

SIB Project Performance for the Place Board

Below is a summary of SIB funded projects showing how they have performed against targets and what they have achieved **up until end of Quarter 4 (2014/15)**

Local Approach to Employment and Enterprise

This project was funded **£28,000**, split into three strands:

1. **Shop Local Concord (Louise Darby) £5,000** Shop Local posters, leaflets and pull up banners were produced for use at events as well as a Shop Local Christmas leaflet. Recent activity includes the development of a Shop Watch sticker. There was also a very small run of posters for the advertising bins. Spend on this project to date totals £1,414.
2. **Ad Bins (David Hardy) £3,000** This element of the **project is now complete**, with the ad bins installed and the funds fully claimed.
3. **Local Approach to Employment and Enterprise (Berni Whittaker) incorporating:**

Engaging with local businesses (£2,500). This element of the project was merged with Washington Skills Conference (£2,500) which was held on the 12th November 2014. Since the event, there has been no further activity with this project. The total spend for this element was therefore £1,064.15. **Project complete.**

Retail support project (£15,000) The project included a retail support specialist engaging with the 88 independent retailers in the Concord area. Grants ranging from £175 to £500 were approved and a traders association established. The grants supported new shop fittings, flooring, shop signs, shutters, decoration CCTV and a security door. 10 companies received mentoring and regular communication bulletins are issued. A Shop Local campaign ran in September 2014 with 9 local traders offering discounts and a Christmas campaign. Community News highlighted the scheme. A Shopwatch scheme has recently just established which has reduced incidences of burglary and ASB. Remaining unspent funds (£3,935.85) returned to the SIB budget via June 2015 Area Committee. **Project complete**

Village Centre Improvements Project (SCC)

This project was awarded SIB funding of £80,000 for to deliver ward walk abouts to identify village centre improvement in the five Washington wards. The project is progressing well with spend being claimed at £63,651.39 to date. The SIB Village Improvement Programme was granted a 6 months extension as some projects are running behind due to weather and other commitments. **Carried forward to 2015/16 workplan**

Neighbourhood Improvement Project (SCC)

This project was awarded SIB funding of £125,000. To date there is no spend claimed on this project. The NIP has progressed with the completion of the installation of lighting columns at Roseberry Court in partnership with Gentoo, a further proposal for lighting columns to the rear of Helmdon, Sulgrave is being considered in the North Ward. There are several projects in each of the remaining Wards being planned such as a tree planting scheme between the two Wards of West and South. Other projects will be discussed in the coming review meetings with Ward Members which has been organised for May 2015. **Carried forward to 2015/16 workplan**

Green Spaces (SCC)

This project was awarded SIB funding of £100,000. To date there is £16,028 claimed on this project. A recent report was given to the Washington Area Committee. In order to ensure spend within deadline and not lose substantial external funding for routes in the Washington area, including c £1.5m of Regional Growth Fund on cycle routes for which the deadline is September 2015, the SIB funded works have had to be rescheduled for Autumn 2015. The Washington Area Committee Chair Cllr B Scaplehorn and Area Coordinator Louise Butler were at the meeting along with others working on the project, where this was endorsed as a necessary way forward, to maximise investment in the area. **Carried forward to 2015/16 workplan**