

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
9 APRIL 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest
 Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources.

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded Community Chest grant.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve four SIB applications set out in 2.2 and detailed in Annex 1
- c) Agree the recommendations made by Place Board set out in 2.3, 2.4, Annex 2 and Annex 3, and agree the return of £1,612 to the main SIB budget
- d) Note the information in 2.5 and agree the return of £1,513 to the main SIB budget
- e) Note the 16 Community Chest approvals supported from 2013/14 budget as set out in Annex 4

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work 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

Scrutiny Committee:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest 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. The report provides a financial statement as an up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB 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 for 2014/2015:

Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £268,412				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
No projects approved to date within this financial year				£
Balance				£268,412

2.2 There are four applications for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and detailed at **Annex 1**.

Advice Volunteer Co-ordinator	ShARP	£30,000
Community Transport	ELCAP	£60,000
Social Club	Houghton Centre for the Blind	£4,000
Baulkham Hills Footpath	Sunderland City Council	£4,289

The total budget being requested from the projects listed is **£98,289**. Should the proposals be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£170,123**.

2.3 Following allocation of £30,000 by Area Committee at the January 2014 meeting, the Place Board made a Call for Projects (Environmental Improvements) via the VCS Network. Projects recommended for approval below and detailed in **Annex 2** total £28,388 which would leave a balance of £1,612 to return to the main SIB budget should all recommendations be approved.

Environmental Improvements and Education	
Improving our Community, Herrington Burn YMCA	£4,371
A Clean Sweep, Easington Lane Community Access Point	£5,000
Looking Good in Coalfield, Sunderland North Community Business Centre	£4,988
Flatts Allotment, Sunderland North Community Business Centre	£2,285

Naturally in your Neighbourhood, Hetton Greenwatch	£2,500
Spring into Action, Groundwork North East	£4,352
Poo Watch, Groundwork North East	£4,892

- 2.4 Following allocation of £2,000 by Area Committee at the January 2014 meeting, the Place Board made a Call for Projects (Celebrating Success) via the VCS Network. The project recommended for approval is 'Welcome to the Coalfield' – Herrington Burn YMCA detailed in **Annex 3**.
- 2.5 In 2011/12, a project to provide additional holiday activities for young people was delivered by the youth lead for the area and a consortium of local providers. The project is now closed and a balance of £1,513 remains. Committee are requested to agree that this balance is returned to the main Coalfield SIB budget.

3 Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2014/2015. **Annex 4** shows the approvals between January to March 2014.

Ward	Start Balance for 2014/2015
Copt Hill	£12,889.76
Shiney Row	£11,859.00
Houghton	£13,917.50
Hetton	£13,088.00
Total	£51,754.26

4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

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- Note the 16 Community Chest approvals supported from 2013/14 budget as set out in Annex 4

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- Annex 1** Summary of SIB Applications
Annex 2 Area Place Board SIB Environmental project summaries
Annex 3 Area Place Board SIB Celebrating Success project summary
Annex 4 Community Chest approvals