

SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in Portland School, Weymouth Road, Chapelgarth, Sunderland on Monday, 30th, October, 2006 at 5.30p.m.

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Civic Centre,
SUNDERLAND.

20th October, 2006

At a meeting of the SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2006 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Tye in the Chair

Councillors Blyth, E. Gibson, P. Gibson, Oliver, L. Scott and P. Smith

Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Porthouse.

Minutes

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 5th June, 2006 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

Item 6 - Regeneration Issues Report : Feedback on Projects Previously Funded through Strategic Initiatives Budget

Councillor Blyth declared a personal interest as a member of the Friends of Doxford Park.

Item 7 - Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) Regeneration Issues Report

Councillor Blyth declared a personal interest as a member of the South Area Forum. Councillor P. Smith declared a personal interest as Vice Chairman of Silksworth C.A. Management Committee.

Item 10 - Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) 2006/2007 Ward Based Community Chest

Councillor E. Gibson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as her husband was President of the Heritage Society in relation to Tunstall Village Green. Councillor Blyth declared personal interests as an attendee at

meetings of the Doxford Support Group and as a member of the Friends of Doxford Park. Councillor P. Smith declared a personal interest as Vice Chairman of Silksworth C.A. Management Committee.

Presentation from Northumbria Police on Crime Rates relating to the South Sunderland Area

Inspector Michael Smith was in attendance and circulated for Members' information details of crimes committed in the South Sunderland Area for the period April to July 2006 in comparison with the same period in 2005 and 2004 together with the number of juvenile disorder reports from each of the South Area Wards.

(For copy statistics – see original minutes)

Inspector Smith highlighted the various peaks and troughs in the reported crimes for the St. Chad's, Doxford and Silksworth Wards, together with details of Operation Javelin (targeting theft from motor vehicles) and Operation Flugal (targeting disorder in the Silksworth Ski Slope area).

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Blyth, Inspector Smith advised that he would investigate the recent increase in burnt out vehicles left in the Doxford Park area (3 in one month).

With regard to an enquiry from Councillor Oliver, Inspector Smith stated that the sharp increase in Burglary from Dwellings within the St. Chad's ward during April was attributable to a series of break ins along the A690 corridor. The number of patrols had been increased in the area, however there had been a scarcity of intelligence and forensic material.

Councillor L. Scott asked whether the increase in Burglary OTD within the St. Chad's Ward related to sheds and garages. Inspector Smith replied that it did. An article had been placed in the press warning of the dangers in this regard. In response to a further question from Councillor Scott, Inspector Smith confirmed that the incidents had been localised, occurring mainly in the vicinity of Alnwick Road.

The Chairman noted the need to continue to watch for youth disorder in the Warwick Garage area. Inspector Smith confirmed that the issue had been raised at the LMAP and would be monitored.

There being no further questions for Inspector Smith, the Chairman thanked him for his attendance and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the information be received and noted.

Presentation from Nexus on Taxi Link and Link Up Services

The Chairman welcomed and introduced John Usher, Nexus Head of Transport Integration, who informed Members of the Link Up and Taxi Link Services which formed part of the Nexus Social Inclusion Network.

Both services had commenced on 30th July, 2006. Link Up was a demand responsive service available to everyone in Tyne and Wear. Its purpose was to provide journeys at times when regular services were not operating or where direct services were not available.

The service would operate in each of the 4 contract areas using 4 to 5 brand new, DDA compliant vehicles. The service would be free to concessionary travel pass holders. The aim was to provide maximum flexibility, a local link for local people to local services and conventional public transport.

The Taxi Link Service was intended for people with severe mobility or sensory impairment and would replace the Nexus Care Services. There would be a revised eligibility criteria. People in receipt of high rate mobility component of disability allowance, attendance allowance, registered blind or severely visually impaired would automatically qualify for the scheme. Taxis would be wheelchair accessible. Mr. Usher advised that plans were being developed to introduce a 'Taxi Card Scheme' for use with the Taxi Link Service. The aim was to provide a 'smart card' which could be pre charged and used in taxis fitted with the appropriate reader. This would allow customers to use the taxi firm of their choice.

Both the Link Up and Taxi Link Services had been publicised through press releases, posters and leaflets. Copies of the promotional material and application forms were circulated for Members' information. Mr. Usher advised that Nexus would be more than happy to visit residential homes, residents and community associations to discuss the schemes if Members felt this would be beneficial.

Councillor L. Scott having commended the scheme for its imagination and flexibility, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the information be received and noted.

Regeneration Report : Feedback on Projects Funded Through Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB)

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with information on the following projects which it had previously funded through its SIB allocation:-

- Raising Awareness and Community Activity Week Project;
- Horticultural Training at Doxford Park Project.

Richard Parry, Area Regeneration Officer, introduced Christine Bulmer, Sports Development and Intervention Team Manager, in respect of the Raising Awareness and Community Activity Week Project, and John Grabham, Manager, in respect of the Horticultural Training at Doxford Park Project, who proceeded to provide Members with a commentary on their feedback reports and answer questions thereon.

The Chairman having thanked Ms. Bulmer and Mr. Grabham for their presentations, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the feed back reports be received and noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) : Regeneration Issues Report

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) on the proposed allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) funding to support the following initiatives of benefit to the area:-

- (i) WearAble Service Development and Capacity Building Project;
- (ii) South Area Events Budget;
- (iii) Silksworth Cricket Club's Pitch Repair Project;

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Richard Parry, Area Regeneration Officer, presented the report and advised that the three applications for funding before the Committee were requesting £21,180 in total from the 2006/07 budget. Should the Committee grant these requests, £169,157 would be committed from the 2006/07 budget leaving a balance of £30,834.

Mr. Parry provided Members with a summary of each application and introduced representatives from the projects who were present to address any comments or questions from Members.

Consideration having been given to the applications, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that approval be given to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget Funding of:-

- £7,080 to WearAble as a contribution to the Service Development and Capacity Building Project.
- £10,000 as a contribution to the South Area Committee Events Budget.
- £4,100 to Silksworth Cricket Club as a contribution to the Pitch Repair Project.

Adults Social Services – Ward-Based Data Analysis – February 2006

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which aimed to provide the Committee with ward-based intelligence about key areas within the purview of Adult Social Services.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Blyth, Assistant Head of Service, presented the report and advised that the item was the first in a series of reports and would look at information that covered the cycle from referrals of clients aged 18 and over through the assessment process to services delivered.

Councillor P. Gibson asked whether in the future it would be possible to show the figures on a monthly basis rather than annually, so that month on month comparisons could be made. Mrs. Blyth replied that the report represented a current position statement and she would investigate whether Councillor Gibson's request could be included in future reports.

The Chairman having thanked Mrs. Blyth for her attendance, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Tackling Social Exclusion Through Transport (TSETT) Initiative – Dropped Crossings and Raised Kerbs

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested the Committee to consider nominating locations for inclusion in the TSETT Dropped Crossings and Raised Kerbs Initiative.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Richard Parry, Area Regeneration Officer, presented the report and invited suggestions from Members.

Councillor L. Scott suggested the Silksworth Road, Oakfield Court area because of their location near the only post office in Farringdon. He also highlighted the Lakeside area with its hillside location, approximately 700 elderly residents and a high percentage of wheelchair users.

Councillor P. Gibson highlighted the Plains Farm area as having predominantly old fashioned kerb stones.

Mr. Parry advised that if Members had any further suggestions they could forward them to him following the meeting. The Chairman suggested that Members should look to nominate areas close to residential homes for the elderly.

7. RESOLVED that the nominations be referred to the TSETT Working Group for consideration.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) 2006/07 Ward-Based Community Chest

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) on 16 projects recommended for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest Scheme in respect of the Doxford, Silksworth and St. Chad's Wards.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that approval be given to the 16 projects recommended for support from the 2006/07 budget with a total value of £9,836 as detailed in Annex 1 to the report.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked Members and Officers for their attendances.

(Signed P.M. TYE,
Chairman.

South Area Committee 30th October 2006

Report of the Group Chief Executive – Sunderland Housing Group

For Information

Housing Update

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the South Area Committee on the progress of Sunderland Housing Group’s Investment and Renewal activity within the South area and the City of Sunderland.

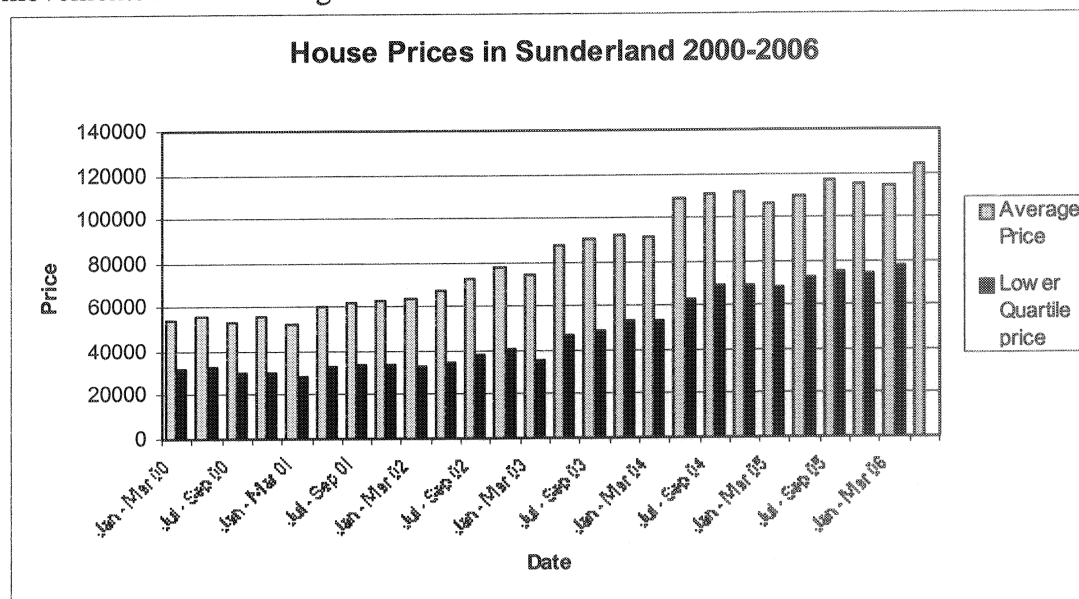
2.0 Background

An update report was presented to the South Area Committee in October 2006. This report gives an updated position on the following areas:

- Housing market position in Sunderland
- Investment plan progress
- Renewal plan progress

3.0 Sunderland Housing Group - Housing Market Position in Sunderland

3.1 A number of issues will affect a housing market at any given time. Essentially these can be broken down however into issues of supply and demand. Recent movements in the housing market for Sunderland can be summarised below:

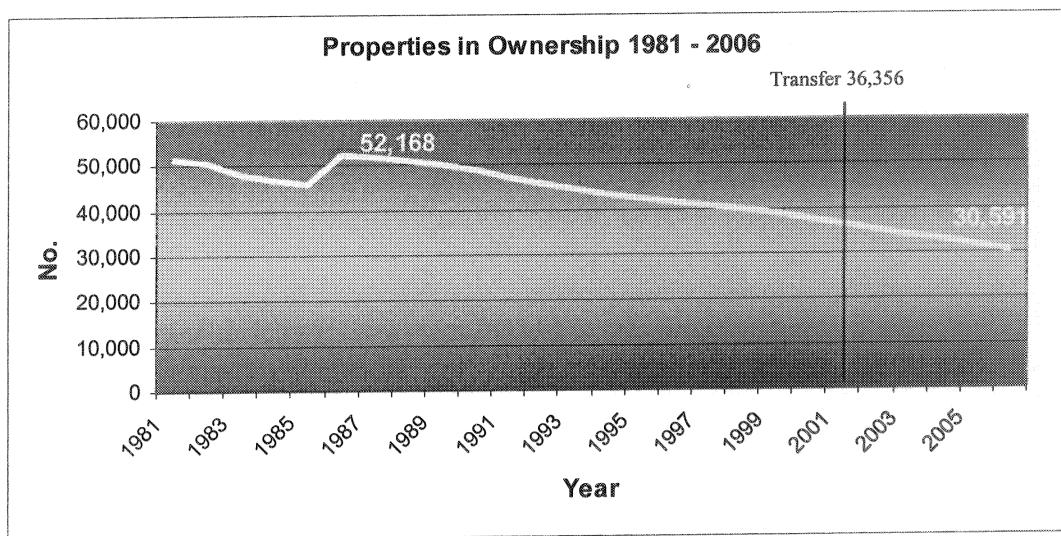


Source: HM Land Registry

3.1.2 In the period from Jan-March 2000 to Jan-March 2006 average prices in Sunderland increased from £58,000 to £114,000 an increase of 112%. This compares to a national increase over the same period from an average of £102,000 to £192,000, an increase of 88%. Indicators show that the market is now heading for a soft landing although there has been a an increase in the last quarter of £9,200. The net effect however is that house price inflation has far and away outstripped income growth over the period which has increased in the order of 15-20%. This has significantly raised the bar for first time buyers and created real affordability issues. In Sunderland, average income levels of around £20,000 give a realistic first time buyer price range of between £75,000 - £125,000. Whilst the market is more restricted in this bracket it is still achievable. This still gives an average income to average house price ratio of 5.7. Whilst this is not as extreme as some parts of the country where ratios have reached 9 times average income, it is still an indication of some real demand pressures in Sunderland.

