

SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in Committee Room 1, Civic Centre, Sunderland on Monday, 5th June, 2006 at 5.00 p.m.

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R.C. RAYNER,
City Solicitor.

Civic Centre,
SUNDERLAND.

24th May, 2006

At a meeting of the SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2006 at 6.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Blyth, E. Gibson, Porthouse, L. Scott and P. Smith.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Donnelly, Oliver and Tansey.

Minutes

Referring to page 3 of the minutes, Councillor Porthouse asked if any progress had been made with regards to establishing a Sub-Committee to look into juvenile disorder. The Chairman advised that he would take this up with the South Forum as soon as possible.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 9th January, 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

- (i) Item 6 – Children’s Centres – Phase Two – 2006-08

Councillor Blyth declared a personal interest in the above item as a Council appointed Governor of Mill Hill Primary School.

- (ii) Item 7 – Regeneration Issues Report – Feedback on Projects Previously Funded Through Strategic Initiatives Budget

Councillor Porthouse declared a personal interest in the above item as a Member of the Jubilee Centre Management Committee.

- (iii) Item 8 – Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Report.

Councillors Blyth, P. Gibson and L. Scott declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item in respect of the South Forum Development Project as Members of the Management Committee and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the application.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman having both withdrawn from the meeting, the Committee nominated Councillor Porthouse to take the Chair for the above item of business only.

Councillors E. Gibson and Porthouse declared a personal interest in the above item as they had attended meetings of the South Forum.

- (iv) Item 9 – Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) 2005/06 Ward Based Community Chest.

Councillors Blyth and E. Gibson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item as Members of the Friends of Doxford Park, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor P. Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item as Vice-Chairman of Silksworth Community Association and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Crime Rates Relating to the South Sunderland Area – Presentation from Northumbria Police

Inspector Michael Smith circulated Sunderland South Crime Comparisons for November to January. He referred to the request at the previous meeting for assault figures to include domestic assaults, he advised that it had not been possible to provide the information for this meeting, however he would ensure it was brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

In response to a query from Councillor Blyth regarding the significant increase in the number of assaults, particularly in the Doxford Ward, Inspector Smith advised that there had been no difference in the approach taken to dealing with assaults and stressed that the figures were relatively low when compared with the rest of the city, which made it difficult to get resources into the area. He advised that when domestic assaults were identified separately, this could impact upon the figures.

Inspector Smith advised that work was taking place to reduce motor vehicle thefts in Silksworth, it was suspected the thefts were down to two individuals, who Police were currently targeting.

Councillor Porthouse stated that juvenile disorder was a serious problem in St. Chad's Ward, and as such he was concerned to hear that the dedicated youth worker for the area would be leaving. Inspector Smith advised that the Police were aware of the issues in the area and that there wasn't as much youth provision as there should be. This was something that required addressing and Inspector Smith agreed to look further into the issue.

The Chairman having thanked Inspector Smith for attending the meeting, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the Police statistics and information brought out in discussion be received and noted.

Worklessness in the South Area – Job Linkage Update

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) which updated Members on the worklessness challenge facing the South Regeneration Area and the services offered to local clients and employers by the Job Linkage Service and the impact of this service on residents of the South Regeneration Area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Karen Alexander, Employment Development Co-ordinator, advised the Committee that the broad definition of worklessness referred to people who were unemployed or economically inactive and who were in receipt of certain working age benefits. Job Linkage was the Local Strategic Partnership's primary response to worklessness and the initiative was delivered in partnership with the Local Authority, Job Centre Plus and the Voluntary Sector. There were now 13 centres across the city.

There were two outreach venues in the South Area, one at Farringdon Jubilee Centre and one at Doxford Electronic Village Hall. There was also a centre at Black Road in Ryhope, which could be accessed by residents from the South Area. The Service was entirely voluntary and was of no cost to the user. Ms. Alexander advised that last year around 16,000 people found work through Job Linkage. She added that positive feedback had been received from service users.

Ms. Alexander advised that Job Linkage was funded by external sources and any problems relating to funding could threaten future sustainability of the project.

Councillor Scott commented that the city's earning capacity as a whole would be affected as a result of Sunderland having the 5th largest concentration of unemployment in the country.

In response to a query from Councillor Scott regarding how the number of people not in work were identified, Ms. Alexander advised that census information was used.

In response to a query from Councillor Smith regarding the number of people who accessed the centres and what publicity there was, Ms. Alexander advised that awareness raising was an area that required further attention. Of the 13 centres across the city some people would live within the immediate vicinity which would increase awareness, while those living further away may have less awareness of the initiative.

The Chairman referred to a community fayre that had recently been held at Thorney Close. It had been well attended and there were plans to hold similar events in Doxford and Silksworth wards. He felt that it would be beneficial for Job Linkage to have some sort of presence at such community events.

In response to a query from Councillor Porthouse regarding the statistics contained in the report, Ms. Alexander advised that it had been difficult to pull together the statistics for the report, as there was no central hub within the South Area. The statistics had therefore been estimated based upon the percentages of neighbouring areas. There were currently around 100 people directly involved with Job Linkage in

the South Area, and it was considered as a potential growth area. Ms. Alexander's colleague advised that there were inconsistencies in the levels of staffing and provision at different centres, which was due to a lack of resources.

Responding to a query from Councillor Smith regarding the absence of a facility in Silksworth, Ms. Alexander advised that officers would endeavour to source a venue in Silksworth. The service aimed to locate itself in areas of greatest need based upon the indices of multiple deprivation.

Councillor Smith noted that there would be a Children's Centre in Silksworth which could be a good base for Job Linkage.

Ms. Alexander having asked the Committee to agree receive annual reports on Job Linkage, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) the Committee receive annual update reports on the progress of the Job Linkage Service.

Children's Centres – Phase Two – 2006-08

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of progress made in relation to the development of Children's Centres across the city with specific reference to the South Area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Rachel Putz, Integrated Services Team Manager, advised that building work had started at the Children's Centre being developed at Silksworth School and it was hoped to be completed by June 2006. The centre would include a room that could be booked out for community use, along with a day care setting for children under 5 years old.

Councillor Scott having proposed that the Committee undertake a site visit to the Children's Centre when the project was complete, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) a site visit to the Children's Centre be undertaken at the appropriate time.

Regeneration Issues Report: Feedback on Projects Previously Funded Through Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB).

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided information on the Farringdon Jubilee Centre and Area Committee Marketing Project, which had previously received funding from the Committee's SIB allocation.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman welcomed Gemma Cole to the meeting, who provided feedback in respect of the Farringdon Jubilee Centre.

Councillor Scott commended the project and stated that it was important to ensure the long term sustainability of the project.

Councillor Porthouse echoed Councillor Scott's comments and advised that the foundations for the building were intended to support a two storey structure, he felt that building a second storey was something that could be considered to further expand the centre and the services it offered. Ms. Cole felt that this could be beneficial, particularly with regard to developing activities for young people.

Councillor Porthouse suggested that a feasibility study should be undertaken to explore the possibilities of building a second storey on the Jubilee Centre.

Deborah Miller, Policy and Development Manager advised that the Officer due to provide feedback on the Area Committee Marketing Project was on sick leave and asked that the report be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

5. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) the feedback report relating to the Area Committee Marketing Project be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Report

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) on the proposed allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) to support the following initiatives to benefit the area:-

- (i) Barnes Park Café Project;
- (ii) Citywide Eco Rangers Project;
- (iii) South Forum Development Project; and
- (iv) Plains Farm and Humbledon Community Project.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Deborah Miller, Policy and Development Manager advised that subject to the approval of all projects at the meeting, all of the 2005/06 budget would be committed. £144,857 would be committed from the 2006/07 budget, and £35,000 would be committed from the 2007/08 budget (subject to budget approvals).

Mike Cleasby was present at the meeting in respect of the Barnes Park Café Project, Susan Goodchild in respect of the Citywide Eco Rangers Project, Andy Bellfield in respect of the South Forum Development Project and Helena Moss in respect of the Plains Farm and Humbledon Community Project, who were present to address comments and questions in respect of their projects.

Full consideration having been given to the applications, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that approval be given to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget Funding of:-

- (i) £2,500 from the 2005/6 budget as contribution to the Barnes Park Café Project;
- (ii) £1,500 from the 2005/6 budget as a contribution to the Citywide Eco Rangers Project;
- (iii) £5,151 from the 2005/6 budget and £18,849 from the 2006/7 budget, subject to budget approval, for the South Forum Development Project; and
- (iv) £15,000 from the 2006/7 budget, subject to budget approval and £15,000 from the 2007/8 budget, subject to budget approval, as a contribution to the Plains Farm and Humbledon Community Project.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) 2005/06 Ward Based Community Chest

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) on 6 projects recommended for support from the 2005/06 Community Chest Scheme in respect of the Doxford, Silksworth and St. Chad's Wards.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Porthouse referred to the number of groups that had applied for Community Chest funding, but had not used the money and considered that there should be a set amount of time in which the money must be spent, or it would be returned to the Community Chest Scheme in order to be reallocated.

A discussion ensued and Members felt that it would be beneficial to receive a report at a future meeting of the Committee which clarified the rules for the use of SIB, including any legal issues.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) approval be given to the 6 projects recommended for support from the 2005/06 budget with a total value of £3,676 as detailed in Annex 1 to the report; and
- (ii) a report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee, clarifying rules for the allocation and use of Community Chest funding.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.

S. PORTHOUSE,
Chairman.

Sunderland South Wards Crime Comparison
March - May

Doxford	2005	2006	
Burglary Dwelling	9	8	-1
Burglary OTD	9	8	-1
Theft of MV	9	17	8
Theft from MV	11	9	-2
Assaults	20	17	-3

Silksworth	2005	2006	
Burglary Dwelling	13	5	-8
Burglary OTD	11	19	8
Theft of MV	5	26	21
Theft from MV	6	5	-1
Assaults	32	31	-1

St Chads	2005	2006	
Burglary Dwelling	4	14	10
Burglary OTD	4	22	18
Theft of MV	7	15	8
Theft from MV	8	12	4
Assaults	29	25	-4

2004

	Doxford	Silksworth	St Chads
Burglary Dwelling	9	13	4
Burglary OTD	9	11	4
Theft of MV	9	5	7
Theft from MV	11	6	8
Assaults	20	32	29
2005			
	Doxford	Silksworth	St Chads
Burglary Dwelling	8	5	14
Burglary OTD	8	19	22
Theft of MV	17	26	15
Theft from MV	9	5	12
Assaults	17	31	25

Doxford Ward

% on same

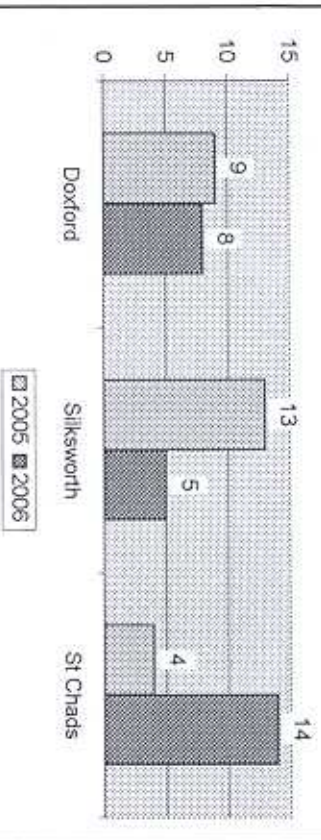
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	period prev yr
All Crime														
2004/2005	60	70	39	50	36	48	66	49	44	51	57	55	625	130
2005/2006	44	66	49	53	56	49	77	78	52	70	74	63	731	110
2006/2007	56	39											95	-13.64%
Burglary Dwelling														
2004/2005	6	2	2	4	0	1	4	9	4	3	3	6	44	8
2005/2006	0	3	1	5	6	7	2	1	1	0	5	5	36	3
2006/2007	1	2											3	0.00%
Burglary OTD														
2004/2005	5	2	2	7	2	0	3	5	2	2	3	0	33	7
2005/2006	4	5	0	2	1	4	3	2	0	2	9	6	38	9
2006/2007	2	0											2	-77.78%
Theft of MV														
2004/2005	2	3	0	1	2	3	3	1	1	5	2	3	26	5
2005/2006	1	5	0	0	0	3	5	6	3	6	2	7	38	6
2006/2007	8	2											10	66.67%
Theft from MV														
2004/2005	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	4	0	5	5	24	2
2005/2006	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	4	2	7	12	6	44	6
2006/2007	2	1											3	-50.00%
Assaults														
2004/2005	10	17	8	9	5	5	6	5	2	3	6	6	82	27
2005/2006	4	10	12	8	5	5	7	11	4	7	4	3	80	14
2006/2007	8	6											14	0.00%
Robbery														
2004/2005	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	8	1
2005/2006	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	6	1
2006/2007	2	0											2	100.00%
Racial Crime														
2004/2005	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1
2005/2006	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1
2006/2007	0	0											0	-100.00%
All Incidents														
2004/2005	264	298	252	240	232	239	303	216	200	236	235	291	3006	562
2005/2006	226	279	265	253	260	268	311	264	225	272	243	264	3130	505
2006/2007	242	223											465	-7.92%
From Dec 04 - Juvenile Related Incidents - new code														
Juvenile Rel/Incidents														
2004/2005	30	29	24	29	15	19	29	21	18	35	50	62	361	59
2005/2006	61	58	41	31	46	58	65	67	38	46	37	46	594	119
2006/2007	40	39											79	-33.61%
Juv/Dis database														
2004/2005	30	29	24	29	15	19	29	21	25	36	54	59	370	59
2005/2006	50	58	49	38	45	64	74	72	39	41	38	45	613	108
2006/2007	58	40											98	-9.26%

