

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

4 February 2009

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

Report of the Acting Chief Executive

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 thirteen 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 £2,587,383 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

4.1 At this Committee meeting, the following feedback reports will be presented:

- Biddick Sports College Community Gymnastic Club who were awarded £14,000 on the 2 July 2008 to purchase a tumble track for the Club

4.2 Extracts from the original applications are attached as Annex 1.

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, Washington

Annex 1 – Feedback Report

Project Title:
Tumble track project
SIB Requested:
£14,000

Section 1: Application Requirements

1.1
<p>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.</p> <p>Dates and Venues of future meetings are provided as supporting information.</p>
1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does your project cover? (please tick)
Coalfield [] East [] North [] Washington [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] West [] South []

Section 2: Sponsor Details

2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group:		
Biddick Sports College Community Gymnastics Club		
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group:		
Biddick Sports College Biddick Lane Washington Tyne & Wear NE38		
2.3 Contact Name for Project:		2.4 Position in Organisation:
Mrs Lynn Hope		Head Coach
2.5 Tel. Number:	2.6 Fax Number:	2.7 E-mail Address:

01914168776	01914187338	fabtots@aol.com
2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details: (if different to 2.3 above)		
As above		
2.9 Legal Status of Organisation:	2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable):	
Voluntary non for profit group	None	
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?		
Yes [] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]		
If 'Yes' please provide details:		
2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by or are Elected Members of the City Council?		
Yes [] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]		
If 'Yes' please provide details:		

Section 3: Project Details

3.1 Project Title: (please re-state title as per front sheet)	
Tumble track project	
3.2 Project Start Date:	3.3 Project End Date:
April 2009	Ongoing – till we get one
3.4 Please Describe the project:	
<p>We need to raise a substantial amount of money to purchase a Carbon Fibre Competition Tumble Track. Primarily the purchase of a tumble track will enable the club to host annual team tumbling competitions, providing more local opportunities for club members of all abilities. The team tumbling events will provide the club with increased revenue opportunities and increase parental participation strengthening the local community and of course the team spirit of the club.</p> <p>Local gymnasts will be able to improve tumbling skills every week and be better equipped for other national competitions, which they compete in. The track will enable our club members to compete on a level playing field and no longer be disadvantaged, as they do not currently have the experience of tumbling on a competition surface.</p> <p>At the moment we train on an inflatable track and on hard floor, this year we have had 5 tumblers who have won a place to National Finals. One of our boy tumblers won the Bronze medal, if we had a competition track our gymnasts would have the same advantage as the other competitors and therefore perform better.</p>	

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

Biddick Sports Community Gymnastics Club provides gymnastics training for children from babies to young adults. We have 6 sections currently running within the club,

1. Fun-4-babies which is for parents and babies working on social, emotional and educational skills
2. Pre-School section, is for two to five year olds again with parents working on social, emotional and educational skills
3. General Gymnastics sessions is rising fives to ten years working basic gymnastic skills
4. Women's Artistic is for the more advanced gymnasts who want to work on bars, beam, floor and vault skills to a higher level
5. Sports Acro Section is for the advanced gymnast who does not want to work on equipment
6. Tumbling section is our newest section and becoming more popular

Almost every section would benefit with the tumble track as the gymnasts can have more repetition on any flight elements as the track will not be as severe on the wrist and ankle joints. We can also get other clubs involved in extra training camps during the holidays and weekends

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	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]
(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:

Having a carbon fibre tumble track will improve the standard of the gymnasts' work and training. Currently for our tumbler to train on a competition track we have to take them to a centre North of the river Tyne. There is only one session available on a Sunday afternoon making it impractical (and expensive) for many. All sections of the club will raise their standards of tumbling, as having a track will enable more repetitive work and less strain on the wrists and ankles. It will also benefit the other local smaller clubs as we have a policy of sharing our equipment. Within the club we have gymnasts who have won medals in the national team tumbling and individual awards. These young gymnasts will show rapid improvements and increase their national ratings. Hosting a national team tumbling competition will also raise the profile of Biddick and Washington in the gymnastics circle.

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

(please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)

We have our own monthly gym club magazine where we will publicise and our PR will contact local press via SIB Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator. We will also publicise in the British Gymnastics Magazine in the local news section.