3.2 Properties in ownership

3.2.1 The number of properties in ownership has steadily fallen since transfer primarily through Right to Buy illustrated as follows:



3.2.2 In total, properties in ownership have reduced by around 5,765 since transfer representing a 15.8% reduction in the stock. Of this reduction, 3,800 have been through right to buy with the remainder being through demolition or property conversion. This is a common trend throughout LSVT's and Local Authorities where the right to buy is still applicable. The Right to Buy trend has now slowed but the net effect on housing in the City is that there is significantly less affordable stock available now than at the point of transfer.

3.3 Housing demand

3.3.1 Housing demand needs to be understood in the context of housing supply as set out in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above. Supply of affordable housing in the City has reduced but at the same time demand has significantly increased. Demand can be measured by a range of factors. These include population, migration and demographic trends, registrations for housing, turnover rates and household trends. These factors are summarised as follows:

3.3.2 **Population** has fallen according to Census returns. Between 1991 and 2001 the population of Sunderland fell by 7,000. The population fall is due in part to natural population decline arising from a higher death rate than birth rate but also due to net outward migration from the City. This trend is balanced however in that household numbers have actually increased over the period. This is due to household sizes becoming smaller such that the average household size in Sunderland at 1991 was 2.7 whereas at 2001 it had reduced to 2.4. This is seen more starkly within new lettings data for the Group which has seen an average incoming household size over the last 4 years of just 1.9 people. The net effect from population loss has therefore been effectively absorbed by household growth.

3.3.3 **Homelessness** is an issue that has received significant recent attention. Some commentators argue that homeless applications rise and fall in direct correlation to house prices. The point made by the Group is that the increase in homelessness seen in the City over the last 2 years is reflective of a much wider market trend. The comparison between the local, regional and national position is shown in the table below:

Statutory homeless in priority need cases – 1999/00 – 2004/05								
Authority	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	6 year % Increase	2 year % increase
Gateshead	413	410	476	660	847	772	86.9	17.0
Newcastle	400	380	558	859	1002	906	126.5	5.5
North Tyneside	1114	966	1032	1097	959	896	-19.6	-18.3
South Tyneside	202	225	321	379	595	573	183.7	51.2
Sunderland	667	735	968	791	894	597	-10.5	-24.5
North East	4940	5151	5873	7018	8350	8001	62.0	14.0

The City has actually fared a lot better than some of its immediate neighbours and extremely well in comparison to the region. Indications are that homeless levels are now stabilising across the region.

3.3.4 The rate of registrations through **Choice Based Lettings** for the Group's available property has shown a marked increase since the introduction of the scheme in

November 2002. There are over 18,000 Choice Based lettings registrations on the system compared to a waiting list at the time of transfer of just 5,500. Expressions of Interest per property have remained high and are currently averaging over 100 per property. This is down from a peak interest of 130 expressions for every property advertised in 2004/05, but still represents strong demand for the Group's core housing product.

3.3.5 A key factor in the increase in demand is that there have been less properties available to service lettings. At transfer the Group's turnover was 13.5% which meant that around 4,900 properties became available each year. **Turnover** has reduced significantly since transfer however and now stands at 8.7% representing just 2,660 properties i.e. more than 2,000 less properties available per annum than at transfer. For each property available there are also competing pressures from choice based lettings, decant for improvements, decant for renewal, demolition requirements and homelessness cases. This combination of reduced supply and increased demand has led to the perceived high demand issues reported so widely over the last 2 years.

3.4 In summary the market position continues to present issues of high demand for the Group. There are indications that the housing market is steadying. There are still significant demand pressures however on the Group's stock as affordability, particularly for those entering the housing market for the first time remains a key issue.

4.0 Sunderland Housing Group – Renewal and Investment Plans

4.1 Renewal and Investment Strategy

The Group is investing in neighbourhoods in the South area through its programme of modernisations and improvements (the "Investment Plan") and through a more radical programme of clearance and demolition (the "Renewal Plan").

The review of the Renewal Plan as agreed by Cabinet in March 2005 is continuing. This has resulted in the continuation of renewal proposals in many areas, and a fresh look at other renewal areas using Neighbourhood Renewal Assessments methodology. An update in relation to renewal areas is provided below.

The Group's investment plan continues to deliver as one of the key transfer promises and this is summarised as follows for the South area.

4.2 South Area Investment

Within the South Sunderland Housing Company area, some 4,142 full modernisations have been completed since the transfer together with a further

4,143 additional improvement works. Investment has so far totalled £72.5 million in the South Sunderland Housing Company stock. In the financial year 2006/07, the following works are now on site or due to commence:

South Sunderland	2006/07 Gross Spend	No. of units
Lakeside Tower Blocks	3,746,953	92
Burdon Lane	1,226,900	64
Central Silksworth	208,573	44
Springwell	2,583,851	161
Tom Urwin House	109,194	34
Total	7,875,471	395

The programme continues to be monitored with monthly and quarterly investment reports presented to the South Sunderland Housing Company Board.

5.0 Specific Renewal activity in South Sunderland Housing Company

The Group's Renewal Plan is tackling areas of housing where modernisation and improvement alone will not be sufficient to provide viable and sustainable neighbourhoods.

In many areas the Group's renewal proposals are advanced in terms of site acquisition, decanting, demolition and new build. In other areas, however, progress has not been as advanced and complete site assembly has not been completed in order to allow for new development.

In 2005 the Group and the City Council agreed to carry out a review of the Group's Renewal Plan. The joint review recognised that a number of renewal areas have already progressed significantly, and in many cases the continuation of development is the preferred option for both the Council and the Group.

For areas where acquisitions, decanting and demolition had not been completed it was agreed that the Group would take a fresh look at renewal proposals using the Government recommended Neighbourhood Renewal Assessments (NRA's) methodology.

In other areas, it has been agreed that homes originally identified for renewal will now be modernised by the Group.

A summary of the current position of the original renewal estates in the South Sunderland area is as follows:

5.3.1 Doxford Park

During Ward Member briefings in relation to the Joint Review of Renewal it was agreed that the Group will proceed with preparations for new development within cleared areas of the estate.

A cleared site had been assembled adjacent to Mill Hill Primary School and new development on this Phase 1 site will provide 60 new homes for rent and sale. The scheme, which provides 2, 3, and 4 bedroom houses and 2 bedroom apartments, is scheduled to be completed in December 2006.

Phase 2 at Doxford Park will provide 44 new homes including a mix of 2, 3, and 4 bedroom houses, 2 bedroom bungalows, 2 bedroom apartments and 3 bedroom town-houses. Pre-application discussions have been held with the planning department with the aim of submitting the Phase 2 full planning application in October 2006. Following a successful planning application and completion of the stopping up process a start on site is anticipated for July 2007.

Whilst the Group has made good progress in the re-housing of residents to facilitate development at Phases 1 and 2, the remainder of the estate remains occupied and it was agreed by the Council and the Group that the estate would be reviewed to determine the most appropriate course of action for the area using Neighbourhood Renewal Assessment methodology.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Assessment has recently been completed by an independent consultant (RDHS Ltd) and the validation of the report is currently being discussed with the City Council.

5.3.2 Thorney Close

The Thorney Close new build development is made up of four cleared infill sites within the existing estate and overall these sites will provide 55 new homes on the estate. The overall development is well advanced and is on programme to be completed by the end of October 2006.

All 29 rented units are now allocated, and the sales and marketing of the remaining 26 units is continuing.

5.3.3 Ryhope Village

The Group has made significant progress with the site assembly of Ryhope Village, and it had been agreed with the City Council that development of the currently cleared site will be explored. The Group has appointed a consultant architect to prepare detailed scheme layouts based upon the principles of the Group's preferred approach to estate design and an alternative viewpoint obtained from the Local Authority planners. The Group held a consultation event in April 2006 to gauge local residents opinion of the scheme layouts, and the

overwhelming majority expressed strong support for the Group's approach, with the occasional individual not expressing a preference. The options to progress the design and delivery of the scheme are currently under review and will be discussed further with the City Council.

Whilst the Group has made good progress in the re-housing of residents to facilitate development at Ryhope Village, part of the estate remains occupied and it was agreed by the Council and the Group that this part of the neighbourhood would be reviewed to determine the most appropriate course of action for the area using Neighbourhood Renewal Assessment methodology. RDHS Ltd have been appointed to carry out a Neighbourhood Renewal Assessment for Ryhope Village. All fieldwork has now been completed and the final draft of the NRA report is expected in the very near future. Upon completion the City Council must validate the methodology and the reports, and their timescale for doing so is in discussion.

6.0 Recommendations

The Area Committee is recommended to **NOTE** the above report for information.

7.0 Background Papers

There were no background papers used to compile this report.

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER

HOUSING and COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT PROGRESS REPORT

FOR INFORMATION

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the performance of the Benefits Section in the processing of new claims in accordance with the Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI78a) for Housing and Council Tax Benefit. This report covers the period 1 April 2006 to 30 September 2006.

2. PERFORMANCE

- 2.1 Our target for BVPI 78a for processing new claims for 2006/2007 was set at 27 days. The attached table shows that we are processing claims within this target achieving 25.74 days city wide. We have also exceeded our 93% local target for new claims processed within 14 days of receipt of all necessary information, by achieving 95.84%. These two performance measures are also well within the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) standards.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 3.1 One of the main objectives in last and this year's Business Plan for the Benefits Service is to promote Housing and Council Tax Benefit and thereby increase take up of these benefits.
- 3.2 Members were previously informed of our free Benefits Hotline which was set up in March 2006 costing nothing for customers to ring the Council's Contact Centre to find out if there are certain benefits they might be missing out on. This facility is part of our ongoing drive to encourage take up.

Since March we have accepted over 500 enquiries which have led to 149 successful claims. This equates to nearly £3,000 per week extra Housing and Council Tax Benefit. Of these new Housing Benefit customers, 66% are receiving more than £30 per week, and over 60% of the new Council Tax Benefit customers are receiving more than £7.50 per week. Some customers are now better off by as much as £85 Housing Benefit and £23 Council Tax Benefit per week.

