

## **WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**

**1 October 2008**

### **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. Full applications are included in Annex 1.
  - Note SIB Resource Statement outlining funding awarded since 2006/07 in Annex 2

#### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum budget of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years. Over this period, therefore, the Framework area has been allocated £2,587,383 in this way.
- 3.2 Annex 2 gives a full breakdown of individual SIB awards since 2006/7 with Annex 3 providing the guidance for SIB projects.

#### **4.0 Current Position**

- 4.1 Following the last Committee meeting of 2 July 2008, £113,993 was allocated, leaving £163,547 to allocate for the 2008/9 financial year.
- 4.2 There are two applications for funding to this Committee requesting £25,550 from the 2008/9 budget and a further £19,910 from 2009/10 (subject to budget approval). Should the Committee approve the funding requests, this will leave £137,997 to allocate with two committee meetings remaining this financial year, and £19,910 will be committed from 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.

## **6.0 Alternative Options**

- 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**

### **7.1 Financial Implications**

Each project is required to indicate what financial implications there may be in section 7.5 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

### **7.2 Implications for Other Services**

Each project is required to indicate what implications there may be for other services in section 3.11 of its application form, which is attached as Annex 1.

### **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, which is attached as Annex 1.

### **7.4 The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Councils Race Equality Scheme**

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 the application form. The Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator for Sunderland City Council implements the publicity and public relations schedule on behalf of the Area Committee.

## **List of Appendices**

- 8.1 Annex 1. Full applications for funding
- 8.2 Annex 2. SIB Resources Statement
- 8.3 Annex 3. SIB Criteria and guidelines

## **9.0 Background Papers**

- 9.1 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Reports to previous Area Committees.
- 9.2 Regeneration Framework Files Washington