

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
2 December 2015
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report: Area Budgets Report	
Author(s): Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements.	
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: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> The Area Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 b) Approve 1 project recommended by the People Board from the previously approved £100,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 1 c) Approve 1 project recommended by the People Board from the previously approved £15,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 2 d) Approve 2 projects totalling £12,798 set out in 2.2 and Annex 3 e) Note the 8 Community Chest approvals as set out in Annex 4 </div>	
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 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	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

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 2015/2016:

Total SIB for 2015/2016 is £281,579 (£40,065 from 2014/15 budget and £241,514 for 2015/16)				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
Volunteering Support Shiney Row Advice and Resource Project (ShARP)	10/06/15		£5,000	£276,579
Houghton Feast 2015 Community Programme	10/06/15		£10,000	£266,579
Holiday Hunger Pilot	(DD)		£1,787	£264,792
Coalfield Activities Programme	14/10/15		£10,000	£254,792
Volunteering and Community Support	14/10/15	£100,000		£154,792
Youth Social Action	14/10/15	£15,000		£139,792
Balance				£139,792

2.2 There are two recommendations for SIB funding from previously approved £115,000 as below and at **Annex 1 and Annex 2**.

Increasing Capacity in Coalfield £100,000 (Call for Project)

Youth Social Action (YSA) in Coalfield £15,000 (Call for Project)

There are two applications for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and at **Annex 3**.

Houghton le Spring Village Atlas £4,000

Underground project £8,798

The total additional budget being requested is £12,798. Should the proposal be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£126,994**.

3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2015/2016 and totals approved to date. **Annex 4** shows the approvals for October to November 2015.

Ward	Start Balance (From March 2015)	Approvals since March 2015	Returned Grant	Balance
Copt Hill	£15,597.50	£5,171.00		£10,426.50
Hetton	£12,210.75	£8,771.50		£3,439.25
Houghton	£16,799.85	£9,287.30		£7,512.55
Shiney Row	£13,118.35	£5,528.40		£7,589.95
Total	£57,726.45	£28,758.20	£0.00	£28,968.25

4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve 1 project recommended by the People Board from the previously approved £100,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- c) Approve 1 project recommended by the People Board from the previously approved £15,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 2
- d) Approve 2 projects totalling £12,798 set out in 2.2 and Annex 3
- e) Note the 8 Community Chest approvals as set out in Annex 4

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Annex 1	SIB Community and Volunteer Support project
Annex 2	SIB Youth Social Action project
Annex 3	SIB Proposals
Annex 4	Community Chest