Publicity has continued by the promotion of the free phone number through an advertising campaign starting in mid June and ending mid August on a fleet of Stagecoach buses across the city. We have also advertised in the Echo, on billboards and on our website and worked with Registered Social Landlords by including appropriate references in their rent increase letters.

We took up the suggestion, made at one of the previous Area Committee meetings, and introduced a credit card size advert promoting the free phone

number. Professional advisors, council visiting staff and numerous agencies across the city are now either using or displaying these cards.

- 3.3 As part of the national Best Value Performance Indicators we are required to conduct a customer survey (BVPI80) to measure customer satisfaction regarding the provision of our service. The survey covers topics such as access to the service, staff, forms and letters and speed of service.

The views and opinions of our customers may change throughout the year. Therefore, in order to evaluate our service accurately our questionnaires are issued over 2 periods. In the first period, August, we issued 938 questionnaires followed by 2 reminders. We are pleased with the response rate of 46% so far. The questionnaires for the second period will be issued in January 2007.

The results are then combined to calculate our overall performance to report to the DWP. Analysis is then undertaken to evaluate our service and formulate plans for improvement. We will comment on the findings in future progress reports.

- 3.4 Members were previously informed of our plans to implement a new benefits system followed by an upgrade of our Document Image Processing (DIP) system to improve service delivery. The project is now in its final stage and we are analysing the results of the most recent data transfer from the current system onto the new system and checking our plans to maintain "business as usual" during the final migration.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

South Area Performance Statistics

National Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI78a) - City Wide

	Performance 1st April - 30th September 2006	Targets 2006 - 2007
Average time taken to process a new claim from date of claim	25.74 days	27 days
Percentage of new claims processed within 14 days from receipt of all information	95.84%	93%

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

30 OCTOBER 2006

FOOD IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Area Committee of the exciting work undertaken by the Food in Schools team as part of the citywide strategy for the DfES transitional school meals funding.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE DECISION (RECOMMENDATIONS)

- 2.1 The Director is delighted to advise the Area Committee of the innovative work undertaken by the Food in Schools team to increase the knowledge and skills of children.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The provision of the DfES transitional school meals funding has enhanced the delivery of a high quality sustainable school meals service.
- 3.2 However, by simply focusing on school meals the DfES Funding Strategy would be unlikely to have the wider cultural impact needed to make the inroads on tackling obesity levels. A report published recently stated those more than twelve million adults and one million children would be obese by 2010 if no action were taken.
- 3.3 Therefore, the strategy forms a strong link to wider agenda's, including the Healthy Schools Programme, of which the Food in Schools Programme is a fundamental element.
- 3.4 This has led to the development of the Food in Schools team as an integral part of Sunderland's DfES Funding Strategy.

4. FOOD IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

- 4.1 The Food in Schools Programme aims to ensure children have access to healthy food choices in schools and in doing so lay the foundations to help prevent obesity and disease in later life.
- 4.2 The programme will enable schools to:
 - ✓ Improve the health and well-being of pupils, staff and the school community

- ✓ Achieve the National Healthy Schools Standard through the theme of healthy eating
 - ✓ Give clear and consistent messages about food throughout the school day
 - ✓ Provide food education through cross curricular subjects
 - ✓ Engage pupils in making informed choices about their diet
 - ✓ Promote working with partnerships between schools, pupils and parents
- 4.3 In addition, the objectives of the programme are contributing to the outcomes stipulated by the Every Child Matters agenda, by providing rigorous evidence needed to meet Ofsted requirements.

5. FOOD IN SCHOOLS TEAM

- 5.1 The Food in Schools team consists of a Food in Schools Co-ordinator and four interactive Food in Schools Workers, who will all work with schools to develop a whole school approach to healthy eating.
- 5.2 Each Food in Schools Worker has an allocated group of schools. Workload prioritisation is based on schools with the highest child obesity rate and low free school meal uptake.
- 5.3 Children will profit from fun, practical and interactive school-based sessions and activities that promote the benefits of healthy eating and lifestyle choices.
- 5.4 See Appendix A for the timetable advising schools of their allocated officers.
- 5.5 The role of the Food in Schools Coordinator is to support schools through the development of whole school food policies, which are based on the requirements of the Food in School and Healthy School Programmes, as well as the desired outcomes of schools that are derived from comprehensive auditing and consultation processes with individual schools.
- 5.6 In addition the Food in Schools work is underpinned by the role of the Specialist Dietician, who will:
- Ensure that all schools in Sunderland meet the Government's challenging new nutritional standards for school lunches.
 - Manage the nutritional analysis software package (CRISp).
 - Work with school nurses to give guidance and training on nutrition, healthy eating and dietary requirements.
 - Work with other health providers to implement the obesity management protocol in conjunction with other professionals within the city.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Director wishes to advise the Area Committee of the innovative and exciting work the Food in Schools team is carrying out, as part of the city wide partnership, to give children and young people the skills and knowledge to make informed choices about healthy eating and an active lifestyle.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The Food in Schools Programme gives the school meals service an excellent opportunity to carry out work which will improve children's health and well being, as well as supporting schools in their targets of achieving Healthy School Status and meeting Ofsted requirements.
- 7.2 The work will also enhance the knowledge and levels of healthy eating amongst children in Sunderland, and contribute to the culture shift in attitudes to healthy eating, that is recognised, make a long term and sustainable impact on obesity levels.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The White Paper: 'Every Child Matters'
Healthy Schools Programme

Appendix A

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2006 WAVE ONE			
Leanne / Mark	St Anne's RC Primary	Jess / Stephen	Thorney Close Primary
	Hylton Red House School		Sandhill View School
	Sunningdale Special		Springwell Dene Special
	Hylton Red House Primary		Oxclose Village Primary
	Hylton Red House Nursery		Oxclose Village Nursery
	Usworth Colliery Primary		St Michael's RC Primary
	Hylton Castle Primary		Dame Dorothy Primary
	Springwell Village Primary		Gillas Lane Primary
	South Hylton Primary		Grangetown Primary
	St Cuthbert's RC Primary		St Paul's CE Primary
	Highfield Primary		Rickleton Primary
	St Bede's RC Primary		Albany Primary
	Richard Avenue Primary		Castletown Primary
	Bishop Harland CE Primary		St Mary's RC Primary
	English Martyrs RC Primary		Hudson Road Primary
			Oxclose School

JANUARY – MARCH 2007 WAVE TWO			
Leanne	St Aidan's RC School	Jess	Washington School
	Barbara Priestman School		Maplewood Special School
	Shiney Row Primary		Eppleton Primary
	Broadway Juniors		Farringdon Primary
	Newbottle Primary		Dubmire Primary
	Bernard Gilpin Primary		New Silksworth Juniors
	St Joseph's RC Primary (W'ton)		New Silksworth Infants
	Diamond Hall Juniors		
Mark	Venerable Bede CE School	Stephen	Thornhill School
	Columbia Grange School		Castlegreen School
	Barnes Juniors		Hill View Infants
	Wessington Primary		John F Kennedy Primary
	Easington Lane Primary		Hetton Lyons Primary
	Ryhope Infants		Fulwell Infants
	St Leonard's RC Primary		Hill View Juniors
	East Herrington Primary		Blackfell Primary

APRIL – JULY 2007 WAVE THREE			
Leanne	Seaburn Dene Primary	Jess	St John Bosco RC Primary
	New Penshaw Primary		Barmston Primary
	St John Boste RC Primary		Quarry view Primary
	Barnwell Primary		Wetherwack Primary
	Hetton Primary		Diamond Hall infants
	St Benet's RC Primary		Lambton Primary
	Biddick Primary		Portland Special School
	Hetton le Hole Nursery		Hetton Lyons Nursery
	Mill Hill Nursery		Pennywell Early Years
Mark	East Rainton Primary	Stephen	Burnside Primary
	George Washington Primary		Fulwell Juniors
	Redby Primary School		Usworth Grange Primary
	Ryhope Juniors		Grindon Infants
	Barnes Infants		Grange Park Primary
	Holley Park Primary		Our Lady Queen of Peace
	St Robert of Newminster RC School		Usworth School
	Houghton Nursery		Millfield Nursery
Usworth Colliery Nursery			

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES

PUMA TENNIS CENTRE & SILKSWORTH SC: SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the paper is to advise the Area Committee of the success of the Summer Holiday Promotion, which was introduced throughout the City's leisure complexes in 2006, including the Puma Tennis Centre and Silksworth Sports Complex.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Area Committee may recall the "Life. Leisure. Live it." promotion in the City's leisure complexes in previous years. Following the success of this promotion, customers were given the opportunity to participate in a similar Summer Activity Programme this year.

2.2 This year's activity programme aimed to provide children and their families with a wide range of sporting and leisure opportunities offering excellent value for money.

3.0 SUMMER PROGRAMME EVALUATION 2006

3.1 The Summer Holiday Programme for 2006 was considered a success with almost 100,000 residents and visitors engaged in activities. The table below shows attendances by Centre, with a variance calculation with the previous year.

Centre	2006	2005	Variance
Puma Tennis Centre	1,159	1,238	-79
Silksworth Sports Complex	4,660	3,603	+1057
Washington Leisure Centre	19,331	17,521	+1,810
Crowtree Leisure Centre	49,977	49,539	+438
Houghton Sports Centre	11,746	11,565	+181
Newcastle Road Baths	7,393	6,121	+1272
Seaburn Centre	3,578	3,282	+296
Overall Attendance	97,844	92,869	+4,975

3.2 In respect of customer research undertaken, the information gathered will be used to structure next year's Summer Holiday Programme and influence the methods of marketing to be undertaken.

4.0 CENTRE SUMMARY

4.1 At the Puma Tennis Centre the following activity programme was offered:

- Summer tennis coaching
- Special court hire prices for children
- Tennis Factory Challenge
- Mini Tennis courses
- Sports Activity Days

- Krafty Kidz
- Soft Play Meal Deals

Attendances at Puma were slightly down on the previous year, but are still impressive given the predominantly tennis theme. Mini tennis coaching camps proved to be the most popular classes, with the overall tennis programme achieving an impressive 78% uptake. Krafty Kids sessions for children aged 4 – 11 years, again proved very popular, with a 100% uptake on classes throughout the summer holiday period.

4.2 Silksworth Sports Complex offered the following activities over the summer holiday period:

- Private ski lessons
- Learn to ski in two day courses
- Snowboard courses
- Recreational skiing and snowboarding

Silksworth saw an increase of 1057 attendances on the previous year. Although skiing is 'out of season' during the summer months, taster sessions and private lessons proved to be popular with children and their parents. As the Skate Park is now free access there was a significant increase in attendances during the school holiday period.

5.0 SUNDERLAND'S NUMBER ONE

5.1 Sunderland's No. 1 talent contest proved to be another successful event this year. With over 300 people in attendance, the winner was 15 year old Dionne Slater. The competition was changed this year to make just one person be the overall winner. The competition was also open to bands for the first time. There were a total of 67 entries, of which 13 were bands. Finalists were chosen on their vocal ability as well as their presentation and originality. The age range of the contestants was 9 - 18 years. Last years winners Mica Denila and Anna Reed also came back to perform on the evening.

6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 The Area Committee is invited to note the content of this report and the outcome of the Summer Holiday Programme for 2006.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 The background papers relied upon to compile this report are as follows:

1. Promotional material from the Summer Holiday Promotion leaflet
2. Income and attendance figures from Leisure Complexes Summer Holiday Programme
3. Summer Programme Analysis reports by respective Centre Managers

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

30th October 2006

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

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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 eleven 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 £2,200,000 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:

- People's Pedal Power project, which was awarded £2,150 in September 2005;
- Compass Community Transport, which was awarded £2,000 in September 2005.

