

# 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:**

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
Simpasture Park	£89,245

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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