

Application Summary and Recommendation

Name of Project	Community Neighbourhood Support Initiative
Lead Organisation	Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC)

Total Cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Requested
£66,320	£20,000	£46,320
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 year	November 2009	November 2010

The Project

The project will provide a Community Support Service to local residents in the Castletown area by employing two Community Wardens. The project will sustain and create activities for young people such as football sessions, holiday activities and accredited provision such as ASDAN and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The project will work with local primary and secondary schools. The project will provide a local responsive service and tackle vandalism, litter and graffiti, drink and drug related anti-social behaviour and juvenile disorder.

The team will work with residents of all ages and with other agencies such as the Police Community Support Officers, Anti Social Behaviour Officers, Community Development Workers, Housing Officers and landlords to ensure non duplication and multi agency working. The Community Wardens are not enforcement officers but work with the community to encourage participation and provide a link between residents and other agencies where appropriate.

The project will provide support to the Castletown Neighbourhood Action Group to build capacity amongst residents and volunteers and support local organisations to gain external funding to ensure security for their organisations and buildings.

The Need for the Project

The Castletown Masterplan consultation showed Neighbourhood Wardens as high priority amongst the 146 residents who responded to the questionnaire.

The need for the project was identified through consultation during the Local Area Plan development with local residents. Statistics provided by Northumbria Police April 2008 – March 2009 highlighted that Castle Ward had the highest levels of anti-social behaviour, youth related anti-social behaviour and alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the North area.

The Castletown Neighbourhood Action Group is locally led and is made up of key partners and residents who also identified the need for this project.

The project is due to end in October 2009 and it has been identified as successful by Northumbria Police and Gentoo. The provision of funding will allow the project to continue whilst a more strategic approach to Community Wardens for the whole area is explored.

At the last meeting of the North Area Committee it was agreed that a project application for SIB for approximately £40,000 be submitted. This is the fully developed, costed application.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	2009/10	2010/11
S1	Number of homes/businesses/community facilities with improved security	1	
S2	Number of additional wardens	2	
S5	Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	40	110

S6	Number of additional young people engaged in youth activities	9	27
H1	Number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle projects	10	15
A3	Number of community/voluntary groups supported	1	1
A4	Number of events/programmes of work to improve the appearance of streets	1	4
A6	Number of community or educational events held	1	4
P2	Number of jobs safeguarded	2	
P3	Number of people employed in voluntary work	1	4
L4	Number of adults obtaining qualifications	10	20
L7	Number of additional youth sessions being delivered per week	2	2
L8	Number of additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	10	20

The key milestones for the Project

Milestone and key event	Forecast Dates
Team in place to commence project	November 2009
Support the development of the Castletown Neighbourhood Action Group	November 2009
Set up and deliver youth activities	December 2009
Provide a more visible warden presence	December 2009
Recruit volunteers to the programme	March 2010
Improve community facilities and equipment	March 2010

Recommendation: Approve – subject to the following

A minimum of £20,000 match funding is secured.

The work provided by the project does not displace/duplicate commissioned youth work and that value for money is gained. Close working with the Youth Development Group to be maintained and the project information is collected and reported separately from commissioned youth work.

The wardens ensure all effort is made to engage with residents not currently involved in activities taking place in their area.

The project explore alternative sources of funding for future provision and work with Sunderland City Council Children's Services to identify how the project will fit with future youth provision. It is not usual for SIB funding to support continued delivery of projects for future years.

The wardens continue to work with local people of all ages to ensure that it is not purely a youth focused project. Evidence of this to be provided during monitoring.