.01.13		£9,321	

Welfare and Benefits Advice	23.01.13		£23,166	
Flatts – Looking Good	23.01.13		£10,000	
Environmental Improvements	23.01.13		£10,000	
Support for Older People Priority		23.01.13	£30,000	
Highways maintenance	26.03.13		£4,500	
Balance	-		-	£46,173

2.2 The following projects detailed in **Annex 1** are recommended by the People Board for **approval**.

- Learn to play flat green bowls - New Herrington WM Bowling Club £3,300
- Last of the Summer Wine on the Allotment – HRCAP £5,040
- HOPE Social - Houghton Older People’s Enterprise (HOPE) £1,000
- Real Aid Project - Easington Lane Community Access Point (ELCAP) £3,500
- New Dawn@Central Point - Hetton New Dawn Group £5,000

The total of projects listed is £17,840 and will be funded from the allocation of £30,000 approved by Area Committee on 23 January 2013 for projects to support older and vulnerable people, leaving £12,160 to allocate. The People Board will develop proposals to present to Area Committee at future meetings.

2.3 The following projects detailed in **Annex 1** are presented to Committee for **approval**. The total of projects listed is £26,009.

- Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony £9,000
- Kirklee Field – Access to Mobile Youth Activities (part funding) £7,009
- Love Where You Live (LWYL) £10,000

It is also requested that the Area Community Officer act as lead agent on the Houghton Feast SIB application, working in partnership with Sunderland Live, and the Houghton Feast Steering Group.

2.4 The following project detailed in **Annex 2** is presented to Committee for **consideration**. If approved the project will need to be fully appraised and consulted upon before the award is made. The project cost is £4,231 and should the project be approved there would be £15,933 SIB remaining to carry forward to next year’s budget.

- Junior LDD Youth Club £4,231

3 Healthy City Investment Fund: Financial statement and proposals

3.1 The table below show the position following the January 2013 meeting.

Project Name	Date	Allocated	Approvals	Balance
Healthy City Investment Fund	31.03.12			£31,413
Coalfield Healthy Men Partnership	19.09.12		£31,000	£413

Balance			£31,000	£413
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4 Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

4.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIP following the January 2013 meeting.

Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	SIP Amount	Balance
Returned to budget: Walking route to Rainton Meadows			(£14,000) Houghton ward	
Returned to budget: Sunderland Road/ High Lane			(£13,221) Copt Hill ward	
Balance	-		-	£27,221

4.2 Committee is requested to approve the following projects from the SIP budget subject to the final designs being agreed with the relevant ward councillors.

- Pedestrian Refuge on Hetton Road, Houghton le Spring £7,000
- Kirklee Field – Access to Mobile Youth Activities (part funding) £6,221
- Traffic calming at Fencehouses (Sedgeleth Rd/Station Ave North area) £14,000

Should the projects be approved the balance of SIP remaining will be NIL.

5 Community Chest

5.1 The table below details the balances remaining following the last meetings in February and March 2013, and project approvals as detailed in **Annex 2**.

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Approvals	Balance
Copt Hill	£3505	£2876	£629
Hetton	£6249	£1763	£4486
Houghton	£5124	£1268	£3856
Shiney Row	£1696	£260	£1436
Total	£16,574	£6,167	£10,406

Recommendations:

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 and Annex 3
- Approve the SIB project applications listed in Annex 1
- Consider the SIB application for funding outlined in Annex 2
- Approve the SIP projects listed in 4.2 (subject to final design being agreed with ward councillors)
- Agree to the change of lead agent for Houghton Feast project

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Annex 1 SIB Applications recommended for approval
Annex 2 SIB Application for consideration
Annex 3 Community Chest approvals