

**Sunderland East Area Committee**  
**9 September 2010**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Community Action in Coalfield – Progress Review

**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: Approve £10,000 from the SIB 2010/11 budget (subject to a full detailed application and appraisal) to produce an audit, feasibility and action plan for the Heritage priority
2. Annex 2a: Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11
3. Annex 2b: Approve four proposals for support from the 2010/11 SIP budget totalling £33,126
4. Annex 2c: Approve 24 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest budget

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

SIP was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was an additional one-off allocation of £1.426m to Area Committees. The amount allocated to each Area Committee was the same as SIB allocation for 2008-09. SIP can only be used to deliver capital projects, deliver key priorities identified in the LAP with its main purpose to attract other funding into the area.

Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan to benefit the local community 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

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

**Relevant Scrutiny Committees:**

*Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee*  
*Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee*  
*Community and Safety City Scrutiny Committee*  
*Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny*