

# Item 5

## AREA 5 FORUM

22nd July 2008

### Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

#### Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

##### Update on Project Activity

This report provides the Area Forum with an update on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme (LIP).

The purpose of the LIP Programme is to improve community assets and support community engagement in the regeneration of local areas. As part of this, Local Communities can propose projects against set criteria agreed by Sedgefield Borough Council. Through this Programme resources will be released to improve sites and improve the usability of community facilities and buildings across the Borough.

The Area 5 Forum has been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. This level of resource is available for community organisations and partner Town and Parish Council's to bid for to fund a range of eligible project activity.

The Local Improvement Programme will close to new applications on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008. If anyone is working on applications and requires any help or guidance, please contact Nicola Woodgate or Linda Goundry on 01388 824002.

##### Projects Funded to date within the Area 5 Forum locality

Great Aycliffe Way	£162,991
Middridge Village Hall	£76,485
Woodham Community Centre	£25,200
Neville Parade Comm Centre	£45,103
Neville Parade Sports Club	
Technical Study	£5875
Neville Parade Methodist church	£18,475
Simpasture Park Refurbishment	£89,245
Moore Lane Refurbishment	£25,089
<b>Total</b>	<b>£448,463</b>

##### Updates on projects previously considered by the Area Forum:

###### **Aycliffe Village Hall**

Applicant is working on appraisal queries.

###### **Newton Aycliffe Sports Club**

This project is now fully developed and it is hoped it will progress to Management Team and Cabinet for decision during July.

**St Oswalds Park**

It is hoped a decision will be made on this project during September.

**Applications Received, to be brought to the next Area Forum:****Newton Aycliffe Scouts Hall**

An application has been received. We are awaiting information to strengthen the application before taking it to the Area 5 Forum.

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

That the Area Forum notes the content of the report and recognises the need that in some instances, further reports will need to be brought to the Area Forum as progress on particular projects develops. Any new applications received before the end of July will be brought to the next Area 5 Forum.