

**COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE – 15 November 2017
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report: Area Budgets Report	
Author(s): Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships.	
Purpose of Report: This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded from the Community Chest grant.	
Description of Decision: The Area Committee is requested to: a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 b) Approve the 7 projects in 2.2 from the previously allocated £100,000 SIB Digital Inclusion budget detailed in Annex 2 c) Approve the allocation of £10,000 SIB for Local Events and Celebrations detailed in Annex 1 d) Note the 40 Community Chest approvals supported from 2017/2018 Community Chest as set out in Annex 3 .	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? YES	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and 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	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**Area Budgets Report****1 Purpose of Report**

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 update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2017/2018:

Total SIB for 2017/2018 is £266,595 (balance of £25,081 from 2016/17 budget and £241,514 for 2017/18)				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
				£266,595
Sail Trainee Places	14.06.17	-	£12,000	£254,595
Tall Ships 2018 - Local Community Projects	14.06.17	-	£12,000	£242,595
Coalfield Digital Inclusion	14.06.17	-	£100,000	£142,595
Social Activity Programme	14.06.17	-	£30,000	£112,595
Balance				£112,595

2.2 Following approval of £100,000 at the June Area Committee to address Digital Inclusion, a project brief was developed by the People Board. A call for projects was made via the Coalfield VCS Network to support local residents to develop skills, access and engage with on-line services and facilities to improve their social outcomes across a broad range of themes, e.g. health, managing money, finding a job, accessing public services or simply socialising or shopping. Applications for one large and a number of small projects to address Digital Inclusion were received. After consultation and assessment, People Board considered all information and recommend that the following projects (detailed in **Annex 2**) are approved from the previously allocated £100,000 SIB budget. The balance to be utilised to develop the Digital Inclusion offer to meet changing need and demand.

Coalfield Communities Connected – CCC	Springboard	£50,000
Get Connected	ELCAP	£5,000
Welcome Café	Hetton New Dawn	£3,930
Computing in the Community	Penshaw CA	£5,000
Know IT All	ShARP	£4,950
Space4 IT	Space 4	£4,972
IT Access and Training in New Herrington	St Aidans Community Group	£4,855

2.3 There is one recommendation for additional SIB funding, totalling £10,000 presented to Committee for consideration as outlined below and detailed in **Annex 1**.

Celebrations, Events and Heritage 2017/18

£10,000

Should this proposal be approved the remaining balance of SIB would be £102,595.

3 Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the Community Chest Ward information for 2017/2018. **Item 5 Annex 3** shows the approvals supported June to October 2017.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2017	Grant Returned	Balance
Copt Hill	£10,000	£5,286	£0	£4,714
Hetton	£10,000	£6,081	£0	£3,919
Houghton	£10,000	£5,694	£0	£4,306
Shiney Row	£10,000	£6,006	£317	£4,311
Total	£40,000	£23,067	£317	£17,250

4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- Approve the 7 projects in 2.2 above from the previously allocated £100,000 SIB Digital Inclusion budget detailed in **Annex 2**
- Approve the allocation of £10,000 SIB for Local Events and Celebrations detailed in **Annex 1**
- Note the 40 Community Chest approvals supported from 2017/2018 Community Chest as set out in **Annex 3**.

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Annex 1 SIB Proposals
Annex 2 Digital Inclusion Proposals
Annex 3 Community Chest 2017/18