

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE BUDGET (SIB)**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Creating a Community Hub@ Dame Dorothy
Lead Organisation	Dame Dorothy Primary School

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Application
£43,520	£18,520 (applications in development)	£25,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	Jan 2018	May 2018

The Project:

The St. Peters Youth & Community Partnership was formed in November 2016 to tackle local issues within the ward identified by local ward councillors and police with the aim of delivering a programme of activities in order to address the youth ASB experienced in the ward.

The partnership has now moved forward with members from local youth projects, health & wellbeing projects, faith groups, ward councillors, police and Dame Dorothy School. The partnership has successfully developed into a constituted group and are working together to deliver the SIB funded St. Peters Raising Aspirations Project. This includes the delivery of detached youth work within the ward and 2 play work sessions per week one at Roker URC and one at Tesco Community Room

In order to support the partnership Dame Dorothy School and our governing body have agreed for the former caretaker's house to be developed into a community hub serving the St. Peters Ward. The school will use the centre during the school day linking to voluntary and community sector and statutory sector service providers to ensure the young people attending the school are offered the best possible opportunities in order to support their on-going development. It is proposed that evening, weekend and school holiday delivery will be managed by voluntary and community sector organisations within the St. Peters Youth & Community Partnership in order to deliver a wide range of youth activities, health and wellbeing projects and family adult and community learning opportunities.

To achieve the outcome of developing the former caretaker's house into a community hub a refurbishment project is currently underway with the partnership developing designs for the refurbishment to best meet the needs of the school and the wider community.

The overall aim of this project is to transform the empty schoolhouse into a space that can be accessed by all by creating large multi-use spaces within the house and incorporating the garage into the main body of the building through extensive building works to the property. This project will be delivered in phases as the funding targets are reached.

The funds applied for within this application will ensure the venue can be opened and commence delivery whilst working alongside the Partnership to develop further funding bids.

Recommendation - Approve

The North Area People Board recommend approval of the application which delivers to the Health & Wellbeing, Activities for Young People, and VCS Capacity Building Priorities.

Application No. 2

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Refurbishments in Library
Lead Organisation	Fulwell Community Library

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Application
£24,446	£0	£24,446
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	November 2017	February 2018

The Project

In February 2017 residents of Fulwell attended a Library Workshop led by Sunderland City Council to discuss proposals for the library service from 1st April 2017. Opportunities were provided for the development of a community led library delivery in Fulwell with support from Sunderland City Council. To achieve this local volunteers formed a management committee and the Fulwell Community Library Community Interest Company was formed and registered.

On 29th July 2017 the Fulwell Community Library was formally opened and is now developing and offering much more than a traditional library service.

102 volunteers are helping to deliver the service, a community café is now established and welcoming visitors to the venue. Access to computers is available for those carrying out employment searches, volunteers are providing a children story time session and also delivering a wide range of activities for young people. A local art group is exhibiting in the library and any sales achieved will result in a percentage donation to the library. We are working in partnership with the SIB funded Friends of Fulwell Project in order to provide services and activities linked to community need and demand.

In addition we have joined the Sea Road and Fulwell Traders group in order to establish links with local traders and support the development of the local area.

Since opening the library has achieved the following:

- Over 2500 visitors
- 102 volunteers a number of who have advised that by volunteering we are addressing their social isolation and by volunteering they are achieving positive health outcomes.
- 7 groups hiring/planning on hiring the library space including local councillors, a local group meeting monthly and a holistic health professional.
- Funding and Donations provided including:
 - Furniture and Kitchen Equipment
 - Volunteering Decorating Services
 - Small Kitchen Refurbishment from Northumbria Water
 - Bright Ideas Fund of £9,500 to establish aims for the library and hire professions to meet these aims.
 - Over 1000 book donations
 - £500 in cash donations
 - Income from community café which is around £30 per day although this is with the present 15 hours per week opening
 - Lockers from Rolls Royce

- Community Chest Funding for outdoor furniture and further computers

In order to build on the successful opening and subsequent surge in usage to be more than a traditional library which was previously delivered from the venue Fulwell Community Library CIC propose to carry out extensive refurbishment of the venue to provide a community hub catering to the needs of the local community.

Extensive consultation has taken place with the local community and the users of the service which has identified the need to provide disabled toilet facilities and make the front of the library more welcoming and warm. This will open up access and make the community venue more energy efficient. These works will assist greatly in marketing the venue to potential hirers to ensure more services and activities can be provided for the local community.

The works needed in order to deliver a project in response to local community consultation is the installation of a disabled toilet and a new entrance vestibule constructed.

Recommendation - Approve

The North Area People Board recommend approval of the application which delivers to the Health & Wellbeing, Activities for Young People, and VCS Capacity Building Priorities.