

Item 6b

AREA 3 FORUM

19th September 2007

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Trimdon Community College MUGA Technical Study

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and initially appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 3 Forum for their consideration and comments, which will be used to further develop the project proposal prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

The Area 3 Forum has been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £177,333 has been allocated to the year 2007/08 of which £70,180 has been approved to date. A number of projects have been allocated in the previous year for this area, and there is some additional under-spend resulting from last year, which will be available to the Area Forum for additional project activity.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Trimdon Community College MUGA - Technical Study
- **Name of Applicant:** Trimdon Community College Association
- **Brief Description of Project:**

This application is requesting funding to carry out a Technical Study with a view to providing a floodlit MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). The design of the MUGA will include provision for football, tennis, netball and hockey and will adhere to both the Football Foundation and Sport England standards. The applicant will work with partners to invest in the new facilities, skills and programmes. The project would be based at Trimdon Community College.

- **Requested from LIP: £7,640 (100%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: £7,640**
- **What will the LIP be used for:**

The aim of this stage of the project is to develop plans for the construction of a Floodlit MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), establish an accurate project time plan and cost, assist the Association in managing

the implementation of the new build and making sure the work carried out meets relevant standards.

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that the MUGA's design will adhere to both the Football Foundation and Sport England standards and will be located in an area which was previously occupied by an all weather sports area, which as it stands is currently derelict, it has been vandalised beyond repair and without replacement of some sort will just be demolished and used as open space. This has prevented the 15 football teams, 2 schools and the junior and youth clubs from using the training facility. The teams are now either using the grassed pitches or not training at all due to the lack of provision within the local area.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**

The applicant has stated that the Junior Football Team is looking to expand and will have no quality training facility to offer the teams, which will in turn possibly affect their current FA Community Club Charter Standard (only junior club in the Borough to hold this standard). The Junior and Senior youth clubs would use the facility to carry out casual sport and physical activity as well as organise inter youth club tournaments. The FA would also hold FA Coaching and Refereeing courses.

Within the Trimdon 2000 Appraisal report children and young people were consulted and highlighted the need for improved sports facilities and coaching opportunities.

Subject to endorsement by the Area Forum at this stage, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant during the full appraisal process to explore the links with other facilities, and also look at a more detail predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**

By carrying out this stage of the project this will help to establish a full project cost for all elements of the scheme and inform the options available.

A key issue in considering any future project proposal is to ensure that the increased revenue costs associated with maintaining a facility of this nature can be met.

- **Statutory Approvals:**

- Requirement of Planning Permission will be a major consideration addressed by undertaking the Technical Study.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project proposal, the applicant will work with the Strategy and Regeneration Division to inform a full appraisal of the LIP application prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decisions making.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal, and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 3 locality.

If the Area Forum wish to support the undertaking of the Technical Study then a further more detailed report will be brought to the Area Forum once this Study has been completed to enable the Forum to consider the overall cost implications of the proposed final project.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 3:

In taking the above decision the Area Forum is requested to consider the implication of the funding level requested against the following projects that have been received for future determination by the Forum.

Sedgefield Parish Hall Phase 2 - £80,000 requested.

Projects Approved to date:

2006/07

Trimdon Colliery Community Centre Fees	£12,774
Trimdon Colliery Multi-use Games Area	£58,325
Sedgefield Parish Hall Improvements	£37,000
Sedgefield Ceddesfeld Hall Tech Study	£1,762
<i>(possible future application following results of technical study)</i>	

Total £109,861

2007/08

Fishburn Recreation Ground Development Tech Study	£11,280
Fishburn Memorial Children's Playing Field	£58,900

Total £70,180

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