

SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

2nd March 2009

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT

Report of the 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 return to budget £1,658 from the Events Budget to enable full consideration of project applications. This would leave the Events Budget with a balance of £6,812, which at this stage of the financial year, is considered more than adequate
- 2.2 The Committee is requested to approve funding to support proposals for new projects, as included in Annex 1.
- 2.3 The Committee is further requested to approve funding to support new projects from the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), as included in Annex 3.

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 Each Area Committee has been allocated £200,000 from the Strategic Investment Plan over a three year period.
- 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 5th January 2009, one application was approved from the 2008/9 budget leaving a balance of £118,842. If the Committee agrees the return to budget, outlined in 2.1, this would leave a balance of £120,500.

- 4.2 There are 13 applications for funding to this Committee requesting £120,500 from the 2008/9 budget and £200,000 from the SIP allocation. Should the Committee agree this request the 2008/9 budget and the SIP allocation will be fully committed and £20,000 from the 2009/10 budget, subject to budget approval, will have been committed.

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.

- 5.2 SIP was established to enable significant improvement priorities to be delivered. It also underpins the City's and Council's overall policy framework and

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7.0 Relevant Consultations

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- 7.2 Implications for Other Services

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- 7.3 The Public

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8.0 List of Appendices

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- 8.3 Annex 3 Requests for funding from the Strategic Investment Plan.
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