

Coalfield Area Committee

9 September 2009

Feedback on a project previously funded through SIB

Report of the Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose Of The Report

1.1 This report provides information to the Area Committee on a previously funded Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) project and requests an extension to the expected completion date to March 2010.

2.0 Background

2.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last fourteen 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. The Lambton Memorial Group was awarded £22,800 in March 2007 to design, produce and install artwork to the country park on the site of the former Lambton Colliery and Cokeworks.

2.2 At the July meeting, Coalfield Area Committee requested the attendance of a representative from the Lambton Memorial Group at the September Area Committee meeting, in order to give feedback on the Lambton Memorial Project previously funded by SIB.

2.3 The project to date has designed and produced the artwork as outlined in the original project application (see Annex 1 to this report). Due to delays with the site contractor the final part of the project (installation of the banners) will be delayed until approximately March 2010.

3.0 Purpose of the Feedback Report

3.1 The aim of the feedback is for the project to inform the Area Committee how the money it has been allocated through SIB has been used. Specifically, the Lead Agent has been asked to give Area Committee an update on the progress of the project and the expected completion date.

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

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 That the Committee note this report.

4.2 That the project is granted an extension until March 2010 to spend the £2,000 remaining budget.