



**Difference**

**+ £310,317**

The above table illustrates that we are over subscribed against the money remaining in the LIP Budget. This picture has been repeated across other Area Forum Areas.

### **Project Proposals to be considered**

#### **Kirk Merrington MUGA- Kirk Merrington Community Association**

This proposal aims to redevelop a small area of unused wasteland that sits on the edge of Kirk Merrington to provide a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), 14 metres x 26 metres in size. The applicant has stated that offering children a facility within the village should have a very positive impact. This is evidenced in how young people in the village brought this issue to the attention of the local MP and Town Council. The main aim of this project is to offer an area that teenagers can be proud of, and give them a sense of belonging. The applicant has applied for **£39,324 of LIP**, which is **62%** of the total project costs.

#### **Tudhoe Moor Play Area - Spennymoor Town Council**

This project will carry out physical improvements to the play park at Tudhoe Moor, off Green Lane, including the removal and replacement of play equipment and safety surfacing. The project also includes the creation of a Multi Use Games Area to provide a community facility which will encourage participation in sport and recreational activities. The applicant has stated that the project will have many impacts on the residents and community of Tudhoe Moor, including a healthier community, a safer community, reduction in anti-social behaviour and community pride. The applicant has applied for **£106,615 of LIP**, which is **66%** of the total project cost.

#### **Jubilee Park Play Improvements - Spennymoor Town Council**

Jubilee Play Park is owned and managed by Spennymoor Town Council. The project will update and improve the amenities on the play park, the main features on the scheme include junior play equipment, MUGA, skate park facility, fitness/adult equipment, 1 piece of toddler equipment, youth shelter, seating, litterbins, signage and landscaping. The applicant has identified that this project will have many impacts on the resident and community of Spennymoor including, healthier community, safer community, reduction in anti social behaviour and increase in community pride. The applicant has requested **£210,897** which is **67%** of the total project cost.

#### **Spennymoor Boxing Club - Spennymoor Boxing Academy**

This project would consist of moving all of the existing gym to the present squash court area of Spennymoor Leisure Centre, which will approximately treble the floor area of the current gymnasium. The new gym will enable use of a championship sized ring; house a hanging punch bag area, reception desk, 1on1 training area, various weight apparatus, locker units and a viewing gallery. Currently Spennymoor Boxing Academy operate within the Leisure Centre on a hire agreement and would be looking to finalise a long-term lease agreement with the Borough Council for the enhanced occupied space.

The applicant has identified that the impact of the re-housing and refurbishment can be measured on two scales. Immediate impact will allow

more members to join the club which not only provides exercise, but also teaches discipline, manners and respect for the community. The aim is to include female membership as well as increasing junior and male membership. The long term impact would be the possibility of creating champion boxers with a number of members potentially being considered to represent Great Britain in the London Olympics in 2012. The applicant has requested **£122,000 of LIP** which is **100%** of the total project costs.

### **Projects already discussed at Area Forum**

The following 2 projects were discussed at the Area Forum held on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Information on these projects has also been included in this report so that Area Forum can see projects aspirations, against other projects already considered and supported by the Area Forum but not yet approved by Sedgfield Borough Council.

### **New Life Christian Centre Refurbishment- New Life Christian Centre**

The project involves the redevelopment of the unused basement area for youth development and the development of unused rooms for community and educational use. The applicant has stated that by bringing these unused spaces back to life they will be able to cater for larger number of children in Spennymoor. They will be able to create a safe place for young people to socialise in and enjoy recreational activities from which has in neighbouring communities led to significant decrease in anti-social behaviour. It is hoped that community members accessing the new services offered will also grow in confidence and gain new skills and employability as they begin to network with new people and access courses. The applicant has applied for **£151,400 of LIP**, which is **100%** of the total project costs.

### **St Paul's Parish Hall Community Regeneration Project - Applicant - St Paul's Parish Church**

The project, which is split into two phases, aims to undertake a major structural renovation and development of the existing Parish Hall. This will include a facility for increased general use by community groups, a provision for "healthy lifestyles" and a base for 3-5 Social Enterprise small businesses. Phase one of the project will consist of a refurbished exterior to the existing building, new entrance foyer and single storey extension to the north-east corner of the existing building.

Phase 1 will incorporate; Kitchen, Café, Entrance foyer, Lift and staircase, Upper Gallery, 1 Social Enterprise Unit. The applicant has stated that the provision of an enhanced community based facility would improve the physical and environmental conditions of the neighbourhood, and develop other regeneration benefits within the areas of skills training, improved healthy living, community safety, and greater social and community cohesion. The applicant has requested **£200,000 from LIP** (Phase 1 only) **44%** of the total phase 1 project costs.

### **Current Position**

Given that the Local Improvement Programme is entering it's final year of operation (3-year programme from April 2006 – March 2009), the Capital

Programme Team are keen to make progress on applications quickly given the timescales for decision making in the run up to the close of the scheme.

### **Next Steps**

Given the amount of projects that have been submitted within the Area 1 locality and the available monies within the Local Improvement Programme for Area 1, the Capital Programme Team will now work in more detail with all applicants to discuss the impact and outcomes expected from the project and look at key issues such as local priorities and the deliverability of the overall project within the timeframe remaining for the LIP Programme. This will assist in the task of prioritising projects that will be taken through the decision making process of Sedgefield Borough Council.

### **Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:**

That the Area Forum considers the above list of projects and offers any comments about the projects in relation to priorities for the Area 1 locality and how each project will meet local needs. Representatives from the projects will be available to answer questions if necessary.