

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Committee Room 1) on Thursday, 6th July, 2006 at 5.00 p.m.

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R.C. RAYNER,
City Solicitor.

Civic Centre,
SUNDERLAND.

27th June, 2006.

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL, 2006 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Forbes in the Chair

Councillors Allan, Bates, J.B. Scott, P. Watson, S. Watson and Wilson.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Arnott, Morrissey and T. Wright.

Minutes

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 6th February, 2006 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

Item 6 – Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) : Regeneration Issues Report

Councillor P. Watson declared a personal and prejudice interest in the report as a Council appointed governor of St. Anne's R.C. Primary School.

Councillor D. Forbes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the report as a Council appointed representative on the Boards of the Sunderland Housing Company limited and the Central Sunderland Housing Company Limited and left the meeting during consideration of the matter.

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

The Chairman advised that Inspector John Parish was unable to attend the meeting but had faxed a copy of the Crime statistics relating to the West Sunderland Area for the period 1st January to 31st March, 2006 in comparison with the same period in 2004/05

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Copies of the statistics having been circulated for Members' information, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the Crime Statistics for the period 1st January to 31st March, 2006 be received and noted.

Regeneration Report : Feedback on Projects Funded Through Strategic Initiatives 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:-

- West Access Fund
- Eco Ranges Project

Richard Parry, Area Regeneration Officer, introduced Olwyn Ford in respect of the West Access Fund and Susan Goodchild in respect of the Eco Rangers Project, who proceeded to provide Members with a commentary on their feedback reports and answer questions thereon.

The Chairman having thanked Ms. Ford and Ms. Goodchild for their presentations, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the feedback reports in respect of the West Access Fund and the Eco Rangers Project 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) Outreach Welfare Rights Project.
- (ii) Eco Rangers Project.
- (iii) Plains Farm and Humbledon Community Initiative.
- (iv) Construction Challenge Project.
- (v) Play Work ILM Project.
- (vi) Early Years Outdoor Learning Environment Project.

In addition Members were also asked to consider a request for a project funding extension in respect of the EU Development Fund Package (as detailed in annex 4 to the report) and to formally endorse the approval of the following projects previously considered subject to budget approval from the 2006/07 budget (as detailed in annex 3 to the report).

- Barnes Park Café Development.
- EU Funding Package Development Phase 2.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Richard Parry, Area Regeneration Officer, presented the report and advised that following the publication of the agenda, the application received in respect of the Plains Farm and Humbledon Community Initiative had been withdrawn at the request of the applicant. As a result and with regard to paragraph 4.3 of the report there were now only five applications for funding before the Committee requesting £58,210 from the 2006/07 budget. Should the Committee grant these requests and endorse those in annex 3, £70,249 would be committed from the 2006/07 budget leaving a balance of £162,981.

Mr. Parry then introduced representatives from the projects who provided Members with a brief presentation in respect of their applications and addressed comments and questions thereon.

The Chairman having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Construction Challenge Project, left the meeting during the consideration of this application and the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman, Councillor S. Watson.

Consideration having been given to the applications it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) approval be given to the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget Funding of:-
- £21,067 to the Pallion Action Group as a contribution to the Outreach Welfare Rights Project
 - £1,500 to the Directorate of Community and Cultural Services as a contribution to the City-wide Eco Rangers Project
 - £5,000 to the Sunderland Housing Group as a contribution to the Construction Challenge project
 - £18,000 to Into Work (Sunderland) Ltd as a contribution to the Play Work ILM Project

- £12,643 to St. Anne's R.C. School as a contribution to the Early Years Outdoor Learning Environment Project
- (ii) approvals made in 2005/06 subject to budget approval from the 2006/07 allocation as detailed in annex 3 to the report be formally endorsed;
- (iii) approval be given to the request received to extend the EU Development Fund Package until 31st December, 2007 as detailed in annex 4 to the report, and
- (iv) the withdrawal of the application in respect of the Plains Farm and Humbledon Community initiative be noted.

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

Mr. Parry having advised that there were no Community Chest applications before this afternoon's meeting of the Committee, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the information be received and noted.

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

(Signed) D. FORBES,
Chairman.

At an Extraordinary meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 2006 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Forbes in the Chair

Councillors Allan, Arnott, Bates, Kirby, Morrissey, P. Watson and Wilson.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors L. Martin, S. Watson and T. Wright.

Declarations of Interest

Item 3 - Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) 2005/06 Ward Based Community Chest

Councillor Bates declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a Council appointed Governor of South Hylton Primary School.

Councillor Forbes declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of GATES.

Strategic Initiatives Budget : 2005/06 Ward-Based Community Chest

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) on 23 projects recommended for support from the 2005/06 Community Chest in respect of Barnes, Pallion, Sandhill and St. Anne's Wards.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

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

1. RESOLVED that approval be given to the 23 projects recommended for support from the 2005/06 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1 to the report.

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

(Signed) D. FORBES,
Chairman.

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION FROM NEXUS

Report of the City Solicitor

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To receive a presentation from Nexus on two new community based transport services, TaxiLink and LinkUp.

2. Background

- 2.1 Nexus will be providing presentations to each of the Area Committees to inform Members of the new services and their impact in each Area.
- 2.2 Nexus has provided briefing notes for Members on the subject, which are attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Area Committee is recommended to note the presentation.

4. Background Papers

- 4.1 E-mail correspondence with John Usher, Head of Transport Integration, Nexus – 21st June, 2006.

R.C. Rayner,
City Solicitor.



LinkUp

What is LinkUp?

LinkUp is a demand responsive service available to everyone in Tyne and Wear. It provides journeys at times when regular services are not operating or where direct services are not available. It will be operated by smaller, brand new and fully accessible buses.

When does LinkUp begin?

It starts on 30 July 06.

Why do we need a 'demand responsive' service?

Conventional public transport cannot meet everybody's travel needs. Buses and Metro don't always go where people need to travel. In the evenings, for example, bus services are less frequent and some journeys are difficult to make without several changes. Demand responsive transport (DRT) complements the existing public transport network and provides links that otherwise could not be made.

Why are Nexus introducing LinkUp?

Nexus sees DRT services as an important part of the future of public transport. For several years Nexus has paid for UCall services to operate in Newcastle, Hetton, Houghton and Gateshead and they have been a great success. They fit conveniently between the fixed routes of buses and the freedom of taxi services and more and more people can now see the benefit.

Where can I travel on LinkUp?

Nexus has created 16 areas throughout Tyne and Wear. Passengers must call to book LinkUp for any journey providing it is within one of these areas. Where a journey could be made by conventional public transport, the Call Centre operator will advise you of this as it is likely to be more convenient for you. If your journey covers more than one area the operator will advise on where to change to other services.

When does it operate?

LinkUp services will be available for journeys between 7.00am and midnight everyday except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. A reduced service will operate on public holidays.

Where will LinkUp pick me up and drop me off?

LinkUp will pick up and set down at what we call meeting points. All existing bus stops are meeting points but we have also created meeting points at other places such as health centres, doctors surgeries and leisure facilities. LinkUp can take you to key interchange points where you can transfer to other bus services or to Metro.

There is also the opportunity to book LinkUp services for door to door travel, providing the vehicle is able to access the place without difficulty. There is an additional charge for this facility.

Who can use LinkUp?

LinkUp is a public service open to everyone.

How do I book?

Call 0191 20 20 666 anytime between 7.00am and 8.00pm.

If you want to make a journey before 8.00am you will need to book the day before. You can also book a journey from as little as 45 minutes before you want to travel or up to 8 days in advance. You can also book your return journey at the same time and even multiple or repeat journeys.

How much does using LinkUp cost?

The fare charged will be based on the direct route for your trip. All NTL Traveltickets are accepted as well as Concessionary Passes, so if you are 60 or over and have a Concessionary Travel pass you can travel free!

Drivers take cash for those without a pass and change is given

How can I get more information?

For more information call the Nexus Call Centre on **0191 20 20 632**.



TaxiLink

What is happening on 30 July?

A new service, TaxiLink, will replace Care Services.

What is TaxiLink?

It's a door to door service using accessible taxis. TaxiLink will give you greater freedom as to when your transport arrives and it will be more personal and convenient. Plus it will stay at just £1 per trip.

Why is Nexus making changes?

Most buses in Tyne and Wear have low floors, making them easier to use for people with mobility difficulties. TaxiLink is designed for people who still need a specialist service as they cannot use low floor buses or Metro.

I'm a member of Care Services, do I need to apply to use TaxiLink?

Yes. As this is a new scheme we are asking Care Service members to apply for a TaxiLink registration card. You will need to show your card to the taxi driver to be entitled to your £1 fare.

How do I register for the TaxiLink scheme?

Complete the enclosed application form and return it to us as soon as possible. Don't forget to include a passport sized photograph.

Will I qualify?

You will automatically qualify for the scheme if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- High Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance
- Attendance allowance
- Are registered as severely visually impaired or blind.

What if I don't automatically qualify?

If you do not qualify for any of the above but think you are mobility impaired we will assess your application on an individual basis. The application form explains this more fully.

What happens next?

If you qualify we will send you a registration card and details of how to use the new TaxiLink service. You can start using your TaxiLink card from 30 July.

What happens if I can't join the scheme?

Don't worry. Nexus are introducing a new network of bus services called LinkUp. LinkUp buses are open to all and can be booked as little as 45 minutes before you need to travel. These services will be operated by accessible minibuses for journeys that you cannot make by conventional bus or Metro services.

For any other queries call us on **0191 20 20 632**

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 (BVPI 78a) Best Value Performance Indicator for Housing and Council Tax Benefit. This report covers the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

2. PERFORMANCE

2.1 Our target for BVPI 78a for processing new claims for 2005 – 2006 was set at 28 days. The attached table shows that we successfully achieved this target city wide (subject to audit). We also exceeded our 92% local target for new claims processed within 14 days of receipt of all necessary information, by achieving 93%. These two performance measures are still 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 Plans 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 take-up exercises throughout 2005 – 2006. These drives to encourage people to take up benefits last year resulted in more than 2,250 enquiries and led to 360 successful claims. Some people are now better off by as much as £80 per week and others have received backdated awards of over £3,000. In all, over £404,000 extra Housing and Council Tax Benefit was paid.

3.3 A free Benefits Hotline has been set up in March 2006 as part of our ongoing drive to encourage take up. It costs nothing for customers to ring the Council's Contact Centre to find out if there are benefits they might be missing out on.

The hotline was launched as Council Tax bills were dropping on doormats and so far we have accepted nearly 1,000 calls and calculations have confirmed at least 100 customers will qualify for Housing and Council Tax Benefit (if they return their claim form). Publicity continues to promote the free phone number through working with Registered Social Landlords as they issue rent increase letters, advertising in the Echo, on billboards, and on our website. Investigations are also underway to advertise on a fleet of Stagecoach buses across the city.

3.4 This coming year, we face the biggest test we've had in many years which is the implementation of a new benefits system followed by an upgrade of our DIP (Document Image Processing) system. Significant preparation and effort has gone

into researching and acquiring the right benefit system to improve service delivery and we are on track for a summer implementation. Leading up to implementation we must suffer unavoidable 'downtime' for a period, whilst data is migrated and programmes and interfaces are tested. However, we will do all we can to minimise disruption to our Service and will keep our customers informed at all times.

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.

West Area Performance Statistics

National Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI78a) - City Wide

	Targets 2005 - 2006	Performance 2005 - 2006	Targets 2006 - 2007
Average time taken to process a new claim from date of claim	28 days	27.77 days	27 days
Percentage of new claims processed within 14 days from receipt of all information	92%	92.57%	93%

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

6 JULY 2006

**ADULTS SOCIAL SERVICES – WARD-BASED DATA ANALYSIS –
FEBRUARY 2006**

REPORT BY DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide ward-based intelligence about key areas in Adult Social Services. The report looks at information that covers the cycle from referrals of clients aged 18 and over through the assessment process to services delivered.

