

# **AREA 5 FORUM**

Tuesday,

11 March 2008

7.00 p.m.

Town Council Offices,  
School Aycliffe Lane,  
Newton Aycliffe

# **AGENDA** and **REPORTS**



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## AGENDA

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear later in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

**3. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2008 (Pages 1 - 4)

**4. POLICE REPORT**

A representative from the Police Force will be present at the meeting to give an update in relation to crime figures etc.

**5. NEWTON AYCLIFFE HEALTH CENTRE**

A representative from County Durham PCT will be present at the meeting to seek the views of the Forum on future health service provision in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

**6. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

To consider applications for Local Improvement Programme funding from the following:-

(a) **Neville Parade Methodist Church**

(b) **Simpasture Park**

(c) **Aycliffe Village Hall**

(d) **Moore Lane Pavililon**

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008

**8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

To consider any other business which, with the consent of the Chairman may be submitted. Representatives are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive Officer notice of items to be raised under this heading no later than 12 noon on the Friday preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

B. Allen  
Chief Executive

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008

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## AREA 5 FORUM

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Councillor Mrs D. Bowman (Chairman)  
Councillor G.C. Gray (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors W M Blenkinsopp, V Crosby, Mrs L. Cuthbertson, P.Gittins, Mrs J. Gray, B.Haigh, Mrs S. Haigh, Mrs I. Hewitson, T. Hogan, Mrs H.J. Hutchinson, Mrs S.J. Iveson Mrs E. M. Paylor and A. Warburton

#### Durham County Council Representative

Councillor Mrs S J Iveson

#### Town/Parish Councils Representatives

Great Aycliffe - Councillor Mrs M Dalton  
Councillor Mrs B A Clare  
Councillor Mrs V Raw,  
Councillor S Bambridge  
Middridge - Councillor Mrs A Clarke

#### Police

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Linden Place Miss B. Craggs,  
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Kings -I Robertson ,  
Williamfield -K Cox

#### Community Associations Representatives

Agnew -Agnew Community Centre,  
School Aycliffe - School Aycliffe Community Hall,  
Woodham - Woodham Community Centre,

#### School Representatives

Greenfield - Mr J D Clare,  
School Community  
and Arts College

Woodham - M. Adamson,  
Technology .  
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## **County Durham PCT**

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# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,  
School Aycliffe Lane,  
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,  
22 January 2008

Time: 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor P. Gittins J.P.	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G.C. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Haigh	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. I. Hewitson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T. Hogan	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
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Councillor Mrs. S. J. Iveson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Warburton	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor S. Bambridge	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor R. Bowman	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor P. Ducker	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
J.P. Rodwell	–	Agnew Community Association
J.D. Clare	–	Greenfield School and Community Arts College

**In Attendance:** A. Blakemore, S. Barry and Ms. E.A. North

**Apologies:**

Councillor V. Crosby	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
Mrs. L. M.G. Cuthbertson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Mrs. J. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Mrs. S. Haigh	-	Sedgefield Borough Council
B. Craggs	-	Linden Place Residents Association
Councillors Mrs. B.A. Clare	-	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke	-	Middridge Parish Council

**AF(5)19/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest were received.

**AF(5)20/06 MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 were confirmed as a correct record.

**AF(5)21/06 POLICE REPORT**  
Sergeant Rogers was present at the meeting to give details of the crime figures for the area.

The figures for November and December, 2007 were as follows :

<u>Type of Crime :</u>	<u>November :</u>	<u>December :</u>
Total recorded crime	160	97
Total violent crime	37	23
Violence against a person	32	21
Robbery	Nil	1
Burglary (Dwelling)	5	3
Burglary (Other)	7	2
Criminal Damage	42	28
Theft of Vehicle	5	1
Theft from Vehicle	8	4
Shoplifting	16	11
Total Theft	54	33
Rowdy Nuisance Behaviour	129	92

Reference was made to the request for information to be given on a ward-by-ward basis. The following information was given :-

<u>Ward:</u>	<u>September:</u>	<u>October:</u>	<u>November:</u>	<u>December:</u>
Silverdale Place	23	37	18	11
Shafto St. Mary	215	204	183	164
West Ward	189	157	171	124
Neville Simpasture	150	140	133	119
Middridge	133	135	102	75
Woodham	66	73	95	67

It was noted that the total number of incidents had fallen from 753 in September to 545 in December.

Reference was made to incidents in the area of Tescos and the Town Centre Park particularly in relation to anti-social behaviour. It was explained that PCSOs did patrol the area and that CCTV cameras were operational in the areas.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of feedback on reported incidents. The issue had been raised at a meeting of the Police Consultative Group. It was pointed out, however, that the Area Forums were the vehicle for receiving feedback on incidents and raising issues.

**AF(5)22/06**

**CRIME AND DISORDER LOCAL PRIORITIES**

Allan Blakemore, Community Safety Manager, gave a presentation regarding the above.



It was explained that Sedgefield Community Safety Partnership was in the process of setting priorities for 2008/09 and was consulting residents on their local priorities.

It was explained that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006 had imposed a duty on the Council to share data for the purpose of reducing crime and disorder and replaced the three year audit and strategy process with an annual strategic assessment.

The presentation outlined the intelligence driven and national priorities, which were:

- Domestic Abuse  
This was identified as a national priority. Two women die every week in Great Britain as a result of domestic violence.
- Domestic Burglary  
Domestic burglary was very low in Sedgefield Borough, however residents did have a high degree of fear of being a victim of this particular crime. Borough average was 8.3 burglaries per 1,000 households in 2006/07 compared to the national average of 13 burglaries per 1000 households.
- Substance misuse  
Substance misuse related to Class A, B and C drugs, alcohol and smoking
- Vehicle Crime  
Vehicle crime relates to the organised stealing of vehicles for resale after changing identification, taking vehicles without owners' consent (better known as "joyriding"), theft from vehicles and vehicle interference.
- Criminal Damage  
Criminal damage was the highest recorded crime across Sedgefield Borough, usually accounting for 40% of total recorded crime. It was linked to night time economy and anti-social behaviour.
- Anti-Social Behaviour  
The usual profile figures were follows:
  - Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour - 73%
  - Nuisance neighbours - 10%
  - Vehicle nuisance/Inappropriate use - 9%
  - Noise - 3%
  - Street drinking - 2%
  - Animal related problems - 2%
  - Substance misuse - 1%

Questionnaires were then circulated at the meeting for completion. It was pointed out that by providing postcodes on the questionnaires, the

Community Safety Partnership would be able to map localised priorities, whilst preserving anonymity. It was noted that the information would be shared with Durham Constabulary to assist in the setting of neighbourhood priorities for action.

**AF(5)23/06**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

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# Item 6a

AREA 5 FORUM

11<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

## Application - Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall

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 subject to budget approval. 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:** Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall
- **Name of Applicant:** Neville Parade Methodist Church
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project aims to bring the small hall into a useable condition to encourage more community activities in the hall. This includes a new entrance porch, double glazing, suspended ceiling, accessible toilets, decoration and carpeting.
- **Requested from LIP:** £18,471 (88%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £20,875
- **What will the LIP be used for:**  
The applicant has requested funding for the double glazing, suspended ceiling and lighting, installation of accessible toilets and creation of a porch from the car park.
- **Impact of the Project:**  
The applicant has stated that the continuance of existing groups for young people will be safeguarded for a number of young people. The parent and toddler group will be encouraged to expand its services providing social interaction for children and parents and the luncheon club will continue to provide elderly members of the community with a

meeting place and a healthy meal at a reasonable price. The applicant also states that the use of the hall by members of the community will increase their social network and circle of friends. This will also contribute towards a greater sense of community spirit. The project also hopes to work in partnership with other agencies providing services to the local community, particularly amongst those not in education, employment and training.

