

Item 6

AREA 5 FORUM

2nd October 2007

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Newton Aycliffe Sports and Social Club

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 5 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 5 Forum has been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. A total of £380,000 has been allocated to the year 2007/08. 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 project activity.

Project Background

- **Name of Project: Regeneration Sports Club Grounds 2007**
- **Name of Applicant: Newton Aycliffe Sports and Social Club**
- **Landlord: Newton Aycliffe Sports and Social Club**
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project is to regenerate the senior football pitch to a standard specified by the Wearside League. To create a new junior football pitch. To provide the cricket club with a practice net area. To relocate the current changing rooms and to provide and locate new self contained changing rooms for two teams plus officials adjacent to the football pitch. To improve the access for disabled spectators and sports people.
- **Requested from LIP: £256,580 (100%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: Initial estimate £256,580**
- This project been brought relatively early to the Area Forum for its consideration. If Area Forum wishes to support the project, we will work with the applicant on technical specifications, costs and match funding applications. On completion of this work has been a further more detailed report will be brought back to the Area Forum.

What will the LIP be used for:

- The applicant has stated that the project will create a senior football pitch (96 metres x 68 metres) to Wearside League standards. The playing field itself will require 350 metres of 1.2 metre high tubular steel and concrete spectator fencing around its perimeter and a further 370 metres of 1.8 metre high timber fencing, with eight personnel gates, constructed around the entire playing field and spectator area.
- To create a new junior football field (55 metres x 37 metres) adjacent the senior field.
- To use waste land which is not in use at present for the installation of two all weather cricket lanes. These two lanes would also be secured and enclosed by a metal mesh safety fence. This will provide an important practice facility.
- The portacabins that are currently the teams changing rooms are to be relocated and replaced with self contained sports changing rooms for two teams plus officials. The new changing rooms to be located to a position more central to the entire site and will require electricity, water and sewage services.
- The spectator area adjacent to the social club building is to be improved with greater disabled access to the viewing area and the other sports facilities.

Impact of the Project:

The applicant states that the project links to three of the four community strategy objectives. **Healthy Borough** - improving the health and well being of the local community, by improving this sports venue. **Attractive Borough** – developing and maximising the leisure and cultural facilities in the Borough. **Strong Communities** – assisting in creating a safe neighbourhood by helping to combat anti-social behaviour by providing sports facilities for the young people of the town.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**
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 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:**
The applicant has estimated a cost of £256,580 for the project. Discussions are taking place with the applicant to consider match funding opportunities. Funding opportunities do exist for the applicant to attract matched funding.
- Three estimates for the work will be required.

- **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 5 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 decisions making process.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 5:

Applications approved by Sedgefield Borough Council to date:

Great Aycliffe Way & Nature Reserve	£183,505
Woodham Community Centre	£25,200
Middridge Village Hall	£76,485
Total	£285,190

Application considered by the Area Forum and being further developed:

Neville Parade Community Centre	£34,763
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Given the resources available within the Local Improvement Programme (LIP) capacity exists to consider other project activity with the Area 5 Forum. For further details or to discuss any project ideas please contact Linda Goundry or Nicola Woodgate from Sedgefield Borough Council on (01388) 824002.

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