Silksworth Ward

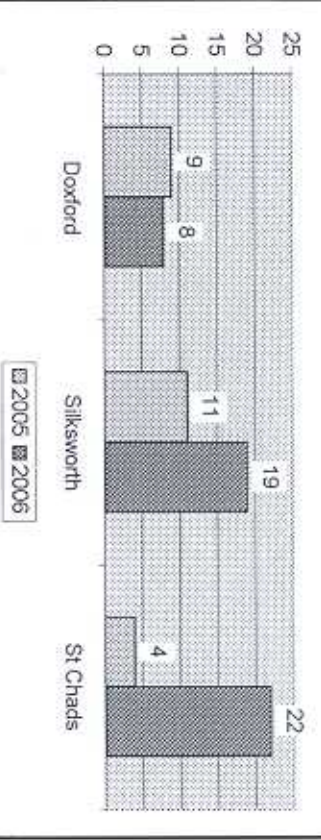
% on same

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	period prev yr
All Crime	93	86	61	67	62	79	76	83	89	93	108	74	971	179
2004/2005														
2005/2006	47	58	61	71	51	58	63	65	56	75	58	85	748	105
2006/2007	86	79											165	57.14%
Burglary Dwelling	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	6	7	1	5	5	8	6	7	6	3	6	5	65	13
2005/2006	5	3	5	3	1	3	2	3	3	9	3	2	42	8
2006/2007	1	2											3	-62.50%
Burglary OTD	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	4	3	1	2	4	2	2	3	4	5	3	3	36	7
2005/2006	2	6	3	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	10	34	8
2006/2007	6	3											9	12.50%
Theft of MV	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	4	6	4	2	2	4	5	18	4	12	3	1	65	10
2005/2006	1	3	4	8	3	2	6	3	3	4	6	9	52	4
2006/2007	12	5											17	325.00%
Theft from MV	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	3	2	0	2	3	2	3	10	2	8	14	3	52	5
2005/2006	1	2	3	2	1	6	9	5	7	0	2	1	39	3
2006/2007	2	2											4	33.33%
Assaults	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	12	17	13	13	4	10	14	7	6	10	9	13	128	29
2005/2006	11	8	8	9	7	11	5	6	9	10	6	10	100	19
2006/2007	8	13											21	10.53%
Robbery	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	0
2005/2006	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
2006/2007	1	0											1	#DIV/0!
Racial Crime	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0
2005/2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006/2007	0	1											1	#DIV/0!
All Incidents	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	369	357	291	257	351	285	305	297	284	340	353	356	3845	726
2005/2006	286	258	293	333	306	260	317	275	230	272	284	293	3407	544
2006/2007	323	347											670	23.16%
From Dec 04 - Juvenile Related Incidents - new code														
Juvenile Rel/Incidents	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	48	42	15	14	29	9	22	31	22	34	75	59	400	90
2005/2006	55	48	38	40	38	35	44	33	15	29	56	42	473	103
2006/2007	45	65											110	6.80%
Juv/Dis database	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	
2004/2005	48	42	15	14	29	9	22	30	31	38	88	60	426	90
2005/2006	57	48	45	50	43	39	45	36	13	31	54	40	501	105
2006/2007	50	71											121	15.24%

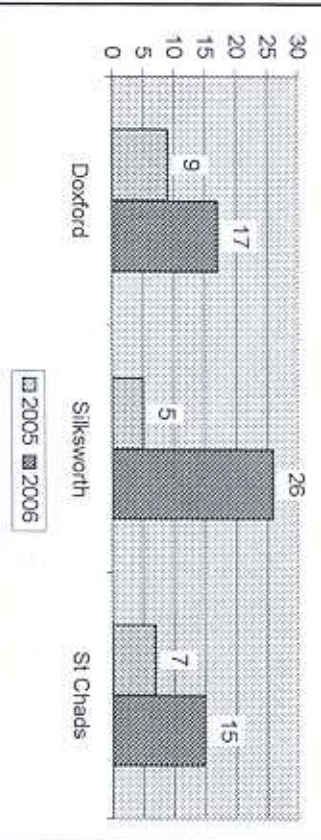
Sunderland South Area Burglary Dwelling
March - May



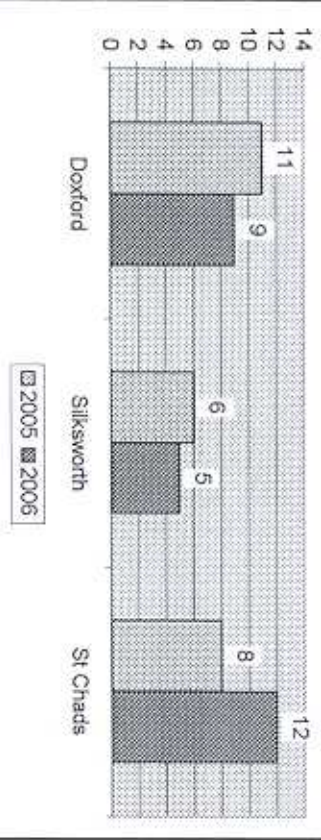
Sunderland South Area Burglary OTD
March - May



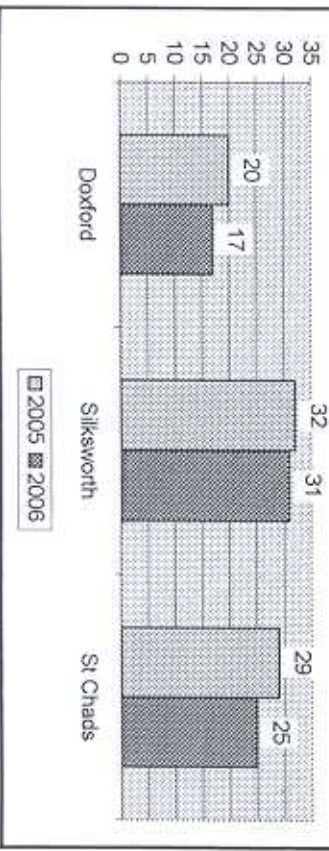
Sunderland South Area Theft of MVs
March - May



Sunderland South Area Theft from MVs
March - May

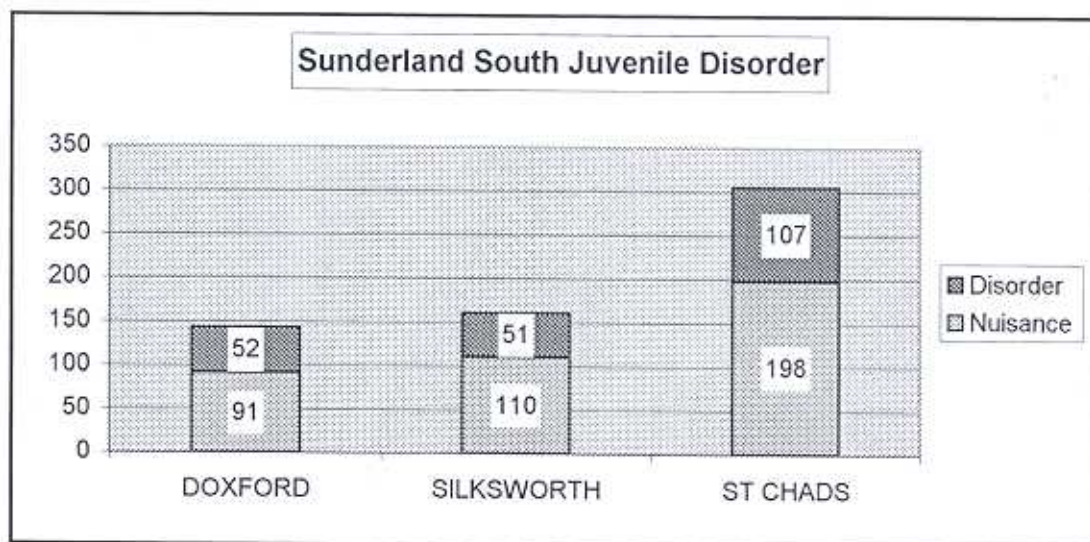


Sunderland South Area Assaults
March - May



Sunderland South Wards Juvenile Disorder
March - May 2006

	DOXFORD	SILKSWORTH	ST CHADS
Nuisance	91	110	198
Disorder	52	51	107
Total	143	161	305



Streets where there have been 5 or more reports	DOXFORD WARD	SILKSWORTH WARD	ST CHADS WARD	Total
ASHDOWN ROAD			65	65
ALLENDALE ROAD			33	33
PERTH ROAD		27		27
SILKSWORTH LANE		23	4	27
DURHAM ROAD			24	24
GOATHLAND DRIVE	14			14
ABOYNE SQUARE			12	12
ARUNDEL ROAD			11	11
ATLANTIS ROAD			11	11
MUNSLOW ROAD			10	10
RUSHFORD	10			10
ARCHER ROAD			9	9
BRIDLE PATH			9	9
HALL FARM ROAD	8			8
LOWLAND CLOSE	7			7
PRIMATE ROAD		7		7
AMBROSE ROAD			6	6
ANTWERP ROAD			6	6
ARBROATH ROAD			7	6
HILLCREST			6	6
NORTH MOOR LANE		6		6
TUNSTALL HOPE ROAD		6		6
ABERDARE ROAD			5	5
CAIRNSIDE			5	5
CRANBORNE			5	5
CROW LANE			5	5
DENE STREET		5		5
NORTH MOOR ROAD		5		5
RODNEY CLOSE	5			5
TUNSTALL HILL		5		5

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES

DATE 5th JUNE 2006

PUMA SUNDERLAND TENNIS CENTRE – LTA SATELLITE TOURNAMENT

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Area Committee of the successful staging of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) \$10,000 Ladies and \$15,000 Men's Satellite Tournament at the Puma Sunderland Tennis Centre over the period 5 - 12 March 2006.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) organise and promote a series of international satellite tournaments throughout the country, as part of their development programme for gifted and talented players on the fringe of breaking into the full time worldwide professional circuit.

2.2 The tournament attracts international entries from both men and ladies and is recognised as a stepping-stone for gifted and talented young players.

3.0 LTA SATELLITE TOURNAMENT 2006

3.1 The tournament attracted entries from the following countries:

Bulgaria	Netherlands
Estonia	Switzerland
Italy	Croatia
Sweden	Israel
Ireland	Great Britain
France	Japan
Turkey	Canada
Poland	India
United States	Germany
Russia	

3.2 The ladies competition was won by Gael Widmor from Switzerland who beat the up and coming British Junior player Naomi Cavaday 6-1 3-6 6-1. Sarah Borwell another young British player, played beyond her years and reached the semi-final.

3.3 The men's final was contested by two British players – Martin Lee from Sussex overcame James Aukland from Norfolk in an excellent three set final, eventually winning 6-7 6-1 6-3.

3.4 This tournament was the second of three being held at the Puma Sunderland Tennis Centre in 2006. The third tournament is scheduled for October 2006.

4.0 MARKETING / REGIONAL PROFILE

4.1 The overall marketing of the event is undertaken by the LTA who also manage the public relations of the tournament.

4.2 The tournament attracted excellent media coverage, both in the run up and during the event. Coverage included two BBC North East News slots, with several articles in both the Sunderland Echo Newspaper and the Evening Chronicle. The increased profile of the event generated high levels of interest from the local area and an increased number of spectators. The event has made a positive contribution to the overall awareness of the City and the Silksworth site.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 The Area Committee is invited to note the content of the report and the continued success of the Puma Sunderland Tennis Centre as a venue for high profile events.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 The background information for this report was supplied by

- Centre Manager, Puma Sunderland Tennis Centre
- Tennis Development Officer

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER**HOUSING and COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT PROGRESS REPORT****FOR INFORMATION****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the performance of the Benefits Section in the processing of new claims (BVPI 78a) Best Value Performance Indicator for Housing and Council Tax Benefit. This report covers the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

2. PERFORMANCE

2.1 Our target for BVPI 78a for processing new claims for 2005 – 2006 was set at 28 days. The attached table shows that we successfully achieved this target city wide (subject to audit). We also exceeded our 92% local target for new claims processed within 14 days of receipt of all necessary information, by achieving 93%. These two performance measures are still well within the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) standards.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

3.1 One of the main objectives in last and this year's Business Plans for the Benefits Service is to promote Housing and Council Tax Benefit and thereby increase take-up of these benefits.

