

## **WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT**

#### **Report of the Chief Executive**

##### **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 that 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 Following the recent communication with Members, the Committee is requested to consider the principle of deferring commitment of expenditure from next year's SIB budget (subject to budget approval), except in cases of clear emergency. The Committee is further requested to defer consideration of Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) expenditure until the new municipal year.

##### **3.0 Background**

3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years. Over this period, therefore, the Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £2,732,920 in this way.

3.2 Annex 2 gives a full breakdown of individual projects since 2006/7.

##### **4.0 Current Position**

4.1 At the last meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008, the Committee agreed to further proposals for funding of £20,572 from the 2008/9 budget leaving a balance of £139,348.

4.2 There are four applications for funding to this Committee requesting £138,820 from the 2008/9 budget. Should the Committee grant these requests it will leave a balance of £528.

##### **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 3.9 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

### 7.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate the consultation undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in sections 3.6 and 3.7 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 the application form. The Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator for the City of Sunderland Council implements the publicity and public relations schedule on behalf of the Area Committee.

## **8.0 List of Appendices**

- 8.1 Annex 1. Proposals for SIB funding.

8.2 Annex 2. Summary of SIB allocations since 2006/7.

8.3 Annex 3. SIB Guidelines and Procedures.

**9.0 Background Papers**

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

9.2 Regeneration Framework Files, West Sunderland