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COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
12 March 2009
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB): REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT

Author(s):
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Purpose of Report:
This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) to support new initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:
The Committee is requested to approve:

i) £30,000 from the 2008/09 budget to contribute to the refurbishment of the area in Hetton Town Centre known as the 'mini park' to create a Memorial Garden incorporating a sculptural footpath.
ii) £10,000 from the 2008/08 budget to provide disabled access and toilets to St Oswalds Church Community Hall.
iii) £1,350 from the 2008/09 budget to provide storage facilities for Penshaw Homing Society.
iv) £19,000 from the 2008/09 budget to carry out a feasibility study to develop a sports and social facility on the site of New Herrington Working Men's Club.
v) £2,350 from the 2008/09 budget for EBC to deliver an event at Houghton Kepier School in order to develop partnership working with Poland around understanding and delivering the enterprise agenda.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:
Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum budget of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:
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.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No	**Relevant Review Committee:** Regeneration and Community Review Committee