3.2 Members were previously informed of take-up exercises throughout 2005 – 2006. These drives to encourage people to take up benefits last year resulted in more than 2,250 enquiries and led to 360 successful claims. Some people are now better off by as much as £80 per week and others have received backdated awards of over £3,000. In all, over £404,000 extra Housing and Council Tax Benefit was paid.

3.3 A free Benefits Hotline has been set up in March 2006 as part of our ongoing drive to encourage take up. It costs nothing for customers to ring the Council's Contact Centre to find out if there are benefits they might be missing out on.

The hotline was launched as Council Tax bills were dropping on doormats and so far we have accepted nearly 1,000 calls and calculations have confirmed at least 100 customers will qualify for Housing and Council Tax Benefit if they return their claim form). Publicity continues to promote the free phone number through working with Registered Social Landlords as they issue rent increase letters, advertising in the Echo, on billboards, and on our website. Investigations are also underway to advertise on a fleet of Stagecoach buses across the city.

3.4 This coming year, we face the biggest test we've had in many years which is the implementation of a new benefits system followed by an upgrade of our DIP (Document Image Processing) system. Significant preparation and effort has gone

into researching and acquiring the right benefit system to improve service delivery and we are on track for a summer implementation. Leading up to implementation we must suffer unavoidable 'downtime' for a period, whilst data is migrated and programmes and interfaces are tested. However, we will do all we can to minimise disruption to our Service and will keep our customers informed at all times.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

5.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

South Area Performance Statistics

National Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI78a) - City Wide

	Targets 2005 - 2006	Performance 2005 - 2006	Targets 2006 - 2007
Average time taken to process a new claim from date of claim	28 days	27.77 days	27 days
Percentage of new claims processed within 14 days from receipt of all information	92%	92.57%	93%

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

5th June 2006

REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT: FEEDBACK ON PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED THROUGH STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB)

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

1.0 Purpose Of The Report

- 1.1 This report provides information to the Area Committee on expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) on projects it has previously funded

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last eleven years from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area. Over this period, therefore, the Framework area has been allocated £2,200,000 in this way.
- 2.2 In order that the Area Committee can be kept informed of progress on projects it has previously funded as part of the SIB monitoring process, a programme of report backs has been scheduled.

3.0 Purpose of the Feedback Reports

- 3.1 The aim of the reports is to inform the Area Committee how the money it has been allocated through SIB has been used, how successful it has been in achieving its original objectives, and how the project will continue. Specifically, the reports have been asked to address the following key questions:
- How has the money has been used? How much was capital and revenue?
 - What were the outcomes of the project? How has it helped to achieve the objectives identified in the original submission? Are there any statistics that will support the outcomes?
 - What other funding the SIB allocation helped to attract?
 - What are the key lessons learnt? What difference has the project made in comparison to other areas that did not have such funding? What added

value did the project provide? Are there implications for existing service provision?

- Does the project need to continue? Has it come to its natural end? If not, how will it be funded? Has it been considered for mainstream funding? Have other funding sources been approached?

3.2 Once the presentation has been completed, Elected Members will be invited to ask any questions or offer comments concerning the project.

4.0 Feedback to this Committee

3.0 At this Committee meeting, the following feedback report will be presented:

- Sunderland South Youth Strategy.

4.2 An extract from the original application is attached as Annex 1. The schedule for Feedback Reports for 2006 - 2007 is attached as Annex 2

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 That this report be noted.

Background Papers

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Reports to previous Area Committees

Regeneration Framework File, West

ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING TO SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET - GRANT APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT TITLE: Sunderland South Youth Strategy

Section 1: Application Requirements

1.1: Please note that this application will be presented to the relevant Area Committee for its consideration when determining your SIB Grant Application. The Agenda and the Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public. Please therefore ensure that your organisation is agreeable to the content of the information that is set out in the form.

The Application Form should be provided in either electronic (e-mail or floppy disc) or typed format.

If you have a problem with returning this form in either electronic or typed format, please contact the appropriate Area Regeneration Officer. Contact / address details are provided on the covering letter.

1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (Please tick)

Coalfield East North

Washington West South

Section 2: Sponsor Details

2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group:

Youth Development Group

2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group:

City Library & Arts Centre

30-32 Fawcett Street

Sunderland

SR1 1RE

2.3 Contact Name for Project: Kath Butchert		2.4 Position in Organisation: Acting Head of Youth Development Group	
2.5 Tel. Number: 0191 553 2512	2.6 Fax Number: 0191 553 2514	2.7 E-mail Address: kath.butchert@edcom.sunderland.gov.uk	

Section 3: Project Details

2.0 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet)
Sunderland South Youth Strategy

3.2 Project Start Date: April 2004	3.3 Project End Date: March 2007
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3.4 Please describe the project:

0. Background
0.0 Members at the previous Committee requested this report on 6th January 2004.
0.0 It was in response to two issues.
() The status of youth provision in the area as a consequence of Local Authority budget restrictions and the problems associated with the recruitment and retention of staff
() The success to date of the previously supported youth strategy which led to the establishment of The Box Youth Project (the only voluntary youth agency in the South) and how it's meteoric growth should be used as an example of best practice.

0. Broadening Development
0.0 In order to establish further provision that has the potential to match the success of its contemporary 'The Box Youth Project', there needs to be a significant investment. Not only for staff salaries but also development and programme costs.
0.0 The primary geographical area for development is the St Chad's Ward. This is currently the least resourced Ward in comparison to its neighbouring counterparts.
0.0 The development of provision in the area will be in consultation with the local community and young people in particular, as they are the main stakeholders in being the beneficiaries of this investment.
0.0 Leading on new developments, the worker will be guided from the Youth Strategy Plan to ensure the vision is clear and realistic. The work will be delivered within a structured action plan, which will be reviewed to acknowledge and respond to the envisaged growth of opportunities.
0.0 A secondary responsibility of the worker is to migrate Bluewatch Youth Centre into Voluntary Sector control where it will have far more autonomy to develop provision and leverage financial support from numerous funding strands

3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?
This will be a natural continuation of the Youth Strategy, working in partnership between Sunderland Youth Development Group, the Voluntary Sector and the Area South Committee

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?

Year one: £54,272.93

Year two: £55,129.75

Year three: £56,007.99

Total costs: £165,410.67

7.2 Indicate the type of funding requested: *(Please tick)*

Capital Revenue Both

7.3 Has funding been requested / allocated from any other sources, including Council Directorates and if so how much?

No

7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?

Sunderland Youth Development Group's mainstream budget is already fully committed

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?

Capacity of the current Youth Development Group will be further constrained, and development within the St Chad's Ward will be restricted.

Further to this, the ability to meet the already exasperated 'youth agenda' would be further stretched, with the South area failing to be able to compete for funding with other areas of the City, and therefore not being able to effectively address key strategic priorities (Anti-social behaviour, Health, Post 16 Education and Training, lack of leisure facilities) with partner agencies.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?

The Project will annually review its three-year development plan, and will be fundraising on an ongoing basis.

The Project will be in a unique position to harness funds, for work with young people in Sunderland South (St Chad's Ward).

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDRENS SERVICES
INTERIM FEEDBACK REPORT FOR SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

18th of May 2006

1. Purpose of the report

This report updates members of the progress made on the funding allocated for the Sunderland South Youth Strategy, as financed by the Strategic Initiative Budget.

2. Background

In March 2004 the South Area Committee awarded a total of £165,411 in order to establish further youth provision in the South. In consultation with the local community and young people in particular, the primary area for development is within the St Chad's Ward. This amount was later adjusted to take account of boundary changes. The budget has funded a South Area Youth Co-ordinator's post to develop provision in the South and Ryhope. Since the boundary changes 1/5 of this post is has been funded by the East Area Committee and the remainder by the South

3. How the money has been spent so far – to March 2006

3.1 Salaries

Co-ordinators post and part time staff

3.2 South Activities Programme

Activities/programme costs

Transport

Resources'/provisions

3.3 Capital

Portable goal posts and football equipment to support local football coach who works with several youth teams.

3.4 How the money has been spent so far - from April 2006 (following the resignation of the Co-ordinator).

3.5 Salaries

Development/Funding worker to work with all involved agencies to achieve a long term solution for the area

Part Time Staff

3.2 3.6 South Activities Programme

Activities/programme costs

Transport

Resources'/provisions

4 Outcomes of the project to date

4.1 South Activities Programme; Various times and venues across St Chad's, St Michaels, Silksworth and Ryhope Wards

The South Activities Programme principally operates on the streets of Farringdon. A specific aim of the project is to target young people who have not accessed Sunderland Youth Development Group provisions and resources.

The project is currently providing accredited learning opportunities that encourage the young people to develop rewarding projects such as the Mayor's Award, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Key fund, Health Awareness, Youth Committees, Out of Centre Activities and Residential Experiences.

Through their interaction with South Activities Programme, young people are supported to tackle a range of community issues, for example environmental concerns, anti-social behaviour isolation and exclusion. Through a process of involvement and interaction, young people are encouraged and supported to develop personal skills, respond to challenges in a positive manner and form and express their own opinions working towards improving participant skills and creativity.

4.2 Farringdon Detached:

Funding through SIB initially enabled the project to employ two youth workers to carry out detached youth work on the streets of Farringdon. Their aim was to share information about existing provision in and around Farringdon. The workers were able to collate the views and opinions of the young people, about what improvements they would like to see in their area and look to establish a group who would be willing to plan and develop future programmes.

The Detached project established a working partnership with the Jubilee Centre, The Box Project and the A690 Youth Initiative, providing more substantial and diverse provision.

This has developed into the foundation of centre based provision operating one night a week at the Jubilee Centre, delivering the Mayors Award.

4.3 Farringdon School Programme: 2.5 days per week (Term Time Only)

Personal and social development alternative curriculum programmes are increasingly becoming part of the education landscape.

Blue Watch Youth Centre has met an immediate need of Farringdon Community School through the provision of a programme supporting pupils 14 to 16 years of age.

4.4 Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project

As participants of Sunderland Young People's Bike Project, young people are encouraged to recognise and address a range of issues, for example environmental concerns, isolation and exclusion, positive citizenship and participation, in addition to realising the rights and responsibilities they have as members of society.

Through their involvement and interaction, young people are encouraged and supported to develop personal skills, respond to challenges in a positive manner, form and express their own opinions working towards improving participant skills and creativity.

In partnership with several organisations, which are listed below, young people have participated in a range of cycling activities.

The Youth Development Group
A690 project
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative
South Community Police Team
Farringdon School
Venerable Bede
Connexions
Southmoor School
The Box Project

4.5. Working Partnerships

The Box Project

The Box Youth Project has Detached Youth Workers operating on the streets in St. Chad's Ward one evening per week. Workers meet young people in their own environment, on street corners, in parks, anywhere young people 'hang out'. These young people often have no other contact with youth provision. The aim is to build effective relationships and provide support on a number of issues that affect young people. Workers aim to provide informal education and brief interventions on a wide range of subjects including alcohol and drugs misuse, personal safety and sexual health/awareness. Workers challenge inappropriate behaviour: - racism, sexism, homophobia, aggression and anti-social behaviour. Detached Youth Workers aim to empower young people to develop the skills and abilities they need to deal with the issues, which affect their lives. Workers encourage young people to make constructive use of their leisure time, passing on information about existing youth provision or assisting young people to plan their own activities using the Key fund process.

The Box Youth Project's Detached Youth Work Programme in St. Chad's works in partnership with the A690 Youth Initiative and Blue Watch.

The Box Youth Project supports the Farringdon Detached Football Club, which was initiated from Farringdon Detached sessions.

The Box Project supports Blue Watch on a Thursday evening at the Jubilee Centre. The workers support young people who are doing the Duke of Edinburgh or Mayor's Award.

A690 Youth Initiative

The manager of the A690 Youth Initiative arranged a meeting with Councillors of Farringdon to establish the lack of youth provision within the area. The A690 agreed to conduct a survey. The survey identified the main problem was the lack of facilities available which could be used as a youth centre, within Farringdon.

