Executive Summary: SIP/SIB funding applications

Application No.1

Name of Project	M V Willadora Renovation
Lead Organisation	Sunderland Maritime Heritage

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£95,000	£55,000	£40,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	October 2010	March 2011

The Project

The group are seeking a one off capital award to restore a listed ship with the national historic ships register, called M.V. Willadora. The applicant states the history of the MV Willadora is endearing and unique to the North East. It was famously used to transport troops from the beaches of Dunkirk up back to the North East, saving over 300 local soldiers, the majority from Sunderland. The Maritime group own the ship but it is unusable on the water, if funding was secured refurbishment works would be completed to launch the ship on the river, providing journeys up and down the river with historical talks being given about the river, ship buildings and the MV Willadora. This will be staffed by volunteers, keeping running costs to a minimum. A basic cover charge will exist but that is to maintain the future maintenance and cleaning of the ship, to ensure it has a long future ahead.

Need for Project

The Sunderland East Area Committee meeting identified that they are no activities being delivered along the river corridor on the East side of the Bank, this is highlighted in the Sunderland East Local Area Plan, Attractive and Inclusive theme, action plan.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Target 2010/11	Target 2011/12
A6- number of community or educational events held	2	2
P3-no of people volunteering.	14	0

Recommendation Approve

- The project strategically fits under Attractive and Inclusive theme to make more of key attractions and attract more visitors to the City to see them and to deliver more activities along the river corridor, as it will provide a historical attraction on the East side of the river.
- The SIP element of the funding has the support of the local ward Councillors.
- The group may secured 58% of match funding and it will bring benefit the local community.

Subject To:

- Subject to match funding being secured, or a guarantee that the project can be delivered on a smaller scale.
 - Linkages to be made to East VCS Area Network.

Application No.2

Name of Project	Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£35,250	Nil	£35,250
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 years 7 months	October 2010	March 2015

The Project

The Council are seeking a one off capital fund to purchase five VAS along with a small percentage of revenue to deliver the project. VAS can be erected to show drivers a warning of the existing speed limit, if approaching speeds are high. The VAS display an illuminated graphic of the speed limit. VAS can be used to reduce vehicle speeds. One VAS could be used to target four sites per year if redeployed every 13 weeks.

Based on current demand, the ability for East Area Committee to target 20 sites (four per Ward) is considered to be a reasonable limit, which would require the purchase of a total of 5 VAS, 15 retention sockets, with redeployed of each sign four times per year. After its first year the rolling programme will identify the five highest recorded locations out of the twenty locations, which will then be the final fixed sites for a further three years. This is proposed due to the current climate regarding finance as no commitment can be made from the Council to maintain the programme, post March 2011 at this stage, this may however change over the year.

If future alternative funding is sought, via core or future SIB funding the opportunity will be there to reinstate the rolling programme and alternate between fixed or short term locations, if necessary.

Need for Project

During a meeting held between police and East area Cllrs in July 2010, it was identified that via the Local Confidence Survey Report, conducted by the Safer Sunderland Partnership involving 15,000 residents every quarter, residents ranked speeding and dangerous driving across the East area as their 3rd priority that should be addressed to increase confidence levels in their community.

The project is aimed at known hotspots of speeding via residents complaints through the Call Centre, discussions at local ward surgeries, complaints received from Police, accident records and speed gun data, this information has confirmed and evidenced the need for the project.

Outputs for Projects

Output	Target 2011/12
S3: number of CCTVS and Monitoring equipment installed	5

Recommendation Approve

- The project strategically fits under the work plan for 2010-11, which was to reduce Anti Social Behaviour and increase confidence and trust levels in the community.
- The July 10 meeting of the Area Committee agreed to invite Sunderland City Council to submit an application to fund five VAS's for the East along with associated revenue costs to deliver a rolling programme across the area for one year, as recommended from the Joint Enhanced meeting between all East area elected members and Northumbria Police.

Subject to:

- After year one, an evaluation of the projects success to be conducted and feedback into Area Committee for consideration on potential ways to continue the project.
- A protocol to be established between East Area Councillors and Officers to assist Area Committee to prioritise sites for deployment and chose the final locations with support from Traffic and Road Safety.