

Item 6

AREA 3 FORUM

27th February 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Trimdon Community College MUGA

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 subject to budget approval. A total of £177,333 has been allocated to the year 2007/08 of which £157,820 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
- **Name of Applicant:** Trimdon Community College Association
- **Brief Description of Project:** To provide a floodlit Multi Use Games Area for the community college and it's two surrounding primary schools. The MUGA will be located in an area that was previously occupied by an all weather sports pitch but which is now unusable due to it reaching the end of its intended lifespan and vandalism of the area.
- **Requested from LIP:** £35,000 (27%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £130,146
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The proposed new MUGA will be 45m x 25m which will adhere to both the Football Foundation and Sport England Standards. The remaining area of the previous pitch will be used as a possible landscaped seated spectator area. The MUGA design will include provision for football, netball and hockey.
- **Impact of the Project:**
The applicant has stated that a MUGA of this category is not available within the area. The existing MUGA's in Trimdon Colliery and Village area are designed for more casual community use and do not fit the criteria for adult coaching. 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. The surrounding primary schools have expressed an interest in using the facility and are both working towards the Healthy School Standard. The FA would like to hold FA coaching and refereeing courses at the refurbished site.

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

The applicant has stated that the project fits into the community appraisals and the Trimdon 2000 appraisal report highlighting the need for improved sports facilities and coaching. The same appraisals also pointed out major issues with health and highlighted a need to improve health and exercise facilities and activities for young people. The Joint Trimdons action plan highlighted a need for a football academy, however this has not been actioned due to the issues with the all weather surface. The health statistics put the Trimdons in the worst 10% nationally, and the overall IMD statistics in the worst 20%.

The play strategy also highlights the college as still having the all weather facility and this links to a number of sporting and physical activity schemes. The strategy also highlights the proposed development of play rangers who will use outreach facilities in particular MUGA's to deliver play based activities.

Letters of support from various organisations such as Sedgefield Borough Council Leisure Services, Trimdon Black Bull Football Clubs, local schools, Trimdon Parish Council, have been received.

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

The applicant has applied for £35,000 which is 27% of the total project costs. The remaining capital costs will be funded by various funders including The Football Foundation, Durham FA, and their own funding, some this is yet to be confirmed. It is anticipated that approval for funding from Durham Football Association and the Football Foundation will be known by May 2008. The Community College will cover all future revenue costs.

- **Statutory Approvals:**

Planning Permission is not required.

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 Forum locality.

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 further develop the LIP application prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

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.

Trimdon Grange Play Area £68,996

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 <i>(possible future application following results of technical study)</i>	£ 1,762

Total £109,861

2007/08

Fishburn Recreation Ground Development Tech Study <i>(possible future application following results of technical study)</i>	£11,280
Fishburn Memorial Children's Playing Field	£58,900
Sedgefield Parish Hall Phase 2	£80,000
Trimdon Community College MUGA – Technical Study	£7,640

Total £157,820

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