

Summary of SIB Funding Applications

Project 1 - Kirklee Field Play Area

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£100,000	£16,468	£83,532
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
9 months	April 2012	January 2013

The Project

The project will provide a purpose built play space within the Kirklee area. Subject to resident consultation, this will comprise fixed play equipment on a safety surface or the development of a natural play environment, or other space as determined by the children and young people in the community. On-going maintenance of the facility will be incorporated into the play maintenance plan.

Need for the Project

The need for the project was identified as part of the Play and Urban Games Strategy and subsequent consultation. Area Committee identified Kirklee Field as the next site for development in the Coalfield area.

Outputs of the Project

A1	Number of new or improved community facilities	1
A2	Number of people using new or improved facilities	300

Key Milestones for the Project

Consultation	2 April 2012
Planning	1 June 2012
Work commences on site	8 October 2012
Work completed and site open	1 January 2013

Recommendation: Approve

The project will meet the strategic objectives in the Work Plan of 'Activities for Young People' and 'Play Provision' and was previously identified by Area Committee as the next priority site for improving play equipment.

Project 2 - Coalfield Community Challenge – Sunderland 2012 and Jubilee Celebrations

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£10,000	£10,000	£0
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
8 months	February 2012	October 2012

The Project

The project will deliver community and partnership events around two themes 1) Sunderland 2012 (Olympic programme) and 2) Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Local schools, VCS organisations, groups and residents will be supported to deliver and take part in a series of events across the whole of the Coalfield area. The first part of the project will be delivered in line with the main Sunderland 2012 programme through the role of the Area Community Coordinator, Voluntary and Community Sector Networks and the wider Sport Leisure and Community Development Team. A Tool Kit will be established which will enable the residents and communities to take part and become involved. The tool kit will allow a clear and transparent process for the Olympic activity. The second part of the project will be developed and managed by the Coalfield Community Co-ordinator and the VCS Network using a participative approach to

agreeing events to be supported by this project. A simple and clear form has been developed and will address the activity around the £5k spend for participation and activity around the Queens Jubilee. A work shop on the 19th Jan at the Coalfield VCS Network will start the process.

The potential exists to improve health, tackle exclusion and isolation, engage those who have disengaged from certain areas of society, and empower and inspire individuals and communities to come together and therefore improve community cohesion.

We have evidence that the grass route approach through the Coalfield Community Challenge initiative is what works well here in the Coalfield Area, 32 voluntary and community groups, 12 community events and 90 new volunteers in 2011 in projects such as Local Heritage, improvements to Allotments and Community Gardens as well as regional activity at a local level such as the love where you live campaign. It is proposed to develop and deliver a comprehensive programme of community events, activities and opportunities in the build up to, during and beyond the London 2012 Games.

Capacity building is proven as this will be the third round of participation the first being the Coalfield in Bloom where 19 schools, 55 community groups and over 400 volunteers and a number of 'Area Champions', who will be keen to representative of the population of the area to help promote the programme and fully engage the local community. These could be, for example, Elected Members, talented athletes, community representatives, volunteers and coaches.

This project is about creating a legacy for participating in sport and physical activity. One of the key ways in which this will be achieved is that we intend that a Volunteering Bank and Community Events Toolbox will be continued after the grant period to support further volunteering and social action across the city.

Volunteers will also be signposted through the Volunteering Bank to access further information, training and development opportunities enabling them to recruit and develop volunteers in sport and physical activity, and deliver projects and events in the future. Volunteers will be invited to link into existing VCS organisations, local VCS infrastructure organisations and Area VCS Networks.

Need for the Project

Work ongoing from the Area Work Plan particularly around the "Shop Local" Christmas Campaign allowed us to consult and engage over 1000 local people and we were able to collate information and expressions of interest from local people and groups willing to take part and be involved in the 2012 which also gives us the opportunity to celebrate and leave behind a lasting legacy. Olympics are not just about sport, they are an opportunity to enjoy and participate in a major cultural celebration. In addition, they also provide an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the Games through other 'windows', including libraries, heritage, dance, music, theatre, the visual arts, film and digital innovation and leave a lasting legacy for the arts in the UK. With regards to participation in Sport and physical activity the current figures (Dec 2011 indicate 21.29% of adults 16+ engage in 30 minutes of physical activity 3 times per week. It is proposed that the Sunderland in 2012 programme and its legacy will make a positive contribution in increasing participation rates.

Sport will never be provided with a better opportunity to engage residents in physical activity - a once in a lifetime opportunity. Attaining a lasting legacy beyond the London 2012 Games will not be easy, but there is no reason why this cannot be achieved. In order to develop a meaningful programme of activities it will be possible to develop and deliver in partnership with

key stakeholders, a range of programmes, initiatives and support services that will inspire residents.

A workshop in December 2011 attended by Area Committee members, partners and officers identified the need to add further value to the successful 'Coalfield Community Challenge' project by expanding and increasing opportunities for local people to be involved. Members present requested that an application for £10,000 was submitted for consideration by Committee.

