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Annex 5

2006/2007 Project Allocations					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
GATES - Community Services	30.11.06	10.593	0	10.593	GATES
SIB funding was extended at Area Committee in November 2007, to provide community services and basic IT skills training for local residents. The Electronic Village Hall allows individuals and groups to have access to a range of individually tailored IT skills and provides local access to online services, provided by the local authority and government services. In addition to the Electronic Village Hall provided by GATES, SIB funding is helping to provide community services, which range from providing meeting and training facilities for resident led voluntary and community groups, photocopying, faxing and telephones usage, for residents to contact health, public services, educational establishments and utility products. Expenditure is scheduled to commence shortly once other funding streams are complete and is envisaged that the project will require the full budget allocation. SIB is also being used as a source to attract further funding to the project.					
2008/2009 Project Allocations					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Barnes Community Cohesion Initiative	10.04.08	23.281	7.887	15.394	A690 Youth Initiative
This pilot project will focus upon addressing racially motivated tensions and violence that exists between British and Asian youths living in the Barnes area of the City. As the commissioned youth work organisation for this area, the A690 Youth Initiative will lead on the development and delivery of the initiative and will work very closely with Young Asian Voices, Thornhill School and Northumbria Police. Two experienced youth workers have been appointed to work with young people living in the Barnes area. The Youth Workers will seek to establish relationships with groups and will facilitate a range of diversionary activities to bring young people from different backgrounds and cultures together. Currently the workers are identify specific times when Barnes Park is used by young people and liaising with the local Community Police Team re anti-social behaviour in the Park. Over the last few months 85 new young people have engaged with the project and have taken part in two sessions of the 'Cage' as a diversionary activity to promote health and fitness and to build stronger relationships with the young people.					
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Natural Play Area Grindon Church Community Project	03.07.08	24.670	8.000	24.670	Grindon United Reform Church
This is a project to develop an exciting and innovative play area at the back of the church building in what is currently a large overgrown garden area. The proposal is to transform the space into different areas where children can play - all with a natural theme - for example an adventurous area with log bridges and stepping stones, a sheltered seating area, and a wildlife and wild flower area, an area for barbeques and picnics. Although work has commenced on site to clear the land, the project are experiencing some delays with fencing and gate work which is needed to make the garden secure in order for the equipment to be brought out into the garden. In addition a new supplier is being sought to install the new gates to make the garden secure. The project are currently awaiting a decision on a funding bid submitted to Awards For All for a further £10,000 to develop the small garden and approximately 10 allotments. This decision is expected shortly.					

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The Tansy Centre - Marketing & Development	03.07.08	14.527	4.845	12.627	South Hylton Community Building
This modern multi-purpose community facility delivers, education and training, leisure, sport, health and community activities, outreach facilities for statutory and other providers. This proposal involves funds to kit out the centre, the marketing and promotion of the centre and to tackle and make secure an area of land to the side of the building with new fencing and a footpath. Numbers attending the centre's activities continue to grow, new courses and activities have been organised, new volunteers have been recruited, the Management Committee has 6 new members and the activities for young people continue to develop, and they are organising their own events with great success. The new marketing materials including the banners are being used at organised events to promote the centre and its activities and the new fencing is in place on the land adjacent to the centre.					
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Riverside Walk - 100 Steps to Claxheugh Rock	05.02.09	55	0	55	Development & Regeneration
The main theme of the project is the improvement of the Riverside Walk between the 100 Steps, west of the Golden Lion to Claxheugh Rock, including the area around the Water Sports Centre. The footpath has fallen into disrepair, is suffering from minor subsidence due to erosion by the River and requires additional barriers to safeguard users from motorbikes. Ancillary works include the installation of trip rails to protect parts of the grassed area in the vicinity of Claxheugh Rock from egress by cars and motor bikes which habitually damage the grass sward and cause antisocial problems for legitimate users of the area. A site meeting which included residents, the Project Engineer and Police has taken place and the site resurveyed with the benefit of more detailed and local information. Contract documentation is currently being put together with the aim of resolving as many of the current problems as possible. Following on from extensive survey work a detailed option plan and schedule has been put together for discussion with all parties involved regarding the way forward.					
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Burns Burn - Stream Rejuvenation and Habitat Creation	05.02.09	60	0	60	Development & Regeneration
The Barnes Burn is a stream which runs west to east through Barnes Park and then through Burn Park, back into a culvert and to the River Wear at Galley's Gill. The project is intended to re-profile the streambed removing silt and other materials allowing a running profile to be developed. This in turn will allow further, physical inspection of the stream bed itself to ascertain whether or not sinks have been developed in the bed which would see water prematurely drain away into the aquifer. Additionally it is intended to re-profile the banks of the stream in order to create habitats suitable for water vole in the hope that this will allow a reintroduction of a nationally rare species which is relatively common in Sunderland. The contractor has started on site with the intent being to work the site dry through to the western end at Hastings Hill to date the contractor has crossed Broadway and is currently between Sandhills and Tay Road. This initial operation is regarded as a first phase of 2 the intention being to open the stream bed up to carry out further surveys and investigations to identify additional works. Estimated completion January 2010.					
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Seated Exercise and Mature Moves	02.10.08	5	1.271	3.729	Sit n b Fit

