

## Summary of SIB Funding Applications

### **SIB Project 1 – Community Transport – ELCAP, Easington Lane**

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£9,321	£0	£9,321

#### **The Project**

The main purpose of this project is to provide an additional part time driver to the existing successful community transport project. There is a growing demand for the service, and over the past six months more older people are requesting the support mainly from the Shoppa Bus that runs twice weekly on Thursday and Friday covering all wards within the Coalfields. With additional funding for a part time driver the project can provide four extra journeys a week (72 additional passengers). Other partners will be able to signpost to the service ensuring a more joined up approach to supporting older/vulnerable people.

Over the past six months the project has noted a vast change in the request for services with the demand from older people increased by 50%. The project carried out a survey in October 2012 which proved that the emerging need was to address the social isolation of older residents. Some of the quotes from the survey read " Ron the driver is the only person I see in a week" "I rely on this bus it has helped me make new friends since my husband died last year after 50 years, I had not been out of the house for eight weeks now I watch for the bus and my friends every Thursday" I use both local shops and enjoy the longer journeys when we go along the coast to Morrisons we get to stay out longer " " I have joined other social groups since meeting new people on the bus I have not been to a Christmas Party for 13 years till this year Ian the driver told me about the group I go every week now" By appointing an additional part time driver provision can be increased and work with more partners to ensure a joined up approach. The purpose will be to see more older people taking part and enjoying positive experiences. Social isolation will be reduced by having good information about what other partners can provide this can be in various formats and displays demonstrating good communication. Customers pay £2.50 per journey which contributes to the sustainability of the project.

**Recommendation: Approve**

### **SIB Project 2 – Welfare and Benefits Advice Project ShARP, Shiney Row**

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£23,166	£0	£23,166

#### **The Project**

The service will provide information and advice on welfare benefits, housing, debt and employment and will also link clients into other complementary services such as energy advice and volunteering opportunities helping people to maximise their income and ensuring they receive the benefits they are entitled to. Offering a mix of drop-in sessions, telephone advice service, appointments at ShARP and ELCAP and home appointments where appropriate.

The project will provide information on self help tools, access to training and will also refer into other agencies to make the most of the provision that is being delivered in the area. ShARP can bring added value by providing access to other services which complement the Advice Service, such as energy advice and access to volunteering. The funding will pay for advice workers, administration staff and support costs to allow the service to take place.

The project will support 400 older and/or vulnerable people through the course of the year including:

- People experiencing financial hardship
- People with debt issues

- People with housing issues
- People with employment issues
- People needing welfare benefits advice and guidance including help with DLA and ESA
- Retired people

The project will monitor the numbers of people who access the centre. Registration includes collecting data on age, gender, disabilities (mental and physical), health (where applicable), and their needs for example their housing circumstances, homelessness, benefits entitlements, training wishes, employment support and childcare needs. The evidence collected will be used to develop the services that are offered to the community.

Achievements will be measured by:

- The numbers of people accessing the service
  - The numbers of new users accessing the service
  - The number of people who access new services in the centre
  - The number of people guided into 'self help' materials
  - The number of partners who we refer clients to and the number of partners who deliver services in the centre
  - The numbers of people whose financial situation is improved
  - The numbers of people accessing energy advice
- Recommendation: Approve subject to close monitoring of performance by Area Officer to ensure no duplication with commissioned First Tier Welfare Rights service**

### **SIB Project 3 – Flatts - Looking Good, SNCBC**

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£14,800	£4,800	£10,000

#### **The Project**

The project will carry out improvements to the exterior of the Easington Lane Flatts youth centre building (roof and gutter repair, replacement of damaged window and door, exterior painting) including groundwork and environmental works (major pruning of trees, bushes, installation of tarmac, reinstatement of grassed areas and planting of bulbs, flowers etc) SNCBC will lead on this partnership project which will provide much needed improvements to the centre which is currently dedicated to providing activities for young people. SNCBC will take on the lease of the building and in partnership with other local organisations provide a wider range of activities. Young people are involved in the development and design of the works. Partners include Police, Gentoo, Groundwork, SNCBC, RLS, ELCAP.

**Recommendation: Approve**

### **SIB Project 4 – Environmental improvement plan, Street Scene**

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total SIB requested</b>
£10,000	£0	£10,000

#### **The Project**

The project will build upon the work to date under the 'Neglected Land' priority. The project will identify and improve priority sites in Council ownership which are not part of the core maintenance programme and would benefit the surrounding neighbourhood and its residents if small scale clean up programmes were carried out. There are a total of 24 Council owned sites currently identified as 'neglected', this project will carry out improvements such as strimming, reinstating grass and creating barriers to prevent further reoccurrence of fly tipping and to be able to maintain the sites to acceptable levels of cleanliness. The sites will be prioritised by the Lead Agent and the Place Board. Ward members will be kept informed of progress and performance.

**Recommendation: Approve**