Outputs of the Project

A3	VCS organisations and local groups supported	50
A6	Community or educational events held	50

Key Milestones for the Project

Launch of the Sunderland in 2012 programme	27 January 2012
Calendar of activities - various events and dates	February 2012
Celebration Event - 16 June 2012	16 June 2012
Final event - we took part in Sunderland in 2012	27 September 2012

Recommendation: Approve. The project will continue the successful 'Coalfield Community Challenge' with a focus on Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee. When setting the priorities and Work Plan for 2011/12 Coalfield Area Committee agreed that community involvement and engagement should be at the heart of project activity and delivery.

Project 3 - Sunderland in 2012 Programme (Olympics)

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£69,000	£50,000 in total £10,000 from Coalfield	£19,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
9 months	January 2012	October 2012

The Project

It is considered that the 2012 Games could have a clear and lasting impact on every aspect of Sunderland life and the ability to positively affect the physical and social health of communities. The 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be the largest event ever held within the United Kingdom (UK) and will not return to the UK in our life time. The potential exists to improve health, tackle exclusion and isolation, engage those who have disengaged from certain areas of society, and empower and inspire individuals and communities to come together and therefore improve community cohesion. It is proposed to develop and deliver a comprehensive city programme of community events, activities and opportunities in the build up to, during and beyond the London 2012 Games.

It is proposed the Sunderland in 2012 programme will provide a mixture of opportunities for residents to engage with the programme. Firstly the initiative will introduce and embed a level of friendly 'competitiveness' into the programme. Areas will be 'affiliated' to a coloured Olympic Ring and residents participating in Sunderland in 2012 will gain 'credits for their area of the city. The credits can be gained from participating in many ways and it is suggested that through an increased community spirit, localities will become stronger and more connected when working together to achieve area 'credits'.

Secondly, the programme will have a number of city pledges where the city, as a community, will be encouraged to work towards these and reach a number of targets. including for example, challenging the city to:

- Recruit 2012 new volunteers as part of the programme
- have 50,000 people taking part
- Be part of the world record attempt.
- have all schools engaged in the programme

Within the programme the range of initiatives and projects developed and delivered will be specific to the locality needs and will be aimed at moving residents from a mind set of 'contemplating' into 'action'. As part of the programme, areas will be encouraged to develop a number of 'Area Champions', who will be representative of the population of the area to help promote the programme and fully engage the local community. These could be, for example, Elected Members, talented athletes, community representatives, volunteers and coaches

Take Part in 'Sunderland in 2012' - It is proposed to develop a calendar of activities that fall under the Sunderland in 2012 programme, whilst maximising events and activities that are already planned between January and September 2012. Developing the calendar of activities and opportunities will ensure that there are a wide range of 'take part in' activities that residents can do, watch, or volunteer at and will provide the residents of Sunderland with a comprehensive programme. It is proposed that a number of city wide events will be developed which will enable Coalfield residents to take part in.

Working with the VCS Network, opportunities will be made available to support community groups and organisations to deliver a number of community based events and activities as part of the Sunderland in 2012 programme. Support will be provided for groups through the VCS network and further supported by the Council, and the additional SWITCH Support Officers working on the Sunderland 2012 Programme. A Community Toolkit is to be distributed on 27 January which will provide guidance to local community groups in order to access localised funds.

To maximise impact and deliver financially efficient events a number of city wide events are planned that will engage residents from Washington area. For example the Sunderland Celebration event on the 16th June will maximise the unique opportunity of Sunderland being a Torch Relay 'Community on Route' of which Washington residents will be fully engaged within that celebration. The celebration will take place at Herrington Country Park as the space allows for significant numbers to attend. The celebration event would incorporate numerous activities including:

- Live music and entertainment
- Big Screen Films
- Family picnic
- Family activities
- A World Record attempt

A further example of a city wide event which will engage Coalfield residents is the 24 hour Swimathon which will take place 23 & 24 March and look to engage with 576 residents from the Coalfield Area.

Sunderland in 2012 Legacy - The overall ethos of the programme is to lay the foundations for lasting participation in sport and physical activity, arts and cultural activity and volunteering at a local level. Opportunities exist through this proposal to work with communities and Elected Members to inform the calendar of activities to ensure the opportunities and activities are not only relevant to the local community but also inspire residents within the community to take part in a programme that will contribute to area committee priorities being realised.

At the Coalfield Task and Finish Group it was suggested that the Area Committee may wish to support local and community events by further allocating SIB funds to support the programme.

Need for Project

The 2012 Games present an opportunity for all sport and activity providers, arts and cultural providers, as well as community groups to capture the imagination of residents and engage people within a Sunderland celebration programme. The Olympics and Paralympics are not just about sport, they are an opportunity to enjoy and participate in a major cultural celebration. In addition, they also provide an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the Games through other 'windows', including libraries, heritage, dance, music, theatre, the visual arts, film and digital innovation and leave a lasting legacy for the arts in the UK. With regards to participation in Sport and physical activity the current figures (Dec 2011 indicate 21.29% of adults 16+ engage in 30 minutes of physical activity 3 times per week. It is proposed that the Sunderland in 2012 programme and its legacy will make a positive contribution in increasing participation rates.

