

SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

7th January 2008

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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.

2.2 The committee is requested to approve additional funding to that previously agreed, as included within Annex 3.

3.0 Background

3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last twelve years. The allocation of £200,000 for this financial year means that, over this period, the Framework area has been allocated £2,400,000 in this way.

3.2 Annex 2 gives a summary of allocations and a full breakdown of individual projects since 2005/6.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 Following the last Committee meeting on 29th October 2007, £140,931 was committed from the 2007/8 budget and £20,000 from the 2008/9 budget, subject to budget approval. With the return of Community Chest under spend the remaining balance is £73,877.

4.2 There are four applications for funding to this Committee requesting £42,900 from the 2007/8 budget. Should the Committee approve these, and the request for additional funding contained in Annex 3, a balance of £29,560 will remain to be allocated from the 2007/8 budget.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Proposals for SIB funding.

8.2 Annex 2 Summary of SIB allocations since 1996/7 and a full breakdown of individual projects since 2005/6.

8.3 Annex 3 Request for additional funding.

8.4 Annex 4 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