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The aim of the project is to improve the health and mobility of older people in the area through gentle seated exercise and mature moves, and thus help them to sustain independent living. Seated exercise can increase a person's stamina, balance, co-ordination, suppleness and flexibility. During this quarter 133 one to one sessions were delivered and 15 groups sessions were delivered in the West area.

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SIB projects previously approved by the former South Area Committee					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. To Date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Chelmsford Street Residents Group - Community Safety Initiative	07.01.08	7.220	0.640	6.580	Chelmsford Street Residents Group
The project is to 'gate' Chelmsford Street, a private, non-adopted highway, by installing a fence and gate at either end of it, which will help to counter anti social behaviour and vandalism by providing a secure fence line for the adjacent allotment site. This is a pilot project and the residents will have keys and will provide the appropriate insurance and maintenance for the gates. The project reported delays on the start of the work due to various access objections being submitted from two utility companies. These have now been rectified by the City Solicitor and the residents group are currently liaising with the fabricator for a start date for work to begin.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. To Date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Blind Lane & Silksworth Road Environmental Improvements	03.03.08	14.390	7.029	7.361	Community & Cultural Services
The project is to supply, install and maintain 40 half baskets on 20 lamp columns, from June 2008 to September 2012. SIB will provide the capital costs for the installation and five years running costs. The project is part of the overall environmental improvement strategy plan for Silksworth.					
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Promoting Youth Initiatives in the South	08.09.08	7	1.670	5.330	Youth Development Group
The project will provide one point of contact within the Youth Development Group (South Youth Forum) and promote this as an information service for accessibility to all South and City wide youth projects and will also help to ensure that all youth organisations in the South work together to provide a 'Core Youth Offer'. There is currently no one service for promoting youth initiatives in the South of the City and those accessing services are largely doing so on an ad-hoc basis. A structured and strategic promotion, it is felt by the providers, would guide young people and their families to the services on offer and give them a greater choice and understanding of the provision available. Work to date has included the organisation of a market stall event for local Youth Groups to advertise their groups and share information with one another and the Youth Development Group have worked with the organisations to develop promotional materials to advertise what is available in the local area.					
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Fame at Farringdon	02.03.09	20	0	20	Farringdon Community College
One of the main areas available for use is the school hall that has seating for 300 people and includes a stage and drama facilities. The equipment to support performing arts is in need of upgrading and the hall and seating areas are in need of refurbishment. The project will enable extended use of the Hall by a wide range of partner organisations and will be a major community resource. Partner organisations will include the Jubilee Centre and voluntary organisations within the area. The refurbishment and upgrade will provide a multi media resource that will be adaptable to a wide range of uses and activities. The refurbishment through the help of SIB will enable and extend the range of activities taking place including, drama and musical productions, dance festivals, training in media skills, including lighting, sound and stage management, drama and music workshops and film nights.					

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Herrington Hall Stones	02.03.09	10	0	10	Culture & Tourism
<p>When the park was refurbished the stones from the old Hall were positioned as features around the site along with a number of stones within the wooded area which are not being utilised. In order to acknowledge the importance and relevance of the areas heritage, Culture and Tourism were approached to consider proposals for the site. Various discussions have taken place regarding a project which could be developed that would allow for a trail, with interpretation panels to be created, using sandblasting or stone carving to develop symbols within the stones. The project would be developed by encouraging young people from the local primary school to work with community groups to develop the trail by researching the areas local history and heritage and working to develop artwork and symbols which would be used as part of the trail and interpretation panels, as well as designs for the seating area. The project was delayed due to the theft of the original stones from the park. The revised project will take place from Oct 2009 and is estimated to be completed in April 2010.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. To Date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Redundant Bridge and associated cutting at Durham Terrace	02.03.09	20	0	20	Development & Regeneration
<p>It is proposed through the help of SIB and SIP to infill the area under the bridge to include the redundant railway cuttings either side, to adjacent levels. This will require the removal of existing trees and shrubs and the reconstruction of the footpath/cycleway at the new level following demolition of the bridge parapets. It is also intended to install lighting along the initial length of the footpath/cycleway. It is hoped that these works will resolve the anti social behaviour problem in the area. A major challenge to the project has been the identification of suitable fill materials but this has now been achieved with the opportunity taken to remove a redundant railway embankment at Eden Vale. Planning permission is currently at pre application negotiation stage on both aspects of the project. The bat survey is also out to tender and the line and level survey for the cutting is now complete. The opportunity will be taken to use the additional fill requirements to cover a tipping need associated with the Barnes Park project again minimising costs and adopting a more sustainable approach.</p>					
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Development of existing Multi Games Area and Associated Space	02.03.09	10	2.400	7.600	Youth Almighty Project
<p>SIB along with SIP has been used to regenerate the existing multi games area behind the community Association building together with improvements to associated space and will have shared use with the two adjacent primary schools and available for general community use. The new area has resulted in improved and increased provision for young people and the young people who have participated in the games area have been able to develop their skills by taking part in physical activity which has allowed children and young people to achieve the 5 every child matters outcomes. The games area has also allowed children and young people to attend a range of activities at not extra cost to themselves. More young people have attended the youth project and benefited from the new games area. The multi use games area has improved lifestyles to achieve improved health and strengthened the community and has also been used as a diversionary activity for young people which has resulted in less young people hanging around the streets on a weekend.</p>					

