

SOUTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

5th January 2009

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT

Report of the Chief Executive (Acting)

1.0 Purpose Of The Report

1.1 This report outlines current expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and applications for funding from this budget in order to support new initiatives, which will benefit the area.

2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendation)

2.1 The Committee is requested to approve funding to support proposals for new projects, as included in Annex 1.

2.2 Following the recent communication with Members, the Committee is requested to consider the principle of deferring commitment of expenditure from next year's SIB budget (subject to budget approval), except in cases of clear emergency. The Committee is further requested to defer consideration of Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) expenditure until the new financial year.

3.0 Background

3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years. The allocation of £200,000 for this financial year means that, over this period, the Framework area has been allocated £2,600,000 in this way.

3.2 Annex 2 gives a summary of allocations since its creation in 1996/7 and a full breakdown of individual projects since 2006/7.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 Following the last Committee meeting on 27th October 2008, there was no further commitment from the 2008/9 budget leaving a balance of £124,632 and £20,000 from the 2009/10 budget, subject to approval.

4.2 There is one application for funding to this Committee requesting £5,790 from the 2008/9 budget. Should the Committee agree this request, £81,158 will be committed from the 2008/9 budget, leaving a balance of £118,842, and £20,000 from the 2009/10 budget, subject to budget approval.

5.0 Reasons for the Decision

- 5.1 SIB was established to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area. Applications for SIB funding should demonstrate the potential benefits to local communities the proposed project would bring, and subsequently be able to provide evidence and statistics that can illustrate these benefits.
- 5.2 The suggestion to defer new applications seeking funding from the 2009/10 SIB budget (subject to approval) and SIP allocation is to enable the Area Committee to maximise the amount of budget available using their newly developed Local Area Plans.

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- 6.1 Each project is required to indicate what alternative options they have considered in section 7.4 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

7.0 Relevant Consultations

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7.2 Implications for Other Services

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7.3 The Public

Each project is required to indicate what consultation it has undertaken and other documentary evidence it has to support its proposal in sections 3.8 and 3.9 of its application form, attached as Annex 1.

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Each project is required to indicate whether it has an equal opportunities policy, or what measures it employs to address equal opportunity issues, in Section 4 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

7.5 Public Relations and Publicity

Each project is required to indicate how it will promote SIB via project publicity in section 3.7 of its application form. A Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator implements a publicity and public relations schedule on behalf of the Area Committee.

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