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

Yes [] No []

If 'Yes' please provide details:

Biddick Community Gymnastics Club Committee and Head of Biddick School who arranged a

meeting with Sue Bartlett to see if it was viable

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

Yes [] No []

If 'Yes' please provide details:

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

Everyone in the gym club and other gym clubs in the surrounding area's

3.11 Will there be any implications for Council Services arising from this project?

Yes [] No []

If 'Yes' please provide details:

3.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a Sunderland City Council Directorate?

Yes [] No []

If 'Yes' please provide details:

3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?

Yes [] No []

If 'Yes' please provide details of type of approval, date secured, or date expected to be secured:

Section 4: Equal Opportunities

4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy?

Yes [] No []

If 'Yes' please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:

As Biddick has successfully passed Gym Mark status for three years we have all policies in place. Our aim at Biddick gym club is that every child gets a right to train or compete regardless of their capability. Having the track will enable the beginner tumbler to take part in a tumbling competition, or the gymnasts from a low-income family compete in a National Competition without the travelling and hotel expenses that can be quite expensive. Also running a national competition will give parents and relatives the opportunity to watch or get involved with the organisation of the competitions. It will also give the gym the opportunity to raise money to help with the funding of other comps.

If 'No' please describe how your organisation addresses equal opportunities issues:

4.2 Does your project specifically address any of the following issues?	
Ethnic Issues	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] (please tick)
If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Race Relations Act 1976:	
Gender Issues	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] (please tick)
If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Sex Discrimination Act 1975:	
Disability Issues	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] (please tick)
If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995:	

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:
Working towards equal opportunities and working towards Community Cohesion.
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).
By having this track we can hold national team tumbling competitions, therefore raising the profile of the sport into Washington area. Most of the Team Tumbling Competitions are run down in the Midlands and the South of the country. A lot of our gymnasts never get to see or get involved in these competitions because the implications that can occur in the travelling to and from the venues. Sometimes only 1 parent can go with the child to watch, and by hosting these events we can encourage more parents to volunteer as helpers and supporters of this new exciting sport.
5.3 If the project relates to two or more Framework Areas, on what basis have you decided how to share the costs?
There will be no problem as boys and girls can compete in the same competition on the same day

Section 6: Management Arrangements

6.1 Describe how the project will be managed:
It will be managed by the head coach with liaison of the management committee and British Gymnastics
6.2 Are there any significant risks or uncertainties that may affect either the timetable of the project, or whether it achieves its objectives?
None (the quicker we can raise the money the quicker we can start)

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?				
£10,000 - £16,000				
7.2 Indicate the type of funding requested: (please tick)				
Capital [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Revenue [<input type="checkbox"/>] Both [<input type="checkbox"/>]				
7.3 Has funding been requested / allocated from any other sources, including Council Directorates and if so how much?				
We have applied for Awards for all				
7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?				
We have considered fundraising but this takes significant time.				
7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?				
We would have to wait another year or two until we can raise the funding, the costs will get higher as inflation increases.				
7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?				
Once we have the track we can continue to raise money through competition revenue and continual fundraising				
7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:				
Funding Source	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total Cost
SIB:				
Washington	£14,000			£14,000
Other Sources (please state)				
1)	Fundraising	£2, 600		£2, 600
2)				
3)				
Total Cost:	£16, 600			£16,600
7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind' funding (e.g Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.				
7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:				
Carbon fibre tumble track		£15,300		
Storage container – external		£1,100		
Plywood to protect the floor		£200		

Totals	£16,600
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.	
We will comply with the standing financial instructions of the Local Authority	

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):
<p>Having the support from you will provide the gym club with the facilities required for elite performers in Washington, Sunderland and The North of England. The club would achieve its aim of obtaining National Status in the Tumbling, Sports Acrobatics and in time, the Women's Artistic Sections.</p> <p>Washington through Biddick Sports College Community Gymnastics Club will be placed in the competition map at British Gymnastics for Team Tumbling Competitions and will also raise the profile of Washington and Tumbling to a national standard. People from Washington and the surrounding areas will have opportunities to see this new and exciting sport at a National level.</p> <p>Having the track will also give Biddick gym club the chance host a Tumbling coaching course therefore improving the standards of coaching within the club and other clubs from the surrounding area's. Coaching clinics will be taken to a more advanced level, therefore improving the standards of the gymnasts and coaches, within the North of England.</p>

Section 9: Declaration

This authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share the information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.
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:
Mrs Lynn Hope
Position in Organisation:
Head Coach
Date:
27/05/2008