

Item 7

AREA 3 FORUM

27th February 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Trimdon Grange Play Area

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 Grange Play Area
- **Name of Applicant:** Trimdon Grange Community Centre
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project is phase 1 of a larger scheme to provide a junior play area and MUGA on the land adjacent to Trimdon Grange Community Centre. The LIP project consists of a new junior play area on an area of open space currently used by children for informal play.
- **Requested from LIP:** £70,000 (84%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £85,653 inc. vat.
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The LIP funding will be used to provide 4 pieces of dedicated play equipment and the firesmart grass mats safety surfacing on an area of land 325 square metres.
- **Impact of the Project:**
The applicant has stated that the project will combat anti-social behaviour, as the children will have a safe area to play, socialise and create a healthier village. Trimdon is a targeted ward with high levels of deprivation, low car ownership and scored high on the social deprivation and health index.

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

The applicant has stated that the need has been identified by consultation with the young people and the wider community. A steering group was formed to take the project forward which arranged a trip with the youth clubs and Kompan to look at other play areas in Newton Aycliffe. The children feedback their views and chose their favourite pieces of equipment. 2 Community consultation events were held where all members of the community were invited and comment upon the proposals. Kompan also attended an event for older members of the public to allay their fears about the play area.

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

The applicant has applied for £70,000 which is 84% of the total project costs. The remaining capital costs will be funded by funds from Trimdon Parish Council, Neighbourhood Enhancement Programme and the Community Association (all yet to be confirmed). The Community Association will cover the insurance costs and the Parish Council will cover the maintenance, inspection costs etc.

- **Statutory Approvals:**

Requirement of Planning Permission and Building Regulation consent is to be confirmed.

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 Sedgfield Borough Council's decisions 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 Community College MUGA £35,000 LIP 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
<i>(possible future application following results of technical study)</i>	
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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