

## **SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008, £183,831 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 and £4,000 from the Area Committee Marketing Project and £2,197 from the Durham County Show the remaining balance is £36,477.

4.2 There are seven applications for funding to this Committee requesting £36,477 from the 2007/8 budget and £18,556 from the 2008/9 budget, subject to approval. Should the Committee approve these, the 2007/8 budget will be fully committed and £38,556 will be committed from the 2008/9 budget, subject to 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.

## **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 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