

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
30 March 2011
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) 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 of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2010/11 budget:

1. Main report: Allocate a nominal budget of £5,665 SIB to deliver improvements for allotments
2. Main report: Allocate £1,035 SIP to sample works on Houghton War Memorial
3. Annex 1a: Approve two SIB proposals from the 2010-11 budget to the following projects: £12,000 for the Coalfield Community Challenge project, £10,000 for the Responsive Youth Provision project.
4. Annex 1b: Approve 13 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, all projects total £5,159.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee and can be used to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Coalfield LAP. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a budget of £241,514 for 2010-11, with a further £62,422 carried over from 2009-10. During 2010-11, £38,280 has been returned to budget providing a new balance of £342,216 for SIB 2010-11.

The Community Chest forms part of the SIB and £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for each of the Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row wards.

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