2. Background

- 2.1 Ward-based information allows us to ascertain the wards with the highest referral rates and whether the reason for referral differs amongst wards. For assessments, ward information allows an analysis on numbers of assessments completed per 1,000 population, types of assessments and outcomes of assessments. Ward-based information enables a breakdown of type and level of services, which will determine any difference between the numbers of people receiving certain services across wards and the amount of service they receive. It is our intention to produce this information on a regular basis and to build on the information currently with more breakdown regarding operational service areas.

3. Referrals Received

- 3.1 This looks at the number of referrals received in the City between 1st January 2005 and 31st December 2005 of clients aged 18 and over. There were a total of 14,134 referrals received in the City during the specified period, which equates to 65 per 1,000 population. Of those, the Sandhill ward had the greatest number of referrals with 724 (equating to 8.4% of the Sandhill adult population) and Washington South had the lowest number of referrals with 389 (equating to 4.8% of the Washing South adult population (see Appendix Tables 1 and 2). It is also worth noting that adults may be referred to Adult Services potentially more than once during the year.

4 Assessments Undertaken

- 4.1 This looks at the number of assessment/reviews or reassessment/review episodes carried out between 1st January 2005 and 31st December 2005 of clients aged 18 and over (see Appendix Table 3). There were 29,992 assessment or reassessment episodes carried out during the specified period (equating to 13.8% of the

population). The Sunderland North area had the highest number of assessments undertaken with 6,665 (equating to 14.9% of Sunderland North adult population). Sunderland North also has the highest estimated number of residents in Sunderland with 44,766 (20% of the estimated population aged 18 and over). Of the individual wards, Southwick (within Sunderland North area) had the greatest number of assessments undertaken with 1,528 (equating to 16.8% of the Southwick adult population). Washington South had the least number of assessments with 654 (8% of the Washington South population).

5. **Assessment Outcomes**

- 5.1 Almost two thirds of assessments carried out between the specified dates had an outcome of 'Service Provided' recorded against them (21,261 assessments). The ward with the greatest number of assessment outcomes with 'Service Provided' was Southwick (1,099) who also had the highest number of assessments undertaken over the same period. Although it is shown that in the outcomes, either 'No Service Provided' or 'No Further Action' being taken, this does include reassessments undertaken, where there has been on additional identified as being required. The remaining 6% of assessment outcomes had 'Other Outcome' recorded, which could be along the lines of advice being provided to the client or the assessment being cancelled (see Appendix Table 4).

6. **Overall Findings**

- 6.1 There seems parity between the different wards in those receiving both referrals, with percentage of population ranging from the lowest percentage in the Washington area of 5.8%, to 7.5% in South Sunderland.
- 6.2 The number of assessments undertaken per ward was proportionate to the estimated number of clients resident in each ward. Of those assessments with an outcome recorded, 63% went on to receive a service of some description.
- 6.3 As can be seen from the attached indices of Deprivation 2004 (Appendix 2) there would appear to be definite correlation between the number of referrals received and deprivation levels, for example, Sandhill is one of the areas within the upper 5% of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation ranking level, and has one of the highest number of referrals (724 referrals, as well as Sandhill (724 referrals) and Hendon (710 referrals).

7. **Appendices**

7.1 Appendix 1 – Tables 1 to 4 Referral and Assessment Data to Adult Services

7.2 Appendix 2 – Indices of Multiple Deprivation Graph

APPENDIX ONE
Table 1

Clients Receiving Referrals Between 1st Jan 05 and 31st Dec 05 by Ward

Area	Ward	No. of Referrals Per Ward	No. of Referrals Per Ward as % of Population	No of Referrals Per Area	No of Referrals Per Area as % of Population	Estimated Population Aged 18 & Over Per Ward	Estimated Population Aged 18 & Over Per Area	
South Sunderland	Doxford	527	6.4%	1,845	7.5%	8,260	24,731	
	Silksworth	679	8.1%					
	St Chads	639	7.9%					
West Sunderland	Barnes	564	6.0%	2,354	6.8%	9,475	34,790	
	Pallion	583	6.5%					
	Sandhill	724	8.4%					
	St Annes	483	6.2%					
	Hendon	710	7.4%					
East Sunderland	Millfield	441	4.8%	2,252	6.6%	9,240	34,225	
	Ryhope	582	7.5%					
	St Michaels	520	6.8%					
	Castle	587	6.6%					
	Fulwell	444	4.9%					
North Sunderland	Fulwell	444	4.9%	2,752	6.1%	8,992	44,766	
	Redhill	597	6.7%					
	Southwick	608	6.7%					
	St Peters	517	5.9%					
	Washington Central	519	5.7%					
Washington	Washington East	496	5.9%	2,482	5.7%	8,465	43,206	
	Washington North	626	7.2%					
	Washington South	389	4.8%					
	Washington West	452	5.2%					
	Copt Hill	666	7.3%					
Coalfields	Helton	548	6.2%	2,448	6.8%	8,835	36,146	
	Houghton	653	7.4%					
	Shiney Row	582	6.2%					
	Total	14,134				217,854		

Table 2

Estimated Population of Sunderland Residents Aged 18 & Over by Ward

Ward	Estimated Population Aged 18 & Over	% of the Population Aged 18 & Over
Hendon	9,624	4.42%
Barnes	9,475	4.35%
Shiney Row	9,337	4.29%
Millfield	9,240	4.24%
Washington Central	9,176	4.21%
Cophill	9,167	4.21%
Southwick	9,083	4.17%
Fulwell	8,992	4.13%
Redhill	8,954	4.11%
Pallion	8,947	4.11%
Castle	8,905	4.09%
Helton	8,835	4.06%
St Peters	8,832	4.05%
Houghton	8,807	4.04%
Washington West	8,749	4.02%
Washington North	8,656	3.97%
Sandhill	8,575	3.94%
Washington East	8,465	3.89%
Silksworth	8,402	3.86%
Doxford	8,260	3.79%
Washington South	8,160	3.75%
St Chads	8,069	3.70%
St Annes	7,793	3.58%
Ryhope	7,743	3.55%
St Michaels	7,618	3.50%
Total	217,854	100.00%

Table 3

Clients Receiving Assessments & Reassessments Between 01 Jan 05 and 31 Dec 05 by Ward

Area	Ward	No. of Assessments & Reassessments Per Ward	No. of Assessments & Reassessments Per Ward as % of ward population	No. of Assessments Per Area	No. of Assessments Per Area as a % of ward population	Estimated Population Aged 18 & Over Per Ward	Estimated Population Aged 18 & Over Per Area
South Sunderland	Doxford	877	10.6%	3,527	14.3%	8,260	24,731
	Silksworth	1,268	15.1%				
	St Chads	1,381	17.1%				
	Barnes	1,334	14.1%				
	Pallion	1,302	14.5%				
West Sunderland	Sandhill	1,463	17.1%	5,182	14.9%	8,947	34,790
	St Annes	1,083	13.9%				
	Hendon	1,375	14.3%				
	Millfield	1,287	13.9%				
	Ryhope	1,082	14.0%				
East Sunderland	St Michaels	1,199	15.7%	4,944	14.4%	7,743	34,225
	Castle	1,410	15.8%				
	Fulwell	1,220	13.6%				
	Redhill	1,323	14.8%				
	Southwick	1,528	16.8%				
North Sunderland	St Peters	1,172	13.3%	6,655	14.9%	8,832	44,766
	Washington Central	1,009	11.0%				
	Washington East	819	9.7%				
	Washington North	1,092	12.6%				
	Washington South	654	8.0%				
Washington	Washington West	949	10.8%	4,522	10.5%	8,160	43,206
	Copt Hill	1,404	15.3%				
	Hetton	1,329	15.0%				
	Houghton	1,321	15.0%				
	Shiney Row	1,108	11.9%				
Coalfields				5,163	14.3%	9,176	36,146
Grand Total				29,992		217,864	

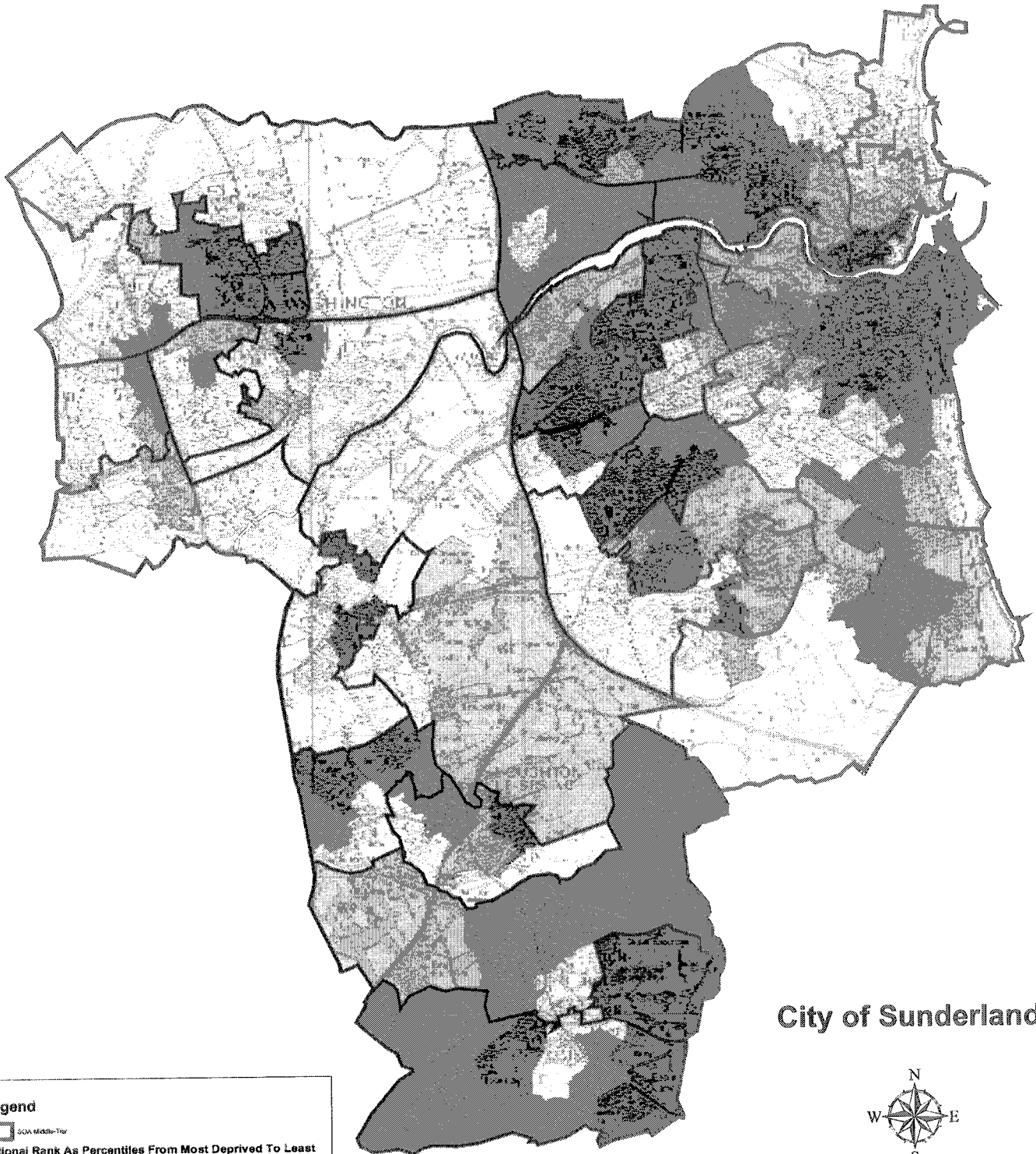
Table 4

Outcomes of Client Assessments and Reassessments Between 01 Jan 05 and 31 Dec 05 By Ward

