PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 'SUBJECT TO BUDGET APPROVAL FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/09

In the financial year 2007/08, the following projects have all been approved 'subject to budget approvals' from the 2008/09 budget.

The Area Committee is requested to formally endorse previous approvals as detailed below:

1. Working with the Community to Regenerate Hetton Downs

Year 2 of funding from a total SIB allocation of £35,970, will continue the Hetton Downs renewal process. This project will build on the existing consultation processes that are already in place by delivering environmental projects that will visibly improve the area and make the area more accessible. This work will complement the housing led renewal that is currently occurring in the Hetton Downs area.

The SIB contribution will focus on improving the retail and service of the Market Street area and the Stephenson Trail to open access to Houghton and Copt Hill for the Hetton Downs area and vice versa.

The proposed project will contribute to the following Area Regeneration Framework (action plan strategic priorities) for the Coalfield Area: -

- Improvement to Stephenson Trail and improved access to and from Houghton and Copt Hill.
- Increased levels of dropped kerbs for wheelchair users and pushchairs in the Market Street area
- Improved access into the country park for disabled people and parents of young children.
- Raised confidence in area survey with Market Street Traders at start and end of project.

Year 2 SIB requested 2008/09 £15,620

Lead Agent Sunderland City Council

Date approved subject to budget approval: 6 June 2007

2. Fencehouses Community Development Project

Year 1 of funding from the SIB allocation would allow this project to build upon the initial work funded by SIB from October 2005 to March 2007. This project will fund a community development worker and associated resource budget that will be used operationally at a community level as part of a wider project, which will also employ a deputy children's service manager who will be responsible at a strategic level. The workers will continue to support Fence Houses Steering Group to ensure that agencies strengthen their relationships with the local community and that the issues raised by the community influence the services proved by agencies.

The proposed project will contribute to the following Area Regeneration Framework (action plan strategic priorities) for the Coalfield Area: -

- Reduce inequalities across the community
- Awareness raising and training re: cultural diversity
- Recognise and celebrate diversity within communities and across communities of interest

- Ensure local communities are involved in raising awareness, changing attitudes and developing a positive approach to building a fair, confident and successful community
- To strengthen and support the community and voluntary infrastructure and existing group and organisations
- Develop community capacity

 Year 1
 SIB requested 2008/09
 £33,990

Lead Agent Barnardos

Date approved subject to budget approval: 9 January 2008

3. Dubmire Environmental Community/Out of School/Child and Adult Mental Health Service Project

Year 2 of funding from SIB allocation would allow Dubmire school to continue working with CAMHS (Child and Adult Mental Health Service), in relation to a number of its children. The project would enable CAMHS to use the school as a base and also provide vital accommodation for the Out of School Club, which is now operating at capacity from within the Children's Centre.

The school have committed to spend £30,000 to purchase a temporary classroom unit, to provide office space, community drop in facility, training room and a base for the Out of School Club.

SIB is sought to provide the following setting up costs to allow for the erection and installation of the temporary classroom, plus connection to utilities; provide a community environmental garden; provide the appropriate security for the site and enhance the CCTV on the site, both elements being identified as urgent essential requirements following a security survey of the site buy Property Services Security Team.

Te project supports the aims of the Children and Young Peoples Plan as well as the Parenting Strategy for the City.

The proposed project will contribute to the following Area Regeneration Framework (action plan strategic priorities) for the Coalfield Area:-

- The project will contribute to the City Strategic Objective ' Reducing Crime and the Fear of Crime'
- It was also contribute to the City Strategic Objective ' Raising Standards and improving access and participation in learning.'
- Contribution to the provision of Cameras; Improved site security;
- Reduced Crime and Fear of Crime; Improved access to and participation in learning.

£16,563

Year 2 SIB requested 2008/09

Lead Agent Dubmire Primary School

Date approved subject to budget approval: 6 March 2008

4. Monument View Extension

Year 2 funding from SIB allocation would allow the completion of a special extension built on to the home which would also incorporate a therapeutic garden environment where they could receive visitors talk privately and chill out when things aren't going well.

The proposed project will contribute to the following Area Regeneration Framework (action plan strategic priorities) for the Coalfield Area:-

This project will undoubtedly improve the life chances of the young people living in our care now and is in line with the governments Five key outcomes for their every child matters incentive and we will be able to continue offering the same chances for all children coming into our care in the future.

Year 2SIB requested 2008/09£4,816

Lead Agent Monument View – Childrens Services

Date approved subject to budget approval: 6 March 2008

5. Hetton School Security Improvements Project

Year 2 funding from SIB allocation would allow the completion of enhanced safety and security of all school site. Currently the site is open to unauthorised assess over almost half of the perimeter. Within the site unauthorised persons are able to access vulnerable young people and staff.

The project will enclose the perimeter of the site in appropriate fencing. Provide additional pathways to avoid the need for users to walk on roadways. It will restrict vehicle access to sensitive parts of the school buildings at key times by using an intercom controlled vehicle barrier. It would also provide CCTV coverage where none exists at present.