4.2 An extract from the original application is attached as Annex 1. The proposed schedule for Feedback Reports for 2006 - 2007 is attached as Annex 2

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, South

ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING TO SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

1. People's Pedal Power

PROJECT TITLE: Peoples Pedal Power												
SIB Requested: £12,900 City-wide; £2,150 per committee												
Section 1: Application Requirements												
<p>1.1: 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. Dates and Venues of future meetings are provided in section 7 of the SIB guidelines.</p>												
<p>1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (please tick)</p> <table> <tr> <td>Coalfield</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>East</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>North</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Washington</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>West</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>South</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Coalfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	East	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Washington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	West	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Washington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	West	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							

Section 2: Sponsor Details
2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group: City of Sunderland Council for the Disabled

2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group: Century House, 100 Norfolk Street, Sunderland, SR1 1EA		
2.3 Contact Name for Project: Les Wascoe	2.4 Position in Organisation: Manager	
2.5 Tel. Number: 0191 514 3346	2.6 Fax Number: 0191 567 8107	2.7 E-mail Address: leslieg@myway.com

Section 3: Project Details	
3.1 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) Peoples Pedal Power	
3.2 Project Start Date: September 2005	3.3 Project End Date: Ongoing
<p>3.4 Please describe the project:</p> <p>The Peoples Pedal Power (PPP) project provides adapted bicycles and tricycles to enable the 67,000 people in Sunderland who have a disability or are infirm to participate in healthy cycling activities in a safe and supportive environment. The project began after Sunderland TPCT funded research into the need to establish healthy activities for disabled people.</p> <p>A grant of £4,450 from the Coalfield Regeneration Trust and the donation of a number of bikes enabled the project to begin some services in July.</p> <p>Funding from the Strategic Initiatives Budget, with match funding from Awards for All, will enable the project to purchase additional bikes and equipment and provide weekend programmes. This will enable PPP to develop, in line with identified need, to meet demands on it and to provide healthy activities for people with a range of disabilities who have less opportunity to take part in healthy activities and are more prone to debilitating illnesses.</p> <p>The location of the cycling venue is Hetton Lyons Country Park, Hetton-Le-Hole. Disabled people who need public transport to travel to the venue use the Nexus bus service (for individual users) or Compass Busses (for groups of users). The site is also easily accessed by private transport.</p> <p>The main building at the Hetton Lyons Park is fully accessible to wheelchair users and ambulant disabled people and has a fully accessible toilet.</p>	
<p>3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?</p> <p>PPP is incorporated into the City of Sunderland Council for the Disabled (CSCD) as a sub-committee of the main CSCD committee. PPP retains its own constitution and is a user led organisation and is a citywide initiative that will</p>	

benefit all disabled people in the City of Sunderland.
CSCD provides a range of advice guidance and advocacy services, for individuals and organisations, and access audits.

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?

£12, 900 Citywide; £2,150 per Area Committee

7.2 Indicate the type of funding requested: *(Please tick)*

Capital []

Revenue []

Both [✓]

7.3 Has funding been requested / allocated from any other sources, including Council Directorates and if so how much?

£4,700; Awards for All, Approved.

7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?

SIB, and the other funding sources, will establish the project and enable it to develop and submit a bid to the Big Lottery Fund, and other funds, to ensure its future as a City of Sunderland Council for the Disabled social enterprise.

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?

The Project will be substantially reduced in scope and would not meet needs/demands and would struggle to demonstrate its true worth to major funders.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?

The project can operate on a voluntary basis but this will severely limit its capacity to fully develop to effectively meet the needs of disabled and infirm people throughout the City.
Positive discussions have been held with the Big Lottery Fund, which is interested in receiving a bid from it once the project is established and can show further evidence, from its operation, as to the benefits accruing from it.
It is intended to submit a bid for staffing, coaching, development and further capital to BLF, and other funders, next financial year as the projects business and operational plan develops.

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:				
Funding Source	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield	£2,150			
East	£2,150			
North	£2,150			
South	£2,150			
West	£2,150			
Washington	£2,150			
Other Sources: <i>(Please state)</i>				
1) Awards for All	£4,700			
2)				
3)				
Total Cost:	£17,600			

7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind funding (e.g. Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.
 Sunderland TPCT will fund a Cycling Worker to supervise the safety of cycling activities.

7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:

Side by Side Trike x 2	£5,000
Front Seat Trike	£2,000
Recumbent Hand Trike	£2,000
Recumbent Leg Trike x 2	£2,500
Electrically Assisted Trike	£1,500
Bucket Seat Trike	£1,500
Hoist	£1,700
Safety Equipment	£500
Weekend Staff	£900

2. Compass Community Transport

PROJECT TITLE: Compass Community Transport		
SIB Requested: £12,000 (City wide)/£2,000 per Area Committee		
Section 1: Application Requirements		
<p>1.1: 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. Dates and Venues of future meetings are provided as supporting information.</p>		
1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (please tick)		
Coalfield [x]	East [x]	North [x]
Washington [x]	West [x]	South [x]

Section 2: Sponsor Details	
2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group: Compass Community Transport	
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group: Felstead School, Fordfield Road, Sunderland SR4 0DA	
2.3 Contact Name for Project: Bill Robinson	2.4 Position in Organisation: Chair, Director and Trustee

2.5 Tel. Number: 0191 515 7122	2.6 Fax Number:	2.7 E-mail Address: Ccompassct@aol.com
2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details (if different to 2.3 above): Eddie Kerry, Manager.		

Section 3: Project Details	
3.2 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) Compass Community Transport – developing city-wide facilities	
3.2 Project Start Date: September 2005	3.3 Project End Date: December 2005
<p>3.4 Please describe the project:</p> <p>Compass was established to address issues of significant social exclusion resulting from unmet need for transport in the south and west of Sunderland. This project is intended to extend and further develop Compass services to benefit other parts of Sunderland through development of a 'Brokerage' service, providing training and the recruitment of an extended pool of well-trained volunteers. It is also intended that these additional services will become self-financing to ensure the longer-term viability as a self-sustaining social enterprise. However, a study of community transport across the City of Sunderland is being carried out by JMP Consulting as part of the Tackling Social Exclusion Through Transport (TSETT) initiative. The study includes actions to separate out transport provision from other care and support services, in order to develop centres of expertise, which will have the ability to take forward, transport developments and provide excellent, customer-focussed services. The study suggests that Compass Community Transport should be one of these centres of expertise. Historically, Compass Transport has been supported through SRB and NRF funding and significant income generation. A funding package, which addresses sustainability of the organisation, is currently being developed. Further funding applications for core funding have been delayed, awaiting the Community Transport Strategy. Funders will not consider Compass' applications until the study is finalised. This has therefore left a short-term gap in core funding for the organisation.</p>	
<p>3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?</p> <p>It currently provides group travel facilities, technical and vocational training and champions the needs of mobility disadvantaged people in the south and west ARF parts of the city. The project extends both the scope of the services provided the geographical coverage and the communities of interest that will benefit.</p>	

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?

£12,000 (£2,000/Area committee)

7.2 Indicate the type of funding requested: *(Please tick)*

Capital [] Revenue [X] Both []

7.3 Has funding been requested / allocated from any other sources, including Council Directorates and if so how much?

TSETT - £12,000

Funding applications being made to NRF, SRB, ESF, Coalfields Regeneration Trust, TSETT.

7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?

Northern Rock Foundation – eligibility restrictions

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?

The organisation will cease operations and staff will be made redundant.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?

Further funding applications for core funding. Income generated will cover operating costs of buses, training scheme etc.

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield	£2,000			£2,000
East	£2,000			£2,000
North	£2,000			£2,000
South	£2,000			£2,000
West	£2,000			£2,000
Washington	£2,000			£2,000
Other Sources: <i>(Please state)</i>				
1) TSETT	£12,000			£12,000
2)				

Total Cost:	£24,000			£24,000
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7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind funding (e.g. Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.
 Peppercorn rent for office at Felstead school

7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:
 Salaries (3 staff) and operating costs for 3 months.

Compass Community Transport – SIB Feedback report

In April 2005 whilst a citywide study of community transport was undertaken as part of the Tackling Social Exclusion Through Transport (TSETT) initiative a hold was put on all funding requests for transport. This was also implemented by external funding bodies, including Coalfields Regeneration Trust with whom negotiations for funding had already commenced. The results of the study were expected by July 2005 but were delayed until November and during this period Compass Community Transport (CCT) used its existing reserves to retain the level of service.

How the money has been spent

In August 2005 CCT applied to the six Area Committees to contribute £2,000 each to provide a match for £12,000 made available from the TSETT initiative. This would provide Gap Funding for 3 months towards core staff costs, the income generated by charges to user groups covering all other costs. Core staff at that time were Transport Manager, Senior Driver/Trainer, Administration/Finance Officer, Administration Assistant and 2 Drivers.

Outcomes of the Project

Allowed staffing levels to be retained thus avoiding redundancies and maintaining service levels whilst further funding secured.

Other funding

During this period further funding applications were made to assist CCT to develop in line with the findings of the study. Due to the time lapse Coalfield Regeneration Trust had allocated their regional fund towards transport initiatives and CCT were advised that no funding was available. NRF monies of £71,494 were secured to cover revenue spend for the remainder of the year ended 31 March 2006 and future support of £185,000 has been made available for years ended March 2007 and 2008 to develop services across the City.

Key lessons and issues from project

The key point to make is in noting the effect that external decision makers / policy changes can have upon such a business which is relying upon funding to supplement its income to maintain a community service.

Future Planning

CCT is working very closely with TSETT Group in developing its services citywide. It has created a separate commercial trading arm and will tender for contracts the revenue from which will hopefully help to support the community part of the operation.

***For additional information see attached annual directors report which provides greater detail regarding activities, funding and future planning.**

COMPASS COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Directors Report year ended 31 March 2006 Structure, Governance and Management

Compass Community Transport Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity whose constitution is set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Company has a Board of Directors (Management Committee), who are also Trustees of the Charity, elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee meets on a monthly basis to oversee the affairs of the organisation focusing on legal, technical, financial and operational aspects. A Personnel Sub Group and Policy Sub Group is in place but their recommendations are brought to the monthly Management Committee Meetings for approval. Day to day operational issues are dealt with by the Transport Manager who reports directly to the Management Committee.

The first Directors / Trustees of the Company were the subscribers to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and held office until the members elected a new Management Committee at its first and subsequent Annual General Meetings. Existing Management Committee Members may stand for re-election. Article 34 of The Articles of Association allows co-option by no more than 2 other persons by the Management Committee to serve as full voting members.

New Directors / Trustees may be appointed at the Annual General Meeting by the membership and normally have a specific interest in the transport provision regarding a geographical area of the City or a particular group of users. If resignations occur, which depletes key skills relating to transport, personnel or finance, we circulate our membership looking for volunteers and also advertise through the volunteer bureau with a view to co-opting new Directors / Trustees. As an introduction new Directors / Trustees are provided with details of the services provided, copies of the minutes of recent meetings, the latest audited accounts and a copy of the publication "Responsibility of Charity Trustees" issued by the Charity Commission. A tour of facilities and staff introductions is also arranged by the Transport Manager.

Key Partners in the delivery of our services at present include the Local Authority and Nexus. Currently we invite representatives from these organisations, without voting rights, to attend the monthly management meetings in an advisory capacity.

The Directors / Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been

established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Objectives and Charities

The objectives of the charity are to provide a community transport service for the inhabitants of the City of Sunderland and its environs who are in need of such a service because of age, sickness or disability (mental or physical), or poverty, or because of lack of availability of adequate and safe public passenger services.

