

SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

8th September 2008

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT

Report of the Acting Chief Executive

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 funding to support proposals for new projects, as included in Annex 1.

3.0 Background

3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years. The allocation of £200,000 for this financial year means that, over this period, the Framework area has been allocated £2,600,000 in this way.

3.2 Annex 2 gives a summary of allocations since its creation in 1996/7 and a full breakdown of individual projects since 2006/7.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 Following the last Committee meeting on 2nd June 2008, £36,708 was committed from the 2008/9 budget leaving a balance of £163,292.

4.2 There are six applications for funding to this Committee requesting £38,660 from the 2008/9 budget and £20,000 from the 2009/10 budget, subject to approval. Should the Committee agree these requests, £75,368 will be committed from the 2008/9 budget, leaving a balance of £124,632, and £20,000 from the 2009/10 budget, subject to budget approval.

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 1.

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 1.

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 1.

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, attached as Annex 1.

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 1.

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 its application form. A Marketing and

Communications Co-ordinator implements a publicity and public relations schedule on behalf of the Area Committee.

8.0 List of Appendices

- 8.1 Annex 1 Requests for funding for new projects.
- 8.2 Annex 2 Summary of SIB allocations since 1996/7 and a full breakdown of individual projects since 2006/7.
- 8.3 Annex 3 SIB Guidelines and Procedures.

9.0 Background Papers

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