

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE 15 March 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Coalfield Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director Housing and Communities	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment 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 updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: Committee are requested to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1. b) Approve the 3 Neighbourhood Fund applications from 2022/23 budget as set out in Section 2.3 and Annex 1 c) Approve the 4 Youth projects at 2.4 and Annex 2, from the previously aligned Neighbourhood Fund budget d) Approve the 2 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme applications set out in 3.4 and Annex 3 e) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023, as detailed in Annex 4 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation £439,200 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £208,039 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2022/23 to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery 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 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Coalfield Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2022/2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total Neighbourhood Fund for 2022/2023 is £439,200 (357,946, plus £81,254 unspent balances returned to budget)				
Project Name				£439,200
Shiney Row Community Centre Refurb/Improvements	15 June 2022		£3,790	£435,410
Houghton Brass Championships of Great Britain	15 June 2022		£4,420	£430,990
Link Together – bridging the gap	15 June 2022		£18,500	£412,490
Houghton Feast – community programme	15 June 2022		£10,000	£402,490
Holiday Activities	15 June 2022		£4,895	£397,595
Copt Hill Holiday Zone	15 June 2022		£4,129	£393,466
Hetton Holiday Zone	15 June 2022		£4,129	£389,337
Houghton Holiday Zone	15 June 2022		£4,129	£385,208
Shiney Row Holiday Zone	15 June 2022		£4,129	£381,079
Wild Green Days	15 June 2022		£4,920	£376,159
ABEL Club	15 June 2022		£1,818	£374,341
Elba Park Holiday Activities	15 June 2022		£4,970	£369,371
Buddies Life Skills	15 June 2022		£4,116	£365,255
Early Years Holiday Programme	15 June 2022		£4,900	£360,355
Active Adventurers	15 June 2022		£4,940	£355,415
RU Ready for UC	28 Sept 2022		£44,500	£310,915
Coalfield Communities Connected (Digital Inclusion)	28 Sept 2022		£31,500	279,415
Ward based Youth Provision	28 Sept 2022		£200,000	79,415
Buddies Toddlers	14 Dec 2022		£3,500	75,915

Coalfield Pride 2023	14 Dec 2022		£11,325	64,590
Balance				64,590

- 2.2 Coalfield Area Committee currently has £64,590 Neighbourhood Funding available for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There are 3 applications to the 2022/23 Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration, detailed at **Annex 1**
- Phoenix/Spark Programme £7,845
 - Holiday Activities for Children and Young People (alignment of funding) £42,378
 - CHAT (Coalfield Healthy and Active Teens) £14,367
- 2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£64,590** If approved, the remaining balance will be **£0**
- 2.4 Following alignment of £200,000 (£50,000 per ward) Neighbourhood Fund to deliver youth provision/activities, extensive discussions have taken place by the Neighbourhood and Community Board, and at a ward level. It was agreed at the November 2022 N&C Board meeting that a project brief would be drawn up to deliver activities and support for young people in each ward. Project applications have been assessed and the recommendation is to approve the following (from the previously aligned budget) as summarised in **Annex 2**:
- Youth Choices Copt Hill £50,000
 - Youth Choices Hetton £50,000
 - Youth Choices Houghton £50,000
 - Youth Choices Shiney Row £50,000

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 – 2023

- 3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020/2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Balance
Starting Balance for 2020/2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting Project	15.07.20	-	-	£10,000	£490,000
Mining Heritage Project	09.12.20	-	-	£50,000	£440,000
Shiney Lighting	17.03.21	-	-	£5,961	£434,039
Elemore Greenspace	17.03.21	-	-	£100,000	£334,039
Improving Rectory Park	17.03.21	-	-	£100,000	£234,039
Lighting up Rectory Park	16.03.22	-	-	£35,000	£199,039
Old Durham Road Play	15.06.22			£35,000	£164,039
Environmental Improvements to Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground	28.09.22	-	-	£10,000	£154,039
Improvements to Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground Pavillion	28.09.22	-	-	£41,000	£113,039
Footpath Improvements to Fenton Tce/Railway Tce	28.09.22	-	-	£14,300	£98,739
Enclosure of Class A football pitch at Herrington Colliery Welfare Ground	14.12.22	-	-	£40,000	£58,739

- 3.2 Coalfield Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 3.3. The Capital Programme is now in the final year of a three year programme and the budget was available to allocate across one or more years depending on the proposals presented.
- 3.4 There are two requests for funding presented to this meeting as outlined below and in **Annex 3**.
- Secure the Club £38,000
 - Copt Hill/Seven Sisters Environmental Improvements £20,739
- 3.5 Should the 2 projects be approved, the total Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme balance remaining would be **£0**

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 For 2022/23 Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row wards have been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest has now moved online to make it easier for Groups to access the funds, however, if Groups need digital support Area Arrangements will provide it to ensure inclusivity. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 4.2 The table below details the Community Chest current budget position for 2022/2023. **Annex 4** shows the approvals supported to date (up to February 2023) for 2022/23.

Ward	Start Balance for 2022/2023	Project approvals since April 2022	Grant Returned	Balance
Copt Hill	£10,000	£7,261		£2,739
Hetton	£10,000	£9,330		£670
Houghton	£10,000	£9,505	£500	£955
Shiney Row	£10,000	£5,906		£4,093
Total	£40,000	£31,543		£8,457

5. Recommendations:

Committee are requested to:-

- f) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1.
- g) Approve the 3 Neighbourhood Fund applications from 2022/23 budget as set out in Section 2.3 and Annex 1
- h) Approve the 4 Youth projects at 2.4 and Annex 2, from the previously aligned Neighbourhood Fund budget
- i) Approve the 2 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme applications set out in 3.4 and Annex 3
- j) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023, as detailed in Annex 4

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