Activities in the year have included:

- a. The provision of group travel to member organisations by the hire of a fleet of modern, fully accessible minibuses using Criminal Records Bureau checked employed and volunteer drivers.
- b. Driver training for trainees to achieve Community Transport Association MiDAS accreditation and / or to gain further experience towards obtaining a passenger Carrying Vehicle driver licence.
- c. Bespoke passenger assistant training for local organisations who have requested a course more specific to their organisation and volunteers.
- d. Employment and training opportunities by providing work placements during the year for varying periods for people who are economically inactive.

The long term strategy is to expand the services to all areas of the City as the acquisition of additional funding and increases in our reserves allow. Organisation Membership increased during the year and as at March 2006 was 238, broken down by client group as follows:

People with physical disabilities	25
Elderly people	63
Youth Groups	27
Children's Groups	60
Others *	63

(*Includes community associations, church groups and groups that are involved with more than one of the above categories).

Contributions from volunteers to the overall management and delivery of services include the 8 Management Committee Members and currently 20 driver / passenger assistants.

Achievements and Performance

During the financial year to March 2006 the following specific outcomes were achieved:

Number of journeys undertaken	1661
Number of passengers carried	21593
Trainees achieving MiDAS qualification	36
Number of work placements provided	22

(Broken down to 1 administration, 5 escorts, 5 painters, 1 handyman & 10 drivers)

Funding support during financial year ended March 2006 of £95,494, to assist with core costs, was secured and utilised from Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Single Investment Budget and the Tackling Social Exclusion Through Transport Initiative (TSETT).

Compass Community Transport continues to be involved in the development of the TSETT strategy a key theme of which is for greater co-ordination in the planning, funding and delivery of specialist transport services in the City. Future support of £185,000 from Neighbourhood Renewal Fund towards core costs for years ending March 2007 and 2008 has been secured.

The continuance of funding support from these sources beyond 2008 is reliant upon Government priorities and future policy. As such this is outside the charity's control as is current issues with world oil prices and developments require monitoring by the Directors / Trustees to react positively to any changes.

In order to generate additional income and to move towards long term sustainability a subsidiary trading arm of the Charity has been incorporated on 26 May 2006 - "Compass Commercial Transport Ltd". Various tenders have been submitted for the delivery of commercial contracts in respect of transport services in the public sector, e.g. Care Call Services. If successful it is the intention that trading will commence and initially a hire fee will be paid to Compass Community Transport Ltd in respect of the use of its vehicles and resources.

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Financial Review

- a. Reserves Policy – as a capital intensive organisation requiring constant investment in vehicles, ICT, premises and staff it is necessary to ensure that sufficient finance is available in order that operations can be sustained without over-reliance on one-off funding packages or regimes. Fees and rates charged to member organisations for usage should reflect the need to make such provision from annual surpluses generated. The Charity will therefore need to set aside reserves and make provision for this in future budgets. Annual surpluses that arise should be allocated in the following order:
 - (i) General Reserve – up to a maximum of three months average total expenditure

(ii) Vehicle Replacement Reserve – in line with annual depreciation.

The reserves policy will be reviewed annually by the Management Committee be amended if considered appropriate to meet the current activities of the Charity.

- b. The principal funding sources are how they support the core costs of the Charity are explained in the section above headed Achievements and Performance.
- c. The Directors / Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. The Charity sometimes needs to react quickly to particular needs and has a policy of keeping surplus liquid funds in short term deposits which can be readily accessed.

Plans for Future Period

The Charity's key objective is to continue with its plans to expand its current geographical area of service delivery and make membership available to other organisations within the City. A development officer, seconded from Nexus, is available to the Charity for the next two years to assist the Management Committee in this regard. Currently discussions are taking place with representatives from the East End and Coalfields Regeneration Areas of the City to ascertain demand. An increase in the number of vehicles to service this expansion is essential and may be achieved by brokering existing vehicles presently under utilised or new acquisitions.

As previously stated the constant review of charges and generation of income by the subsidiary trading company should ensure that progress is made towards achieving long-term sustainability.

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

**SCHEDULE FOR FEEDBACK REPORTS
(PREVIOUSLY FUNDED STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET)**

COMMITTEE DATE	PROPOSED PROJECTS
November 2006	Peoples Pedal Power Compass Community Transport
January 2007	Neighbourhood Warden Project Complementary Health and Education Project
March 2007	Building Learning Power in the Community Volunteer Outreach Project

<p>SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE MEETING 30th October 2006</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT</p>	
<p>Author(s): DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) to support new initiatives that will benefit the area.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision: The Committee is requested to approve, the following from the 2006/7 budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) £14,908, from the 2006/7 budget, as a contribution to the Community Safety Improvement project; ii) Extension of funding for the Farrington Homing Society; iii) Virement of £2,500 from the 2006/7 budget and £15,000 from the 2007/8 budget, subject to budget approval, of previously agreed funding for the Plains Farm and Humbledon Community Initiative.. 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last eleven 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.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: 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.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	<p>Relevant Review Committee: Regeneration Review Committee</p>

SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

30th October 2006

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

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, which 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 The Committee is requested to approve extension of funding, as detailed in Annex 3.

2.3 The Committee is requested to approve virement of part of a previously agreed budget allocation, as detailed in Annex 4.

3.0 Background

3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last eleven years. The allocation of £200,000 for this financial year means that, over this period, the Framework area has been allocated £2,200,000 in this way.

3.2 Annex 2 gives a summary of allocations since its creation in 1996/7 and a full breakdown of individual projects since 2003/4.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 Following the last Committee meeting on 4th September 2006, £169,157 was committed from the 2006/7 budget, which left a balance of £30,843.

4.2 Since that time, £12,500 has been returned to the 2006/7 budget from the Plains Farm Community Initiative, as outlined in Annex 4. This leaves a new balance of £43,343.

4.2 There is one application for funding to this Committee requesting £14,908 from the 2006/7 budget. Should the Committee agree this request, £171,565 will be committed from the 2006/7 budget, leaving a

balance of £28,435. Future years commitments, subject to budget approval, would remain unchanged.

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 3.11 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

7.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate what consultation it has undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal, in sections 3.8 and 3.9 of its application form, 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 its application form. A Marketing and

Communications Co-ordinator implements a publicity and public relations schedule on behalf of the Area Committee.

8.0 List of Appendices

- 8.1 Annex 1 Requests for funding for new projects.
- 8.2 Annex 2 Summary of SIB allocations since 1996/7 and a full breakdown of individual projects since 2003/4.
- 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, South Sunderland

1 Community Safety Improvements

in partnership with Sunderland City Council



Strategic Initiatives Budget

Grant Application Form

Project Title: Community Safety Improvements
SIB Requested: £14,908

Section 1: Application Requirements

<p>1.1</p> <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> <p>1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does your project cover? (Please tick)</p> <p>Coalfield [] East [] North [] Washington [] West [] South [✓]</p>

Section 2: Sponsor Details

2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group:

Farrington Primary School		
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group:		
Archer Road, Farrington, Sunderland, SR3 3DJ		
2.3 Contact Name for Project:		2.4 Position in Organisation:
Andrew Heywood		Deputy Head teacher
2.5 Tel. Number:	2.6 Fax Number:	2.7 E-mail Address:
0191 553 5994	0191 553 5995	Farrington.primary@schools.sunderland.gov.uk
2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details: (if different to 2.3 above)		
2.9 Legal Status of Organisation:		2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable):
LEA School		
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 [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No []		
If 'Yes' please provide details:		
School Staff		

Section 3: Project Details

3.1 Project Title: (please re-state title as per front sheet)	
Community Safety Improvements	
3.2 Project Start Date:	3.3 Project End Date:
November 2006	February 2007
3.4 Please Describe the project:	

The project is to provide security lighting and cameras, which will enable full and secure use of the school's community facilities and protect the planned investment in additional community facilities and promote community safety.

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

Farrington Primary School is a 3 – 11 school with a nursery and a community sports and arts wing, which will be enhanced with an Extended Services grant to develop an additional arts hall.
The school's community and extended facilities are being grown and developed within a broader community framework, which includes the Jubilee Centre and Farrington Community Sports College.

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	[✓]
(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:

The funding will allow us to extend basic security systems to a level that would promote community safety, protect community facilities and enable greater community benefit.

3.7 How will you publicise that you have received support from SIB?
(Please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)

A strategy will be agreed with the Area Marketing Project and parents would also be informed through the joint newsletter from the police and school. Through Creative Partnerships, for which the school is a link, it will be reported nationally.

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

Yes [✓] No []

If 'Yes' please provide details:

Consultations with the Governors, Community Police Team and user groups.
Informal discussion and consultation with groups of parents.

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

Yes [✓] No []

If 'Yes' please provide details:

The requirement for security measures is evidenced by the incidence of vandalism and anti social behaviour associated with the community facilities.

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

The local community, school pupils and projects and groups operating in the local area.

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

Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>]
If 'Yes' please provide details:
The security cameras will be within the council's system.
3.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a Sunderland City Council Directorate?
Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]
If 'Yes' please provide details:
The project being applied for doesn't, but the expansion of community facilities is supported by Children's Services.
3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?
Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>]
If 'Yes' please provide details of type of approval, date secured, or date expected to be secured:
Planning permission is being applied for.

Section 4: Equal Opportunities

4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy?	
Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>]	
If 'Yes' please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:	
The school complies with the LEA Equal Opportunity Guidance.	
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:
Development of leisure and cultural facilities across the area, development of a range of facilities at key local sites. Addressing youth crime and disorder issues, improving facilities for young people. Strengthen local measures to reduce crime.
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).
Improved leisure and cultural facilities; Reduction in incidents of vandalism; Increased usage of facilities; Increased community safety measures.
5.3 If the project relates to two or more Framework Areas, on what basis have you decided how to share the costs?
N/a

Section 6: Management Arrangements

6.1 Describe how the project will be managed:
The school with the support of the council's Security Team.
6.2 Are there any significant risks or uncertainties that may affect either the timetable of the project, or whether it achieves its objectives?
No

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?
£14,908
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?
£10,000 Target Hardening grant.
7.4 What other funding alternates have been considered and why were these not appropriate?
No other appropriate source.

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?

Appropriate security would not be in place for the protection of facilities. Higher costs due to vandalism on school budget. Continual ongoing problems with ongoing repairs and maintenance. Fall in use due to damaged facilities and an unsafe environment.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?

The schools Extended Services revenue budget will pay the system running and maintenance costs.

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield				
East				
North				
South	£14,908			£14,908
West				
Washington				
Other Sources (please state)				
1) Target Hardening	£10,000			£10,000
2)				
3)				
Total Cost:	£24,908			£24,908

7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind' funding (e.g. Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.

N/a

7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:

Cost of security lights and CCTV: £24,908

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.

A council approved contractor has supplied the estimate. The procurement will be by the council in line with policy.

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):

Farringdon Primary School aims to be a focus within Farringdon community and provide as many facilities to support people within that community. Education starts at a very early age and continues throughout life. Our facilities support lifelong learning and acquisition of skills that enable us all to be continually working on self-progression, proud of our achievements and good citizens. Within Farringdon community there some facilities that support lifelong learning and the school is a major contributor in to the local partnership, which is benefiting Farringdon and the wider community.

Section 9: Declaration

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:

Andrew Heywood

Position in Organisation:

Deputy Head teacher and Extended Services Team leader.

Date:

5 October 2006

SIB ARF Allocation : South

SIB South Resources Statement as at 30th October 2006

Annex 2

	Approvals	Allocations £000's	Approvals £000's	Unallocated £000's
Total SIB Allocation Pre 2003/2004		1,400.000	1,346.609	53.391
 <u>2003/04 Approvals</u>				
Budget allocation		200.000		
Joblinkage South	05.12.01		12.000	
Youth Action Plan South 2003/04	27.05.02		20.000	
Ryhope Development Trust 2003/04	06.01.03		20.500	
Silksworth C.A.	06.01.03		24.320	
Play Facilities at Farringdon	06.01.03		5.500	
Eco Rangers 2003/2004	06.01.03		1.000	
Jubilee Centre, Farringdon	03.03.03		37.000	
Silksworth Sports Complex	03.03.03		2.500	
Silksworth & Ryhope Health & Boxing Club	02.06.03		20.000	
Construction Skills Farringdon School	01.09.03		30.000	
Noah's Ark Creche	01.09.03		5.000	
Removal of Brick Planters	01.09.03		3.600	
Sport & Leisure Guide	01.09.03		13.000	
Barnes Park (Deferred from May 02)	01.09.03		7.500	
Events Budget	01.03.04		7.412	
Farringdon Homing Society	01.03.04		3.000	
Stevenson Trail Access Control at Farringdon	01.03.04		5.719	
Street Lighting Leechmere Road / Westheath Avenue	01.03.04		5.000	
 Returned Funding in 2003/2004				
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04		38.264	
Active Communities Development Fund	(11.06.01)	2.924		
Community Safety Feasibility Study	(04.03.02)	3.040		
Vired Funding - Community Safety Feasibility Study	(04.03.02)	5.000		
		210.964	261.315	-50.351
Total Resources Available				3.040

SIB ARF Allocation : South

<u>2004/2005 Approvals</u>	Approval	Allocations £000's	Approvals £000's	Unallocated £000's
<u>Budget allocation</u>		200.000		
Ryhope Development Trust	06.01.03		40.000	
Silksworth C.A. 2004/05	06.01.03		30.000	
Jubilee Centre, Farringdon	03.03.03		37.000	
Box Youth Project	01.09.03		30.000	
Sport & Leisure Guide	01.09.03		3.000	
Eco Rangers	05.01.04		1.000	
Ryhope Development Trust	05.01.04		22.700	
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04		16.009	
Sunderland Support For Parents with Disabilities	04.05.04		2.000	
Development of Hydrotherapy Pool at Fulwell Day Centre	04.05.04		2.500	
Farringdon Community Shop	06.09.04		5.000	
City - Wide 5-a-Side Leagues	06.09.04		3.000	
Silksworth & Ryhope Health & Boxing Club - Weights Resistance Training Room	01.11.04		8.000	
Eco Rangers Event	10.01.05		1.500	
Area Committee Marketing Project	07.03.05		1.642	
Returned Funding in 2004/2005				
Removal of Brick Planters	01.09.03	0.111		
		200.111	203.351	-3.240
Total Resources Available				0

<u>2005/2006 Approvals</u>	Approval	Allocations £000's	Approvals £000's	Unallocated £000's
<u>Budget allocation</u>		200.000		
Jubilee Centre, Farringdon	03.03.03		37.000	
Box Youth Project	01.09.03		30.000	
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04		55.130	
Area Committee Marketing Project	07.03.05		2.358	
Complementary Health & Education Project - The ISIS Project	07.03.05		10.000	
Raising Awareness & Community Activity Week - Sunderland South Sport & Leisure Forum	07.03.05		4.000	
Box Youth Project - Building Works	07.06.05		10.000	

SIB ARF Allocation : South

Building Learning Power within the Community - Richard Avenue school	07.06.05		2.000	
Horticultural Training at Doxford Park	07.06.05		12.500	
Neighbourhood Warden Project - Home Housing	07.06.05		15.000	
Volunteer Outreach Project	05.09.05		3.333	
People's Pedal Power	05.09.05		2.150	
Physical Disabilities Alliance Project	05.09.05		2.000	
Compass Community Transport	05.09.05		2.000	
Sunderland Training Educational Farm	31.10.05		1.500	
Construction Challenge Project	31.10.05		6.500	
The Lazarus Centre	31.10.05		2.500	
Phoenix Project - Community Outreach Programme	31.10.05		6.000	
Box Youth Project Security Fence	09.01.06		15.000	
South Events Budget	09.01.06		7.000	
Sunderland Juvenile Service Project	09.01.06		8.400	
Barnes Park Café / Craft Workshop Development	06.03.06		2.500	
Eco Rangers	06.03.06		1.500	
South Forum Development Project	06.03.06		5.151	
Returned Funding in 2005/2006				
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	(01.03.04)	7.026		
Sunderland Support for Parents with Disabilities	(04.05.04)	0.830		
Physical Disabilities Alliance Project	(05.09.05)	0.666		
Silksworth Community Association	(06.01.03 & 01.09.03)	35.000		
		243.522	243.522	0
Total Resources Available				0

SIB ARF Allocation : South

<u>2006/2007 Approvals</u>	Approval	Allocations £000's	Approvals £000's	Unallocated £000's
<u>Budget allocation</u>		200.000		
Box Youth Project	01.09.03		30.000	
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04		56.008	
Construction Challenge Project	31.10.05		5.000	
Farringdon Jubilee Centre	31.10.05		20.000	
South Forum Development Project	06.03.06		18.849	
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative Project	06.03.06		15.000	
Sit 'n b' Fit - Improving the Health & Independent living of Sunderland's Elderly People	05.06.06		3.120	
Wearable Service Development and Capacity Building Project	04.09.06		7.080	
South Events Budget	04.09.06		10	
Silksworth Cricket Club's Pitch repair	04.09.06		4.1	
Returned Funding 2006/2007		0.000		
		200.000	169.157	30.843
Total Resources Available				30.843

<u>Approvals subject to SIB Budget allocation for future years</u>				
<u>2007/2008 Approvals</u>	Approval	Allocations £000's	Approvals £000's	Unallocated £000's
Farringdon Jubilee Centre	31.10.05		20.000	
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative Project	06.03.06		15.000	
			35.000	
<u>2008/2009 Approvals</u>				
Farringdon Jubilee Centre	31.10.05		20.000	
			20.000	

REQUEST TO EXTEND FUNDING OF PREVIOUS ALLOCATIONS BEYOND PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE

Farringdon Homing Society

Farringdon Homing Society was awarded £13,000 SIB in September 2003, this being a part extension to the award of funding in 2001/2, to develop dedicated premises to allow it to enhance its programme and facilities, including an exhibition area that could be of interest to local groups and schools. The original proposed location did not materialise and finding suitable premises for the Society has proved difficult which in turn has led to delays on the project and expenditure. This led to the need to return funding from Awards for All. After a series of difficulties, planning permission has recently been granted for a suitable site but the delays and specification for the building have left a shortfall in funds. This led to a further six-month extension in June 2006 to allow the Society to resubmit their application to Awards for All for £8,000 to fill this gap. The application has been refused, due to changed priorities, and the Society is planning to submit an application to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust.

The Committee is requested to further extend the SIB allocation of £13,000 for a further six months to enable completion of the funding package.

REQUESTS FOR VIREMENT OF FUNDING FOR PROJECTS THAT WOULD LIKE TO USE A PREVIOUS ALLOCATION FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE ORIGINALLY APPROVED

Plains Farm and Humbledon Community Initiative

1. The Community Initiative was established in 2002 to develop a facility to provide the residents of Plains Farm and Humbledon with learning, leisure and social opportunities and access to key services.
The Project was driven by Home Housing and was in response to high levels of deprivation and lack of opportunities for local people.
2. The Project secured capital and revenue funding and a refurbished community building was opened in the grounds of Plains Farm Primary School in 2003, staffed by a manager and administrator., delivering a range of services for children and adults.
3. In December 2004, a feasibility study was completed for the Board of Directors, which outlined a series of options for the development of the Project beyond April 2006. From this study a new business and funding plan was developed
4. The South Area Committee awarded the Project £15,000 from the 2006/7 budget and £15,000 from the 2007/8 budget in March 2006 as leverage to attract match funding.
5. This funding was awarded as a contribution to implement the project's business and development plans and to ensure the continued success of a valuable resource.
6. Unfortunately, the Project was unable to draw down a number of external funding opportunities and was also adversely affected by a restructure at Home Housing. In addition, there were a number of resignations from the Board of Directors and staff left the project.
As a result of the Project not being in a position to deliver its plans, the award of SIB grant was suspended, in line with its terms and conditions.
7. After a period of time, a new Board of Directors was constituted and set about developing new plans to secure the future of Project and to fulfil the needs identified for the residents of the area.
8. The Board, with the support of the Area Regeneration Officer, has developed new plans for the Project, which requires a part time administrator to ensure the building can remain operational.
The development of services will be in partnership with the South Forum and other south area services and facilities.

The Committee is requested to approve the virement of the unspent allocation of £2,500 from the 2006/7 budget and £15,000 from the 2007/8 budget, subject to approval, to the Community Initiative to secure it's future and develop as a community resource.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB)
CRITERIA AND PROJECT GUIDELINES

1 ABOUT THE SIB FUND

- 1.1 SIB was established in 1996/7 to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area. Each Regeneration Framework area is currently allocated a minimum of £200,000 per year. Applications for funding are approved by the relevant Area Committee or Cabinet.
- 1.2 SIB is approved on an annual basis as part of the full Council budget process in February or March each year. It is possible that due to financial constraints in a particular year, the allocation may be reduced or withdrawn. Approvals from future years' SIB allocations are therefore subject to this budget process and cannot be guaranteed.
- 1.3 Applications therefore will only be approved for the current year unless exceptional circumstances can be established, such as the need to secure other funding over a period of time or enable the recruitment or retention of staff to proceed. Projects that apply for funding from future years' allocations do so at their own risk.

2 APPLYING FOR SIB

- 2.1 The Council's Development and Regeneration Directorate administers SIB through its Regeneration and Housing Service. Any project wishing to enquire about a possible application, or who have any queries regarding the process, should in the first instance, contact the relevant Area Regeneration Officer below:

Bill Blackett Sunderland East and the Coalfields
Telephone 553 1162 Fax 553 1599
e-mail bill.blackett@sunderland.gov.uk

Karen Graham Sunderland North and Washington
Telephone 553 1214 Fax 553 1599
e-mail karen.graham@sunderland.gov.uk

Richard Parry Sunderland South and Sunderland West
Telephone 553 1217 Fax 553 1599
e-mail richard.parry@sunderland.gov.uk

- 2.2 Once the suitability of the project has been established, an application form will be sent out electronically or by post accompanied by these guidelines, guidance notes for filling in the application form, and a copy

of the relevant Framework(s) and Action Plans. As a copy of the completed application form will be attached to a covering report as part of the Area Committee's agenda, we would appreciate it if the form could be returned electronically to the relevant Area Regeneration Officer at the appropriate e-mail address provided above. If this is not possible, a typed copy can be sent to the address shown on the covering letter. The covering letter will also provide the date of the next pre-agenda and the full Area Committee meetings, and the deadline for returning the completed application form.

- 2.3 Where an SIB application refers to inputs or support from other Council Directorates, either financial or otherwise, the Lead Agent should seek the agreement of the relevant Directorate. Agreement should be at the appropriate level within the Directorate and should be in place prior to the application being placed on the pre agenda. The appropriate Directorate contact name will be supplied and support or authorisation will be included in the application.
- 2.4 Where possible, a representative of the project must attend the pre agenda and the full Area Committee meetings in order to respond to any queries the Elected Members may have. Please note however, that attendees will not be expected to speak on behalf of the application but to respond to any questions there may be regarding the application
- 2.5 An application to the Area Committee should not be interpreted as a guarantee of its approval. The Committee reserves the right to defer or reject any submission on the basis of available SIB funding in the current financial year and the project's suitability in the light of Area Framework priorities and SIB criteria. However, it will make a decision at the meeting whether to grant the full amount being requested, make a contribution of a lesser amount, defer the request or refuse the application.

3. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 SIB is intended to address the Area Regeneration Framework priorities, which are identified in the Action plan . Although an application does not need to address these priorities in order to receive approval, preference will be given to those proposals that clearly demonstrate a link with the Action Plan.
- 3.2 Applications should also 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.
- 3.3 SIB is mainly intended for one off projects, capital expenditure and "pump priming" of new initiatives. Revenue support can be included in any application, but this will only be at the commencement of a new project or as "gap funding" to enable a project to continue while other funding is being sought. Ongoing or repeat revenue or maintenance

costs, such as electricity or rent, will not normally be considered for SIB funding.

- 3.4 A major aim of SIB is to attract other funding into the area. While the lack of other funding would not disqualify any application, priority is given to those projects that are seeking or have secured additional funding from other sources such as Single Regeneration Budget, Lottery, European funding, sponsorship or grants from charitable institutions.
- 3.5 Applicants are normally expected to make a contribution towards overall project costs, although this is not essential for SIB support to be considered.
- 3.6 Applications will normally only be approved for the current year unless exceptional circumstances can be established, such as the need to secure other funding or enabling the recruitment or retention of staff to proceed. In such cases, future years' allocations would therefore become 'active' once the full Council's budget for that year had been formally approved.
- 3.7 Any project applying for SIB funding must have a management committee, some form of written constitution and a dual signatory bank/building society account.

4 NON-ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Individuals or groups that are not formally constituted are ineligible for SIB funding.
- 4.2 SIB should not be used to finance projects that would normally be funded through other sources or to compensate for budget reductions in mainstream provision.
- 4.3 SIB cannot provide ongoing revenue or maintenance support to projects (see 3.3 above) or for payments for redundancy.
- 4.4 SIB cannot be used for activities of a political or exclusively religious nature.
- 4.5 SIB cannot be used to fund retrospectively i.e. for expenditure already incurred before the application has been approved.

5 APPROVAL AND PAYMENT

- 5.1 If the application is approved in full or in part, an offer letter confirming the allocation will be sent out to the nominated contact person within a week. Funding will only become available once the terms and conditions accompanying the offer letter have been signed and returned. ***These terms and conditions that accompany the offer letter should be***

read carefully, as this constitutes a contract between Sunderland City Council and the project.

- 5.2 The grant will not be released as a “lump sum”. Funding will be released to cover appropriate expenses as they occur and not in advance or anticipation of need. Relevant documentation (e.g. invoice, receipt) must be produced before payment is made.
- 5.3 There is not the facility to overspend on specific allocations. It is the project’s responsibility to have estimated the costs correctly, and the Council does not accept any liability should these estimates prove inaccurate or insufficient. Should the available funding prove inadequate to meet the project’s aims, it will be the project’s responsibility to seek additional funding. If this is not possible, the Lead Agent should seek advice from the relevant Area Regeneration Officer regarding the current status of their SIB allocation. Any project that exceeds the original allocation will be required to find the overspend from their own resources.

6 CONDITIONS

- 6.1 Projects must be managed in accordance with all appropriate statutory requirements and employment legislation and must not be conducted in any way as to bring Sunderland City Council into disrepute
- 6.2 **Purchasing / Procurement requirements**

The Council has a duty to ensure that, where it awards public monies to external organisations, value for money and probity is demonstrated as monies are expended.

Where any such monies are used to procure goods, materials, services or works the following procurement requirements must be applied.

Procurement up to £10,000

Records must be kept to demonstrate that value for money has been achieved, by keeping suitable records. For example, if all or part of a grant was to be used to purchase computer equipment it would be appropriate to contact at least four suppliers of the equipment concerned and ask for a price from each supplier. A note should be retained of the price and specification quoted in each case. If the supplier used is not the supplier quoting the lowest purchase price, a record should be kept with the quotes to explain why the chosen supplier was used. This would normally be on the grounds of quality. This process would also apply to suppliers of services. This process would also apply to suppliers of services, e.g. consultancy services for feasibility studies and for purchases classified as capital works.

Procurement Between £10,000 and £50,000

For procurement of this value, at least four written quotations must be obtained and kept for inspection from suitable contractors or suppliers. If less than four quotations are obtained (e.g. because the work is specialised) or considered the reason for this should also be recorded. Finally, if the supplier used is not the supplier quoting the lowest purchase price, a record should be kept with the quotes to explain why the chosen supplier was used.

Procurement Over £50,000

A formal tender process must be used for all procurement exceeding £50,000.

This means that at least six suitable contractors or suppliers should be invited to tender for the contract on the basis of a clear detailed specification. A deadline should be set for receipt of the tenders from those invited, and tenders received after the deadline should not be considered. Tenders received by the deadline should be opened together in the presence of at least two responsible people. The value of each tender should be recorded and the record signed by both persons present. If the supplier used did not tender the lowest price, a record should be kept to explain why the chosen supplier was used.

Potential conflicts of Interest

Any potential conflicts of interest (e.g. the supplier is a friend or relative of the person procuring the service, goods or works) should be declared and those affected should not participate in the procurement process or decision.

Retention of Records

Records of all of the above processes should be retained for a period of three years and must be available for inspection by representatives of the Council if required.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions could result in clawback of monies and further claims or awards not being approved.

Please note: Projects will be required to submit all relevant documentation with regard to the appointment of a contractor or supplier with the first Quarterly Monitoring Return (or the most appropriate).

- 6.3 Projects are required to provide accurate and verifiable information for monitoring, evaluation and reporting purposes, and must fill in and return the quarterly monitoring return form that is sent requesting information on

projects' progress. Additionally, projects are subject to audit and monitoring throughout their duration by officers of the Development and Regeneration Directorate. Failure to return monitoring forms or comply with any other financial requests made may result in the remainder of the allocation being withheld or future applications being refused.

- 6.4 Once a project has used its full SIB allocation, projects will be required to submit a written report and attend a future Area Committee meeting to discuss the project's impact. Lead Agents will be informed of when this report and presentation will be required by the relevant Area Regeneration Officer.
- 6.5 It is the project's responsibility to keep the relevant Area Regeneration Officer informed of any changes that may affect its SIB allocation. In this respect it should be noted that:
- The normal practice will be to make SIB funding available for the period indicated in the funding profile in Section 7 of the application form. If funding is not claimed in accordance with the profile of projected costs in Section 7 of the application form or once the projected completion date has been reached, any unused allocation may be reclaimed, unless the project has indicated a reason for the delay and requested an extension to their funding period.
 - No project will be allowed to access SIB funding beyond 2 years from the date of the original offer letter, unless it has received approval for funding over several years. Beyond this period, any unused allocation will be returned to SIB and any project still requiring the funding would need to submit a new application.
 - SIB can only be used for the purposes outlined in section 3.4 and section 7 of the application form. If a project for any reason wishes to use their allocation for purposes other than the ones originally proposed, they would need either to return the unused allocation and submit a new proposal to the Area Committee or make a formal request to the Area Committee to vire the allocation.
- 6.6 The project should ensure that, wherever appropriate, publicity generated by the project acknowledges SIB support. It is a condition of SIB that any press releases be made via the SIB Marketing and Communications team (Tel 0191 553 1933). Please note that in cases where SIB has provided support for the feasibility stage of a capital build project, SIB support will need to be acknowledged on site billboards at the construction stage. The SIB logo can be obtained from the SIB Marketing and Communications team.

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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET UPDATE

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

1.0 Purpose Of The Report

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on live projects for which the Area Committee has previously approved funding through its Strategic Initiatives Budget.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Members will recall that each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated an average of £200,000 per annum over the last eleven years from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Framework document. Over this period, therefore the Framework area has been allocated £2,200,000 in this way. An update on all projects that are still operating is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 That this report be noted.

Background Papers

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Reports to previous Area Committees
Regeneration Framework File, South Sunderland

Strategic Initiatives Budget: South Live Project Update
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APPENDIX 1

2004/5 Project Allocations					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Area Committee Marketing Project	07.03.05	1.642	0	1.642	Development & Regeneration
<p>Funding across all six Area Committees of £4,000 per Committee to provide a dedicated marketing communications function to all Area Committees. This will include developing a comprehensive 'Communications Strategy' which will maximise publicity for all SIB and Community Chest funded projects. This will be achieved through various communications tools including, local press coverage, newsletters and display material. Funds from other areas have been utilised to date. SIB has received extensive coverage in the local press over the past quarter and a number of press releases are in the process of being drafted for new area approval's and will be submitted over the next coming week / months into the local press. As a result of the continuing marketing of SIB funding an increase in enquires regarding the fund have been received. The project has until March 2007 to spend.</p>					
2005/6 Project Allocations					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Sunderland South Youth Strategy	01.03.04	48.104	39.797	8.307	Youth Development Group
<p>Year 2 of 3 year funding to allow further provision of Youth Services in South Sunderland. Currently a team of youth workers based at the Blue Watch Youth Centre, supported by SIB funding are operating a South Activities Programme. The programme positively encourages male and female young people to access and participate in all aspects of the programme, in a safe, supportive and caring environment. The project has provided young people with the opportunity to develop in rewarding projects such as the Mayor's Award, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and Health Awareness. The project and expenditure are ongoing.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Area Committee Marketing Project	07.03.05	2.358	0	2.358	Development & Regeneration
<p>The second part of the £4,000, to fund the marketing and communication function for the South Committee.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Box Youth Project - Building Works	07.03.05	10	0	10	Box Youth Project
<p>SIB funding is contributing towards essential Health & Safety work to the building both internally and externally, in order to improve the facilities at the club, and allow the project to further develop its services and work within the local community. The majority of the building work is complete and the new premises are open, and is playing a crucial part in the delivery and development of services to young people, in South Sunderland. The project to date has already gained an excellent reputation with both local residents and young people, and has developed a strong link with various other partnerships including Sunderland Voluntary Sector Youth Forum. It is hoped that the remaining work to install internal CCTV and a new door entry system will be completed a.s.a.p. Once the work is complete the full budget will be claimed.</p>					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Horticultural Training at Doxford Park	07.06.05	12.5	1.405	11.095	Bishopwearmouth Horticultural Nursery
<p>The project in partnership with the NHS Mental Health Trust provides horticultural training, leading to pre-NVQ qualifications for people with learning disabilities. SIB funding across all six areas, is being used as a contribution towards the costs of equipment to support this Vocational Scheme. Expenditure to date has been on the hire of equipment and the purchase of shrubs, trees, tubs and building equipment. The project and expenditure are ongoing.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Volunteer Outreach Project	05.09.05	3.333	0	3.333	Volunteer Centre Sunderland
<p>Funding across all six areas to enable the centre to commence provision of an Outreach Service across the six Area Frameworks within the city. SIB Funding will be used as a contribution towards the cost of an Outreach and Development Worker, an Admin Officer, equipment, stationary and staff travel etc. The project has experienced delays in securing further funding to recruit other members of staff to fulfil the aims and objectives of the project. The lead agent anticipates that this problem should be resolved within the next six to eight months. The project has until September 2007 to spend.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Construction Challenge Project	31.10.05	6.5	0	6.5	Sunderland Housing Group
<p>The Construction Challenge Project will provide construction skills training opportunities on new housing development sites, for year 10 & 11 pupils across the City opting for an alternative curriculum route into construction. This allocation is to build upon the successful work of the original pilot project 'Construction Skills at Farrington School' and extend it City -Wide. September has seen the project enter it's 4th academic year and has secured further funding from the Coalfield's Regeneration Trust, which has allowed Sunderland Housing Group to open a sister site within the City. The project and expenditure are ongoing. The project has until September 2007 to spend.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
The Phoenix Project - Community Outreach Programme	31.10.05	6	0	6	The Phoenix Project
<p>SIB funding across all six areas to continue the Phoenix Project which works in partnership with the Youth Offending Service, by delivering intensive work experience and courses to offenders, with the Fire Brigade. SIB funding will contribute towards the refurbishment and upgrade of the Community Safety Centre at Sunderland Fire Station, by providing a lecturer room in which a further 200 - 300 young people can access the courses on offer.</p>					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Sunderland Juvenile Service	09.01.06	10.8	0	10.8	Sunderland Juvenile Service
<p>The project through the help of SIB funding aims to encourage young people at risk of offending or re-offending to take part in constructive training, learning and leisure pursuits in the hope of diverting them from anti-social or criminal behaviour. SIB Funding across all six areas is enabling the project to attract further match funding, which in turn will allow the expansion of the existing service and contribute towards their ultimate aim of reducing youth offending and preventing re-offending, by offering information, guidance and support to young people, their families and carers. This quarter the project have received 54 referrals from across the City. The project and expenditure are ongoing.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Silksworth C. A	09.01.06	30.572	0	30.572	Silksworth C.A
<p>SIB Funding is continuing to contribute towards the cost of emergency repairs at the C.A. The September 2004 Area Committee received a feedback report from the lead agent who advised that an initial survey of the premises had been undertaken and a schedule of repairs identified. Many of the works scheduled from that date have not been progressed, due to the moratorium on major investment in Council community facilities, pending a review of community facilities and Community Development Strategy.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Barnes Café / Craft Workshop Development	06.03.06	2.5	0	2.500	Fulwell Day Centre
<p>The project is working in conjunction with the Friends of Barnes Park and Community & Cultural Services to develop a café and craft area within the coach house of Barnes Park. The project is providing an exciting employment and training opportunity for inactive adults who have learning disabilities and will also work towards reducing inequalities and social exclusion faced by these adults. SIB funding has been sought as a contribution towards running costs, salaries, and improvements to both internal and external buildings and equipment. The lead agent has reported a slight delay on expenditure due to issues with dampness in the building. As a result of this further site visits have had to undertake by the relevant authorities, to elevate the problem. It is anticipated that remedial works will commence shortly and thereafter funds will be utilised.</p>					

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2006/7 Project Allocations					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
The Box Youth Project	01.09.03	30	7.5	22.5	The Box Youth Project
Year 3 of 3 year funding programme, to fund an additional post to provide leverage towards the pursuit of external funds, which would allow the community in the South Sunderland Area, an opportunity for both children and young people to engage in recreational activities. Recently the project have moved into their new premises in Hall Farm and are continuing to deliver their face-to-face youth work in the area, and currently have 420 detached youth contacts. This quarter through the continuation of SIB Funding the project has seen a further increase in the amount of young people using the facilities and activities at the Box Youth Project. The workers are also developing a new programme of activities across the City, where they will deliver a 'Young Volunteers Programme' for local schools, to help in the delivery of 'Post 16 Education'. Expenditure is ongoing.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Sunderland Youth Strategy	01.03.04	56.008	0	56.008	Youth Development Group
Year 3 of 3 year funding to allow further provision of Youth Services in South Sunderland.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Construction Challenge Project	31.10.05	5	0	5	Sunderland Housing Group
Year 2 of 2 year funding to provide construction skills training opportunities on new housing development sites, for year 10 & 11 pupils across the City opting for an alternative curriculum route into construction. This allocation is to build upon the successful work of the original pilot project and extend it City -Wide.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Farringdon Jubilee Centre - Capacity Building Project	31.10.05	20	10.785	9.215	Farringdon Jubilee Centre
This new allocation of SIB funding, matched by the Northern Rock Foundation, will continue and improve the existing services run by the centre. As a result of the extra funding secured the centre can now provide a seamless service to the local community ensuring that groups whether large or small can develop, by offering ongoing training, support and a one-stop shop within the project to access information, advice and guidance. The funding provides the opportunity to develop further services to local residents, and the wider South Area. This quarter as a result of the continuing support from SIB, the project have secured further funding from the Gregg's Trust and hosted a playscheme in the summer and a bbq to celebrate the official opening of their community garden. Expenditure is on going.					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
South Forum Development Project	06.03.06	18.849	6.7	12.149	South Forum Development Project
<p>Year 2 of funding to employ a member of staff for a eight month period to implement the South Forum's Business and Funding Plan, which will enable the organisation to fulfil its aims and objectives. The Forum's aim is to become a fully staffed and resourced voluntary organisation who will work with the local council to deliver community led regeneration in South Sunderland. This quarter the Forum have held regular monthly forum and committee meetings, held a successful launch in Doxford Park, and has increased its membership from 35 to 45 groups. Expenditure is ongoing.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative	06.03.06	15	0	15	Plains Farm & Humbledon Community Initiative
<p>Year 1 of funding to secure the 'Community Initiative' as a resource for its local community and as part of service developing in the South. The funding will not be drawn down until a new Management and Business Plan is put in place.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Sit 'n b' Fit - Improving the Health & Independent Living of Sunderland's Elderly People	05.06.06	3.120	0	3.120	Sit 'n b' Fit
<p>Funding across all six areas to improve health, mobility and to extend people's ability to sustain independent living through appropriate seated exercises. The aim of the project is to encourage people living in residential homes and sheltered accommodation to take part in exercise to improve their health, confidence and self esteem and also to encourage the general public to come into sheltered accommodation or care homes, by offering activities with the other residents and their families to increase social interaction and improve their quality of life. SIB funding is contributing towards a trainer, transport costs, provision of equipment, training new tutors and firstaid courses.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Farrington Homing Society	05.06.06	12.736	0	12.736	Farrington Homing Society
<p>Farrington Homing Society has a wide membership within the Sunderland South Area and is regionally acclaimed. It is currently having to use a container in the grounds of the Farrington Social Club, which impedes its capacity to look after the homing pigeons and organise its regular races and events. The Society, through the approval of SIB Funding, are looking for dedicated premises which will allow it to develop its programme and facilities, including an exhibition area that could be of interest to local groups and schools. Finding suitable premises for the Society have proved difficult which in turn has led to delays on the project and expenditure. Planning permission has recently been granted for a suitable site but the delays and specification for the building have left a shortfall in funds. An application to 'Awards for All', has been rejected and a final attempt to bridge the gap through the Coalfield Regeneration Trust will be made, should Area Committee agree to a further extension.</p>					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
NRF Youth Diversity Activities	05.06.06	40	0	40	Community & Cultural Services
Lead agent previously indicated a delay in spend due to negotiations to relocate the site for the Diversionary Activities, which was being considered by the Planning Department. The negotiations have now been resolved and Community & Cultural Services are the new lead agent. However, the planning application had to be withdrawn and is now being re-submitted. An extension to the project was agreed at June's Area Committee and expenditure is expected to commence shortly.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Wearable Service Development Capacity Building project	04.09.06	7.080	0	7.080	Wearable
SIB funding has been sought to employ a part-time member of staff to develop the services and capacity of the project, who currently support various organisations and networks across the city, to help them improve their work with disabled people. A website will also be developed as part of the project which will allow different organisations to access vital information about services on offer across the City. As this is a new approval no expenditure has been sought to date.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
South Events Budget	04.09.06	10.261	0	10.261	Development & Regeneration
Remaining funding of £261 has been extended to this new allocation of £10,000, to enhance the support that the Committee is able to offer local groups operating in the area and currently has a major role in the work of the new South Forum, in bringing together community organisations and groups working and located in the South Area. Expenditure to date has been on 5 projects: a contribution towards the South Forum Community Fayre in February and August 2006, the installation of two post to enable the installation of 'flash' cameras to counter fly tipping, cost of ME/CFS Conference in London in May 2006, and a contribution towards the MELA event, a Multi - Cultural family event. All project were approved by the South Area Chair.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Silksworth Cricket Club Pitch Repair	04.09.06	4.1	4.1	0	Silksworth Cricket Club
SIB funding has been sought to install the recommended drainage system and to re-instate the water damaged area near to the cricket scoreboard, to enable a safe playing environment which meets the appropriate cricket playing standards. Associated costs will include insertion of the drainage system and levelling and re-seeding the pitch. The work has recently been completed with the full allocation claimed.					
Totals		356.463	70.287	286.176	

<p>SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE MEETING 30th October, 2006</p>	
<p>Title of Report: STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET : 2006/07 WARD BASED COMMUNITY CHEST</p>	
<p>Author(s): Director of Development and Regeneration</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: The purpose of this report is to bring forward 17 recommendations relating to the 2006/07 Community Chest Scheme.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision: The Committee is requested to: i. approve all 17 proposals for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1</p>	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? *Yes</p>	
<p>If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2006/2007, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No</p>	<p>Relevant Review Committee:</p>
<p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	<p>Regeneration and Community Review Committee</p>

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET :
2006/2007 WARD-BASED COMMUNITY CHEST**

Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring forward 17 recommendations relating to the 2006/2007 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 17 proposals for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest as detailed in Annex I.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Committee will be aware that the Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2006/2007, £10,000 for each Ward. This scheme is operated under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 To date approvals for each of the Wards total:

Doxford	£5920
Silksworth	£7031
St. Chad's	£4250

4.2 The projects listed on Annex 1 total:

Doxford	£2548
Silksworth	£1148
St. Chad's	£4998

4.3 Should the Committee grant the requests listed on Annex 1 the remaining balances would be:

Doxford	£1532
Silksworth	£1821
St. Chad's	£752

5.0 Reason for Decision

5.1 Community Chest support is given to projects which clearly demonstrate that they will address identified local needs, as detailed in Area Regeneration Frameworks, normally providing genuine community benefit and which can subsequently provide evidence/measurement of success in this respect.

6.0 Alternative Options

6.1 The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

7.0 Relevant Consultation

7.1 Members have been consulted on all applications for Community Chest support.

7.2 The City Treasurer has been consulted on this report, all costs associated with developing Community Chest applications are resourced by the Strategic Initiatives Budget admin fee.

7.3 Residents have been consulted about the priorities in the Area Regeneration Frameworks Community Chest grants support these identified priorities.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on Monday 16th October, 2006.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2006/2007

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
DOXFORD WARD	
Silksworth Banner Group – Contribution towards new lodge banner.	500
Doxford Park C.A. – Contribution towards refurbishment of kitchen.	1000
Doxford Park Forum – Contribution towards start up costs room hire, etc.,	500
The Physical Disabilities Alliance – Contribution towards transport provision, refreshments, expenses etc.,	48
Doxford Art & Craft Group – Purchase of art and craft materials and storage boxes.	500
Total	2548
SILKSWORTH WARD	
Ryhope Progressive Homing Society – Purchase of new pigeon baskets.	500
The Physical Disabilities Alliance – Contribution towards transport provision, refreshments, expenses etc.,	48
Tunstall Allotments – Contribution towards hire of equipment.	500
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade Steering Group – Contribution towards new lodge banner.	100
Total	1148
ST. CHAD'S WARD	
Blue Watch Youth Centre – Contribution towards purchase of materials, equipment, tutors etc.,	500
The Physical Disabilities Alliance – Contribution towards transport provision, refreshments, expenses etc.,	48
St. David's Community Church – Contribution towards community garden.	1000
Sunderland Remembrance Day Parade Steering Group – Contribution towards new lodge banner.	100

Herrington Women's Institute – Purchase and installation of new gate.	1500
St. Chad's Area – Contribution towards bulb planting programme.	1000
Emblehope House Residents Group – Contribution towards social activities for the members, trips, refreshments etc.,	400
Aberdeen Tower Residents Group – Purchase of equipment, boiler, bingo machine etc.,	450
Total of Projects	4998
Total of Projects	8694