

East Sunderland Area Committee Item 5, Annex 3
18 March 2019

Area Budget Report

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE BUDGET (SIB)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



RECOMMENDATION APPROVE (*subject to full council approving SIB for 2019 / 2020*)

Title of Project	Eco Rangers	
Full Cost of project	The Box Youth Project	£15,000
	Back on the Map	£15,000
	Groundwork North East	£15,000
	Blue Watch Youth Centre	£15,000
	I.C.O.S.	£15,000
	Conservation Management Services	£20,000
Match Funding	£0	
Total SIB requested	£95,000	
Start / End	April 2019	
Declaration	Cllr Marshall and Cllr Mordey are trustees	

Project Description

In November 2018 Area Committee discussed an interim report presented on year two of the Cleaner Communities SIB funded project. During the discussion it was noted that many of the volunteers, who enjoyed the litter picks were willing to carry out additional duties, such as, weeding, cutting back shrubs, clearing streams, etc. Committee tasked the Place Board to look at the feasibility of enhancing the existing programme by including Eco Rangers as part of a year three programme. The Rangers would receive appropriate training, qualifications, PPE and access to tools to carry out environmental tasks across the East area.

In January 2019, Area Committee agreed to fund phase one of the Rangers programme which involved funding up to twenty volunteer Rangers to receive training in:

- i) Weed ripping training
- ii) City and Guilds Safe Use of Pedestrian Controlled Mowers
- iii) City and Guilds Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Handheld Hedge Cutters
- iv) Register of Land Based Operatives (ROLO) Health and Safety Awareness
- v) Construction Skills Certificate Scheme (CSCS) test
- vi) Lantra Awards Technical Award in Brush cutters and Trimmers - Maintenance and Operation

As well as purchasing a pool of equipment and PPE. Recruitment and training of the Rangers was carried out during February and Rangers should be qualified by April 2019.

Phase two of the Rangers programme primarily focuses on physical works being carried out on a weekly basis in each of the five wards. In December 2018, Place Board Cllrs identified the following locations in consultation with Local Services to ensure there was no duplication of services or conflict with mainstream services. The identified locations which Rangers would be expected to focus on are:

Doxford

- Doxford Park
- Blakeney Woods

- Pocket Park
- Deptford Terrace / River corridor

Ryhope

Hendon

- Donnison Gardens and surrounding area
- Railey (from Mowbray to coast)
- Barley Mow Park
- Spelter Road (path near railway line)
- Bishopton Street (gable ends)

- Black Road (grass verges)
- Village Green cut
- Grass verges at Railway Pub
- Ryhope Dene steps
- Old golf course entrances/pathways

St Michael's

Millfield

- Mineral Line (behind fire station)
- Mineral Line (behind Durham Road)
- Burn Park
- Holly Court and surrounding area

- Backhouse Park
- Grass verges, pathway, subway behind Silksworth Lane
- Westheath Avenue / cut leading to Leechmere Road

It is recognised that on occasions the Rangers may be requested to support area events and be deployed to carry out deep clean exercises in a certain communities to improve its visual appearance. In addition, time permitted, the Rangers might be able to add new sites and deliver one off 'clean up operations' in certain locations not listed – this will be subject to consultation with Local Services.

Rangers will work in teams of a minimum of three or four, with an Onsite Senior Supervisor who will be employed by Conservation Management Services. The Supervisor will be responsible all health and safety aspects of the Task Days whilst Rangers are deployed out onsite, as well as, loading and transporting the tools and equipment required for the tasks, complete site specific risk assessments, toolbox talk, method statement, oversee duties and maintenance of equipment.

Each ward will have a dedicated Team of Rangers who will receive volunteering support from locally based community groups, who have successfully delivered over 450 place based initiatives via Cleaner Communities. The community groups are:

- Doxford ward: The Box Youth and Community Project
- Hendon ward: Back on the Map
- Millfield: Groundwork North East and Cumbria
- Ryhope: Blue Watch Youth Centre
- St Michael's: I.C.O.S.

Their role will involve appointing a Rangers Volunteer Co-ordinator who will be responsible for supporting the Rangers on a day to day basis, engaging with existing and potential new volunteers within the ward, and encourage groups i.e. young people, families, general public to work alongside the Rangers and get involved in the 200 Task Days, (40 per ward). Task day duties will be adapted to the season and will include: strimming, raking, seeding, edging pathways, cutting back vegetation; weeding, painting, recording biodiversity and shrub removal. In addition to the Task Days, the Volunteer Co-ordinator will organise a minimum of 175 Litter Picks (35 per ward) and 30 educational campaigns (6 per ward) and continue to recycle street waste via the Recycle Smart Centre at Blue Watch.

Output Code	Target 2019 / 2020				Target 2020 / 2021			
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
East Area: CMS								
Site Supervision and associated duties at Task Days	0	50	50	50	50	0	0	200
Pre site inspections / Risk Assessments / toolbox talks	0	50	50	50	50	0	0	200
Implementation plans for equipment maintenance and transportation to fully resource Task Days	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Per ward: Doxford: TBYC - Hendon: BOTM – Millfield: G.work – Ryhope: BWYC – St Michael's: ICOS	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
Number of East Rangers supported	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Number of Task Days co-ordinated and delivered in partnership with CMS	0	10	10	10	10	0	0	40
Number of litter picks co-ordinated and delivered	0	12	12	11	0	0	0	35
Number of educational campaigns delivered	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	6
Number of volunteers supporting litter picks and tasks days (inc. young people)	0	10	10	10	10	0	0	40
Number of volunteer hours logged	0	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc	0	0	Tbc
Tonnage of green waste and litter removed	0	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc	0	0	Tbc

Budget Heading	TBYP	BotM	G.work	BWYC	ICOS	CMS	Totals
Staff / Salaries	£11,500	£11,500	£12,960	£12,000	£11,500	£16,955	£76,415
Insurance	£0	£200	£0	£0	£0	£200	£400
staff / Vol Expenses	£600	£600	£600	£600	£600	£600	£3,600
Transport / Recycle Smart Centre	£400	£400	£400	£400	£400	£400	£2,400
Training / Incentives	£2,000	£1,800	£500	£1,450	£1,950	£795	£8,495
Consumables	£250	£250	£290	£300	£300	£800	£2,190
Publicity	£250	£250	£250	£250	£250	£250	£1,500
Total	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£20,000	£95,000