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AREA 3 FORUM

13th September 2006

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Area Improvement Programme

Information Report

Introduction

This report is to provide an update on the applications for Local improvement Programme (LIP) funding, which were discussed at the last meeting on 5th July 2006.

Detail

At the meeting on 5th July 2006, the Trimdon Colliery Centre Architects Fees and the Trimdon Colliery MUGA fees were endorsed. Both projects were then debated at the cabinet meeting on 27th July 2006 and were supported by cabinet. Trimdon Colliery Centre Architects Fees was therefore awarded £12,774 and Trimdon MUGA was awarded £58,325.

The Trimdon Colliery centre has now appointed consultants and the project is progressing well. Designs are expected to be ready to apply for planning permission during September.

The contractor is currently fabricating the Multi –Use Games Area for Trimdon Colliery. This process is expected to take approximately 6-8 weeks to be completed and the MUGA will be installed at the site as soon as possible once it is completed

The Area 3 Forum has been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009, of which £177,334 was allocated for 2006/07. Approvals to date total £71,099, leaving a balance of £106,235.

Recommendation from the Strategy & Regeneration Section

That the information be noted.

Other applications received from Area 3:

The following projects have been received by Strategy and Regeneration and will be brought to the Area Forum for discussion upon completion of the appraisal process.

 East Durham Play Network – promoting Quality Child Care and Creative Play. £43,000 LIP Grant requested. Total Project Cost £45,000 • Trimdon Parish Council- Skerne Play Park, Trimdon Village. £15,088 LIP grant requested, £15,088 total project costs * costs are likely to change.

A number of other projects have expressed an interest in the Local Improvement Programme from across the Area 3 forum locality. As no formal application or costings have yet been received, these will be discussed at Area Forum upon receipt of an application form and completion of the appraisal process and site visits.