As an immediate solution to the problem the Manager of the A690 suggested a visit to a youth project in Stockton who were at present using portable cabins, 'PODS' as youth

bases. Representatives from the SVSYF, neighbouring youth projects, the SIB Youth Strategy Co-ordinator and Councillors visited the project. On inspection, the group agreed the cabins would not be cost-effective to run, and could not be a long term solution to the problem. As an alternative it was decided to look at existing venues within the area, and to form working partnerships with neighbouring projects.

Through negotiation St. David's Church agreed the A690 could use the premises to operate a pilot drop –in youth session, every Tuesday evening for six weeks. A risk assessment of the premises was then carried out and the project was given the go ahead and began operating in March 06.

Extended Schools

Play schemes in summer, October half term and February half term 8 – 12 year olds at New Silksworth Primary School; arts and crafts, sports games.

Inclusion Project

Blue Watch Senior Mixed

Silksworth Youth Club

4.5 New South Activity Programme

A weekly programme of activities engaging with young people, mainly from St Chad's. Most activities occur on evenings and weekends. There is one detached session and one activity session per week. So far forty five young people have participated in eight activities such as water sports and ice skating.

4.6 Detached youth work

The programmes detached session in Farringdon operates each Thursday evening, covering all areas of St Chad's Ward. Sixteen detached sessions have taken place, contacting one hundred and one young people and a further three hundred and thirty two have been observed.

4.7 Partnerships

Links have been established with local agencies that already have an investment in the local community. These are the Jubilee Centre, Farringdon Community School, Community Police, The Box Project, A690 Youth Initiative, Connexions, a local youth football manager and a Sunderland young people's bike project.

4.8 Community consultation

A survey is currently in progress to establish what current youth provision is available to young people in the St Chad's Ward. This will be the basis for a newsletter to inform young people and the local community about 'what's on', and establish the baseline provision in the area. Initial response is very limited and needs more work than initially thought.

5 Other funding

5.1 Schools

So far the project has attracted financial support from local schools to develop a personal and social development programme for young people. In Farringdon Community School eight young people started the programme on the 1st October.

5.2 Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project

Recently relocated from the North to Blue Watch Youth Centre, the Bike Project is establish links with other youth providers in the South and across the City. Connexions are supporting ten young people from Ryhope to take part in mountain bike and orienteering sessions at Chopwell Woods. The South Activity Programme will access the bike project with the young people from St Chad's Ward.

5.3 Sunderland Youth Development Group

As the lead agent, the Youth Development Group are maintaining the project through operational support such as administration, financial assistance and support of staff.

5.4 A690 Youth Initiative

The A690 successfully secured funding from the local Network fund to deliver detached youth work within the Farringdon area. Detached work began on the streets of Farringdon in August 2005.

5.5 The Box Youth Project

The Box Youth Project has funded issue based residential opportunities, football training sessions and more recently sponsored the club, via a Youth Development Curriculum Grant, with Football Strips for the newly established Girls team.

6. Key lessons and issues from project to date

6.1 Finance

There is a personal finance issue for participants. It has been found that some young people are financially unable to access existing provision without the benefit of the project. There would be fewer opportunities for young people in Farringdon and the South area in general without the project.

6.2 Practical issues

Young people need the support to access provision in practical ways, such as arranging transport. There are obstacles to young people accessing local resources and agencies. They are initially not welcome but networking and establishing professional relationships, as well as working with young people around the issues of respect and behaviour are breaking down these barriers.

6.3 Expanding horizons

Offering previous unexplored opportunities and sometimes redirecting into less antisocial activities. By raising aspirations and building self confidence, young people are willing to try something new.

6.4 Co-ordination of resources in the area

The three projects who operate in the area have worked closely together over the last year and a more co-ordinated approach has been established with the development work in the area.

7 Future planning

7.1 Youth Development/Funding Worker

The A690 Youth Initiative as the employer of the Youth Development/Funding Worker, will ensure that the following points are addressed.

7.2 Consultation with the community

Consultation about the provision of youth facilities in the area, (which has commenced) through the development of the initiative instigated by a local councillor, agencies and the community. Networking with young people, local councillors, A690 Youth Initiative and The Box to develop an action group whose aim would be to develop and promote appropriate provision for the St Chad's Ward, and look for possible funding streams.

7.3 Informal education on the streets

Through detached youth work introduce young people to alternative ways of attaining accreditation, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

**SCHEDULE FOR FEEDBACK REPORTS
(PREVIOUSLY FUNDED STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET)**

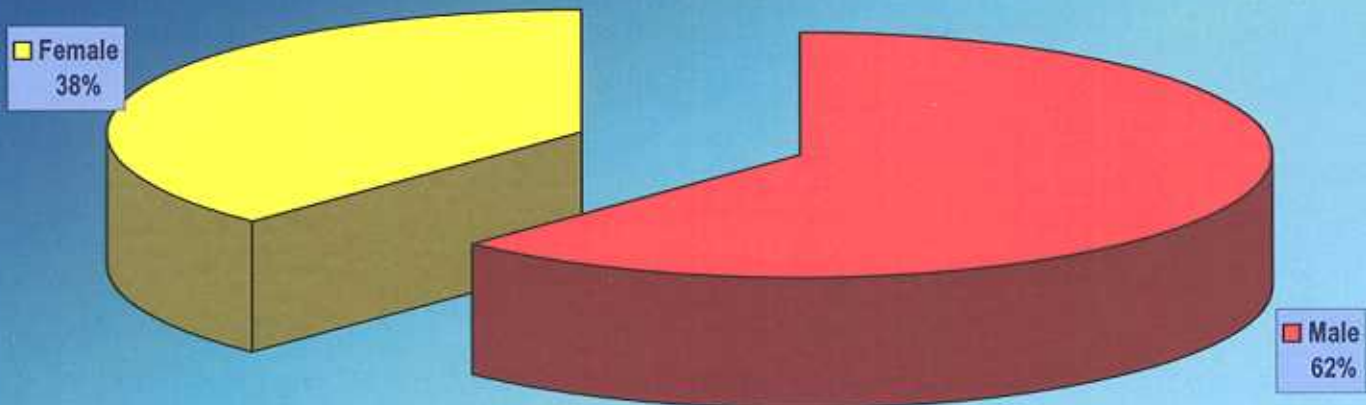
COMMITTEE DATE	PROPOSED PROJECTS
2006/7	To be determined

South SIB Programme

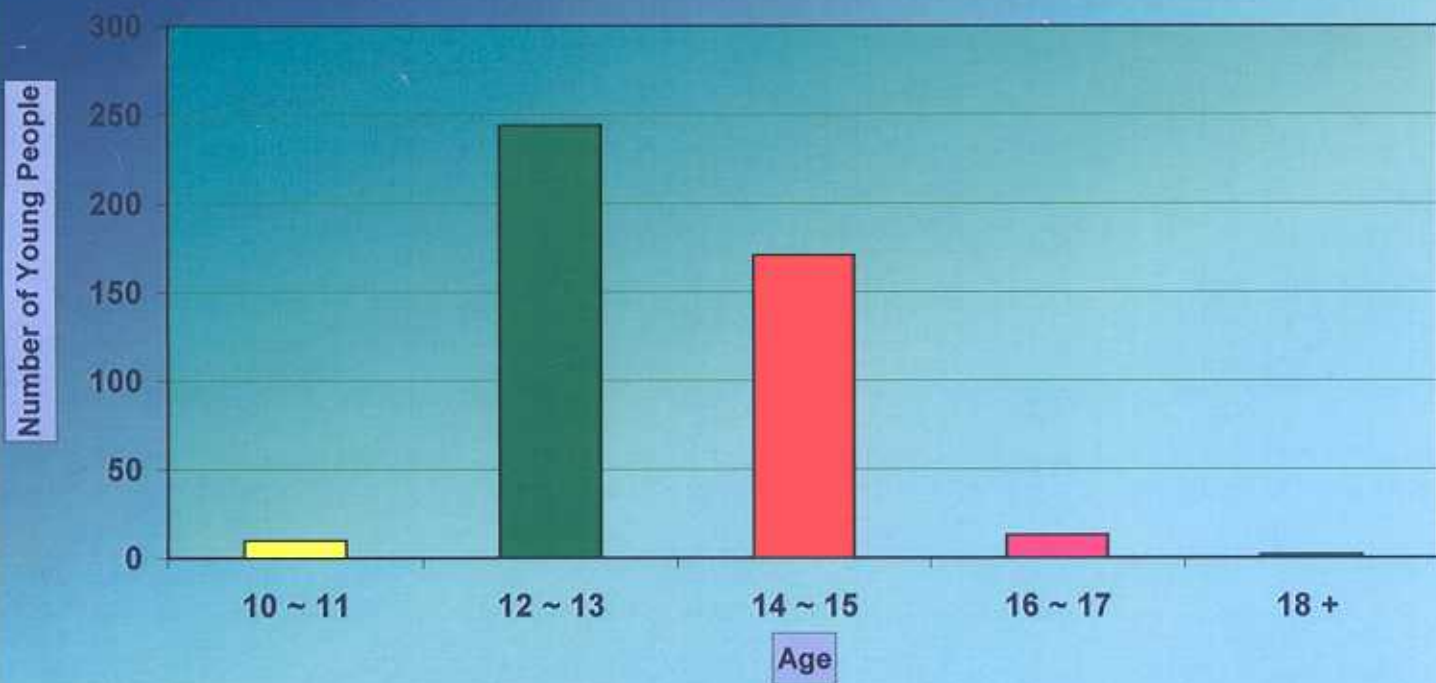
Day	DATE	ACTIVITY	Venue
Sun	03/04/2005	Indoor Climbing	The Wall
Thurs	07/04/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	10/04/2005	Self Awareness	S & R Gym
Sun	10/04/2005	Indoor Climbing	The Wall
Thurs	14/04/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	17/04/2005	Self Awareness	S & R Gym
Sun	17/04/2005	Indoor Climbing	The Wall
Sun	24/04/2005	Indoor Climbing	The Wall
Sun	24/04/2005	Self Awareness	S & R Gym
Thurs	28/04/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	01/05/2005	Self Awareness	S & R Gym
Sun	01/05/2005	Swimming	Wet n Wild
Thurs	05/05/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Fri / Sat	06-07/05/2005	Fishing	Hebburn Marina
Sat	07/05/2005	Music	Blue Watch
Sun	08/05/2005	Indoor Climbing	The Wall
Thurs	12/05/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sat	14/05/2005	Music	Blue Watch
Sun	15/05/2005	Coasteering	Marine Activities Centre
Thurs	19/05/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sat	21/05/2005	Music	Blue Watch
Sat	26/05/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	09/06/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sat	11/06/2005	Music	Blue Watch
Thurs	16/06/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sat	18/06/2005	Music	Blue Watch
Thurs	23/06/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sat	25/06/2005	Music	Blue Watch
Thurs	30/06/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sat	02/07/2005	Music	Blue Watch
Sat	02/07/2005	Lazer Quasar	Lazer Quasar.
Thurs	07/07/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	14/07/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	21/07/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	24/07/2005	Indoor Climbing	The Wall
Wed	27/07/2005	Watersports (1)	Marine Activities Centre
Wed	27/07/2005	Watersports (2)	Marine Activities Centre
Thurs	28/07/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre

Tue	02/08/2005	Bike Ride	Local
Thurs	04/08/2005	Watersports	Marine Activities Centre
Fri	05/08/2005	Watersports (1)	Marine Activities Centre
Fri	05/08/2005	Watersports (2)	Marine Activities Centre
Sat	06/08/2005	Residential	Keswick
Sun	07/08/2005	Residential	Keswick
Thurs	11/08/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	25/08/2005	Fishing	St Peters
Thurs	08/09/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	15/09/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	22/09/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	29/09/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	06/10/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	13/10/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	20/10/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	23/10/2005	Swimming	Wet n Wild
Sun	30/10/2005	Bike Ride	Charity Bike Ride Concett to Sunderland
Thurs	03/11/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	06/11/2005	Swimming	Wet n Wild
Thurs	10/11/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	13/11/2005	Bike Ride	Whitby to Scarborough
Sun	27/11/2005	Bike Ride	Charity Concett
Thurs	01/12/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	08/12/2005	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sat	10/12/2005	Residential	Alston Training
Sun	11/12/2005	Residential	Alston Training
Thurs	12/01/2006	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	19/01/2006	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	26/01/2006	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	02/02/2006	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	09/02/2006	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	16/02/2006	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	19/02/2006	Lazer Qazer	South Shields
Sun	19/02/2006	Fishing	Strawberry Fields
Sat	25/02/2006	Bowling	Dune Bowling
Thurs	02/03/2006	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Thurs	09/03/2006	Mayor's Award	Jubilee Centre
Sun	12/03/2006	Bowling	AMF Bowling
Sat	18/03/2006	Bowling	Sunderland Bowling
Sat	25/03/2006	Watersports	MAC

Young People's Participation by Gender



Young People's Participation by Age



SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
5th June 2006

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT

Author(s):
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

Purpose of Report:
This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) to support new initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:
The Committee is requested to approve, the following:

- i) £3,120 from the 2006/7 budget as a contribution to the citywide Sit n b Fit Project;
- ii) Extension of funding for the Farrington Homing Society;
- iii) Extension of funding for the NRF Youth Diversionary Project;
- iv) Formally endorse the approval of projects previously considered, subject to budget approval, from the 2006/7 budget.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:
Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last ten years from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:
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.

