

5 JANUARY 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE BUDGET (SIB), STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN (SIP) AND COMMUNITY CHEST- FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

1. Why has it come to Committee?

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, SIP and Community Chest, and proposes a number of projects for approval from each funding stream.

2. Financial Statement Coalfield Committee

* £241,514 was allocated for 2010-11, £62,422 was carried over from 2009 -10: Balance £303,936				
	Committee Date	Main SIB Fund Approvals	Opportunities Approvals	Total 100%
Available Funding 2010/11 *	-	-	-	£303,936
Project Name	-	-	-	-
Coalfields 3G Camera Addition	14.07.10	£5,500	-	£298,436
Eppleton Cricket Club Practice Facilities	14.07.10	-	£13,162	£285,274
Philadelphia Cricket Club Practice Facilities	14.07.10	-	£9,000	£276,274
Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony	14.07.10	-	£10,000	£266,274
Coalfield in Bloom - bulb planting project	14.07.10	£50,000	-	£216,274
Heritage Feasibility Study	09.09.10	£10,000	-	£206,274
Sunderland Angling Festival	08.10.10	-	£1,000	£205,274
Grace House North East	08.10.10	-	£1,675	£203,599
Wensleydale Avenue Traffic Calming	03.11.10	£10,277	-	£193,322
Walking Route to Rainton Meadows	03.11.10	£20,000	-	£173,322
North Rd/Hazard Ln pedestrian safety	03.11.10	£10,000	-	£163,322
Ear 4 U	03.11.10	-	£13,200	£150,122
Shopping Centres scoping exercise	03.11.10	£5,000	-	£145,122
Parade Traffic Management Support	11.11.10 (Delegated Decision)	-	£2,343	£142,779
Total allocated		£110,777	£50,380	
NB:- £6,149 was recouped from The Hive Project (included in remaining balance) £27,000 was recouped from Hetton Memorial Garden project (included in remaining balance) £58 was recouped from New Herrington Study project (included in remaining balance)				
Remaining balance	-	-	-	£175,986

3. Strategic Initiatives Budget

Following the November 2010 Committee meeting £175,986 remained to be allocated during 2010/11. This amount includes £27,000 brought back to the budget with regard to the Hetton Memorial Garden Project and £58 with regard to the New Herrington study.

There are three projects detailed in **Annex 1a** recommended for approval as follows:

Project	SIB requested	Recommendation
• The Underground	£32,394	Approve
• Kepier Hall Car Park	£10,000	Approve
• South View Phase 3	£1,000	Approve

Projects recommended for approval from the 2010/11 budget total £43,394. Should Committee approve this proposal the remaining balance for the 2010/11 allocation would be £132,592 with one meeting remaining.

As identified in Report 3a, the priorities of 'Local Shopping Centres' and 'Heritage' are still in the scoping stage and therefore have not had SIB allocated to specific projects to address these priorities. Initial discussions at the Task and Result groups and updates to Area Committee suggest that the outcome of the scoping/audit exercises will identify a range of costed projects which could be implemented at the next stage. It is therefore recommended that Committee allocate a proportion of the remaining SIB to each priority in order to ensure that 2010/11 funding is targeted on selected 2010/11 area priorities.

Based on indicative costs identified at Task and Result group meetings it is recommended that an amount of £80,000 be 'earmarked' from this year's budget for the Local Shopping Centres priority, and £40,000 be 'earmarked' for the Heritage priority. This would leave a balance of £12,592 with one meeting remaining.

If Committee agree to the recommendation, SIB applications will still be submitted and processed in the usual way and presented to Committee for approval before any specific projects are implemented.

4. Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

Following the November 2010 Committee meeting, £29,070 remained to be allocated during 2010/11. There are 4 projects detailed in **Annex 1a** which are recommended for approval, as follows:

Project	SIP requested	Recommendation
• South View Phase 3	£5,100	Approve
• Lake Road underpass steps	£1,185	Approve
• Lake Road footpath	£10,500	Approve
• Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)	£11,500	Approve

The projects recommended for approval from the 2010/11 budget total £28,285. Should Committee approve this proposal the remaining balance for the 2010/11 allocation would be £785 (Houghton ward).

5. Community Chest

The table below details balances remaining to be allocated following the last meeting in November, project proposals received as detailed in **Annex 1b**, and balance remaining should those proposals be approved.

Ward	Balance at November 2010	Project proposals	Community Chest Balance
Copt Hill	£5138	£3392	£1746
Hetton	£77	£0	£77
Houghton	£4610	£3309	£1301
Shiney Row	£1868	£0	£1868

Recommendations

Committee are requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in Section 2 of this report
- Agree the SIB recommendations set out in Annex 1a
- Agree to allocate a nominal budget of £80,000 to the Local Shopping Centres priority
- Agree to allocate a nominal budget of £40,000 to the Heritage priority
- Agree the SIP recommendations set out in Annex 1a
- Approve the 12 proposals for support 2010/11 Community Chest set out in Annex 1b

Appendices

Annex 1a: Summary of SIP and SIB funding applications

Annex 1b: Summary of Community Chest Applications

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