Sport will never be provided with a better opportunity to engage residents in physical activity - a once in a lifetime opportunity. Attaining a lasting legacy beyond the London 2012 Games will not be easy, but there is no reason why this cannot be achieved. In order to develop a meaningful programme of activities it will be possible to develop and deliver in partnership with key stakeholders, a range of programmes, initiatives and support services that will inspire residents.

Partnership working is at the heart of what we are trying to deliver. Without establishing meaningful and cohesive partnerships then it is unlikely that a programme of this nature can be delivered. The Council's Sport, Leisure and Community Development Team and the Culture and Tourism Team both within City Services will be leading project management arrangements.

Work has already commenced to engage key partners in the city to be a part of this programme. Further engagement with communities will commence in the new year to ensure the programme develops in a way that is relevant to the Coalfield Area

A Task and Finish Group involving officers and Members has taken place to ensure that the project proposals are specific to the relevant area of the city. The Community and Voluntary Support Network will disseminate half of the allocated funding to those community groups who are proposing to deliver an activity or event that contributes to the aims and objectives of the programme and therefore will be promoted under the broader umbrella of the Sunderland in 2012 programme.

City Services will be ensuring that the 2012 in Sunderland programme has a lasting legacy, which includes working with local sports clubs, groups and organisations to continue to promote culture, sport and physical activity within localities. The 2012 programme has been included in the Directorate's 2012-2013 Service Plan under the following outcomes

- Strengthening communities and building resilience
- Champion and celebrate local identity by engaging with individuals and communities
- Lead and deliver a legacy programme beyond the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games which will engage and inspire all residents to increase their participation levels in sport and physical activity and community engagement.

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Volunteers will also be signposted through the Volunteering Bank to access further information, training and development opportunities enabling them to recruit and develop volunteers in sport and physical activity, and deliver projects and events in the future. Volunteers will be invited to link into existing VCS organisations, local VCS infrastructure organisations and Area VCS Networks.

Outputs of the Project

H2	Number of people engaged in healthy lifestyle projects	4000
P3	Number of people volunteering	450

Key Milestones for the Project

Launch of the Sunderland in 2012 programme	27 January 2012
Calender of activites - various events and dates	27 January 2012
Celebration Event - 16 June 2012	16 June 2012
Final event - we took part in Sunderland in 2012	27 September 2012

Recommendation: Approve. The project will offer the opportunity for the whole community to become involved. Activities for Young People, Support for Older People and Community Involvement will be supported by this project.

Project 4 – Empty Homes 2012

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£93,000	£13,000	£80,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	1 Feb 2012	30 June 2012

The Project

The project, managed by Gentoo Sunderland, will bring back into full time use four private rental properties that have been empty for several years. Due to the nature of these homes they have remained empty and become a focus for anti social behaviour and/or crime. Four properties have been identified in the Coalfield area and will be fully refurbished to bring them up to decent homes lettable standard.

The Lawns DH5 ONF

Moore Crescent South DH5 8LG

Railway Terrace North DH4 7BB

Brittania Terrace DH4 6LJ

A variety of works will be undertaken but in general this will include kitchens, bathrooms, heating systems, general decoration, windows and external doors.

Once complete, the properties will be managed by Gentoo for a minimum of five years. Tenants will be selected from the Local Authority Housing Register and will be vetted for suitability. Tenancies and condition of the property will be monitored and reviewed by Gentoo to ensure they remain in a decent standard. The rental income from the properties will fund the future upkeep and maintenance costs for five years following this the properties will be returned to the owner.

Need for the Project

Empty properties is a priority for the Coalfield area. The properties have been identified by the Local Authority from their own long term empty rental properties list as being problematic empty properties. The improvement of these properties will contribute to the empty properties strategy and targets for the Coalfield area. Adjacent property occupiers will be relieved of the problem of ASB and crime against these properties. Any incidents arising against these properties will be monitored and compared with historical data.

The project is match funded through the Government's Regeneration Agency, the Homes and Community's Agency and the project is part of its strategy to return long term empty properties back into use.

Outputs of the Project

S1	Number of homes with improved security	4
S4	Number of programmes to improve ASB	4

Key Milestones for the Project

Scope for the scheme of work finalised	Beg Feb 2012
Work on all properties commenced	End Feb 2012
Work on all properties completed	End June 2012
Property returned to use	End of July 2012

Recommendation: Approve

The project will meet the strategic objective in the Work Plan of 'Empty and Problematic Properties' and offers a good level of match funding. As a result of improvement to problem properties it is envisaged that anti social behaviour and environmental problems will be reduced.