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?
No

Is it included in the Forward Plan?
No

Relevant Review Committee:
Regeneration Review Committee

SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

5th June 2006

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 formally endorse Projects, previously approved, subject to budget approval, from the 2006/7 budget, as included in Annex 3.
- 2.3 The Committee is requested to approve extension of funding, as detailed in Annex 4.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last eleven years. The allocation of £200,000 for this financial year means that, over this period, the Framework area has been allocated £2,200,000 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 2003/4.

4.0 Current Position

- 4.1 Following the last Committee meeting on 6th March 2006 the 2005/6 budget was fully committed and £144,857 was committed from the 2006/7 budget and £35,000 from the 2007/8 budget, subject to budget approval.
- 4.2 There is one application for funding to this Committee requesting £3,120 from the 2006/7 budget. Should the Committee agree this

request, and endorses those in Annex 3, £147,977 will be committed from the 2006/7 budget, leaving a balance of £52,023.

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, which is 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.
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1 Sit 'n' 'b' Fit**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET - GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

PROJECT TITLE: Improving the health and independent living of Sunderland's elderly people												
SIB Requested: £18720 (£3120 per Area Committee)												
Section 1: Application Requirements												
<p>1.1: Please note that this application will be presented to the relevant Area Committee for its consideration when determining your SIB Grant Application. The Agenda and the Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public. Please therefore ensure that your organisation is agreeable to the content of the information that is set out in the form.</p> <p>The Application Form should be provided in either electronic (e-mail or floppy disc) or typed format.</p> <p>If you have a problem with returning this form in either electronic or typed format, please contact the appropriate Area Regeneration Officer. Contact / address details are provided on the covering letter and in the Guidance Notes and Criteria and Project Guidelines</p> <p>Please note that a representative of your organisation must be available to attend the pre-agenda and main committee meeting(s) to which this application is presented, as they may be required to answer questions. Failure to attend the meeting(s) may result in your application being deferred or rejected. Dates and Venues of future meetings are provided as supporting information.</p>												
<p>1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (please tick)</p> <table> <tr> <td>Coalfield</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>East</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>North</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Washington</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>West</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>South</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Coalfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	East	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Washington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	West	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Washington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	West	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							

Section 2: Sponsor Details	
2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group: Sit 'n' 'b' Fit Limited – a social enterprise	
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group: Hendon Co-op Centre, 44 Mowbray Road, Hendon, Sunderland, SR2 7DN	
2.3 Contact Name for Project:	2.4 Position in Organisation:

Lynn Summerside		Co-op Member / Director	
2.5 Tel. Number: 07725587692	2.6 Fax Number: 0191 5101105	2.7 E-mail Address: <u>esummerside@btinternet.com</u>	
2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details (if different to 2.3 above): as above			
2.9 Legal Status of Organisation: Workers Co-operative (with charitable objectives)		2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable):	
2.11 Does your organisation have a bank account into which funds can be paid? Yes			
2.12 Has the organisation received SIB support previously? No <u>If 'Yes' please provide details:</u>			
2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by the City Council? No <u>If 'Yes' please provide details:</u>			

<u>Section 3 : Project Details</u>	
3.1 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) Improving the health and independent living of Sunderland's elderly people	
3.2 Project Start Date: June 2006	3.3 Project End Date: March 2007
3.4 Please describe the project: The project aims to improve the health, mobility and to extend peoples ability to sustain independent living through appropriate exercise. The 'appropriateness' is delivered by using our expertise in 'seated' exercise programmes. Seated exercise increases a person's stamina, balance, co-ordination, suppleness, flexibility, and improves lung capacity and helps provide a healthy heart (include the reduction in cholesterol). In so doing it has a major impact on their well being, confidence and reduces stress. Importantly it also improves their safety by reducing the risk of falls. The numbers and effects of falls on the elderly is of major concern to the TPCT which promotes this type of exercise as one of the best ways of tackling the problem. The service can be provided to groups or individuals either in their own home or in other establishments. In this case this programme is aimed at people living in the City's sheltered accommodation and care homes. The programme will run for 1 hour per week for 20 weeks periods .Each session will be conducted by a qualified leader in this field and will be accompanied by music. It is effective whilst being fun and a good social occasion for all those concerned. It will also instil in the participants the benefits of seated exercise which will have an impact once the programme	

has finished i.e. it will encourage the individuals to continue the exercises because of the demonstrated improvements in their health, confidence and self esteem. It will also encourage the general public to come into the sheltered accommodation or care homes by offering them to take part in the exercise classes with their family to increase the residents social interaction which can bring substantial benefits to their quality of life.

The intention is to run the programme in 5 sheltered accommodation properties in each of the 6 area frameworks (giving a total of 30 homes). Each Sheltered Accommodation will contribute 20% towards the cost. We have undertaken market research (via questionnaires) which has indicate that there is a demand for the proposal and there will be no problem with take-up or participation in the programme (25 homes have already signed up for the programme).

Alongside the exercise programme for the service users, and to ensure the long term sustainability of the project once the SIB money has come to an end, we will provide a training programme for 12 members of staff from the homes to enable them to deliver seated exercise in the future.

The maximum for one training course is 12 people. This reflects are belief that 40% of homes will sign up staff for the training. If this is the case we will select staff from 2 homes in each area to benefit for the training to match the funding apportionment.

The training programme will last for 1 day per week for 12 weeks (total of 30 hours per trainee) and they will receive the qualification - Seated Exercise – NVQ level 2. The 12 week course will begin 8 weeks into the 20 Sit n b Fit sessions to allow the staff and the sheltered accommodation to familiarise themselves with the work and for them to chose the most appropriate member of staff.

The training provider, will be the Keep Fit Association (KFA). KFA was chosen because of competitive pricing and the reputation of the organisation in this field. In addition each trainee will need to undertake First Aid training. This will be delivered by Occupational Health Services.

Sit 'n' 'b' Fit Limited will also undertake 4 follow up visits to sheltered accommodation and care homes to offer support and advice to the member of staff.

3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?

Sit 'n' 'b' Fit already undertakes seated exercise in sheltered accommodation, residential care homes etc on behalf of Age Concern, Teaching Primary Care Trust, Back on the Map – NDC, Wearmouth Community Development Trust Association, Fulwell Day Centre, Little Sisters of the Poor and others.

This project will not only improve the health, safety and independent living prospects of approximately 600 (this equates to 20 people per home for 30 homes) of the City's elderly residents, but also to increase the awareness of

the benefits of seated exercise for the users and providers of care for the elderly, and will create 12 newly qualified seated exercise tutors (there is presently a real shortage of tutors in the City)

3.6 What additional activity will SIB funding allow to happen?

(Please tick the appropriate statement)

- a) A project will go ahead which otherwise would not happen at all []
- b) A project will be provided to a higher quality / on a greater scale [x]
- c) The funding will accelerate the implementation of the project by 12+ months []
- d) A gap in funding will be filled pending other funding being secured []
- e) Other reason []

Please explain your answer:

This funding will enable us to offer seated exercise to a much greater number of people. It will also help us promote the benefits and impact of the service in a very practical way to a much wider audience. This will be of help to the City's elderly, those with physical and mental health problems, and others who could benefit from seated exercise for many years to come.

We will train 12 care staff to become qualified 'keep fit tutors' (seated exercise – NVQ level 2) which will make a contribution to improving the health of the City's elderly well beyond the life of this programme.

3.7 How will you publicise that you have received support from SIB?

(please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)

This project is likely to receive a lot of publicity and full acknowledgement will be given to the support of SIB funding. This will be achieved by working with the SIB funded Area Marketing project. Acknowledgement of SIB will also be passed to the clients and their carers / accommodation

3.8 Has there been any consultations concerning the need for this project?

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

We have distributed a questionnaire to 60 of the City's Sheltered / Care Homes and, at the time of writing, 25 had responded positively and stated they would contribute 20% of the cost. A 40% positive response to a mail out of this sort bodes well for the future take up of the proposal i.e. when we intensively promote the service if the application is successful.

3.9 Is there any documentary evidence available to support the need for this project?

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

According to the Health Development Agency seated exercise helps reduce the risk of falls, whilst increasing leg strength, balance and co-ordination.

3.10 Who will benefit from the services provided by the project?

This proposal is aimed at the elderly people who are starting to face problems with independent living. Approximately 600 (20 residents per home)

individuals will benefit
3.11 Will there be any implications for Council Services arising from this project? Yes – The project will make a significant contribution towards raising levels of physical activity for older people.
3.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a City of Sunderland Council Directorate? No If 'Yes' please provide details: Community and Cultural Services have been consulted in the development of this application.
3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required? No

<u>Section 4: Equal Opportunities</u>
4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy? No <u>If yes, please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:</u> If no, please describe how your organisation addresses equal opportunities issues: Enshrined in the co-operative principles and rules is a commitment to equal opportunities: 'In carrying out its objectives the co-operative shall have regard to promoting equality of opportunity for all sections of the community both within its own affairs and within society generally, and to assisting people in need by any means whatsoever.'
4.2 Does your project specifically address any of the following issues? Ethnic Issues No Gender Issues No Disability Issues Yes If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 In line with the DDA, Sit n b Fit will ensure that disabled learners will have a positive experience of learning and that the service will aim to recognise and respond to their particular requirements.

Section 5: Relationship of Project to the Area Framework(s)

5.1 Identify which Area Regeneration Framework Action Plan Strategic Priorities this project will address through the use of SIB, and demonstrate how these will be achieved:

City objective – working with those communities and groups who experience higher levels of ill health to ensure we can respond in ways in which are most relevant to their needs

Local – improved provision for older people

Actions –

1) Research the needs of older people....,

The project has / will involve market research

2) Activities programmes established in sheltered accommodation

At least 30 sheltered accommodations will benefit

3) Identify funding opportunities to continue learning and leisure courses for older people

12 newly qualified leaders will be available to deliver further sessions

4) Develop Leisure programmes for older people

30 x 20 weeks exercise and leisure programmes

City objective – Addressing underlying long term problems such as unemployment, poverty, poor housing, which help determine poor health experience

Local – Need to encourage participation in health related matters.

Actions –

1) Promotion of sport, exercise and preventative programmes to assist the local community in development towards better health

30 x 20 weeks community based exercise programmes, which increases independent living and prevents falls – a major concern for the NHS. 12 newly trained seated exercise teachers

2) Expansion of Healthy Living Centre activities around diet, health promotion, smoking cessation, and healthy lifestyle delivered at local venues.

30 x 20 weeks community based exercise programmes – delivered to at least 30 sheltered accommodation venues. 12 newly trained seated exercise teachers

3) More local facilities for health programmes

delivered to at least 30 sheltered accommodation venues. 12 newly trained seated exercise teachers

Local – To promote community led solutions to tackling health related issues

Actions –

1) Investigate mechanisms to ensure sustainability of community led initiatives

12 new leaders trained to deliver the service in the future

2) Co-ordinate community resources and initiatives

Using local sheltered accommodation to deliver exercise programmes

3) Provision of health information at local venues

Using local sheltered accommodation to promote the benefits of exercise.

4) Encourage community ownership of projects and community led solutions to tackling health related issues

Creation of a bank of qualified seated exercise teachers to deliver activity in the community.

5.2 Identify outputs / outcomes against which the delivery of the project can be evaluated. Demonstrate how these will contribute to the Area Regeneration Framework(s)

The main output is for 600 (see 3.5) older people to benefit health-wise from a 20 week exercise programme. The individual benefits of the exercise will be gauged and evaluated by the locations completing questionnaires at the beginning, mid-term and end of the programme.

There will be 12 newly qualified 'seated exercise' tutors (seated exercise – NVQ level 2).

Other outputs include develop 30 new local venues for the promotion and delivery of exercise programmes, and to support a social enterprise which aims to create a self financing services.

5.3 If the project relates to two or more Framework Areas, on what basis have you decided how to share the costs?

The aim is to provide the service across the City, the figures being calculated on 5 sheltered accommodations in each of the 6 areas delivering the exercise programmes.

