

Annex 3
SIB Funding Applications

Phoenix Project Application No.1– SIB

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Phoenix Project
Lead Organisation	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£40,000	£20,000	£4,000 (per Area Committee)
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	May 2012	March 2013

The Project

The project is to provide a year's funding for the 'Advanced' and 'Respect' courses of the Phoenix Project, whilst new service and funding arrangements are established, from 2014. The Phoenix Project is a successful, nationally acclaimed partnership project between the City Council and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), which has proved a success in reducing re-offending amongst young people and in changing offending behaviour. The overall Phoenix Project consists of three course levels: Phoenix, Advanced and Respect. The core costs of the project are funded by TWFRS and the City Council, including the costs of running the 1st tier Phoenix course. The council's contribution is £32,000 from the Youth Offending Service (YOS) and TWFRS's contribution is core staffing and operating costs. The council's five Area Committee's have over the last two years, funded the 'Respect' and 'Advance' courses, which have made the most positive impact on offending behaviour. From 2014, the Phoenix Project, and its three course levels, will be incorporated into a new service 'umbrella' of a Whole Family Programme within Children's Services, which will evolve from the existing Family Intervention Programme. Existing funding will be consolidated and additional funding will be sourced from the government's 'Troubled Families' initiative. In addition, Phoenix will be incorporated into the work of the Additional Educational Needs Service, which will provide additional income to the Project.

Need for Project

The original Phoenix course is a four day course which encourages discipline, self discipline, confidence, self esteem, leadership, communication, team work, practical skills and knowledge by engaging in training and activities based on Fire fighting skills and practical procedures. ASB, hoax calls, fire safety in the home, driving standards and knife crime are also included in the course. Students are motivated, confident and enthusiastic following the completion of the Phoenix project. Evaluation has demonstrated that 48% of students do not re-offend up to 12 months following the course.

The Respect course is a two day follow up course solely for students who have completed the original Phoenix and have not offended, have maintained behaviour levels, both at school and at home for a minimum period of 3 months. The course delivers more advanced activities and practical tasks based on fire fighting skills, such as working with ladders and fire extinguisher training. The purpose of offering this course is to encourage and motivate the students to achieve the above criteria to attend. Evaluation of 4 pilot courses in 2007 demonstrated that, given the incentive of the second course, 85% of students attending the

original Phoenix desisted from offending for a minimum of 3 months and up to 12 months to meet the criteria.

The Advanced course is 3 days and is the third course in the “package” for students who have completed the first two courses and have not offended and maintained behaviour levels for a further 6 months following the Respect course. The first day of the course recaps on activities from the first two courses with day 2 and 3 being spent at an outdoor activity centre with an overnight stay. Teambuilding, leadership, communications skills, confidence building and motivation are the main purpose of the challenges and activities, which include mid ropes course, high walk, assault course, zip wire, night line tunnels and many others. Current evaluation figures have shown that 92% of students completing the whole programme desist from offending for at least 12 months following their completion. Research demonstrates if a person refrains from re-offending for 12 months, this is a change of behaviour that affects their life opportunities.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2012-13	Total
S3: Number of programmes/activities to reduce ASB	15	15
L8: Number of young people engaged and participating in youth provision	120	120

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB
9 x Respect Courses	£21,000	£21,000
6 x Advanced Courses	£19,000	£19,000

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
3 Respect and 2 Advanced courses	30.06.12
2 Respect and 2 Advanced courses	30.09.12
2 Respect and 1 Advanced courses	31.12.12
2 Respect and 1 Advanced courses	31.03.13

Recommendation: Approve.

The project meets committee priorities in supporting young people to develop positive behaviour and gain opportunities to enhance their life opportunities.

Application No. 2 – SIB

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Resurfacing of Roads & Footpaths – Wearside Allotments
Lead Organisation	Wearside Smallholders

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£45,650	£20,000	£25,650
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
One month	September 2012	September 2012

The Project

Wearside Smallholders is an allotment site positioned in Sunderland, and is one of the biggest sites in the country with over 340 plots. Over the recent years we have worked in partnership with Groundwork North East to develop two community gardens. One of the community gardens is run with Seaburn Dene Primary School, where the children from the school come along to the garden and take part in the up keep of the site and can talk to members from the allotments who pass down there skills and knowledge and can talk about their experience of life learning. We feel that by helping the older people to pass down there knowledge, it gives the younger children further knowledge, but also gives enjoyment to the older people to think that they are helping shape the community and that they have still got some meaning in life. The second community garden is used by Fulwell Day Centre which is a day centre for disabled people. The community garden allows members of the day centre to be able to take part in activities in the garden or just to sit and relax in the beautiful surroundings instead of being in a classroom environment.

Our intention through our own fund raising and the help of SIB is to re-tarmac the roads and paths on the site to improve access for all of our allotment holders, community groups and local schools who use the facilities on site. The current roads are uneven, are in a poor condition and parts are inaccessible to plot holders cars and the disabled ambulance from Fulwell Day Centre who transport many of their members in wheelchairs. Currently the ambulances have to park on the car park at the entrance to the site and the carers have to push their disabled members in wheelchairs on uneven paths to the community garden. The re-tarmac roads and footpaths will provide safer and better access, along with level footing for all members and visitors to the allotment site especially those using wheelchairs and pushchairs.

The Need for the Project

The current roads and footpaths are uneven, are in a poor condition and parts are inaccessible to plot holders cars and the disabled ambulance from Fulwell Day Centre who transport many of their members in wheelchairs. The re-tarmac roads and footpaths will provide safer and better access, along with level footing for all members and visitors to the allotment site especially those using wheelchairs and pushchairs.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of new of improved facilities and equipment	1

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Machinery on site	3/09/2012
Work commences on site	4/09/2012
Work complete on site	11/09/2012

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the priorities of attractive and cared for environment in the North Area.