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

The applicant has stated that a survey has been carried out amongst people on the fringes of church life. In August 2007, 50 surveys were distributed and 46% were returned all showing a clear need for the modernisation / refurbishment of the hall. Suggestions were also made for the types of activities to be provided. In December 2007, consultation was done with people living in neighbouring streets. 52 responses were given, these included the types of activities which are missing from the community and which the local people would support at Neville Parade. Discussions have also taken place with the neighbouring Neville Parade Community Centre. Agreement has been made to meet every three months to discuss activities, ensure no duplication is being made between the two organisations and to develop a complementary approach to local provision.

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

The total project cost £20,875, of which the applicant has applied for £18,471 (70%). The remaining funds will be from Church funds. Revenue costs will also be funded from the church's own funds.

- **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 and explore a more detail predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project 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
Neville Parade Community Centre	£44,353
Newton Aycliffe Sports Club T/study	£5,875
Total	<u>£335,418</u>

Applications to be discussed at Area Forum:

Simpasture Park	£89,245
Aycliffe Village Hall	£44,815
Moore Lane Pavilion	£25,089

Application considered by the Area Forum and being further developed:

Newton Aycliffe Sport Club	£252,685
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Applications under development:

Morrison Close Community Centre

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# Item 6b

**AREA 5 FORUM**

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive**

**Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme**

## **Application - Simpasture Park Refurbishment**

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 subject to budget approval. 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:** Simpasture Park Refurbishment
- **Name of Applicant:** Great Aycliffe Town Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** The aims of the project are to refurbish the present run down tennis courts and provide a double multi use games area and two tennis courts for unrestricted community use. In addition a small disused 'kiddy car' track area will be refurbished to provide a toddlers play area which is presently not provided in the adjacent junior play area.
- **Requested from LIP:** £89,245 (70%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £127,145
- **What will the LIP be used for:**

The applicant has stated that the project will provide a double Multi Use Games Area with basketball and cricket stumps along with goals, a double Tennis Court, a toddler play area providing 7 pieces of equipment, 1 section of play panels and 1 learning element, seating, and litter bins. Costs for preparation of the area and safety surfaces has also been included in to the project.

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that the project will help to reduce football in other areas that are not deemed suitable. It will also encourage greater opportunities to engage in sport and recreation activities. The re-vamp of the park and play area will discourage anti-social behaviour occurring by youths and children playing football in non-designated areas. The toddler play area will provide a safer, dedicated facility for parents/grandparents/carers of young children to use thereby encouraging family activities and cohesion. All activities will be provided free of charge thereby removing any barriers to participation and encouraging equal access to facilities for all.

The project aims to link to three of the four Sedgefield Borough Council community strategy objectives. Healthy – the project will improve the health and well being of the local community, Attractive – the project will develop and maximise 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:**

Consultation has taken place through Parish Plan 2006/07 and Great Aycliffe Town Council Satisfaction Survey 2007. Results show request for outdoor five-a-side for 13-19 year old. Majority in favour of Tennis Court Refurbishment and five-a-side/basketball facility. A need for a toddler area was also highlighted within the Survey. The applicant has stated that a need for investment in play areas has come out in the top 5 existing services for investment, during the above survey.

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

The total project cost £127,145, of which the applicant has applied for £89,245 (70%). Great Aycliffe Town Council will provide the remaining funding. The Town Council will cover future revenue costs.

- **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
Midridge Village Hall	£76,485
Neville Parade Community Centre	£44,353
Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Technical Study	£5,875
Total	<u>£335,418</u>

Applications to be discussed at Area Forum:

Neville Parade Methodist Church	£18,471
Aycliffe Village Hall	£44,815
Moore Lane Pavilion Refurbishment	£25,089

Application considered by the Area Forum and being further developed:

Newton Aycliffe Sport Club	£252,685
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Applications under development:

Morrison Close Community Centre

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# Item 6c

**AREA 5 FORUM**

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive**

**Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme**

## **Application - Aycliffe Village Hall Improvements**

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 subject to budget approval. 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:** Aycliffe Village Hall Improvements
- **Name of Applicant:** Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association
- **Brief Description of Project:** The aim of the project is to provide stage lighting and curtains, which would enable amateur theatre productions, a glazed entrance feature creating additional useable space of 30m<sup>2</sup> and also improved access to the Village Hall.
- **Requested from LIP:** £44,815 (92%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £48,815
- **What will the LIP be used for:**

The applicant has stated that the project will provide stage curtains and lighting and enable amateur theatrical group performances, a glazed entrance feature which would create additional space to be used for social activities including library, coffee club and a social meeting place. The plan is to create additional space, a better-managed entrance providing an 'open visit' drop-in meeting area. (expandable in

good weather to external paved areas. Improved access to the hall is also included in the project.