The 18 care homes that have indicated their wish to take part already are:

1) Barnes Care Home, High Barnes, 2) Village Care Home, South Hylton, 3) St George Care Home, Washington, 4) River View Lodge Care Home, Southwick, 5) Field View, Residential Home, Southwick, 6) Pavilion Care Centre, Houghton le Spring, 7) Jubilee Nursing Home, Thornhill, 8) Beechcroft Residential Home, Thornholme, 9) Mayholme Residential Home Grangetown, 10) Thistledale, Hendon, 11) Watts Moses, East End, 12) Nelson Close Hendon, 13) Ashlea Grange, Philadelphia, 14) Ashlea Lodge Care Home, Millfield, 15) Glenholme House, Roker, 16) Princes House, Seaburn, 17) Hetton Day Centre, Hetton, 18) WIP, Plains Farm 19) Peace Haven, Washington, 20) Knoulberry Road, Blackfell, 21) Turnbull House, Southwick, 22) Ashlea Lodge, Newbottle, 23) Roseberry Court, Thorney Close, 24) Concord, Washington, 25) Albany House, Monkwearmouth..... **THE LIST**

CONTINUES TO GROW!

If this application is successful we will intensively promote the project to ensure further take up from homes within each area. The budget allocation will be managed so that if we are unable to secure sufficient take up (i.e. less than 5 care homes) from a particular area, then the SIB contribution from that area will be reduced accordingly, and any unused SIB will be returned to budget.

Section 6: Management Arrangements

6.1 Describe how the project will be managed:

The programme will be managed by Lynn Summerside, manager of the social enterprise and co-operative - Sit n b Fit. She has a track record of delivery of this type of programme for Age Concern, Wearmouth Community Development Trust (including Fulwell Day Centre), Little Sisters of the Poor, WRVS, Hetton Day Centre etc.

6.2 Are there any significant risks or uncertainties that may affect either the timetable of the project, or whether it achieves its objectives?

The only identifiable risks are:

- 1) non – take up of the scheme by Sheltered Accommodation – Market research strongly suggests that demand will outstrip supply. If this becomes a problem, we will increase the level and intensity of marketing the programme to the City's numerous Sheltered Accommodation and Care homes,
- 2) Sheltered Accommodations do not pay their 20% - Again the market research suggests otherwise but if any default then this cost will be borne by Sit n b Fit,
- 3) Older people do not want to do the exercise – the programme is not compulsory and it is down to the choice of the individual whether they participate or not. All my experience shows that seated exercise is very popular and becomes a real social event – it becomes one of the weeks highlights for residents of Sheltered Accommodation

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?

£18,720 in total (£3,120 per area)

See 7.9 for more detail

Seated exercise sessions in sheltered accommodation

(30 homes x 20 sessions per home x £20 per session) £12,000

Training of 12 sheltered accommodation staff (intensive 12 week programme – 30 hours of training).

Seated exercise– (NVQ – LEVEL 2)	£5280
First Aid (12 x £20)	£240
Follow up visits	
12 homes x £100 (4 visits per home @ £25 per visit)	£1200
Total	£18720

7.3 Has funding been requested / allocated from any other sources, including Council Directorates and if so how much?

Sheltered Accommodations will contribute £3,000 (30 homes x 20 sessions per home x £5 per session)

7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?

We are unaware of any other funding source which would meet the cost of this type and scale of project

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?

The proposal will not go ahead – some Sheltered Accommodations may decide to meet the costs in full but these will be few and the number of local venues and beneficiaries will be severely reduced.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?

The aim is for Sit n b Fit to show the benefits of the exercise to the Sheltered Accommodations and their clients during the period of the SIB support. This will then result in the continuance of the training by the Sheltered Accommodations and their clients meeting the costs of future exercise sessions themselves

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield		3120		3120
East		3120		3120
North		3120		3120
South		3120		3120
West		3120		3120
Washington		3120		3120
Other Sources: (Please state)				
1) Sheltered Accommodations		3000		3000
Total Cost:		21720		21720

7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind funding (e.g. Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.

N/a

7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:

Seated exercise programme:
Trainer costs including transport, provision of equipment, and administration, monitoring and evaluating.

£25 per session is the accepted rate for this service.

30 homes x 20 weeks x £25 per session = **£15,000 (see 7.1)**

Training new tutors:
KFA Trainer – £3500, trainer expenses – travel £60 (£5 x 12), catering £720 (15 x £4 x 12), Room Hire £600 (£50 x 12), Administration and promotion £400. **total £5280**

First Aid Training
12 people @ £20 per person. **Total £240**

Follow up visits to care homes to support their trained member of staff
12 homes x 4 visits @ £25 per visit. **Total £1200**

7.10 Please provide details of how you will ensure that the procurement and purchasing of services and equipment will be managed in accordance with requirements as detailed in the guidance notes and guidelines.
Include any estimates that you have and details of any contractors or suppliers to be used.
N/a

Section 8: Additional Information

8.1 Please provide any additional information that may be of use in support of your project proposal (Please append additional sheets if required):

Section 9: Declaration

I declare that the information provided is correct and accurate and that, should this application be successful, the organisation will agree to the terms and conditions of SIB:

Name: Lynn Summerside

Position in Organisation: Co-op Member / Director

Date: 9th May 2006

		Allocations £s	Approvals £'s	Unallocated £'s
Total SIB Allocation Pre 2003/2004		1,400.000	1,346.609	53.391
 <u>2003/04 Approvals</u>				
Joblinkage South	05.12.01		12.000	
Youth Action Plan South 2003/04	27.05.02		20.000	
Ryhope Development Trust 2003/04	06.01.03		20.500	
Silksworth C.A.	06.01.03		24.320	
Play Facilities at Farringdon	06.01.03		5.500	
Eco Rangers 2003/2004	06.01.03		1.000	
Jubilee Centre, Farringdon	03.03.03		37.000	
Silksworth Sports Complex	03.03.03		2.500	
Silksworth & Ryhope Health & Boxing Club	02.06.03		20.000	
Construction Skills Farringdon School	01.09.03		30.000	
Noah's Ark Creche	01.09.03		5.000	
Removal of Brick Planters	01.09.03		3.600	
Sport & Leisure Guide	01.09.03		13.000	
Barnes Park (Deferred from May 02)	01.09.03		7.500	
Events Budget	01.03.04		7.412	
Farringdon Homing Society	01.03.04		3.000	
Stevenson Trail Access Control at Farringdon	01.03.04		5.719	
Street Lighting Leechmere Road / Westheath Avenue	01.03.04		5.000	
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04		38.264	
Returned Funding - Active Communities Development Fund	(11.06.01)	2.924		
Returned Funding - Community Safety Feasibility Study	(04.03.02)	3.040		
Vired Funding - Community Safety Feasibility Study	(04.03.02)	5.000		
		210.964	261.315	-50.351
Total Resources Available				3.040
 <u>2004/2005 Approvals</u>				
Ryhope Development Trust	06.01.03		40.000	
Silksworth C.A. 2004/05	06.01.03		30.000	
Jubilee Centre, Farringdon	03.03.03		37.000	
Box Youth Project	01.09.03		30.000	
Sport & Leisure Guide	01.09.03		3.000	
Eco Rangers	05.01.04		1.000	
Ryhope Development Trust	05.01.04		22.700	
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04		16.009	

SIB ARF Allocation : South

Sunderland Support For Parents with Disabilities	04.05.04		2.000
Development of Hydrotherapy Pool at Fulwell Day Centre	04.05.04		2.500
Farringdon Community Shop	06.09.04		5.000
City - Wide 5-a-Side Leagues	06.09.04		3.000
Silksworth & Ryhope Health & Boxing Club - Weights Resistance Training Room	01.11.04		8.000
Eco Rangers Event	10.01.05		1.500
Area Committee Marketing Project	07.03.05		1.642
Returned Funding - Removal of Brick Planters	01.09.03	0.111	
		200.111	203.351
			-3.240
Total Resources Available			0

2005/2006 Approvals

Jubilee Centre, Farringdon	03.03.03		37.000
Box Youth Project	01.09.03		30.000
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04		55.130
Area Committee Marketing Project	07.03.05		2.358
Complementary Health & Education Project - The ISIS Project	07.03.05		10.000
Raising Awareness & Community Activity Week - Sunderland South Sport & Leisure Forum	07.03.05		4.000
Box Youth Project - Building Works	07.06.05		10.000
Building Learning Power within the Community - Richard Avenue school	07.06.05		2.000
Horticultural Training at Doxford Park	07.06.05		12.500
Neighbourhood Warden Project - Home Housing	07.06.05		15.000
Volunteer Outreach Project	05.09.05		3.333
People's Pedal Power	05.09.05		2.150
Physical Disabilities Alliance Project	05.09.05		2.000
Compass Community Transport	05.09.05		2.000
Sunderland Training Educational Farm	31.10.05		1.500
Construction Challenge Project	31.10.05		6.500
The Lazarus Centre	31.10.05		2.500
Phoenix Project - Community Outreach Programme	31.10.05		6.000
Box Youth Project Security Fence	09.01.06		15.000
South Events Budget	09.01.06		7.000
Sunderland Juvenile Service Project	09.01.06		8.400
Barnes Park Café / Craft Workshop Development	06.03.06		2.500
Eco Rangers	06.03.06		1.500
South Forum Development Project	06.03.06		5.151
Returned Funding - Sunderland South Youth Strategy	(01.03.04)	7.026	
Returned Funding - Sunderland Support for Parents with Disabilities	(04.05.04)	0.830	

SIB ARF Allocation : South

Returned Funding - Physical Disabilities Alliance Project	(05.09.05)	0.666		
Returned Funding - Silksworth Community Association	(06.01.03 & 01.09.03)	35.000		
		243.522	243.522	0
Total Resources Available				0

2006/2007 Approvals

Box Youth Project	01.09.03		30.000	
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04		56.008	
Construction Challenge Project	31.10.05		5.000	
Farringdon Jubilee Centre	31.10.05		20.000	
South Forum Development Project	06.03.06		18.849	
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative Project	06.03.06		15.000	
		200.000	144.857	55.143
Total Resources Available				55.143

<u>2007/2008 Approvals</u>				
Farringdon Jubilee Centre	31.10.05		20.000	
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative Project	06.03.06		15.000	
			35.000	
<u>2008/2009 Approvals</u>				
Farringdon Jubilee Centre	31.10.05		20.000	
			20.000	

PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 'SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROVAL FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 200/5

In the financial year 2005/6, the following projects have all been approved 'subject to budget approvals' from the 2006/7 budget.

The Area Committee is requested to formally endorse previous approvals as detailed below:

1. Jubilee Centre, Farringdon

Year 1 of funding (matched with Northern Rock Foundation), as contribution towards staffing and other costs for the Jubilee Centre to enable further development of the project.

Year 2	SIB requested 2006/7	£20,000
Lead Agent	Farringdon Jubilee Centre	

2. Box Youth Project

Year 3 of funding towards the costs of developing and sustaining the Box Project Voluntary Youth Initiative in Doxford Park.

Year 3	SIB requested 2006/7	£30,000
Lead Agent	Box Youth Project	

3. Sunderland South Youth Strategy

Final year of funding for a Youth Development Worker post, including a project and development budget.

Year 3	SIB requested 2006/7	£56,008
Lead Agent	Youth Development Group	

4. Construction Challenge

Year 2 of funding for the citywide project providing construction training opportunities to year 10 and 11 pupils.

Year 2	SIB requested	£5,000
Lead Agent	Sunderland Housing Group	

5. Plains Farm and Humbledon Community Initiative

Year 1 of funding as contribution towards staffing and other costs for the Community Initiative to enable further development of the project.

Year 1	SIB requested	£15,000
Lead Agent	PF & H Community Initiative	

6 South Forum Development Project

Continuation of the starter funding to enable the appointment of a worker to develop the South Forum

Year 2	SIB requested	£18,849
Lead Agent	South Forum	

Total funding allocated 'subject to budget' approvals from the 2006/7 budget: £144,857.

REQUEST TO EXTEND FUNDING OF PREVIOUS ALLOCATIONS BEYOND PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE

1. Farringdon Homing Society

Farringdon Homing Society was awarded £13,000 SIB in September 2003, this being a part extension to the award of funding in 2001/2, to develop dedicated premises to allow it to enhance its programme and facilities, including an exhibition area that could be of interest to local groups and schools. The original proposed location did not materialise and finding suitable premises for the Society has proved difficult which in turn has led to delays on the project and expenditure. This led to the need to return funding from Awards for All. After a series of difficulties, planning permission has recently been granted for a suitable site but the delays and specification for the building have left a shortfall in funds. The group have now resubmitted their application to Awards for All for £8,000 to fill this gap, which it is expected to have confirmed within a few months.

The Committee are requested to extend the SIB allocation of £13,000 for a further six months to enable completion of the funding package.

2. NRF Youth Diversionary Activities

This project is to be located at the Box Youth Project in Doxford and will consist of a Multi Use Games Area on land adjacent to the youth project. The original planning application had to be withdrawn and is to be resubmitted in the next few weeks. Extension of funding is requested to allow for this process to be completed and the project to be constructed.