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Silksworth Community Association - Capital Build	02.03.09	25	0	25	Silksworth Community Association
Both SIB and SIP will be used to carry out a programme of major capital works to ensure the community centre is fit for purpose and is safe and secure for its users and will enable the expansion of existing activities and the development of new programmes. Building surveys have shown that major works are required to secure the longer-term future of this popular and well-used community centre. Work will include a new slate roof, a flat roof, music room renovation, external rendering, replacement doors and windows, re-decoration, new door entry system and security shutters. Current work on the building has included the replacement of doors and windows, UPVC cladding, a new boiler and a new door entry system. All work is scheduled to be complete by March 2010.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. To Date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
A690 Christmas Light Project	02.03.09	2	0	2	Community & Cultural Services
The project is to install electrical infrastructure and Christmas lights to an area opposite the Board Inn roundabout. SIB will contribute towards the purchase and installation of cable, sockets and lights and a contribution to five years electricity supply.					
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Vehicle Activated Sign Project	02.03.09	1.5	0	1.5	Development & Regeneration
The project through both SIB and SIP funding is to purchase a Vehicle Activated Road Sign to add to those already deployed in the city as traffic calming measures. The sign will be used to tackle 'hotspots' initially identified within three wards of the old South Area Committee. It is intended that the signs will initially be deployed in or adjacent to Silksworth Road in Middle Herrington. Costs will include the purchase, installation and batteries.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. To Date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Lighting at Silksworth Recreation Park	02.03.09	0.500	0	0.500	Development & Regeneration
The project through SIB and SIP funding will provide a new lighting scheme within the park with the installation of three lighting columns and budgetary provision for maintenance and five years energy costs. This will help to create a safer environment and promote greater use of the park. Costs will include the provision of three vandal proof lighting columns, installation, maintenance and energy costs and reinstatement.					
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South Youth Development - Youth Almighty Project	02.03.09	10	3.786	6.214	Youth Almighty Project
This project is a partnership between the Box Youth Project in Doxford and the Youth Almighty Project in Silksworth to develop a range of quality positive activities available during evenings, weekends or holiday times at venues and times that are suitable and accessible to young people. It is expected that this model of partnership working can provide a template for future developments of youth services. The project have reported that more young people have been accessing positive activities, which has resulted in more participation from young people. Young people have taken part in activities to the climbing wall, Flamingoland, Laser quaser and also have enjoyed a residential weekend to Derwent Hill. A weekly drop in has been open every Saturday evening to provide young people with a safe place to go and take part in activities and socialise with their friends. Through participation in the project young people have been able to develop and improve skills, try out new things which has boosted self esteem and confidence.					

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South Job Start Mentoring Project	08.09.08	20	5.152	14.848	Farringdon Jubilee Centre
<p>This project is a response to identified need (statistically measured) and follows a successful taster project, which saw 6 people, out of 10 participants, engage in education and move through into employment. The project works with people who are the most disengaged from the job market and face major barriers to re-entering it. This is concentrated in areas suffering from high levels of deprivation and a consistent problem with social isolation and low levels of education, which prevents residents from developing their skills accessing learning and ultimately moving closer towards the job market. Currently the project continues to engage with new local unemployed individuals and supports them with the relevant skills to help with their confidence and motivation to move closer to the labour market. This quarter 10 additional users have been moved onto further learning and 7 into permanent work. They have also commenced delivery of a new drop in outreach service at Gentoo's office within Silksworth and have recently secured additional funding to support the delivery of this project and sustain it past March 2010, to deliver new worklessness projects.</p>					
Totals		340.681	42.680	298.001	