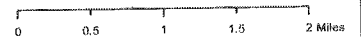
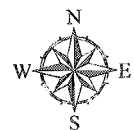
Area	Ward	1. Services Provided as %	2. No New Services Provided as %	3. No Further Action as %	4. Other Outcome as %	Total No of Assessment Outcomes Per Ward
South Sunderland	Doxford	61.2%	20.2%	12.1%	6.5%	984
	Silksworth	64.0%	17.7%	10.9%	7.3%	1,410
	St Chads	63.2%	20.4%	11.3%	5.1%	1,527
	Barnes	66.0%	19.3%	7.6%	7.1%	1,478
West Sunderland	Pallion	64.8%	20.7%	8.3%	6.2%	1,447
	Sandhill	65.3%	16.4%	11.1%	7.1%	1,655
	St Annes	64.4%	20.5%	10.0%	5.1%	1,201
	Hendon	64.0%	17.2%	11.4%	7.4%	1,558
East Sunderland	Millfield	61.0%	19.2%	11.3%	8.5%	1,408
	Ryhope	61.5%	19.1%	10.5%	8.8%	1,222
	St Michaels	66.5%	21.0%	7.1%	5.4%	1,345
	Castle	59.7%	24.0%	10.8%	5.5%	1,551
North Sunderland	Fulwell	68.6%	15.4%	9.0%	7.0%	1,361
	Redhill	57.0%	26.2%	10.6%	6.2%	1,431
	Southwick	65.8%	18.0%	9.9%	6.2%	1,669
	St Peters	69.6%	14.0%	10.7%	5.8%	1,285
Washington	Washington Central	67.5%	15.8%	11.2%	5.5%	1,162
	Washington East	64.2%	19.3%	10.5%	6.0%	936
	Washington North	60.9%	23.7%	10.2%	5.3%	1,229
	Washington South	64.3%	20.9%	9.1%	5.7%	760
Coalfields	Washington West	62.2%	23.3%	8.8%	5.7%	1,074
	Copt Hill	57.8%	22.9%	12.3%	7.0%	1,596
	Heiton	61.6%	21.2%	11.5%	5.7%	1,524
	Houghton	56.7%	24.5%	12.8%	6.1%	1,503
Total	Shiney Row	67.9%	15.4%	11.4%	5.4%	1,250
		63.3%	19.9%	10.5%	6.3%	33,566

APPENDIX 2 Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004

The Index of Multiple Deprivation



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Legend

- SCA Middle-Tier
- National Rank As Percentiles From Most Deprived To Least**
- Upper 5%
- > 5% - 10%
- > 10% - 20%
- > 20% - 30%
- > 30% - 50%
- > 50% - 100%

Source: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister - Indices of Deprivation 2004

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WEST AREA COMMITTEE
6th July 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 £2,266,460 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:

- Area Committee Marketing Project, which was awarded £4,000 in February 2005;
- Development of a Hydrotherapy Pool at Fullwell Day Centre, which was awarded £2,500 from the 2004/5 budget in May 2004.

4.2 Extracts from the original applications are attached as Annex 1. The schedule for Feedback Reports will be circulated at a future meeting.

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, West

ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING TO WEST AREA COMMITTEE**1 Area Committee Marketing Project**

Section 2: Sponsor Details		
2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group: Marketing Communications Team, Development and Regeneration Directorate, City of Sunderland.		
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group: Rm 2.87, Development and Regeneration Directorate, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR2 7DN.		
2.3 Contact Name for Project: Jane Gatiss		2.4 Position in Organisation: Head of Marketing and Communication – Development and Regeneration.
2.5 Tel. Number: (0191) 553 1933	2.6 Fax Number: (0191) 553 1460	2.7 E-mail Address: jane.gatiss@sunderland.gov.uk

Section 3: Project Details	
3.1 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) Area Committee Marketing Project	
3.2 Project Start Date: 1 st April 2005	3.3 Project End Date: 31 st March 2006
3.4 Please describe the project: 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 communication tools including local press coverage, newsletters and display material through to small scale community and funding events, features in City News and inclusion on relevant web sites.	
3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this	

be complemented by the project?

The Marketing Communications Team already provides a dedicated communication service for the Area Committees, which has been running as a pilot project for the last 7 months. This has proved particularly successful with a significant increase in press coverage for SIB funded projects and an increased number of enquiries for information. Funding this project will provide an enhanced service and will enable more communication methods to be used through the development of a comprehensive communications strategy.

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?
£24,000 (£4,000 from each 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?
Funding has been provided by the Head of Service for Regeneration and Housing for £6,000.

7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?
No other funding alternatives have been considered as no mainstream budgets are available for this service.

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?
The Marketing Communication Service currently provided by the team will cease with both SIB and Community Chest missing out on all publicity opportunities.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?
By working with the Area Committees to identify potential sources of funding.

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	Total Cost
SIB:				

Coalfield		£4,000		
East	£4,000			
North		£4,000		
South	£1,642	£2,358		
West	£4,000			
Washington	£1,370	£2,630		
Other Sources: <i>(Please state)</i> 1) Regen and Housing		£6,000		
Total Cost:	£9,370	£20,630		

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

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

£20,000 to buy staff time for 4 members of staff.

£10,000 Promotional Materials for generic promotion of the SIB and Community Chest funds including news letters, display material, events, plaques, web use etc.

2 Development of Hydrotherapy Pool at Fullwell Day Centre

PROJECT TITLE: Development of hydrotherapy pool/ Sensory Room.		
Section 1: Application Requirements		
1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (Please tick)		
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"/>
Section 2: Sponsor Details		
2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group: Fulwell Day Centre City of Sunderland Council		
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group: Fulwell Road Sunderland SR6 9QW		
2.3 Contact Name for Project: Mike Cleasby	2.4 Position in Organisation: Day Services Manager	
2.5 Tel. Number: 5532255	2.6 Fax Number: 5532275	2.7 E-mail Address: Michael.Cleasby@sunderland.gov.uk

Section 3: Project Details	
3.2 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) Development of hydrotherapy pool/ Sensory room	
3.2 Project Start Date: June 2004	3.3 Project End Date: On-going
3.4 Please describe the project: The people of Sunderland built Fulwell Hydrotherapy pool in 1986. Residents of Sunderland North fund raised to develop the pool. Eighteen years on and we have over 300 members of the community using the pool on a weekly basis. Users of the pool have said that that they would like it if we could turn the pool into a sensory environment and also create a sensory room.	

We currently have many community groups using the pool including:
 Thompson Park Nursery – (children, North Sunderland)
 Washington Multi Purpose Centre- (people with disabilities)
 Nookside Day Centre – (learning & physical disabilities)
 Mental Health Matters – (Southwick)
 Autistic Society – (Thornehill)
 Dene Bungalow – Newcastle Road.
 Multiple Sclerosis Society – (City Wide)
 Redby Suite – (adults with profound disabilities)
 Back Pain Group – (City Wide)
 Physiotherapy Department – (City Wide)
 Wendover Close, Meadow Rise (children’s homes)
 Leatham, Selby Close, Blackwood Road, Shakinah and Casamia (residential service for people with disabilities)
 Autistic Society – (Careyhill)
 Autistic Society – (Thornhill)
 Redcar House, Leonard House, Woodlands (services for older people)
 Parents Support Group – (City Wide)
 Thompson Park Family Support Group – (City Wide, Washington & Hetton).

The pool is so busy that the service users who attend the day centre only use the pool twice in a week. Although Fulwell Day Centre maintains the pool we do not have the financial resources to support this project without help. In conjunction with the Wearside Community Development Trust we would like to increase the profile and opportunities for people who would benefit from a hydrotherapy pool

3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?
 The organisation provides a social care/leisure facility for people unable to access a normal swimming pool. If this venture is supported we will increase the number of people accessing the pool and may include opportunities such as aqua natal classes.

Section 7: Financial Information		
7.1 How much SIB funding is requested? £15,000		
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?
I have secured match funding from John Fisher – Head of Services.

7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?
Considering funding from the Healthy City Grant (Maureen Bell)

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?
The project would not go ahead if SIB funding is not partly or fully agreed.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?
Fulwell Day Centre will continue to support the pool through effective management of current resources, and will fund any repairs to equipment purchased through this bid.

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield		£2500		£2500
East		£2500		£2500
North		£2500		£2500
South		£2500		£2500
West		£2500		£2500
Washington		£2500		£2500
Other Sources: (Please state) 1) 2)		£15,000 City of Sunderland (J Fisher)		£15,000
Total Cost:		£30,000		£30,000

7.8 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:
£21,169.10 quote from Sensory Company for work to hydrotherapy pool
£8831.00 for remaining work to Sensory room.

Development of Hydrotherapy pool/ Sensory Room

How the money was spent?

We received £2500 from each regeneration area, which was match funded by Social Services. The £30,000 was spent on the developing the hydrotherapy pool into a multi-sensory environment, which a wide range of community groups would benefit from. We also created a sensory room within the day service, which has similar equipment to the pool. The sum of money was spent on equipment and labour.

Outcomes of the project?

The number of people accessing the pool has increased, and there are groups waiting for spaces. Since the facilities were redeveloped we have put quality assurance measures in place to ensure that we are meeting the needs of people who use the pool.

We have listened to customer feedback & purchased additional equipment such as children's changing bed, hand driers & a clock.

Other funding?

As a result of SIB funding we were able to attract £15,000 match funding from Social Services.

Key lessons and issues from the project?

The resource is very well utilised and feedback sheets have been completed by many of the user groups. The project defiantly added value to the resource. People have given me examples of how the sensory environment has helped promote physiotherapy, as well as create a safe, stimulating environment for people with Autism and a number of other community groups. The project has suffered by an on-going recruitment problem. We have been trying to appoint a Pool Attendant for the last 12 months with no success. This has affected the number of people who can use the facilities.

Future Planning?

We do not need any additional funding at this time in order for the project to continue. We charge £1 for people using the pool for recreational purposes. We do not charge for people who need to use the pool for physiotherapy or another associated health condition. The income gained from the charge will pay for replacement light bulbs and spare parts.

Mike Cleasby
Manager – Fulwell Day Centre

Item No.9

WEST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING 6th July 2006	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Author(s): DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION	
Purpose of Report: This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) to support a variety of new initiatives that will benefit the area.	
Description of Decision: The Committee is requested to approve from the 2006/7 budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) £3,120 as a contribution to the citywide Sit n b Fit Project; ii) £17,032 as a contribution to the Centre Development Project at Pennywell Community Centre; iii) £10,880 as a contribution to the Rhyme Around the Nursery Project; iv) £10,620 as a contribution to the Wearable Service Development and Capacity Building Project. 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework	
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.	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: None	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Review Committee: Regeneration Review Committee
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

6th July 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 that will benefit the area.

2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve funding to support proposals for new projects as included in Annex 1.

3.0 Background

3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last eleven years. Over this period, therefore, the Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £2,266,460 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 2001/2.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 At the last Committee meeting on 6th April 2006, it was reported that £232,628 was uncommitted from the 2006/7 budget.

4.2 At that meeting, the Committee agreed to further proposals for funding of £69,647 from the 2006/7 budget.

4.3 There are four applications for funding to this Committee requesting £41,652 from the 2006/7 budget. Should the Committee grant these requests £111,901 will be committed from the 2006/7 budget leaving a balance of £121,329.

5.0 Reasons for the Decision

5.1 SIB was established to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area. Applications for SIB funding should demonstrate the potential benefits to local communities the proposed project would

bring, and subsequently be able to provide evidence and statistics that can illustrate these benefits.

