

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

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>SIB</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	Gas Heating
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Fulwell Community Library

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB Application</b>
£11,800	£0	£11,800
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1 month	December 2018	December 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Opportunities were provided for the development of proposals for a community led library delivery in Fulwell, with support from Sunderland City Council. To achieve the development of a community led library Fulwell Community Library Community Interest Company was formed and registered and a management committee established.

A full Business Plan was developed and accepted by Sunderland City Council and on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 the Fulwell Community Library was formally opened.

In November 2017 Sunderland City Council North Area Committee supported Fulwell Library Improvements for disabled toilet installation, new doors and porch at a total of £24,446

The Community Library has now operated successfully for over a year and has 62 volunteers helping to deliver the service. The following services and activities are offered:

- 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 within the venue.
- A local art group is exhibiting in the library and any sales achieved will result in a percentage donation to the library.
- The Community Library has joined the Sea Road and Fulwell Traders group in order to establish links with local traders and support the development of the local area.
- The Community Library greatly supports the Fulwell Raising Aspirations Project through the Friends of Fulwell and the library volunteers support delivery of the Friends of Fulwell Project and jointly we were recently successful with a Northumbria in Bloom award.
- A Community Choir is established and meets on a weekly basis and has 70 members.
- A local Ukulele group meet in the library and have 20 members.
- Craft sessions are delivered to the local community.
- A monthly Quiz session is held.
- Regular events such as afternoon teas, drama productions, talks, I-pad sessions, craft, art and beetle drives are held among other activities.

The services and activities are accessed by all members of the community from young to old. The library has become a focal point for those that are socially isolated by providing companionship and a safe, accessible and welcoming space for those with disabilities.

Since opening the library has achieved the following:

- Over 37,000 visitors this now being verified by installing a door counter which is averaging over 700 visitors per week.
- 62 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.
- Feedback from numerous people including disabled who say that the library is becoming a lifeline as they found it difficult to go out during day and evening because of lack of facilities. These people attend almost every function we offer. After the play “The Desert Queen” they told us they hadn’t attended a play for so long due to lack of disabled access and bought tickets for all our forthcoming functions.
- 12 groups 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.
  - Bright Ideas Fund of £12,960 to establish aims for the library and hire professionals to meet these aims.
  - Awards for All £9600 to replace front door and roller door.
  - Over 7000 book donations as well as 600 jigsaws for free loan
  - £2,000 in cash donations from local people to help our funds.
  - Income from community café which is around £85 per day although this is with the present 22 hours per week opening.
  - Lockers from Rolls Royce.
  - Small grants funding from 7 sources totalling £6000.
  - Money for an architect to move the library forward £2400 and get planning permission for a large heritage grant.

In order to build on the success of the community library, the improvements to date and in order to reduce costs Fulwell Community Library CIC were successful in receiving a community energy audit through North Area Committee SIB funding.

The energy audit identified that the installation of a heating system would contribute to making the centre as energy efficient as possible. Following the energy audit the library were told that replacing the lighting for LED would save £1200 per year and this has now been done, We also identified heat loss through the 16 skylights although this was not mentioned in the Energy Audit placing polycarbonate shields over these skylights has led to much less heat loss and a warmer building in winter. These allowed us to start the heating at 2am where previously it was switched on at midnight saving on bills.

This application is to cover the replacement of the heating system in order to ensure that we address our energy efficiency and reduce costs on heating which could be invested into more services and activities for the local community.

## **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

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>SIB</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	iDefigo CCTV Pilot
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB Application</b>
£5,000	£0	£5,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
4 months	1.12.18	31.3.19

### The Project

As part of the area priority, Environment and Green Space Sunderland North Place Board have discussed the potential of iDefigo CCTV Units in the North and as such wish to progress a pilot project to inform the potential of a larger project in the future

The project will provide CCTV equipment capable of capturing images of fly-tipping, this is a trial and upon completion findings will be assessed for further project development. Discussions will be held with members and Place Management to identify areas for the pilot delivery, during deployment assessment will be carried to assess effectiveness of equipment and location in order to inform the potential for a larger scale project across the North.

### Recommendation - Approve

The North Area Place Board recommend approval of the application which delivers to the Environment and Green Space Priority.