The proposed project will contribute to the following Area Regeneration Framework (action plan strategic priorities) for the Coalfield Area: -

- The project will contribute to the City Strategic Objective, 'Reducing Crime and the Fear of crime' by making the site more secure, so reducing crime, at the same time as reducing the fear of crime.
- The project will also contribute to the City Strategic Objective ' Developing and Attractive and Accessible City' by helping to protect the school environment.
- In addition to improving fencing, footpath, vehicle barrier and earthworks, reduction of criminal incidents, a more secure school and a greater feelings of safety within the premises.

 Year 2
 SIB requested 2008/09
 £16,983

Lead Agent Hetton School

Date approved subject to budget approval: 6 March 2008

6. Connecting the Coalfields ILM Project 2 Extension

Year 2 of funding from SIB allocation would allow the project to continue its aims to integrate unemployed or jobless people from the Connecting the Coalfield Area into sustainable employment through an Intermediate Labour Market approach. Activities include practical work experience on environmental sites, vocational training and high quality job search. The project provides 6 unemployed residents with up to a 26-week contract of paid employment.

The project extension will, with support from SIB, over a 26-week period:

• Recruit 6 long-term unemployed people for a period of paid employment of 26 weeks,

- 3 beneficiaries will be 18-21 years and 3 will be aged 22 years plus and jobless residents of the Connecting the Coalfield Community
- To place 60% of the beneficiaries into sustainable employment
- 3 sites will be environmentally regenerated within the Connecting the Coalfield Area comprising 50 hectares of land in total
- £23,850 of Urban 2 funding will be secured as a result of SIB
- A further £13,140 of Jobcentre Plus match funding will be secured

The proposed project will contribute to the following Area Regeneration Framework (action plan strategic priorities) for the Coalfield Area:-

- 6 long-term unemployed residents recruited to the environmental ILM.
- 6 long-term unemployed residents trained in City & Guilds Multi-Crafts Skills in Construction 6217-08
- 50% of beneficiaries achieving a qualification
- 60% of beneficiaries moving into sustainable employment
- A further 20 hectares of land improved

 Year 2
 SIB requested 2008/09
 £8,005

Lead Agent INTO Work

Date approved subject to budget approval: 6 March 2008

7. EL-GAP Transport Project

Year 1 of funding from SIB allocation would allow the continuation of Community Transport Driving Force Project that provides transport for the URBAN II area. The provision has reduced many barriers for local residents who have accessed training and employment opportunities. Many user groups and volunteers have become MIDAS (mini bus driver awareness scheme) trained increasing the sustainability of the project and many coalfield wide volunteers. March 2007 saw the success of the Sunderland City Council Community Wellness Project, which has increased the demand of the transport with over 150 new members. The project consists of a Transport Manager, one full time driver and a part time administrator. Gap funding is sought to ensure continuation of services whilst a robust Funding Strategy is implemented.

The proposed project will contribute to the following Area Regeneration Framework (action plan strategic priorities) for the Coalfield Area:-

- Economic Prosperity People into employment and Social Enterprise opportunities.
- Health Community Wellness Activity
- Reduce Crime Transport is used for the YPULSE youth activity local community officers report the reduction in petty crime when organised sessions take place.
- Learning Opportunities MIDAS Training and transporting beneficiaries to training Centres
- Inclusion Transport is used to maximum potential the two mini busses are easy
 access and are used by local people from birth to one of our oldest beneficiaries who
 will be 101 in October this year.

Year 1	SIB requested 2008/09	£14,033

Lead Agent Easington Lane Community Access Point

Date approved subject to budget approval: 6 March 2008

8. Hetton Lyons Youth Centre Project

Year 1 funding from SIB allocation is sought for a feasibility study to undertake a needs assessment for youth provision in the area – to include an audit of similar projects / programmes operating in the area; To include consultation with Children's Services (Youth Development Group), and Community Services (research conducted in association with the Community Development Plan identified that there are a substantial number of programmes operating in the area to engage young people).

If a clear need is identified within the locality, taking into account whether existing community assets or programmes are at capacity, then the study would look to identify a suitable location for the facility, taking into consideration sustainability issues.

The proposed project will contribute to the following Area Regeneration Framework (action plan strategic priorities) for the Coalfield Area:-

The project will contribute towards the City Strategic Objective 'Inclusive Communities'.

- invest in existing infrastructure to ensure access to local youth facilities are open to meet the needs of young people
- Implementation and co-ordination of youth diversionary activities, especially activities 'out of hours' and at weekends
- Establish 'drop-in' venues across the area, leisure based not educational
- More intensive, targeted, learning support provision to help tackle anti-social behaviour
- Whilst the feasibility itself will not achieve the above, it will identify an appropriate way forward for improved youth provision within the locality
- Production of feasibility study to include: Needs assessment for youth provision in the area
- Depending upon the findings of the above, the study will then seek to: Identification of a suitable location for the facility;

Year 1	SIB requested 2008/09	£15,000

Lead Agent Hetton Lyons Youth Centre

Date approved subject to budget approval: 6 March 2008

From 2008/09 financial year the Committee is requested to approved:-

i)	Sunderland City Council	£15,620
ii)	Barnardos	£33,990
iii)	Dubmire Primary School	£16,563
iv)	Monument View	£4,816
v)	Hetton School	£16,983
vi)	INTO work	£8,005
vii)	Easington Lane Community Access Point	£14,033
viii)	Hetton Lyons Youth Centre	£15,000
Total		£125,010