6.0 Alternative Options

- 6.1 Each project is required to indicate what alternative options they have considered in section 7.4 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

7.0 Relevant Consultations

7.1 Financial Implications

Each project is required to indicate what financial implications there may be in section 7.5 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

7.2 Implications for Other Services

Each project is required to indicate what implications there may be for other services in section 3.9 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

7.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate the consultation undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in sections 3.6 and 3.7 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

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

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

7.5 Public Relations and Publicity

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote SIB via project publicity in Section 3.7 of the application form. The Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator for the City of Sunderland Council implements the publicity and public relations schedule on behalf of the Area Committee.

8.0 List of Appendices

- 8.1 Annex 1. Proposal to this Area Committee meeting for SIB funding.

8.2 Annex 2. Summary of SIB allocations since 1996/7 and a full breakdown of individual projects since 2001/2.

8.3 Annex 3. SIB Guidelines and Procedures

9.0 Background Papers

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

9.2 Regeneration Framework Files, West Sunderland

1 Improving the health and independent living of Sunderland's Older People

SIB Requested: £18720 (£3120 per Area Committee)

Section 1: Application Requirements

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.

The Application Form should be provided in either electronic (e-mail or floppy disc) or typed format.

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

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.

1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (please tick)

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"/>

Section 2: Sponsor Details

2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group:

Sit 'n' 'b' Fit Limited – a social enterprise

2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group:

Hendon Co-op Centre, 44 Mowbray Road, Hendon, Sunderland, SR2 7DN

2.3 Contact Name for Project:

Lynn Summerside

2.4 Position in Organisation:

Co-op Member / Director

2.5 Tel. Number:

07725587692

2.6 Fax Number:

0191 5101105

2.7 E-mail Address:

esummerside@btinternet.com

2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details (if different to 2.3 above):

as above

2.9 Legal Status of Organisation: Workers Co-operative (with charitable objectives)	2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable):
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? No If 'Yes' please provide details:	
2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by the City Council? No If 'Yes' please provide details:	

<u>Section 3 : Project Details</u>	
3.1 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) Improving the health and independent living of Sunderland's older people	
3.2 Project Start Date: June 2006	3.3 Project End Date: March 2007
3.4 Please describe the project: <p>The project aims to improve the health, mobility and to extend peoples ability to sustain independent living through appropriate exercise. The 'appropriateness' is delivered by using our expertise in 'seated' exercise programmes. Seated exercise increases a person's stamina, balance, co-ordination, suppleness, flexibility, and improves lung capacity and helps provide a healthy heart (include the reduction in cholesterol). In so doing it has a major impact on their well being, confidence and reduces stress. Importantly it also improves their safety by reducing the risk of falls. The numbers and effects of falls on older people is of major concern to the TPCT which promotes this type of exercise as one of the best ways of tackling the problem.</p> <p>The service can be provided to groups or individuals either in their own home or in other establishments. In this case this programme is aimed at people living in the City's residential, nursing and sheltered accommodations.</p> <p>The programme will run for 1 hour per week for 20 weeks periods .Each session will be conducted by a qualified leader in this field and will be accompanied by music. It is effective whilst being fun and a good social occasion for all those concerned. It will also instil in the participants the benefits of seated exercise which will have an impact once the programme has finished i.e. it will encourage the individuals to continue the exercises because of the demonstrated improvements in their health, confidence and self esteem. It will also encourage the general public to come into the establishments by offering them to take part in the exercise classes with their family to increase the residents social interaction which can bring substantial</p>	

benefits to their quality of life.

The intention is to run the programme in 5 residential, nursing or sheltered accommodations in each of the 6 area frameworks (giving a total of 30 homes). Each establishment will contribute 20% towards the cost. We have undertaken market research (via questionnaires) which has indicated that there is a demand for the proposal and there will be no problem with take-up or participation in the programme (25 homes have already signed up for the programme).

Alongside the exercise programme for the service users, and to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project once the SIB money has come to an end, we will provide a training programme for 12 members of staff from the homes to enable them to deliver seated exercise in the future.

The maximum for one training course is 12 people. This reflects our belief that 40% of homes will sign up staff for the training. If this is the case we will select staff from 2 homes in each area to benefit from the training to match the funding apportionment.

The training programme will last for 1 day per week for 12 weeks (total of 30 hours per trainee) and they will receive the qualification - Seated Exercise – NVQ level 2. The 12 week course will begin 8 weeks into the 20 Sit n b Fit sessions to allow the staff and the sheltered accommodation to familiarise themselves with the work and for them to choose the most appropriate member of staff.

The training provider will be the Keep Fit Association (KFA). KFA was chosen because of competitive pricing and the reputation of the organisation in this field. In addition each trainee will need to undertake First Aid training. Occupational Health Services will deliver this.

Sit 'n' 'b' Fit Limited will also undertake 4 follow up visits to homes to offer support and advice to the member of staff.

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

Sit 'n' 'b' Fit already undertakes seated exercise in residential, nursing and sheltered accommodations on behalf of Age Concern, Teaching Primary Care Trust, Back on the Map – NDC, Wearmouth Community Development Trust Association, Fulwell Day Centre, Little Sisters of the Poor and others.

This project will not only improve the health, safety and independent living prospects of approximately 600 (this equates to 20 people per home for 30 homes) of the City's older residents, but also to increase the awareness of the benefits of seated exercise for the users and providers of care for older people, and will create 12 newly qualified seated exercise tutors (there is presently a real shortage of tutors in the City)

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 [x]
- 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:

This funding will enable us to offer seated exercise to a much greater number of people. It will also help us promote the benefits and impact of the service in a very practical way to a much wider audience. This will be of help to the City's older people, those with physical and mental health problems, and others who could benefit from seated exercise for many years to come.

We will train 12 care staff to become qualified 'keep fit tutors' (seated exercise – NVQ level 2) which will make a contribution to improving the health of the City's older people well beyond the life of this programme.

3.7 How will you publicise that you have received support from SIB?

(Please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)

This project is likely to receive a lot of publicity and full acknowledgement will be given to the support of SIB funding. This will be achieved by working with the SIB funded Area Marketing project. Acknowledgement of SIB will also be passed to the clients and their carers / accommodation

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

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

We have distributed a questionnaire to 60 of the City's residential, nursing and sheltered accommodations, and, at the time of writing, 25 had responded positively and stated they would contribute 20% of the cost. A 40% positive response to a mail out of this sort bodes well for the future take up of the proposal i.e. when we intensively promote the service if the application is successful.

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

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

According to the Health Development Agency seated exercise helps reduce the risk of falls, whilst increasing leg strength, balance and co-ordination.

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

This proposal is aimed at those older people who are starting to face problems with independent living. Approximately 600 (20 residents per home) individuals will benefit

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

Yes. The project will make a significant contribution towards raising levels of physical activity for older people.

<p>3.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a City of Sunderland Council Directorate?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If 'Yes' please provide details : Community and Cultural Services have been consulted in the development of this application.</p>
<p>3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?</p> <p>No</p>

<p><u>Section 4: Equal Opportunities</u></p>
<p>4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy?</p> <p>No</p> <p><u>If yes, please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:</u></p> <p>If no, please describe how your organisation addresses equal opportunities issues:</p> <p>Enshrined in the co-operative principles and rules is a commitment to equal opportunities:</p> <p>'In carrying out its objectives the co-operative shall have regard to promoting equality of opportunity for all sections of the community both within its own affairs and within society generally, and to assisting people in need by any means whatsoever.'</p>
<p>4.2 Does your project specifically address any of the following issues?</p> <p>Ethnic Issues No</p> <p>Gender Issues No</p> <p>Disability Issues Yes</p> <p>If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995</p> <p>In line with the DDA, Sit n b Fit will ensure that disabled learners will have a positive experience of learning and that the service will aim to recognise and respond to their particular requirements.</p>

<p><u>Section 5: Relationship of Project to the Area Framework(s)</u></p>
<p>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:</p>

City objective – working with those communities and groups who experience higher levels of ill health to ensure we can respond in ways in which are most relevant to their needs

Local – improved provision for older people

Actions –

1) Research the needs of older people

The project has / will involve market research

2) Activities programmes established in sheltered accommodation

At least 30 sheltered accommodations will benefit

3) Identify funding opportunities to continue learning and leisure courses for older people

12 newly qualified leaders will be available to deliver further sessions

4) Develop Leisure programmes for older people

30 x 20 weeks exercise and leisure programmes

City objective – Addressing underlying long term problems such as unemployment, poverty, poor housing, which help determine poor health experience

Local – Need to encourage participation in health related matters.

Actions –

1) Promotion of sport, exercise and preventative programmes to assist the local community in development towards better health

30 x 20 weeks community based exercise programmes, which increases independent living and prevents falls – a major concern for the NHS. 12 newly trained seated exercise teachers

2) Expansion of Healthy Living Centre activities around diet, health promotion, smoking cessation, and healthy lifestyle delivered at local venues.

30 x 20 weeks community based exercise programmes – delivered to at least 30 venues. 12 newly trained seated exercise teachers

3) More local facilities for health programmes

Delivered to at least 30 venues. 12 newly trained seated exercise teachers

Local – To promote community led solutions to tackling health related issues

Actions –

1) Investigate mechanisms to ensure sustainability of community led initiatives

12 new leaders trained to deliver the service in the future

2) Co-ordinate community resources and initiatives

Using local residential, nursing and sheltered accommodations to deliver

exercise programmes

3) Provision of health information at local venues

Using local residential, nursing and sheltered accommodations to promote the benefits of exercise.

4) Encourage community ownership of projects and community led solutions to tackling health related issues

Creation of a bank of qualified seated exercise teachers to deliver activity in the community.

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)

The main output is for 600 (see 3.5) older people to benefit health-wise from a 20 week exercise programme. The individual benefits of the exercise will be gauged and evaluated by the locations completing questionnaires at the beginning, mid-term and end of the programme.

There will be 12 newly qualified 'seated exercise' tutors (seated exercise – NVQ level 2).

Other outputs include develop 30 new local venues for the promotion and delivery of exercise programmes, and to support a social enterprise which aims to create a self-financing services.

5.3 If the project relates to two or more Framework Areas, on what basis have you decided how to share the costs?

The aim is to provide the service across the City, the figures being calculated on 5 venues in each of the 6 areas delivering the exercise programmes.

The venues that have indicated their wish to take part already are:

1) Barnes Care Home, High Barnes, 2) Village Care Home, South Hylton, 3) St George Care Home, Washington, 4) River View Lodge Care Home, Southwick, 5) Field View, Residential Home, Southwick, 6) Pavilion Care Centre, Houghton le Spring, 7) Jubilee Nursing Home, Thornhill, 8) Beechcroft Residential Home, Thornholme, 9) Mayholme Residential Home Grangetown, 10) Thistledale, Hendon, 11) Watts Moses, East End, 12) Nelson Close Hendon, 13) Ashlea Grange, Philadelphia, 14) Ashlea Lodge Care Home, Millfield, 15) Glenholme House, Roker, 16) Princes House, Seaburn, 17) Hetton Day Centre (Bog Row) 18) Peace Haven, Washington, 19) Knoulberry Road, Blackfell, 20) Turnbull House, Southwick, 21) Ashlea Lodge, Newbottle, 22) Roseberry Court, Thorney Close, 23) Concord, Washington, 24) Albany House, Monkwearmouth..... **THE LIST CONTINUES TO GROW!**

If this application is successful we will intensively promote the project to ensure further take up from homes within each area. The budget allocation will be managed so that if we are unable to secure sufficient take up (i.e less than 5 care homes) from a particular area, then the SIB contribution from that area will be reduced accordingly, and any unused SIB will be returned to budget.

Section 6: Management Arrangements

6.1 Describe how the project will be managed:

The programme will be managed by Lynn Summerside, manager of the social enterprise and co-operative - Sit n b Fit. She has a track record of delivery of this type of programme for Age concern, Wearmouth Community Development Trust (including Fulwell Day Centre), Little Sisters of the Poor, WRVS, Hetton Day Centre etc.

