

**COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
26 MARCH 2013
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

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

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of a proposal for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2012/13 budget:
Committee are requested to:-

(a) Note the financial statement set out in 2.1.

(b) Agree to align £4,500 2012/13 SIB (subject to delegated decision by the Portfolio Holder and Head of Street Scene) against the Highways Maintenance Programme 2013/14.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan?

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan and work 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.

2. Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

- 2.1. The table below show the financial position of SIB following the January 2013 meeting.

SIB Financial Statement 2012/13

Opening Balance	Allocated budgets	Approved projects	Returned to budget	Remaining Balance
£236,798	£50,000	£163,767	£27,642	£50,673

Following the January 2013 Area Committee meeting, a balance of **£50,673 SIB** remains to be allocated from the 2012/13 budget.

In February 2013 and March 2013, Coalfield area Place Board discussed the Highway Maintenance Programme 2013/14.

A presentation detailing the works to be carried out will be presented on the night of Committee. The Place Board is recommending that £4,500 of the SIB 2012/13 budget is aligned against the Highway Maintenance Programme (subject to delegated decision by the Portfolio Holder and Head of Street Scene).

If members agree to align £4,500 against the programme, **£46,173 SIB** would remain to be allocated during 2012/13, with one meeting remaining.

3. Recommendations

Committee are requested to:-

(a) Note the financial statement set out in 2.1.

(b) Agree to align £4,500 2012/13 SIB (subject to delegated decision by the Portfolio Holder and Head of Street Scene) against the Highways Maintenance Programme 2013/14, Annex 1.

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