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that the project will offer a better environment to build a stronger Village community. The project aims to provide additional facilities, which will make the building a part of local life as opposed to an occasionally used facility. Aycliffe Village has, in common with other communities an ever growing elderly population, it is hoped that the social benefit which can be offered as part of the proposed alterations in the way of age-related groups and activities will promote an increase in the quality of life for this age group and contribute to the proven associated health benefits.

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

Community consultation is ongoing at the present time, and results will be available before taking the project to a further stage. Some specific requests or needs have been provided from residents. These requests have been researched and identified as evidence for need of the proposed project.

As part of the research done as a committee, visits to other Village Halls have been made and compared their facilities and what they have in resident community groups and activities. These visits confirmed that to realise the true potential and achieve the aims there was a need to improve the facility.

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

The total project cost £48,815, of which the applicant has applied for £44,815 (92%). Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association will provide the remaining funding. Future revenue costs will be the responsibility of the Village Hall Association.

- **Statutory Approvals:**

Planning Permission and Building Regulation consent is to be applied for.

### **Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:**

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.

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 5 locality.

**Material considerations:**

**Other applications received from Area 5:**

Applications approved by Sedgefield Borough Council to date:

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Newton Aycliffe Sports Club T/study	£5,875
Total	<u>£335,418</u>

Applications to be discussed at Area Forum:

Neville Parade Methodist Church	£18,471
Simpasture Park Improvements	£89,245
Moore Lane Pavilion	£25,089

Application considered by the Area Forum and being further developed:

Newton Aycliffe Sport Club	£252,685
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Applications under development:

Morrison Close Community Centre

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# Item 6d

AREA 5 FORUM

11<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

## Application - Moore Lane Pavilion

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 subject to budget approval. 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:** Moore Lane Pavilion Refurbishment
- **Name of Applicant:** Great Aycliffe Town Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project aims to bring back into use the pavilion at Moore Lane Park. Its future use will be to provide a working office and study centre for an Environmental Officer and provide an educational resource for schools and community groups to access, to provide a room that can be used by the Aycliffe Nature Park Association, to provide a room for community groups to use, to provide a room for other activities such as cycle proficiency course and a start / finish for walking to health walks.
- **Requested from LIP:** £25,089 (67%)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £37,450
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The LIP will be used for removing the existing floor tiles, new flooring, refurbishing the toilet area, replacing the kitchen area and fire detection and emergency exit lights.

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that the building will provide a base for an environmental officer who will work with schools, local community and voluntary groups to develop the principles of sustainable communities by providing a clean, safe and attractive environment. It will provide an opportunity to develop respect for the environment and encourage youngsters into environmental studies.

The community themselves will be key in developing relationships with the council and other partners to bring about change in the area. It is anticipated that giving residents pride in their area will reduce anti-social behaviour, the volunteering opportunities and walks available from this base will help the health of those taking part.

The applicant also states that a refurbished building would enable the sharing of resources to enable communities to receive services that are not currently easily available. The project will also encourage further usage of the previously LIP funded extension to the Great Aycliffe Way.

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

Consultation has taken place through Parish Plan 2006/07 and Great Aycliffe Town Council Satisfaction Survey 2007. Both documents have highlighted that the environment is particularly important. The survey results have shown that the top 5 areas for investment are:

Environment and grounds maintenance, parks and play area, pre-schools, footpaths and public seating. The applicant has stated that the best way to keep improving these services and other important areas would be to refurbish Moore Lane pavilion to provide an environmental base which could be utilised for a number of associated uses.

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

The total project cost £29,089 of which the applicant has applied for £37,450 (67%). Great Aycliffe Town Council will provide the remaining funding. The Town Council will cover future revenue costs.

- **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:**

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