6.2 Are there any significant risks or uncertainties that may affect either the timetable of the project, or whether it achieves its objectives?

The only identifiable risks are:

- 1) Non – take up of the scheme by homes – Market research strongly suggests that demand will outstrip supply. If this becomes a problem, we will increase the level and intensity of marketing the programme to the City's numerous Nursing, Residential and Sheltered Accommodations.
- 2) Homes do not pay their 20% - Again the market research suggests otherwise but if any default then this cost will be borne by Sit n b Fit,
- 3) Older people do not want to do the exercise – the programme is not compulsory and it is down to the choice of the individual whether they participate or not. All my experience shows that seated exercise is very popular and becomes a real social event – it becomes one of the week's highlights for residents.

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?

£18,720 in total (£3,120 per area)

See 7.9 for more detail

Seated exercise sessions in sheltered accommodation

(30 homes x 20 sessions per home x £20 per session) £12,000

Training of 12 sheltered accommodation staff (intensive 12 week programme – 30 hours of training).

Seated exercise– (NVQ – LEVEL 2) £5280

First Aid (12 x £20) £240

Follow up visits

12 homes x £100 (4 visits per home @ £25 per visit) £1200

Total **£18720**

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?
Homes will contribute £3,000 (30 homes x 20 sessions per home x £5 per session)

7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?
We are unaware of any other funding source which would meet the cost of this type and scale of project

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?
The proposal will not go ahead – some homes may decide to meet the costs in full but these will be few and the number of local venues and beneficiaries will be severely reduced.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?
The aim is for Sit n b Fit to show the benefits of the exercise to the homes and their clients during the period of the SIB support. This will then result in the continuance of the training by the homes and their clients meeting the costs of future exercise sessions themselves

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield		3,120		3,120
East		3,120		3,120
North		3,120		3,120
South		3,120		3,120
West		3,120		3,120
Washington		3,120		3,120
Other Sources: (Please state)				
1) Contributions from Homes		3,000		3,000
Total Cost:		21,720		21,720

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:

Seated exercise programme:

Trainer costs including transport, provision of equipment, and administration, monitoring and evaluating.

£25 per session is the accepted rate for this service.

30 homes x 20 weeks x £25 per session = **£15,000 (see 7.1)**

Training new tutors:

KFA Trainer – £3500, trainer expenses – travel £60 (£5 x 12), catering £720 (15 x £4 x 12), Room Hire £600 (£50 x 12), Administration and promotion £400. **Total £5280**

First Aid Training

12 people @ £20 per person. **Total £240**

Follow up visits to care homes to support their trained member of staff

12 homes x 4 visits @ £25 per visit. **Total £1200**

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.

N/a

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):

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: Lynn Summerside

Position in Organisation: Co-op Member / Director

Date: 9th May 2006

2 Community Centre Development

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET - GRANT APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT TITLE: Community Centre Development												
SIB Requested: £25,548 Divided by 12 x 8 = £17,032												
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>												
<p>1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (Please tick)</p> <table><tr><td>Coalfield</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>East</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>North</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr><tr><td>Washington</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>West</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>South</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table>	Coalfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	East	<input type="checkbox"/>	North	<input type="checkbox"/>	Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	West	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	South	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	West	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	South	<input type="checkbox"/>							

Section 2: Sponsor Details	
2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group: Pennywell Community Association	
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group: Portsmouth Road, Pennywell, Sunderland, SR4 9AX.	
2.3 Contact Name for Project: Edna Rochester	2.4 Position in Organisation: Secretary

2.5 Tel. Number: 0191 534 8435	2.6 Fax Number: 0191 348322	2.7 E-mail Address: Pennywellcommunitycentre@yahoo.co.uk
2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details (if different to 2.3 above):		
2.9 Legal Status of Organisation: Charity Ltd by guarantee	2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable): 1095128	
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 If 'Yes' please provide details: 2003/04: £25,000 towards repairs to the roof.		
2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by the City Council? Yes If 'Yes' please provide details: Cllrs S Watson and P Bates are members of the management committee.		

<u>Section 3: Project Details</u>	
3.1 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) Community Centre Development	
3.2 Project Start Date: 1 st August 2006	3.3 Project End Date: 31 st March 2007
3.4 Please describe the project: The project is to employ a full time Centre Manager to provide the community centre with the capacity to develop provision to meet local needs and to develop the centre's funding and business plan. The centre has recently been refurbished to a high standard and this has highlighted the need for staff capacity to further develop provision, local partnerships and services. Addressing the needs of local people, encouraging them to participate in the decision making process is very much on the agenda and is entirely consistent with the City's Strategic Objectives i.e. Social exclusion, equality and diversity, active citizenship etc. This project will give the centre the capacity to sustain and develop provision and access further funding.	
3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?	

At the moment the Community Centre and Management Committee offers a range of social, recreational and educational activities for local residents. These are delivered by a part time manager and dedicated volunteers who struggle to meet demand and do not have the capacity to further develop provision, to meet local needs, or develop a sustainability strategy. This project will give the centre breathing space to consolidate and develop.

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 centre secured a small amount of funding for a part time manager, until August 2006, but this has not provided sufficient capacity to enable the centre to develop its activities and funding plan. This gap funding will allow for both of these objectives to be achieved.

3.7 How will you publicise that you have received support from SIB?

(Please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)

We will work with the Area Committee Marketing Project and include an acknowledgement on the West Area Web Site. We will also include an article in our newsletter and inform all of our user groups. We will also send an article to the Neighbourhood News of the Sunderland Echo. At conferences we will acknowledge the support that the City Council have given to us and the opportunities that they have given to us.

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

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

We have conducted a local survey of residents to find out what there needs are and we had a very good response.

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

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

Needs analysis survey/ Local Authority Review of Community Facilities 1998

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

Local residents

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

project?

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

It will increase participation and address isolation and social exclusion. It will provide local residents with opportunities that they would not necessarily have.

3.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a City of Sunderland Council Directorate?

No

If 'Yes' please provide details:

3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?

No

If 'Yes' provide details of type of approval, date secured, or date expected to be secured:

Section 4: Equal Opportunities

4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy?

Yes

If yes, please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:

At Pennywell Community Centre everyone has the right to be treated equally. No one should be discriminated against because of his or her gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, disadvantage or sexual orientation.

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

If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Race Relations Act 1976:

We completely comply with the Race Relations Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate directly, or indirectly on the grounds of colour, race, ethnic or national origin.

Gender Issues Yes

If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Sex Discrimination Act 1975:

The Community Centre completely complies with the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate directly or indirectly on the

grounds of sex or marital status or to apply requirements or conditions that have a disproportionately disadvantageous effect on people of a particular sex or marital status.

Disability Issues Yes

If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995

The Community Centre completely complies with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person because of their disability.

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:

West Area Framework addressing social exclusion, community cohesion, equality and diversity and active citizenship.

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).

We will measure the number of members who interact with people from different backgrounds. We will keep a database of users and will be able to identify participation in terms of gender, age, disability, ethnicity and postcode area. We will measure participation in terms of waged/unwaged, single/married status etc.

5.3 If the project relates to two or more Framework Areas, on what basis have you decided how to share the costs?

Only one area

Section 6: Management Arrangements

6.1 Describe how the project will be managed:

By a Centre Manager and a local management committee

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? £17,032				
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? Applications are pending with the Community Foundation and the Tudor Trust.				
7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate? This project is gap funding as decisions are awaited.				
7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding? The development of the Community Centre would be limited volunteers would have to manage the centre and this would lead to inconsistency and a lack of opportunity for the local residents.				
7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project? This project will enable us to fully develop a funding and business plan over the course of the next two years for the long-term future of the project.				
7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:				
Funding Source	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield				
East				
North				
South				
West	£17,032	£26,320	£27,100	£70,452
Washington				
Other Sources: <i>(Please state)</i> 1) Community Foundation 2) Tudor Trust		£10,000 £16,320	£10,500 £16,600	
Total Cost:	£17,032	£26,320	£27,100	£70,452

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

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

Centre Manager Salary @ £23,187 plus on costs total £25,548 divided by 12 x 8 months = £17,032

07/08 Centre Manager Salary plus 3% plus on costs total £26,320.

08/09 Centre Manager Salary plus further 3% plus on costs total £27,100

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.

Any procurement requirements in terms of recruitment, advertisement and appointment will be entirely consistent with the City's Procurement 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):

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:

Edna Rochester

Position in Organisation:

Secretary

Date:

05.06.06

3 Rhyme around the nursery

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET - GRANT APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT TITLE: Rhyme Around The Nursery
SIB Requested: £10,880
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)
Sunderland West <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section 2: Sponsor Details		
2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group: Flabagast Arts Ltd		
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group: Unit 9, The Stables, Arts Centre Washington, Biddick Lane, Fatfield, Washington NE38 8AB		
2.3 Contact Name for Project: Beverly Quinn	2.4 Position in Organisation: Company Secretary	
2.5 Tel. Number: 0191 419 3336	2.6 Fax Number: 0191 419 3336	2.7 E-mail Address: bev@flabagast-arts.co.uk

2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details (if different to 2.3 above): Scott Hutchinson – Details as above	
2.9 Legal Status of Organisation: Company Limited by Guarantee	2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable): N/A
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 If 'Yes' please provide details: April 2005 (Washington area) - £10,000 June 2005 (Sunderland East area) - £9,600	
2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by the City Council? No If 'Yes' please provide details: N/A	

<u>Section 3 : Project Details</u>	
3.2 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) Rhyme Around The Nursery	
3.2 Project Start Date: September 2006	3.3 Project End Date: July 2007
3.4 Please describe the project: Rhyme Around The Nursery is an interactive performance comprising of two actors/facilitators in role as Old Mother Hubbard and her dog. The characters will bring to life a selection of short nursery rhymes and encourage the children to participate in the performance using colourful props, costumes and simple puppets. In amongst the fun and games is an uncomplicated moral tale woven between the two characters, designed to provoke discussion and thinking between the children and the characters. The performance is aimed at early years, and as well as enhancing the early years provision and encouraging productive play within Sunderland West schools it also works toward meeting three of the "six areas of learning" set out within the Early Learning goals linked to the curriculum. The project will allow us to take the performance to every nursery, reception and Year 1 class within the Sunderland West area of the course of an academic year. Thus allowing each group to have access to the piece at a time that suits them and their curriculum.	

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

Flabagast Arts Ltd currently provides a variety of arts services to community and school groups throughout Sunderland, Durham, Gateshead and South Tyneside. The main body of our work is using drama facilitation and performance linked to the curriculum, as well as running other creative projects alongside groups such as Tyne and Wear Museums.

Due to the nature of the project it will work very well alongside our regular activities, allowing us to work with old and new clients in a field in which we are experienced.

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:

This is an initiative that the area framework committee can choose to support. If their support is granted, then the project will be taken to the Early Year groups throughout the Sunderland West area at no cost to the educational establishment. If they do not, the schools will not receive the provision.

3.7 How will you publicise that you have received support from SIB?

(Please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)

A publicity strategy will be agreed with the Development and Regeneration Directorate's Marketing and Communication Team.

In addition, for the duration of the project we will add your logo to our letterheads as well as to any related publicity.

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

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

As part of our application process, we have contacted the head teachers of Sunderland West schools and collected their thoughts and opinions with regards to interactive drama for Early Years groups.

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

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

The information was collected in the form of questionnaires sent to each

school.

We also have evaluation feedback from the groups involved in the original previews of the performance, and many highly positive response forms from the Washington and Sunderland East areas' programmes of performances, as mentioned in answer to Question 2.12.

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

Children aged 3 to 5 (Early Years) within Sunderland West educational establishments.

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

No

If 'Yes' please provide details:

3.13 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a City of Sunderland Council Directorate?

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

Education Directorate – Approval given.

