

### SIB Application – Hylton Caste Re-enactment

Total Cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB Requested
£40,000	£15,000 North Area Committee, £10,000 Heritage Lottery Fund, £3,000 core budget	<b>£3,000 per area (excluding North)</b>
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2010	September 2010

#### The Project

Following requests from Local Residents and the Castle in the Community, to stimulate interest in Hylton Castle and the surrounding area, as a City visitor attraction, and to raise awareness of the area's rich and diverse heritage, investigations have been ongoing to look at the delivery of a large scale re-enactment based on the Battle of Boldon Hill, which took place during the English Civil War.

The event will be carried out over a two day period (proposed dates 14/15 August 2010), and will deliver a number of living history displays, as well as offering a range of family orientated learning activities interpreting the life and times of the period. The re-enactment will take place on and around Hylton Castle, with an identified camp site at Seaburn to accommodate the visiting re-enactors which will be in the region of 500 – 1000 people.

The event aims to encourage visitors to the City and the local area, therefore raising awareness of the Castle and its wider area, as well as raising the profile of the City as a visitor destination, with a wide and varied programme of events. The main battle of the day will include a minimum of 15 artillery pieces, pike, musket and horse. Re-enactors are anticipated to be in the region of 500 or more.

Prior to the event the education outreach element will involve working with four young person groups (yet to be identified) which will give insight into the lives, choices and beliefs of the key figures and ordinary people who shaped the countryside, towns, and cities we now live in. For KS3, sessions support pupils' study of the changing relationship between the crown and parliament, the nature and motives of protest and the development of democracy.

#### The Need for the Project

The project builds upon the work currently ongoing through the Castle in the Community, who are working with a number of partners, including English Heritage, Sunderland City Council and local voluntary and community groups to enable the future development of Hylton Castle.

#### The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Target 2010/11
A6	Number of community or educational events held:	5 (total for the city)
S5	Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	100 (total for the city)

#### Recommendation: Reject

- Although the project is supported by the City Services Directorate, and meets the City priority to attract more visitors to Sunderland, **it does not meet the priorities of the Coalfield area. There is no reference in the application to how it will engage young people from the Coalfield area, or how the event will include Coalfield residents.** The application does refer to providing informal learning opportunities but it is not clear how attending the event will meet this priority.