The Committee are requested to extend the SIB allocation of £40,000 for a further six months to enable completion of the project.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB)
CRITERIA AND PROJECT GUIDELINES

1 ABOUT THE SIB FUND

- 1.1 SIB was established in 1996/7 to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area. Each Regeneration Framework area is currently allocated a minimum of £200,000 per year. Applications for funding are approved by the relevant Area Committee or Cabinet.
- 1.2 SIB is approved on an annual basis as part of the full Council budget process in February or March each year. It is possible that due to financial constraints in a particular year, the allocation may be reduced or withdrawn. Approvals from future years' SIB allocations are therefore subject to this budget process and cannot be guaranteed.
- 1.3 Applications therefore will only be approved for the current year unless exceptional circumstances can be established, such as the need to secure other funding over a period of time or enable the recruitment or retention of staff to proceed. Projects that apply for funding from future years' allocations do so at their own risk.

2 APPLYING FOR SIB

- 2.1 The Council's Development and Regeneration Directorate administers SIB through its Regeneration and Housing Service. Any project wishing to enquire about a possible application, or who have any queries regarding the process, should in the first instance, contact the relevant Area Regeneration Officer below:

Bill Blackett Sunderland East, and the Coalfields
Telephone 553 1162 Fax 553 1599
e-mail bill.blackett@sunderland.gov.uk

Karon Purvis Sunderland North, and Washington
Telephone 553 1214 Fax 553 1599
e-mail karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk

Richard Parry Sunderland South and Sunderland West
Telephone 553 1217 Fax 553 1599
e-mail richard.parry@sunderland.gov.uk

- 2.2 Once the suitability of the project has been established, an application form will be sent out electronically or by post accompanied by these guidelines, guidance notes for filling in the application form, and a copy

of the relevant Framework(s) and Action Plans. As a copy of the completed application form will be attached to a covering report as part of the Area Committee's agenda, we would appreciate it if the form could be returned electronically to the relevant Area Regeneration Officer at the appropriate e-mail address provided above. If this is not possible, a typed copy can be sent to the address shown on the covering letter. The covering letter will also provide the date of the next pre-agenda and the full Area Committee meetings, and the deadline for returning the completed application form.

- 2.3 Where an SIB application refers to inputs or support from other Council Directorates, either financial or otherwise, the Lead Agent should seek the agreement of the relevant Directorate. Agreement should be at the appropriate level within the Directorate and should be in place prior to the application being placed on the pre agenda. The appropriate Directorate contact name will be supplied and support or authorisation will be included in the application.
- 2.4 Where possible, a representative of the project must attend the pre agenda and the full Area Committee meetings in order to respond to any queries the Elected Members may have. Please note however, that attendees will not be expected to speak on behalf of the application but to respond to any questions there may be regarding the application
- 2.5 An application to the Area Committee should not be interpreted as a guarantee of its approval. The Committee reserves the right to defer or reject any submission on the basis of available SIB funding in the current financial year and the project's suitability in the light of Area Framework priorities and SIB criteria. However, it will make a decision at the meeting whether to grant the full amount being requested, make a contribution of a lesser amount, defer the request or refuse the application.

3. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 SIB is intended to address the Area Regeneration Framework priorities, which are identified in the Action plan . Although an application does not need to address these priorities in order to receive approval, preference will be given to those proposals that clearly demonstrate a link with the Action Plan.
- 3.2 Applications should also 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.
- 3.3 SIB is mainly intended for one off projects, capital expenditure and "pump priming" of new initiatives. Revenue support can be included in any application, but this will only be at the commencement of a new project or as "gap funding" to enable a project to continue while other funding is being sought. Ongoing or repeat revenue or maintenance

costs, such as electricity or rent, will not normally be considered for SIB funding.

- 3.4 A major aim of SIB is to attract other funding into the area. While the lack of other funding would not disqualify any application, priority is given to those projects that are seeking or have secured additional funding from other sources such as Single Regeneration Budget, Lottery, European funding, sponsorship or grants from charitable institutions.
- 3.5 Applicants are normally expected to make a contribution towards overall project costs, although this is not essential for SIB support to be considered.
- 3.6 Applications will normally only be approved for the current year unless exceptional circumstances can be established, such as the need to secure other funding or enabling the recruitment or retention of staff to proceed. In such cases, future years' allocations would therefore become 'active' once the full Council's budget for that year had been formally approved.
- 3.7 Any project applying for SIB funding must have a management committee, some form of written constitution and a dual signatory bank/building society account.

4 NON-ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Individuals or groups that are not formally constituted are ineligible for SIB funding.
- 4.2 SIB should not be used to finance projects that would normally be funded through other sources or to compensate for budget reductions in mainstream provision.
- 4.3 SIB cannot provide ongoing revenue or maintenance support to projects (see 3.3 above) or for payments for redundancy.
- 4.4 SIB cannot be used for activities of a political or exclusively religious nature.
- 4.5 SIB cannot be used to fund retrospectively i.e. for expenditure already incurred before the application has been approved.

5 APPROVAL AND PAYMENT

- 5.1 If the application is approved in full or in part, an offer letter confirming the allocation will be sent out to the nominated contact person within a week. Funding will only become available once the terms and conditions accompanying the offer letter have been signed and returned. ***These terms and conditions that accompany the offer letter should be***

read carefully, as this constitutes a contract between Sunderland City Council and the project.

- 5.2 The grant will not be released as a “lump sum”. Funding will be released to cover appropriate expenses as they occur and not in advance or anticipation of need. Relevant documentation (e.g. invoice, receipt) must be produced before payment is made.
- 5.3 There is not the facility to overspend on specific allocations. It is the project’s responsibility to have estimated the costs correctly, and the Council does not accept any liability should these estimates prove inaccurate or insufficient. Should the available funding prove inadequate to meet the project’s aims, it will be the project’s responsibility to seek additional funding. If this is not possible, the Lead Agent should seek advice from the relevant Area Regeneration Officer regarding the current status of their SIB allocation. Any project that exceeds the original allocation will be required to find the overspend from their own resources.

6 CONDITIONS

- 6.1 Projects must be managed in accordance with all appropriate statutory requirements and employment legislation and must not be conducted in any way as to bring Sunderland City Council into disrepute
- 6.2 **Purchasing / Procurement requirements**

The Council has a duty to ensure that, where it awards public monies to external organisations, value for money and probity is demonstrated as monies are expended.

Where any such monies are used to procure goods, materials, services or works the following procurement requirements must be applied.

Procurement up to £10,000

Records must be kept to demonstrate that value for money has been achieved, by keeping suitable records. For example, if all or part of a grant was to be used to purchase computer equipment it would be appropriate to contact at least four suppliers of the equipment concerned and ask for a price from each supplier. A note should be retained of the price and specification quoted in each case. If the supplier used is not the supplier quoting the lowest purchase price, a record should be kept with the quotes to explain why the chosen supplier was used. This would normally be on the grounds of quality. This process would also apply to suppliers of services. This process would also apply to suppliers of services, e.g. consultancy services for feasibility studies and for purchases classified as capital works.

Procurement Between £10,000 and £50,000

For procurement of this value, at least four written quotations must be obtained and kept for inspection from suitable contractors or suppliers. If less than four quotations are obtained (e.g. because the work is specialised) or considered the reason for this should also be recorded. Finally, if the supplier used is not the supplier quoting the lowest purchase price, a record should be kept with the quotes to explain why the chosen supplier was used.

Procurement Over £50,000

A formal tender process must be used for all procurement exceeding £50,000.

This means that at least six suitable contractors or suppliers should be invited to tender for the contract on the basis of a clear detailed specification. A deadline should be set for receipt of the tenders from those invited, and tenders received after the deadline should not be considered. Tenders received by the deadline should be opened together in the presence of at least two responsible people. The value of each tender should be recorded and the record signed by both persons present. If the supplier used did not tender the lowest price, a record should be kept to explain why the chosen supplier was used.

Potential conflicts of Interest

Any potential conflicts of interest (e.g. the supplier is a friend or relative of the person procuring the service, goods or works) should be declared and those affected should not participate in the procurement process or decision.

Retention of Records

Records of all of the above processes should be retained for a period of three years and must be available for inspection by representatives of the Council if required.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions could result in clawback of monies and further claims or awards not being approved.

Please note: Projects will be required to submit all relevant documentation with regard to the appointment of a contractor or supplier with the first Quarterly Monitoring Return (or the most appropriate).

- 6.3 Projects are required to provide accurate and verifiable information for monitoring, evaluation and reporting purposes, and must fill in and return the quarterly monitoring return form that is sent requesting information on

projects' progress. Additionally, projects are subject to audit and monitoring throughout their duration by officers of the Development and Regeneration Directorate. Failure to return monitoring forms or comply with any other financial requests made may result in the remainder of the allocation being withheld or future applications being refused.

6.4 Once a project has used its full SIB allocation, projects will be required to submit a written report and attend a future Area Committee meeting to discuss the project's impact. Lead Agents will be informed of when this report and presentation will be required by the relevant Area Regeneration Officer.

6.5 It is the project's responsibility to keep the relevant Area Regeneration Officer informed of any changes that may affect its SIB allocation. In this respect it should be noted that:

- The normal practice will be to make SIB funding available for the period indicated in the funding profile in Section 7 of the application form. If funding is not claimed in accordance with the profile of projected costs in Section 7 of the application form or once the projected completion date has been reached, any unused allocation may be reclaimed, unless the project has indicated a reason for the delay and requested an extension to their funding period.
- No project will be allowed to access SIB funding beyond 2 years from the date of the original offer letter, unless it has received approval for funding over several years. Beyond this period, any unused allocation will be returned to SIB and any project still requiring the funding would need to submit a new application.
- SIB can only be used for the purposes outlined in section 3.4 and section 7 of the application form. If a project for any reason wishes to use their allocation for purposes other than the ones originally proposed, they would need either to return the unused allocation and submit a new proposal to the Area Committee or make a formal request to the Area Committee to vire the allocation.

6.6 The project should ensure that, wherever appropriate, publicity generated by the project acknowledges SIB support. It is a condition of SIB that any press releases be made via the SIB Marketing and Communications team (Tel 0191 553 1933). Please note that in cases where SIB has provided support for the feasibility stage of a capital build project, SIB support will need to be acknowledged on site billboards at the construction stage. The SIB logo can be obtained from the SIB Marketing and Communications team.

<p>SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE MEETING 5th June, 2006</p>	
<p>Title of Report: STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET : 2006/07 WARD BASED COMMUNITY CHEST</p>	
<p>Author(s): Director of Development and Regeneration</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: The purpose of this report is to bring forward 12 recommendations relating to the 2006/07 Community Chest Scheme.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision: The Committee is requested to: i. approve all 12 proposals for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1</p>	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? *Yes</p>	
<p>If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2006/2007, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No</p>	<p>Relevant Review Committee: Regeneration and Community Review Committee</p>
<p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2006/2007 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST**

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring forward 12 recommendations relating to the 2006/2007 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 12 proposals for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest as detailed in Annex I.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Committee will be aware that the Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2006/2007, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

4.0 Reason for Decision

4.1 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, as detailed in Area Regeneration Frameworks, normally providing genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

6.0 Relevant Consultation

6.1 Members have been consulted on all applications for Community Chest support.

6.2 The City Treasurer has been consulted on this report, all costs associated with developing Community Chest applications are resourced by the Strategic Initiatives Budget admin fee.

6.3 Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Area Regeneration Frameworks Community Chest grants support these identified priorities.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 15th May, 2006.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2005/2006
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
DOXFORD WARD	
Room for All, St. Matthew's Church – Contribution towards refurbishment costs.	1000
Friends of Doxford Park – Contribution towards 'Teddy Bears Picnic' bulb planting programme, association costs etc.,	765
Total	1765
SILKSWORTH WARD	
Tunstall Hills Protection Group – Contribution towards printing costs for Christmas cards.	450
Room for All, St. Matthew's Church – Contribution towards refurbishment costs.	1000
Silksworth Women's Bowling Club – Purchase of crockery, curtains etc.,	500
Silksworth Heritage Group – Purchase of printer and accessories.	1000
Silksworth Art Club – Contribution towards visit to annual painters and watercolours exhibition.	350
Total	3300
ST. CHAD'S WARD	
East Herrington Primary School – Contribution towards climbing frame and assault course.	1000
The Music Makers – Contribution towards purchase of sheet music.	250
St. Chad's Youth Club – Contribution towards setting up costs.	500
Middle Herrington Methodist Church – Contribution towards clean-up programme, refreshments etc.,	300

Herrington Village Show 2006 – Contribution towards printing costs etc.,	250
Total	2300
Total of Projects	7365

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SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

5th June 2006

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET UPDATE

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

1.0 Purpose Of The Report

1.1 This report provides Members with an update on live projects for which the Area Committee has previously approved funding through its Strategic Initiatives Budget.

