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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Work 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, HCIF 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 April 2013 meeting of Area Committee. The opening balance is £252,626.

Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
The allocation for 2013/14 is £236,693. A balance of £15,933 is carried over from 2012/13, giving a total opening balance of £252,626				£252,626
<b>Balance</b>	-		-	<b>£252,626</b>

2.2 The following projects (further details in Annex 1) are recommended by the Place Board for **approval**.

- Business Support Project £40,000
- Lighting for footpath at Ross Lea, Shiney Row £2,000

The total of projects listed is £42,000 and should Committee approve the projects a balance of £210,626 will remain.

**3 Healthy City Investment Fund: Financial statement and proposals**

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

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

**4 Community Chest**

4.1 The table below details the balances remaining following the last meeting in April 2013 and includes project approvals from the April and May 2013 community chest panel meetings as detailed in **Annex 2** for information only. This includes £10,000 allocation per ward for 2013/14.

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Budget Remaining</b>	<b>Project Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Copt Hill	£10,628	£1,050	£9,578
Hetton	£14,486	£280	£14,206
Houghton	£13,856	£2,094	£11,762
Shiney Row	£11,436	£1,000	£10,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,406</b>	<b>£4,424</b>	<b>£45,982</b>

4.2 An application from Herrington Burn YMCA for £500 towards the cost of a trip to Prague to take part in the YMCA International Festival was presented to the Houghton ward panel. However a unanimous decision could not be reached, with two members approving the funding and one member rejecting the application. Therefore, it is presented to Area Committee for a final decision. Should the project be approved the balance for Houghton ward will be £11,262.

**Recommendations:**

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2, 3 and 4 and Annex 2
- Approve the SIB project applications listed in 2.2 and Annex 1
- Approve the one Community Chest application for Houghton ward based on a majority decision as identified in 4.2 above

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**Annex 1** SIB Applications recommended for approval  
**Annex 2** Community Chest approvals