

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

2nd October 2008

REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT: FEEDBACK ON PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED THROUGH STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB)

Report of the Chief Executive (Acting)

1.0 Purpose Of The Report

- 1.1 This report provides information to the Area Committee on expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) on projects it has previously funded

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years. Over this period, therefore, the Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £2,732,920 in this way.
- 2.2 In order that the Area Committee can be kept informed of progress on projects it has previously funded as part of the SIB monitoring process, a programme of report backs has been scheduled.

3.0 Purpose of the Feedback Reports

- 3.1 The aim of the reports are to inform the Area Committee how the money it has been allocated through SIB has been used, how successful it has been in achieving its original objectives, and how the project will continue. Specifically, the reports have been asked to address the following key questions:
- How has the money has been used? How much was capital and revenue?
 - What were the outcomes of the project? How has it helped to achieve the objectives identified in the original submission? Are there any statistics that will support the outcomes?
 - What other funding the SIB allocation helped to attract?
 - What are the key lessons learnt? What difference has the project made in comparison to other areas that did not have such funding? What added value did the project provide? Are there implications for existing service provision?

- Does the project need to continue? Has it come to its natural end? If not, how will it be funded? Has it been considered for mainstream funding? Have other funding sources been approached?
- 3.2 Once the presentation has been completed, Elected Members will be invited to ask any questions or offer comments concerning the project.
- 4.0 Feedback to this Committee**
- 4.1 At this Committee meeting, the following feedback report will be presented:
- Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre's Community Education Project, which was awarded £13,985 in October 2006.
- 4.2 An extract from the original application is attached as Annex 1.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 That this report be noted.

Background Papers

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Reports to previous Area Committees

Regeneration Framework Files, West

Community Education Project

PROJECT TITLE: Community Education Programme

SIB Requested: £13, 895

Section 1: Application Requirements

1.1: Please note that this application will be presented to the relevant Area Committee for its consideration when determining your SIB Grant Application. The Agenda and the Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public. Please therefore ensure that your organisation is agreeable to the content of the information that is set out in the form.

The Application Form should be provided in either electronic (e-mail or floppy disc) or typed format.

If you have a problem with returning this form in either electronic or typed format, please contact the appropriate Area Regeneration Officer. Contact / address details are provided on the covering letter and in the Guidance Notes and Criteria and Project Guidelines

Please note that a representative of your organisation must be available to attend the pre-agenda and main committee meeting(s) to which this application is presented, as they may be required to answer questions. Failure to attend the meeting(s) may result in your application being deferred or rejected. Dates and Venues of future meetings are provided as supporting information.

1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does the project cover? (Please tick)

Sunderland West ☒ [X]

Section 2: Sponsor Details

2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group:

Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre

2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group:

Portsmouth Road
Pennywell
Sunderland SR4 9AS

2.3 Contact Name for Project:

Maggie Perry

2.4 Position in Organisation

General Manager

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2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details (if different to 2.3 above): N/a		
2.9 Legal Status of Organisation: Registered Charity		2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable): 1005148

Section 3: Project Details

3.1 Project Title: (Please re-state title as per front sheet)
Community Education Programme

3.2 Project Start Date:
November 2006

3.3 Project End Date:
October 2007

3.4 Please describe the project:

The aim of the project is to employ a member of staff to consolidate and further develop PNC's growing learning provision and to enable the drawing down of match funding.

The emphasis of this project is to engage hard to reach and vulnerable adults from local communities in learning programmes that will promote personal development and life skills, and secure their commitment to on-going learning and education. In addition, the project will give PNC the capacity to tender for and deliver Adult and Community Learning services.

Learning will take place in group settings, which will be non-threatening and offer flexible ways to learn, and where individuals can enjoy and benefit from the support of peers. Distinctive elements of the project will be the use of informal support and networking to engage with marginalised individuals in the early stages and the use of one to one mentoring and guidance to maintain their engagement, and a strong commitment to celebrating achievement. The project will address some of the key barriers to learning by delivering activities at accessible neighbourhood locations, making no charge and addressing caring responsibilities where possible. Learning will be self-directed, and ownership will be promoted through involving learners in evaluation and the planning of future programme direction. Although for many learners the benefits of participation will be qualitative for instance in terms of raised personal esteem and improved mental health, some elements of the programme will offer progression to accredited learning through the North East Open College Network, with whom the Centre is already registered as a provider. Long term benefits will therefore include a continuing commitment to education and self improvement leading to further training or employment and increased capacity to take an active role in decision making affecting the lives of individuals and their local community. Some learning opportunities will be delivered by the project worker, others will be delivered by sessional tutors with the worker giving support to individuals within the group and undertaking evaluation and review. Most learning will take place as part of a weekly programme but some topics may lend themselves to one off training events. Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre aims to provide its users with a continuum of personal development so that individuals can move from being casual

users of services to taking part in informal group activity and accredited learning and then on to other opportunities for training, volunteering, and employment. This project will enable the Centre to achieve this continuum.

3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?

Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre shares its premises, and works in partnership, with Pennywell Medical Centre and delivers a range of community health programmes for children and families.

The programmes of activities provide a holistic approach to meeting the health and well being of local families.

Services include childcare, parenting, children's play, group work and other forms of family support.

The Neighbourhood Centre delivers a small-accredited education programme. This has been funded through the Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities fund, and at the present time involves the delivery of a programme of learning focusing on the importance of play in children's development. The Centre has been successful, in some instances, in accessing small grants from the City of Sunderland Life Long Learning [LLL] fund to provide non accredited learning opportunities.

This proposal will give PNC the capacity to develop and increase accredited and non-accredited learning as a key part of its community health and family support programmes, particularly at the harder to reach groups and vulnerable individuals.

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?

If SIB funding is not secured it is likely that the three year funding from Esmee Fairbairn of £19,488 will be lost

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?

During the year an application to the Big Lottery will be resubmitted and other funding sources will be explored. The Centre will also seek to build its capacity for tendering to deliver commissioned services.

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield				
East				
North				
South				
West	13,895			13,895,
Washington				
Other Sources:				
1)NLDC	£4,527			£4,527
2)Esmee	£6,496			££6,496

Fairburn 3)PNC	£2,850			£2,850
Total Cost:	£27,768			£27,768

7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind funding (e.g. Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.
N/A

7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:

Project Worker's Salary *	13,020
Training *	100
Transport *	175
Tutor Costs	6,800
Programme Costs	1,853
Childcare	1,140
Accreditation	908
External Room Hire *	600
Running Costs	3,172
Total	27,768

* denotes items to be funded by SIB

Notes on budget

Project Worker's Salary based on £19,475 +NI and pension pro rata for 20 hours per wk, salary comparable with other posts within the organisation

Transport based on 10 mls pw @0.35p per ml x 50 weeks for worker to travel between local venues

Tutor costs based on £20 per hour x 340 hrs

Programme costs refers to items for course activity such as craft materials, first aid equipment, and CDs and materials for recording learners progress e.g. stationery and print cartridges.

Accreditation based on current NEOCN costs

External room hire based on £10 per hour and needed to accommodate activities that require large rooms e.g dance

Running costs refers to accommodation for project worker and mgt /admin costs based on actual organisational costs relating to a 20 hour post.