2.0 Background

2.1 Members will recall that each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated an average of £200,000 per annum over the last eleven years from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Framework document. Over this period, therefore the Framework area has been allocated £2,200,000 in this way. An update on all projects that are still operating is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 That this report be noted.

Background Papers

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Reports to previous Area Committees
Regeneration Framework File, South Sunderland

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APPENDIX 1

<i>Project</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Alloc. £k</i>	<i>Exp to date</i>	<i>Balance £k</i>	<i>Lead Agent</i>
Premises For Farringdon Homing Society	01.09.03	13	0	13	Farringdon Homing Society
<p>Farringdon Homing Society has a wide membership within the Sunderland South Area and is regionally acclaimed. It is currently having to use a container in the grounds of the Farringdon Social Club, which impedes its capacity to look after the homing pigeons and organise its regular races and events. The Society, through the approval of SIB Funding, are looking for dedicated premises which will allow it to develop its programme and facilities, including an exhibition area that could be of interest to local groups and schools. Finding suitable premises for the Society have proved difficult which in turn has led to delays on the project and expenditure. Planning permission has recently been granted for a suitable site but the delays and specification for the building have left a shortfall in funds. An application to 'Awards for All', is outstanding and work is expected to start soon.</p>					
<i>Project</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Alloc. £k</i>	<i>Exp to date</i>	<i>Balance £k</i>	<i>Lead Agent</i>
NRF Youth Diversionary Activities Doxford & Ryhope	01.09.03	40	0	40	Community & Cultural Services
<p>Lead agent previously indicated a delay in spend due to negotiations to relocate the site for the Diversionary Activities, which was being considered by the Planning Department. The negotiations have now been resolved and Community & Cultural Services are the new lead agent. However, the planning application had to be withdrawn and is now being re-submitted. Expenditure is expected to commence shortly.</p>					
2004/5 Project Allocations					
<i>Project</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Alloc. £k</i>	<i>Exp to date</i>	<i>Balance £k</i>	<i>Lead Agent</i>
Area Committee Marketing Project	07.03.05	1.642	0	1.642	Development & Regeneration
<p>Funding across all six Area Committees of £4,000 per Committee to provide a dedicated marketing communications function to all Area Committees. This will include developing a comprehensive 'Communications Strategy' which will maximise publicity for all SIB and Community Chest funded projects. This will be achieved through various communications tools including, local press coverage, newsletters and display material.</p>					
2005/6 Project Allocations					
<i>Project</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Alloc. £k</i>	<i>Exp to date</i>	<i>Balance £k</i>	<i>Lead Agent</i>
Jubilee Centre, Farringdon	03.03.03	37	30.801	6.199	Jubilee Centre

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The centre is continuing to grow and achieve excellent results and outputs. This quarter they have had 54 learners complete a ten week non-accredited training course through the centre's Adult and Community learning contract. The centre have also seen an increase in attendance for the parent and toddler groups, kids club's and youth activities. Also through the help and guidance of the centre, a craft club has been established and offered to the other members of the centre, as an extra activity. As a result of SIB funding and the continued success of the centre, further match -funding has been secured along with SIB funding, to ensure the continuation of the centre. Expenditure is ongoing.

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04	48.104	39.797	8.307	Youth Development Group
Year 2 of 3 year funding to allow further provision of Youth Services in South Sunderland. Currently a team of youth workers based at the Blue Watch Youth Centre, supported by SIB funding are operating a South Activities Programme. The programme positively encourages male and female young people to access and participate in all aspects of the programme, in a safe, supportive and caring environment. The project has provided young people with the opportunity to develop in rewarding projects such as the Mayor's Award, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and Health Awareness. The project and expenditure are ongoing.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Area Committee Marketing Project	07.03.05	2.358	0	2.358	Development & Regeneration
The second part of the £4,000, to fund the marketing and communication function for the South Committee.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Box Youth Project - Building Works	07.03.05	10	0	10	Box Youth Project
SIB funding is contributing towards essential Health & Safety work to the building both internally and externally, in order to improve the facilities at the club, and allow the project to further develop its services and work within the local community. The new premises are now open, and the project is playing a crucial part in the delivery and development of services to young people, in South Sunderland. The project to date has already gained an excellent reputation with both local residents and young people, and has developed a strong link with various other partnerships including Sunderland Voluntary Sector Youth Forum.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Horticultural Training at Doxford Park	07.06.05	12.5	0	12.5	Bishopwearmouth Horticultural Nursery
The project is a partnership between the Council and NHS Mental Health Trust to provide horticultural training, leading to pre-NVQ qualifications for people with learning disabilities. SIB funding across all six areas, is to be used as a contribution towards the costs of equipment to support this Vocational Scheme. The project and expenditure are ongoing.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Volunteer Outreach Project	05.09.05	3.333	0	3.333	Volunteer Centre Sunderland
Funding across all six areas to enable the centre to commence provision of an Outreach Service across the six Area Frameworks within the city. SIB Funding will be used as a contribution towards the cost of an Outreach and Development Worker, an Admin Officer, equipment, stationary and staff travel etc.					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
People's Pedal Power	05.09.05	2.150	0	2.150	City of Sunderland Council for the Disabled
<p>Funding across all six areas to match fund existing funding already in place from 'Awards for All', which will enable the project to purchase additional bikes, equipment and provide a weekend programme for its users. The People's Pedal Power provides specially adapted bicycles and tricycles to enable people with physical disabilities or learning difficulties to participate in cycling activities across the City. Currently the project are purchasing the essential equipment needed to continue the project and ensure the project meets the demand to provide healthy activities for people with a range of disabilities, who have less opportunity to take part in other healthy activities. Expenditure is ongoing.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Construction Challenge Project	31.10.05	6.5	0	6.5	Sunderland Housing Group
<p>The Construction Challenge Project will provide construction skills training opportunities on new housing development sites, for year 10 & 11 pupils across the City opting for an alternative curriculum route into construction. This allocation is to build upon the successful work of the original pilot project 'Construction Skills at Farringdon School' and extend it City -Wide. Currently there are 42 pupils taking part in the project at various sites across the City, which include Carley Hill and up and coming sites in the Coalfields and Doxford Park. The project and expenditure are ongoing.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
The Phoenix Project - Community Outreach Programme	31.10.05	6	0	6	The Phoenix Project
<p>SIB funding will be used to continue the Phoenix Project which works in partnership with the Youth Offending Service, by delivering intensive work experience and courses to offenders, with the Fire Brigade. SIB funding will contribute towards the refurbishment and upgrade of the Community Safety Centre by providing a lecturer room in which the courses etc can be held.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
The Box Youth Project - Security Fence	09.01.06	15	0	15	The Box Youth Project
<p>SIB funding has been sought to supply, construct and install a security fence around the premises of the Box Youth Club to combat vandalism and improve security around the building for staff and its members. Planning permission has just recently been approved and tenders are being sought. It is anticipated that the work will be complete by the summer.</p>					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Sunderland Juvenile Service	09.01.06	10.8	0	10.8	Sunderland Juvenile Service
<p>The project through the help of SIB funding aims to encourage young people at risk of offending or re-offending to take part in constructive training, learning and leisure pursuits in the hope of diverting them from anti-social or criminal behaviour. SIB Funding across all six areas will enable the project to attract further match funding, which in turn will allow the expansion of the existing service and contribute towards their ultimate aim of reducing youth offending and preventing re-offending, by offering information, guidance and support to young people, their families and carers.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
South Events Budget	09.01.06	10.063	4.057	6.006	Development & Regeneration
<p>The Events Budget is intended to enhance the support that the Committee is able to offer local groups operating in the area and currently has a major role in the work of the new South Forum, in bringing together community organisations and groups working and located in the South Area.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Silksworth C. A	09.01.06	30.572	0	30.572	Silksworth C.A
<p>SIB Funding is continuing to contribute towards the cost of emergency repairs at the C.A. The September 2004 Area Committee received a feedback report from the lead agent who advised that an initial survey of the premises had been undertaken and a schedule of repairs identified. Many of the works scheduled from that date have not been progressed, due to the moratorium on major investment in Council community facilities, pending a review of community facilities and Community Development Strategy.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Barnes Café / Craft Workshop Development	06.03.06	2.5	0	2.500	Fulwell Day Centre
<p>The project is working in conjunction with the Friends of Barnes Park and Community & Cultural Services to develop a café and craft area within the coach house of Barnes Park. The project will provide an exciting employment and training opportunity for inactive adults who have learning disabilities and will also work towards reducing inequalities and social exclusion faced by these adults. SIB funding has been sought as a contribution towards running costs, salaries, and improvements to both internal and external buildings and equipment</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Eco Rangers	06.03.06	1.5	0	1.5	Community & Cultural Services
<p>SIB Funding from all six areas, is to support the Eco Rangers event during May 2006. The project raises environmental awareness amongst school children and enables the schools involved, to implement environmental auditing of the classroom. The Eco Rangers project is now in its seventh year and has proved very successful throughout this time.</p>					

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<i>Project</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Alloc. £k</i>	<i>Exp to date</i>	<i>Balance £k</i>	<i>Lead Agent</i>
South Forum Development Project	06.03.06	5.151	0	5.151	South Forum
SIB funding is employing a member of staff for a eight month period to implement the South Forum's Business and Funding Plan, which will enable the organisation to fulfil its aims and objectives. The Forum's aim is to become a fully staffed and resourced voluntary organisation who will work with the local council to deliver community led regeneration in South Sunderland.					
2006/7 Project Allocations					
<i>Project</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Alloc. £k</i>	<i>Exp to date</i>	<i>Balance £k</i>	<i>Lead Agent</i>
The Box Youth Project	01.09.03	30	0	30	The Box Youth Project
Year 3 of 3 year funding programme, to fund an additional post to provide leverage towards the pursuit of external funds, which would allow the community in the South Sunderland Area, an opportunity for both children and young people to engage in recreational activities. This quarter through the continuation of SIB Funding the project has seen a further increase in the amount of young people using the facilities and activities at the Box Youth Project. The Detached Youth Workers are continuing their face-to-face youth work in the area, and currently have 420 detached youth contacts. The workers are also developing a new programme of activities across the City, where they will deliver a 'Young Volunteers Programme' for local schools, to help in the delivery of 'Post 16 Education'. Expenditure is ongoing.					
<i>Project</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Alloc. £k</i>	<i>Exp to date</i>	<i>Balance £k</i>	<i>Lead Agent</i>
Sunderland Youth Strategy	01.03.04	56.008	0	56.008	Youth Development Group
Year 3 of 3 year funding to allow further provision of Youth Services in South Sunderland. Currently a team of youth workers based at the Blue Watch Youth Centre, supported by SIB funding are operating a South Activities Programme. The programme positively encourages male and female young people to access and participate in all aspects of the programme, in a safe, supportive and caring environment. The project has provided young people with the opportunity to develop in rewarding projects such as the Mayor's Award, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and Health Awareness. The project and expenditure are ongoing.					
<i>Project</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Alloc. £k</i>	<i>Exp to date</i>	<i>Balance £k</i>	<i>Lead Agent</i>
Construction Challenge Project	31.10.05	5	0	5	Sunderland Housing Group
Year 2 of 2 year funding to provide construction skills training opportunities on new housing development sites, for year 10 & 11 pupils across the City opting for an alternative curriculum route into construction. This allocation is to build upon the successful work of the original pilot project and extend it City -Wide.					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Farrington Jubilee Centre - Capacity Building Project	31.10.05	20	0	20	Farrington Jubilee Centre
<p>This new allocation of SIB funding, matched by the Northern Rock Foundation, will continue and improve the existing services run by the centre. As a result of the extra funding secured the centre can now provide a seamless service to the local community ensuring that groups whether large or small can develop, by offering ongoing training, support and a one-stop shop within the project to access information, advice and guidance. The funding provides the opportunity to develop further services to local residents, and the wider South Area.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
South Forum Development Project	06.03.06	18.849	0	18.849	South Forum Development Project
<p>Year 2 of funding to employ a member of staff for a eight month period to implement the South Forum's Business and Funding Plan, which will enable the organisation to fulfil its aims and objectives. The Forum's aim is to become a fully staffed and resourced voluntary organisation who will work with the local council to deliver community led regeneration in South Sunderland.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative	06.03.06	15	0	15	Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative
<p>Year 1 of funding to secure the 'Community Initiative' as a resource for its local community and as part of service development in the South. The funding will not be drawn down until a new Management and Business Plan is put in place.</p>					
Totals		403.030	74.655	328.375	