3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?

No

If 'Yes' provide details of type of approval, date secured, or date expected to be secured:

Section 4: Equal Opportunities

4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy?

Yes

If yes, please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:

Due to the flexible, interactive nature of the project, it is suitable for any child within the age range, whatever their ability.

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 No

If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Race Relations Act 1976:

Gender Issues No

If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Sex Discrimination Act 1975:

Disability Issues No

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:

“Raising standards and improving access and participation in learning – prioritising actions in education single plan – Early Years provision enhanced, importance of play activities for young children”

The interactive nature of the piece, which gives every child the opportunity to join in should they desire, will help encourage participation in learning, as well as helping the children develop communication and language skills.

Due to the fact that the performance uses many tactile soft props and the children are encouraged to play with them through the performance, we feel that it will help demonstrate the importance of play.

Making this performance available to all Early Years groups free of charge to them will enhance the provision for Early Years within the Sunderland West area.

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).

Our research and experience of previous SIB-funded projects indicates that SIB funding will allow us to reach all 14 primary schools and 1 nursery in the Sunderland West area. Having looked at the student intake for each establishment, we have calculated a total of 68 performances will allow us to reach every child in Early Years education in the Sunderland West area. This will enhance the Early Years provision for the area.

We will assess the success of the project by conducting evaluations with the teachers and the children involved.

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:

Flabagast Arts will undertake the project management. After almost 10 years of working with schools and providing projects of this nature, the core team are very experienced in the type of administration and management involved in this type of project.

The schools will be contacted by letter initially; this will then be followed up with telephone communication to arrange bookings, liaisons and contacts, etc.

6.2 Are there any significant risks or uncertainties that may affect either the timetable of the project, or whether it achieves its objectives?

At this point in time, it is our opinion that there are no significant uncertainties or risk factors to consider.

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?

£10,880

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?

No.

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

We considered applying to the Arts Council but rejected the idea as they do not have an appropriate funding scheme for this type of work.

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

The project will not go ahead.

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

We intend to apply for funding from the different Area Committees to fund a programme in each area.

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Total Cost
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SIB:

Sunderland West	10,880			10,880
Other Sources: (Please state)				
1) Work in kind	4,150			4,150
Total Cost:	15,030			15,030

7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind funding (e.g. Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above. Flabagast Arts Ltd will contribute the value of the scenery, props, costumes, and script, as well as a share of the running costs, to a total value of £4,150.

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

There are 14 schools and 1 nursery within the catchment area, which provides us with a total of 15 venues. Due to the intake of each venue, we estimate an average of 4.5 performances per venue. Totalling 68 performances and approximately 34 full days' work.

Daily Rate (inc. actors, van, % of running costs, etc...) = £320 per day

£320 per day x 34 days = £10,880

Use of: Scenery	= £500
Props	= £2,300
Costumes	= £350
Script	= £1,000

Total cost of project = £15,030

Flabagast contribution = £4,150

Required contribution = £10,880

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.

We will not be engaging the services of any outside agencies.

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*):

We have already run this program in both the Sunderland East and Washington SIB areas with great success; please find attached 3 samples from among the many glowing evaluations we received following these projects.

We also feel that, having successfully managed to keep costs low enough to offer the same daily rate as last year, our proposal represents excellent value.

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:
Beverly Quinn

Position in Organisation:
Company Secretary

Date:
Tuesday 23rd May 2006

4 Wearable Service Development and Capacity Building

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET - GRANT APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT TITLE: WearAble Service Development and Capacity Building								
SIB Requested: £10,620 West, £17,700 total								
<u>Section 1: Application Requirements</u>								
<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>								
<p>1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (Please tick)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Coalfield []</td> <td style="width: 33%;">East []</td> <td style="width: 33%;">North []</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Washington []</td> <td>West [✓]</td> <td>South [✓]</td> </tr> </table>			Coalfield []	East []	North []	Washington []	West [✓]	South [✓]
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<u>Section 2: Sponsor Details</u>	
2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group: WearAble	
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group: St Mary and St Peters Community Project, Springwell Road, Sunderland	
2.3 Contact Name for Project: Kim Hunter	2.4 Position in Organisation: Senior Disability Development Officer

2.5 Tel. Number: 0191 522 9913	2.6 Fax Number:	2.7 E-mail Address: Kim.hunter@sunderlandcommunitynetwork.org.uk
2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details (if different to 2.3 above):		
2.9 Legal Status of Organisation: Registered Charity	2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable): 1106019	
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? <u>If 'Yes' please provide details:</u> Yes – funding from Washington and Coalfields in March 2005 to develop provision in those areas.		
2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by the City Council? Yes If 'Yes' please provide details: Olwyn Ford SRB6 and SRB5 Operations officer and Millfield Co-ordinator, member of the management committee.		

<u>Section 3: Project Details</u>	
3.3 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet) WearAble Service Development and Capacity Building	
3.2 Project Start Date: June 06	3.3 Project End Date: June 07
3.4 Please describe the project: The project is to employ a part-time member of staff to develop services and capacity, as outlined in 3.5, in the West and South. WearAble's core funding enables the provision of support to existing organisations and networks across the city to help them improve their work with disabled people. It does not have the funding or staff capacity to provide support to develop new organisations, small non-constituted community groups and hard to reach individuals in the development of services and to achieve the widening of participation in the Disability Thematic Group of the LSP. The project will also contribute towards the development of a website to ensure that WearAble's information and service can be accessed by individuals who because of their disability may be unable to access services by more traditional means.	

WearAble, formally part of the HLC, [which came to an end in 2004] has been delivering services since its conception in December 2001 and is now a registered charity that offers support and provides opportunities for disabled people, their families and carers. WearAble works with individuals who through loss or limitation of opportunities cannot take part in the normal life of the community on an equal level with others due to physical or social barriers, The aim is to reduce the barriers disabled people face when trying to access community initiatives, health, education, training opportunities or when trying to achieve their maximum potential or achieve sustainable lifestyle changes.

This project will allow the expansion and development in the West and South of WearAble's work programme and will leave a sustainable increased capacity for existing and new organisations to provide increased choice, empowerment and services to people with disabilities, families and their carers in the West.

Specifically the work will entail:

Support and provision of opportunity – Reaching hard to reach individuals through developing new groups, providing support to smaller non constituted disability groups including the issues of community development and capacity/funding, Confidential 1-1 support;

Opportunities to participate in training/lifelong learning – HeartStart, Disability Awareness/Equality for children, this work will be done with local groups, school age children;

Promote the use of resources for local individuals/groups – support other local groups that specifically work with people with disabilities and the community i.e. Hard of Hearing Club, Centre for the Blind, The Amputee Group of Sunderland, the Physical Disabilities Alliance. Develop a local network of support organisations to provide support to new and developing groups and hard to reach individuals;

Support individuals to make choices about their health and quality of life. - Working together with key partners and a local network to promote and deliver the healthy City agenda;

Raise awareness of disability issues – Promote equal opportunities for all by providing, information, resources/ activities and sessions.

The project will provide staff capacity to develop this programme in the West and South in partnership with the following groups and organisations: The Jubilee Centre, Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, Gates, Sandhill Centre, Plains Farm Community Initiative, Jubilee Centre, Silksworth and Doxford Park CAs.

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

WearAble currently provides an information and support service to individuals and groups, as well as partnership work with social services, the police and NHS groups to highlight the needs, views of disabled people and their families within the community.

We do this by providing opportunity to develop

- **Consultation groups**- to ensure that disabled people's views are heard and to ensure that local and national initiatives are brought to the attention of the disabled community;

- **Equality Training/Disability Awareness**-Identify the roots of discrimination Identify the barriers disabled people face, Eliminate discrimination, to raise the self-confidence of volunteers whilst gaining new skills. By delivering sessions within schools for children aged keystone 1, supporting NHS in planning their training to staff,
- **Diabetes Support Group** -Share ideas, inform others of diabetes, help control diabetes, and Support newly diagnosed individuals at rotating venues to enable participation from not just one area;
- **Local Strategic Partnership** – Working, in partnership with Social Services, to widen participation in developing an independent Advisory Group in the establishment of the Disability Thematic Group;
- **A positive self-image course**, Develop a programme to include sessions that will cover: Well-being/health, Relaxation, Heartstart, Health checks with groups within localities.

The development work carried out in Washington and Coalfields has left a sustainable network of existing and new organisations providing support and services to disabled people, with the reduced support that WearAble's central core can provide. This project will allow Wearable to establish a similar network and additional sustainable capacity, which WearAble's central office can continue to support, once established.

3.6 What additional activity will SIB funding allow to happen?

(Please tick the appropriate statement)

- f) A project will go ahead which otherwise would not happen at all []
- g) A project will be provided to a higher quality / on a greater scale []
- h) The funding will accelerate the implementation of the project by 12+ months []
- i) A gap in funding will be filled pending other funding being secured []
- j) Other reason []

Please explain your answer:

Wearable is small citywide project resource, which has the capacity to work with established organisations. This project will enable WearAble to develop new groups and enhance the work of existing organisations in developing capacity, service delivery and involvement. The development of an interactive website will also "encourage levels of participation" within the community on disability related issues. These area developments enable a manageable, sustainable expansion and enhancement of provision and development of local capacity.

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

Members mail shot and acknowledgement of funding on publicity material.
Inform other prospective funders of the support given.
Member of the Area Committee will be invited to attend Annual events and AGM
Press releases and marketing will be directed via the council's SIB Marketing Project.

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

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

WearAble AGM 2005/06 –members/community were consulted identifying the services they would like to see WearAble deliver.

Ask the audience” consultation event, June 2004 – This identified the issues some disabled people, gaps encounter in their day to day living. It identified the barriers that concerned disabled people, their families and carersIt also highlighted the services that are delivered through out the city and the changes disabled people would like to see happened to ensure accessibility.

Consultation via questionnaire with young people and connexions to identify the level of disability awareness that young people have at the age of 15. This highlighted the need for awareness raising sessions to be started within schools at a much earlier age. Work all ready completed within schools also highlighted the need for further development work.

Nov 06 - Social Services disability reference group - highlighted the need for further consultation with the voluntary sector and to highlight the awareness of disability issues in relation to policy and practice

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

Yes

If 'Yes' please provide details:

Community Strategy 2004

To support those who are vulnerable to participate in leisure and recreational activities maximising opportunities to improve their quality of life and health.

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

Disabled people, disability groups, carers and families of disabled people who live and work within the West area will be beneficiaries of the project

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

No

If 'Yes' please provide details:

4.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a City of Sunderland Council Directorate?

No

If 'Yes' please provide details:

3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?

No

If 'Yes' provide details of type of approval, date secured, or date expected to be secured:

Section 4: Equal Opportunities

4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy?

Yes

If yes, please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:

WearAble recognises that there is a legal framework which underpins equal opportunities including

Race relations Act

Sex discrimination Act

Chronically Sick and Disabled persons Act

Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and its amendments

WearAble is committed to challenging all forms of discrimination with its work and in society generally while supporting the provisions of these laws. Equal opportunities are the main stay of our service we have an open recruitment policy for new members and we encourage all minority groups to access our services, timetables for events, equipment and access are structured to encourage these groups to participate in the project

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 No

If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Race Relations Act 1976:

Gender Issues No

If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Sex Discrimination Act 1975:

Disability Issues Yes

If yes, please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995

People with disabilities represent a significant proportion of the population much larger than most individuals imagine. This is based upon the way we define disability. WearAble adopts the social model of disability eg.

"The loss or limitation of opportunities to take part in the normal life of the community on an equal level with others due to physical or social barriers" this coupled with the Disability Discrimination Act [1995] definition of what a disability is "a physical or mental impairment which has a

- Substantial

- Long-term [lasting or having lasted twelve month or the rest of a persons life]
- Adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities"

The most prevalent chronic conditions and impairments, which contribute towards disability, include heart disease, visual and hearing impairments, learning disability, asthma, arthritis, hypertension, diabetes and mental impairment. Again this highlights the breadth and scope of the target group for which WearAble will support.

