

Strategic Investment Plan

1. Why has it come to committee?

1.1 To provide Area Committee with details of the Single Investment Plan (SIP) which is a delivery mechanism for achieving the long term ambitions of the area in order to improve the quality of life for residents and communities as encapsulated within the Sunderland Strategy, the Local Area Agreement, Comprehensive Area Agreement and Local Area Plans.

2. Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 Area Committee is recommended to 'ring fence' its remaining SIP allocation to the four wards of the former West Area Committee; Barnes, Pallion, Sandhill and St Anne's.

3. Background

3.1 SIP was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was an additional one-off allocation of £1.426m to Area Committees. The amount allocated to each Area Committee was the same as Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) allocation for 2008/2009. This equated to £233,230 for the former West Area and £200,000 for the former South area.

3.2 The former South Area Committee committed its full SIP allocation in the 2008/2009 financial year whilst that for the former West Area Committee remains uncommitted.

3.3 The function of the SIP is to enable one-off measures and investments, which will have a significant impact across the area as a whole.

3.4 Throughout 2008/2009 an extensive consultation programme was held with Councillors, partners, voluntary and community groups and local residents to discuss and debate the priorities within the West area, the outcome of which has been captured in the Local Area Plans .

3.5 Members are encouraged to propose projects for SIP funding which reflect the priorities of the Local Area Plans

4. SIP governance and principles

4.1 The governance of SIP will be identical to the SIB process. It is proposed that SIP be allocated to deal with specific priorities in the Local Area Plans which require a one off allocation of resources that demonstrate long term improvements to address the identified needs of a community.

4.2 SIP is available to allocate up until March 2011 for capital projects. All applications to access SIP funds will be presented to Area Committee as the decision making body to approve, defer or reject applications. Once allocations are approved by Area Committees progress will be reported through to Area Committees at regular intervals.

4.3 It is proposed the remaining allocation of SIP be 'ring fenced' to the four wards of the former West Area Committee; Barnes, Pallion, Sandhill and St Anne's.

5. Background papers

- Cabinet report
- Local Area Plans

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