

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

5th JUNE 2008

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT

Report of the Chief Executive (Acting)

1.0 Purpose Of The Report

1.1 This report outlines current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and applications for funding from this budget in order to support new initiatives, which will benefit the area.

2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve the following:

- Formally endorse the approval of project previously considered, subject to budget approval, from the 2008/09 budget, as detailed in Annex 1
- Funding to support proposals for new projects. Full applications are included in Annex 2
- Extension to Phoenix project until March 2009, as detailed in Annex 3

3.0 Background

3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum budget of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years. Over this period, therefore, the Framework area has been allocated £2,748,568 in this way.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 Following the 6th March 2008 Committee meeting no funds remained to be allocated. £75,400 was also allocated from 2008/09 budget (subject to budget approval).

4.2 The recently approved Coalfield Area SIB budget allocation for 2008/09 is £237,142.

4.3 Should the committee formally endorse the projects included in Annex 1, £125,010 will have been allocated from the 2008/09 budget, leaving £112,132 for allocation.

4.4 There are four applications for funding presented to this Committee requesting a total of £58,000 from the 2008/09 budget. Should the

Committee grant this request, £183,010 will be committed from this years budget, leaving a balance of £54,132 for allocation.

5.0 Reasons for the Decision

5.1 SIB was established to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area. Applications for SIB funding should demonstrate the potential benefits to local communities the proposed project would bring, and subsequently be able to provide evidence and statistics that can illustrate these benefits.

6.0 Alternative Options

6.1 Each project is required to indicate what alternative options they have considered in section 7.4 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 2.

7.0 Relevant Consultations

7.1 Financial Implications

Each project is required to indicate what financial implications there may be in section 7.5 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 2.

7.2 Implications for Other Services

Each project is required to indicate what implications there may be for other services in section 3.11 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 2.

7.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate what consultation it has undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in sections 3.8 and 3.9 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 2.

7.4 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Councils Race Equality Scheme.

Each project is required to indicate whether it has an equal opportunities policy, or what measures it employs to address equal opportunity issues, in section 4 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 2.

7.5 Public Relations and Publicity

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote SIB via project publicity in Section 3.7 of the application form. The Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator for the Sunderland City Council implements the publicity and public relations schedule on behalf of the Area Committee.

8.0 List of Appendices

- 8.1 Annex 1 Projects previously considered at Area Committee for budget approval for 2008/09.
- 8.2 Annex 2 Proposals to this Area Committee meeting for SIB funding
- 8.4 Annex 3 An extension to the Phoenix project until December 2010.
- 8.5 Annex 4 SIB Criteria and Project Guidelines

9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) : Regeneration Issues Reports to previous Area Committees
- 9.2 Regeneration Framework Files Coalfield