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:

City Strategic Objective: IMPROVING ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF SERVICES
The promotion of community led solutions to health related issues.

WearAble will work towards this with a view to setting up and continuing support groups for those with health/disability issues such as diabetes.

WearAble will develop and promote a website to include a health information section

City strategic objective: WORKING WITH THOSE COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS WHO EXPERIENCE HIGHER LEVELS OF ILL HEALTH TO ENSURE WE CAN RESPOND IN WAYS WHICH ARE MOST RELEVANT TO THEIR NEEDS

Local issue - Mental Health Promotion.

WearAble will address mental health issues by continuing to run support groups i.e., life group and disabled parents groups.

Local issue - To provide better information on services available.

WearAble will continue to work with local authority, social services and the voluntary and community sector to strive to ensure literature and information is available in accessible formats for those who need it.

City Strategic Objective: Improving Health and Social Care

Base Line – Need to encourage participation in health related activity

WearAble will in build health related activity within its programme and support groups.

City Objective: working towards equal opportunities

Reduce inequalities across the community

WearAble will within its programme and events raise the awareness of disability equality and promote equality of opportunity for disabled people

City Objective: creating inclusive communities

Reduce social isolation in the city

WearAble will through consultation, further research isolation and its barriers amongst its disabled members.

City Objective Working Towards active Citizenship

Need to develop community capacity

WearAble will work in partnership to develop the capacity and presence of disabled people within the community by signposting and supporting other voluntary projects within the locality and helping to empower people.

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).

Number of new community organisations;
Numbers of people 'reached';
Establishment of web site;
Requests for information;
Referrals to other services/agencies;
Numbers of training course;
Numbers attending.

5.4 If the project relates to two or more Framework Areas, on what basis have you decided how to share the costs?

Based on population of each area.

Section 6: Management Arrangements

6.1 Describe how the project will be managed:

WearAble Board of Directors will oversee the day to day running of the project to ensure that the aims and objectives outlined in this proposal are met.
Staff will manage the day to day activities and programme delivery

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 through strong management any risks will be identified at an early stage and remedies undertaken to resolve them.

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?

£10,620 West, £17,700 total

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?

No

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

Appropriate funding sources have contributed towards core costs.

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?
Development work will be severely curtailed

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?
The project is for a year and once the full development phase is complete will be evaluated and a new business/service plan developed.

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield				
East				
North				
South	£7,080			£7,080
West	£10,620			£10,620
Washington				
Other Sources: (Please state) 1) 2)				
Total Cost:	£17,700			£17,700

7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind funding (e.g. Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.
Volunteer time, four individuals
4 hrs per week x 10 per hr x 40 weeks
Senior Disability Officer: 20% of work

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

Salary	7,930
Postage Printing,	850
Telephone	640
Resources	1,500
Tutor/sessional	1,050,
Website	500
Vol Expenses	500
Room hire	650
Childcare/carers	500

Childcare/carer	500	
Management	1,250	
Transport	2,330	
Total	17,700	

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.

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):

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: Kim Hunter

Position in Organisation: Senior Disability Development Officer

Date: 14/05/06

SIB ARF Allocation : West

SIB Resources Statement as at 6th July 2006

	Committee Approval	Allocations £000's	Approvals £000's	Unallocated £000's
<u>Total SIB Allocation Pre 2003/2004</u>		1,400.000	1375.592	24.408
 <u>2003/2004 Approvals</u>				
<u>Budget allocation</u>		200.000		
European Fund Development Package	17.12.01		10.4	
Barnes Park	17.12.01		35	
St Luke's Shopping Area Improvements	28.11.02		12.5	
Eco Rangers West 2003/2004	06.02.03		1	
Ford & Pallion Environmental Work	25.03.03		6	
St Luke's Neighbourhood Project	25.03.03		22.033	
West Access Fund	25.03.03		8.125	
Noah's Ark Crèche	04.07.03		20	
Events Budget	04.07.03		2	
GATES Virement	04.07.03		9.75	
Barnes School Community Room	02.10.03		12.5	
Dawson Terrace - South Hylton	02.10.03		5	
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community	02.10.03		19	
Plains Farm & Humbledon Community	27.11.03		5	
Pennywell Community Centre Redevelopment	05.02.04		49.995	
Ewesley Road Youth Work	05.02.04		1.83	
Ford, Pallion & Pennywell Outreach Welfare Rights	05.02.04		4.275	
		200.000	224.408	-24.408
Total Resources available				0

2004/2005 Approvals

Budget allocation

	Committee Approval	Allocations £000's	Approvals £000's	Unallocated £000's
		200.000		
West Access Fund 04/05	25.03.03		5.75	
Pallion Youth Action Group	02.10.03		11	
Quality Time	02.10.03		3.05	

SIB ARF Allocation : West

Ford, Pallion & Pennywell Outreach Welfare Rights	05.02.04		2.235	
Ewesley Road Youth Work	05.02.04		3.22	
EU Funding Package Development Phase 2	05.02.04		14.255	
Sunderland Support for Parents with Disabilities	30.03.04		2	
Eco Rangers	30.03.04		1	
Development of Hydrotherapy Pool at Fulwell Day Centre	08.07.04		2.5	
Newswest Community Newspaper	08.07.04		9	
Holy Family Community Hall	08.07.04		5	
I. T Facilities at St Mary's and St Peter's Community project	07.10.04		10.3	
City - Wide 5-a-Side Leagues Project	07.10.04		3	
Playdays Childcare Project	07.10.04		14.603	
St Oswald's Security Project	07.10.04		12.716	
Hylton Road Play Park Provision	07.10.04		20	
Community Safety Equipment Scheme - Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre	02.12.04		10.365	
GATES - Community Services	02.12.04		31.831	
Eco Rangers	10.02.05		1.5	
Relocation of Childcare - Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre	10.02.05		12.187	
Area Committee Marketing Project	10.02.05		4	
Pallion Action Group - 'Pallion Youthie'	10.02.05		4.7	
Grindon CCTV Upgrade	10.02.05		15.538	
Pennywell Community Centre	10.02.05		24.998	
Building Learning Power within the Community - Richard Avenue Primary School	14.04.05		10	
Barnes Park Pavilion - Pemberton Bowls Club	14.04.05		12.695	
Returned Funding 2004/2005				
GATES Virement Creche	(03.07.03)	9.75		
Pennywell Community Centre	(05.02.04)	49.995		
		259.745	247.443	12.302
Total Resources available				12.302

SIB ARF Allocation : West

<u>2005/2006 Approvals</u>	<u>Committee Approval</u>	<u>Allocations £000's</u>	<u>Approvals £000's</u>	<u>Unallocated £000's</u>
<u>Budget allocation</u>		233.230		
West Access Fund 05/06	25.03.03		2.76	
Grindon CCTV Upgrade	10.02.05		9.246	
EU Funding Package Development Phase 2	14.04.05		14.765	
Fellstead School Community Sports Hall Plains Farm & Humbledon Neighbourhood Warden Project	07.07.05		30.040	
Horticultural Training Project	07.07.05		1.5	
DISC Security Measures	07.07.05		4.309	
Volunteer Outreach Project	07.07.05		3.333	
People's Pedal Power	06.10.05		2.15	
Community Initiatives Project - Thorney Close Action & Enterprise Centre	06.10.05		5.295	
Claxheugh Riverside Masterplan	06.10.05		3	
Physical Disabilities Alliance Project	06.10.05		2	
Sunderland Amateur Boxing Club - Health & Safety Works	06.10.05		2	
Lambton Street Fellowship Centre - 'High Flyers'	06.10.05		10.914	
Sunderland Training & Education Farm	06.10.05		14.5	
Compass Community Transport	06.10.05		2	
West Events Budget	06.10.05		12	
Grindon Young People's Centre	01.12.05		19	
Little Sisters of the Poor	01.12.05		20	
Phoenix Project - Community Outreach Programme	01.12.05		6	
Construction Challenge Project	01.12.05		6.5	
Sunderland Juvenile Service Project	01.12.05		10.8	
Playdays Childcare Project	01.12.05		6.750	
St Mary & St Peter's Community Project - Gap Funding	01.12.05		19.095	
ICT Provision, Youth Matters & Service Development	01.12.05		25.370	
Barnes Café / Café Development Project	09.02.06		6.898	
Returned Funding 2005/2006				
Active Communities Development Fund	(02.10.03)	2.196		
GATES Start Up	(06.02.03)	0.800		

SIB ARF Allocation : West

Plains Farm & Humbledon Community	(02.10.03)	0.201		
Sunderland Support for Parents with Disabilities	(30.03.04)	0.830		
Physical Disabilities Alliance Project	(06.10.05)	0.666		
		237.923	250.225	-12.302
Total Resources available				<u>0</u>

	Committee Approval	Allocations £000's	Approvals £000's	Unallocated £000's
<u>2006/2007 Approvals</u>		233.230		
<u>Budget allocation</u>				
Barnes Café / Café Development Project	09.02.06		0.602	
EU Funding Package Development	06.04.06		11.437	
Outreach Welfare Rights Project	06.04.06		21.067	
Eco Rangers	06.04.06		1.5	
Construction Challenge Project	06.04.06		5	
Play Work ILM Project	06.04.06		18	
Early Years Environment Project	06.04.06		12.643	
<u>Returned Funding 2006/2007</u>		0.000		
		233.230	70.249	162.981
Total Resources available				<u>162.981</u>

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

Karon Purvis Sunderland North, and Washington
Telephone 553 1214 Fax 553 1599
e-mail karon.purvis@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.

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

6th July 2006

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 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 Framework document. Over this period, therefore the Framework area has been allocated £2,266,460 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: West Live Project Update
6th July 2006

APPENDIX 1

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
West Access Fund	25.03.03	8.125	3	5.125	Development & Regeneration
<p>Funding being used to match fund SRB and other funding for a project over several years. As other funds will need to spend within their relevant budget years, SIB will be used when other funds have been exhausted. The Access Project has recently received a mid-term evaluation, and its likely that this will lead to a re-appraisal of the project, to extended its lifetime. As the project is on going funding is still required, therefore an extension to the project is being requested at this Committee, (06.07.06).</p>					
2004/5 Project Allocations					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
West Access Fund	25.03.03	5.750	0	5.750	Development & Regeneration
<p>Year 2 of funding to match fund SRB and other funding for a project over several years.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
GATES - Community Services and Electric Village Hall	02.12.04	31.831	21.238	10.593	GATES
<p>SIB funding is be used to provide community services and basic IT skills training for local residents. The Electronic Village Hall allows individuals and groups to have access to a range of individually tailored IT skills and provides local access to online services, provided by the local authority and government services. In addition to the Electronic Village Hall provided by GATES, SIB funding is helping to provide community services, which range from providing meeting and training facilities for resident led voluntary and community groups, photocopying, faxing and telephones usage, for residents to contact health, public services, educational establishments and utility products. Currently expenditure is for a dedicated coordinator, support worker and running costs.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Area Committee Marketing Project	10.02.05	4	0	4	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. The project has until February 2007 to spend.</p>					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Pallion Youthie' - Pallion Action Group	10.02.05	4.7	2.512	2.188	Pallion Action Group

Joint SIB approval from West and East areas. Funding will be used as a contribution towards the costs of dedicated youth sessions (including detached youth work), delivering centre based initiatives, promoting maximum usage of the existing youth groups, engaging with young people on the streets, whom would not normally access youth provision. To date 378 young people have accessed the youth sessions at Pallion Action Group, in particular the drop-in-centre ran daily during the school holidays. As a result of the SIB funding the youth workers have planned two half term activities with young people from the Ford, Pallion and Millfield areas. They have also worked in partnership with BEST (Behavioural, Education Support Team) and Connexions to give the young people of the project a chance to interact with other young people, encouraging them to build up confidence and self esteem. Expenditure is ongoing.

