

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
21 JUNE 2012
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:
 Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial update and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

Author(s):
 Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:
 This report requests Area Committee to consider proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will deliver activity against priorities for 2012/13.

Description of Decision:
 The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2012/13 budgets:

Approve four SIB proposal from the 2012/13 budget as outlined in Item 4 at **Annex 2**

Street lighting, the Cove, Shiney Row	£6,600
Lighting of Burnside skate park	£2,920
Houghton War Memorial	£10,000
Allotments watering project	£3,458

Approve 15 Community Chest requests from the 2012/13 budget as outlined in Item 4 at **Annex 3**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:
 SIB is a budget delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Coalfield Work Plan. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a total SIB budget of £236,798 for 2012/13.

The Community Chest forms part of SIB, of which £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2012/2013 across all wards. £10,000 is available for each ward (Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row)

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
 Is it included in the Forward Plan?
 No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees: