

## **SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008**

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

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

#### **1.0 Purpose Of The Report**

1.1 This report outlines current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and applications for funding from this budget in order to support new initiatives, 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 formally endorse Projects, previously approved, subject to budget approval, from the 2007/8 budget, as included in Annex 3.

2.3 The Committee is requested to approve the extension and variation of funding, 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 thirteen years. The allocation of £200,000 for this financial year means that, over this period, the Framework area has been allocated £2,600,000 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 2006/7.

#### **4.0 Current Position**

4.1 Following the last Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 the 2007/8 budget was fully committed and £25,708 was committed from the 2008/9 budget, subject to budget approval.

4.2 There is one application for funding to this Committee requesting £11,000 from the 2008/9 budget. Should the Committee agree this

request, and endorses those in Annex 3, £36,708 will be committed from the 2008/9 budget, leaving a balance of £163,292.

## **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, which is attached as Annex 1.

### **7.4 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Councils Race Equality Scheme.**

Each project is required to indicate whether it has an equal opportunities policy, or what measures it employs to address equal opportunity issues, in Section 4 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

## 7.5 Public Relations and Publicity

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote SIB via project publicity in section 3.7 of 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 Request for funding for new project.
- 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 Projects previously approved 'subject to budget approval'.
- 8.4 Annex 4 Extension and variation of previously agreed funding.
- 8.5 Annex 5 SIB Criteria and Guidelines

## 9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Reports to previous Area Committees
- 9.2 Regeneration Framework Files, South Sunderland