2005/2006 Project Allocations

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
West Access Fund	25.03.03	2.760	0	2.760	Development & Regeneration

Year 3 of funding to match fund SRB and other funding for a project over several years.

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Fellstead School Community Sports Hall	07.07.05	30.040	0	30.040	Strategic Change Team - (Peoplefirst)

SIB funding will contribute towards the over all costs of equipping the new sports hall with sports equipment. The equipment will include badminton, cricket, jockey, basketball, trampolining, football and gymnastics etc. A delay on the purchase of the sports equipment has been reported by the Lead Agent, due to no secure storage facilities being available, until the Highfield Community Wing, is complete in January 2007. The sports equipment will be ordered in September 2006 ready for delivery in early 2007, with the full allocation of funding being utilised.

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Horticultural Training Project	07.07.05	1.5	0.893	0.607	Bishopwearmouth Horticultural Nursery

The project is a partnership between the Council and NHS Mental Health Trust to provide horticultural training, leading to pre-NVQ qualifications for people with learning disabilities. SIB funding across all six areas, is to be used as a contribution towards the costs of equipment to support this Vocational Scheme. The project and expenditure are ongoing.

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Volunteer Outreach Project	07.07.05	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. Project has experienced delays in recruiting staff but has until September 2007 to spend.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
People's Pedal Power Project	06.10.05	2.150	0.295	1.855	City of Sunderland Council for the Disabled
<p>Funding across all six areas to match fund existing funding already in place from 'Awards for All', which will enable the project to purchase additional bikes, equipment and provide a weekend programme for its users. The People's Pedal Power provides specially adapted bicycles and tricycles to enable people with physical disabilities or learning difficulties to participate in health cycling activities across the City. The expenditure to date has been on the purchase of essential equipment for its members. The items purchased include various adapted bicycles and equipment, a midi hydraulic hoist and adapted tricycles. The project and expenditure are ongoing.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Sunderland Training & Education Farm	06.10.05	14.5	0	14.5	Sunderland Training & Education Farm
<p>Funding across all six Area Committees to establish a fully accessible 'Training and Education Farm'. The aim of the project is to improve the quality of life for local people by delivering Capacity Building events such as, family fun days, trips to other similar projects, coffee morning's, and family learning courses. SIB will contribute to this by providing funding towards legal, planning, Health & Safety Inspection fees, training costs and capital works. All of the match funding has been secured for the project in the form of SRB and European funding. Currently 12 volunteers are involved in the project and 24 young people who were on the verge of exclusion from local schools, have completed a personal development course from the 'John Muir Award'. Funds from other areas have been utilised to date. The project has until October 2007 to spend.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
West Events Budget	06.10.05	12.550	1.049	11.501	Development & Regeneration
<p>An Events Budget has been established for the West Area Committee. It is intended to enhance the support that the Committee is able to offer to support local groups operating in the area.</p>					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Grindon Young People's Centre	01.12.05	19	3	16	Grindon Young People's Centre

SIB funding has been approved as a contribution towards the overall development and improvement of the centre. Work will include the refurbishment of the club area, changing rooms and entrance, alterations to the building's internal layout, painting and decorating, and improvement of security with the installation of CCTV and new fire doors. The internal improvements to date have been very beneficial to the centre. As a result the centre has seen an increase in bookings for its facilities and an increase in numbers, in the various clubs in operation in the centre, in particular the playgroup. It is anticipated that all of the work will be completed by July 2006, with the full allocation utilised.

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Little Sisters of the Poor	01.12.05	20	0	20	Little Sisters of the Poor

SIB funding has been approved as a contribution towards the redevelopment of catering facilities at the centre. The improvements once in place will allow for the continuation and further development of the current services and activities in place, for the local community and clubs, which include a Luncheon Club, keep fit, music and relaxation classes.

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Phoenix Project - Community Outreach Programme	01.12.05	6	0	6	Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service

SIB funding will be used to expand 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 by providing a lecturer room in which the courses etc can be held. Funds from other areas are being spent first. The project has until September 2007 to spend.

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Construction Challenge Project	01.12.05	6.5	0	6.5	Sunderland Housing Group

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 Farringdon School' and extend it City -Wide. Currently there are 42 pupils taking part in the project at various sites across the City, which include Carley Hill and up and coming sites in the Coalfields and Doxford Park. The project and expenditure are ongoing with funds from other areas being spent first. The project has until September 2007 to spend.

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Sunderland Juvenile Service Project	01.12.05	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 will enable 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. The project has experienced delays due to staffing. Expenditure will commence in June 2006 and is expected to be complete by January 2008.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
St Mary's & St Peter's Community Project - Gap Funding	01.12.05	19.095	15.452	3.643	St Mary's & St Peter's Community Project
<p>St Mary's and St Peter's Community Project gives local people the opportunity to take an active part in the development of their area. The project offers courses such as art and craft, IT, gardening and health. Along with these courses, toddler groups and training and conference facilities are also provided. SIB is to provide six months (January - June 2006), gap funding to enable the project to secure further funding. Currently the expenditure from SIB has been on staff salaries, running costs and programme costs. All expenditure will be completed by the end of June 2006.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
ICT Provision, Youth Matters & Services Development	01.12.05	25.370	11.944	13.426	Unity Multicultural Centre
<p>SIB funding will be used as a contribute towards costs associated with developing the services and facilities provided by the Unity Multicultural Centre, to enable the centre to further develop its community cohesion work, with local partners. Expenditure to date has been on internal improvements to the premises, equipment for activities, purchase of office and ICT equipment, marketing and consumables. The project is ongoing.</p>					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Barnes Café / Craft Workshop Development	09.02.06	6.898	0	6.898	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 will provide 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. Currently the project are in consultation with Community & Cultural Services regarding further help for running costs etc. It is hoped that all expenditure will be completed by July 2006.</p>					

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
EU Funding Package Development	09.02.06	18.405	2.089	16.316	Development & Regeneration

SIB is supporting the programme management and administrative costs, towards the development of the EU Package Plans. The project provides valuable technical and administrative support to the Package Partnership in continuing to develop and manage the Sunderland Targeted Communities (Priority 4) Package during the second phase of the Objective 2 Programme (2004-2006). As a result of the continuation of SIB Funding the project has secured further funding streams which has resulted in around £7m of European grant being secured for projects in the Package. This has enabled the Development of 65 individual projects, covering a wide range of Community Economic Development Activity, to be undertaken in some of the most deprived areas of the City. 55 projects have currently been approved by Government Office North East to a combined grant value of £6.3m. An further extension to the project was granted at the Area Committee meeting, March 2006. Currently expenditure is ongoing.

2005/2006 Project Allocations

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Barnes Café / Craft Workshop Development	09.02.06	0.602	0	0.602	Fulwell Day Centre

Year 2 of funding 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, which will provide 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.

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
EU Funding Package Development	09.02.06	11.437	0	11.437	Development & Regeneration

Year 3 of funding to support the programme management and administrative costs, towards the development of the EU Package Plans. The project provides valuable technical and administrative support to the Package Partnership in continuing to develop and manage the Sunderland Targeted Communities (Priority 4) Package during the second phase of the Objective 2 Programme (2004-2006).

Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Outreach Welfare Rights Project	06.04.06	21.067	0	21.067	Pallion Action Group

Joint funding across East and West areas to build upon the successful work of the original pilot project 'Ford, Pallion & Pennywell Outreach Welfare Project' in September 2004, and extend it into other areas. The continuation of SIB funding will enhance the life of the project and extend the existing service into the East area's of Hendon and Millfield. By delivering an 'Outreach Welfare Rights Information and Advice Service', that is accessible to all residents within the targeted areas, the project is helping local residents improve their quality of life by increasing benefit take up and maximising personal and family incomes. The project and expenditure are on going with funds from the East Area being drawn down first.

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Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Eco Rangers	06.04.06	1.5	0	1.5	Community & Cultural Services
SIB Funding from all six areas, is to support the Eco Rangers event during May 2006. The project raises environmental awareness amongst school children and enables the schools involved, to implement environmental auditing of the classroom. The Eco Rangers project is now in its seventh year and has proved very successful throughout this time.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Construction Challenge Project	06.04.06	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
Play Work ILM Project	06.04.06	5	0	5	INTO Work
The overall aim of the project is to help jobless residents (i.e. the long term unemployed, over 50's, lone parents and people claiming incapacity benefit), of Ford, Pallion and Thorney Close, through employment and training programmes which will combine vocational training and work experience in Playwork. This inturn will respond to the urgent need to support the rapid expansion of the childcare sector in Sunderland. The scheme will also provide personal guidance and counselling for its members. SIB funding will contribute towards allowances, support workers, salaries, staff travel, running costs and recruitment.					
Project	Approval	Alloc. £k	Exp. to date	Balance £k	Lead Agent
Early Years Outdoor Learning Environmental Project	06.04.06	12.643	0	12.643	St Anne's RC Primary School
SIB funding has been sought as a contribution towards developing an outdoor learning / play area for 4-5 year olds, to help their learning, develop their social skills and encourage them to play. Included in the garden will be a digging pit, wall mounted games, planting area, sensory garden and a track to encourage road safety. The garden will enhance early years provision and raise educational attainment for pupils, pre-school children, and children in the wider community during the year, and in particular school holiday times. It is anticipated that the garden will be complete by September 2006.					
Totals		310.556	61.472	249.084	

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE MEETING 6th July, 2006	
Title of Report: STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET : 2006/07 WARD BASED COMMUNITY CHEST	
Author(s): Director of Development and Regeneration	
Purpose of Report: The purpose of this report is to bring forward 12 recommendations relating to the 2006/07 Community Chest Scheme.	
Description of Decision: The Committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. approve all 12 proposals for support from the 2006/07 Community Chest as detailed in Annex 1 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? *Yes	
If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework	
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.	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	Relevant Review Committee: Regeneration and Community Review Committee
Is it included in the Forward Plan? <p style="text-align: center;">No</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 12 recommendations relating to the 2006/2007 Community Chest Scheme.

2.0 Description of Decision

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve all 12 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 Reason for Decision

4.1 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.

5.0 Alternative Options

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

6.0 Relevant Consultation

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

6.2 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.

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

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 The following background papers were used:

- Community Chest Application Forms
- Schedule of projects circulated at the panel meeting held on 20th June, 2006.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2006/2007
PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

	<i>Recommended Grant subject to final estimates, invoices, up to £:</i>
PALLION WARD	
Pallion Action Group – Contribution towards rugby coaching under privileged children in Africa, equipment, travel etc.,	500
Quarry View Primary School – Purchase of books for the school library.	1000
10th Sunderland St. Gabriel's Beavers & Scouts – Contribution towards visit to St. Mary's Lighthouse, transport, entrance fees etc.,	125
19th Sunderland St. Gabriel's Rainbows – Purchase of equipment, art and craft materials etc.,	150
19th Sunderland St. Gabriel's Brownies – Purchase of equipment.	275
Timothy's Tots – Purchase of new equipment, art and craft materials, dressing up costumes, insurance costs etc.,	498
Total	2548
SANDHILL WARD	
Grindon Church Community Project – Contribution towards new heating system.	1136
Grindon Broadway Social Club – Contribution towards children's Christmas party.	500
Ozzies Coffee Shop Ltd – Contribution towards kitchen equipment, furniture etc.,	500
Total	2136
ST. ANNE'S WARD	
St. Thomas Church – Purchase of books.	300
South Hylton 'Drop In' Group – Purchase of equipment, hire expenses, demonstrations etc.,	500

H.A.R.T. Association – Contribution towards summer trips for the members, transport costs etc.,	1000
Total	1800
Total Projects	6484