

Item 10

REPORT TO CABINET

27th July 2006

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF STRATEGY & REGENERATION

Portfolio: Social Regeneration & Partnership

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME – TRIMDON MUGA

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to, appraised and scored by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. Following endorsement of the project by the Area 3 Forum, this report provides information to Cabinet for their consideration and decision.
- 1.2 This project is to install a Multi Use Games area on an area of under-used open space next to Trimdon Colliery Community Centre. This will include lighting and polymeric surfacing as well as appropriate fencing and goals

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Cabinet...

- 2.1 Approve the application for LIP Funds based upon the information provided.

3. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Background - Purpose and Process

- 3.1 The purpose of this programme is to improve community assets and support community engagement in the regeneration of local areas. As part of this, Local Communities, Area Forums and partner Town and Parish Councils can determine a proposed series of works against criteria agreed by Cabinet and make recommendations to Cabinet which schemes should be supported. As part of this process resources could be released to improve individual sites and buildings and improve the usability and access to buildings and community facilities.
- 3.2 The Strategy and Regeneration Section administer the programme and officers are in place to support the development of any applications. Once an application is received, it is appraised and scored against a range of criteria and to ensure compatibility with the Department for Communities

and Local Government definition of Regeneration as highlighted in the June 2005 report to Cabinet on the Local Improvement Programme.

Background – Application and Applicant

- 3.3 A copy of the report to the Area 3 Forum meeting, which was taken to the meeting on 5th July is attached, which highlights the background information to the project.
- 3.4 The applicant, Groundwork East Durham is an Environmental Regeneration Charity working for People, Places and Prosperity in the District of Easington, City of Durham and Borough of Sedgefield. The land is owned by Durham County Council and leased to Trimdon Colliery Community Association on a long-term lease.

4. CORPORATE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no other significant material considerations.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Area Forum 3 has been allocated £532,000 of LIP Capital resources between 2006 and 2009. £177,334 has been allocated for 2006/07. None of which has been allocated to date.
- 5.2 The applicant has requested **£58,325** of LIP funding, which is 54% of the total capital project costs. The remaining capital costs will be funded by:
- Barclays Spaces for Sports £50,000
- 5.4 In addition, a play area proposal is also being developed for an adjacent site at the Community Centre. This element has £70,000 allocated to it from Sedgefield Borough Council's - Play Areas Improvement Programme. This project has been developed as a self-contained proposal and is not included within the estimated costs shown below.
- 5.8 After the initial maintenance period, which the contractor is responsible for, Trimdon Parish Council will undertake the long – term maintenance. As part of the Barclays Spaces for Sport money, Groundwork East Durham intend to draw down an additional £20,000 of revenue monies to support future sports development as part of the MUGA development.

6. CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 There have been a number of consultation exercises undertaken since the initial consultation event was held regarding the use of the park area. Such exercises undertaken by Groundwork East Durham and community

representatives have included leaflet drops, a poster campaign and open meetings held at Trimdon Colliery Community Centre. Furthermore, the plans for the site have been displayed at the Community Centre over the last 3 months and a comments box has been provided for people to comment on the scheme. Feedback has been very positive and no negative comments or objections have been received. Comments have been evaluated and fed into the design of the scheme.

7. AREA FORUM RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The Area 3 Forum agreed to support the progress of this project and recommended that Cabinet support this application to the full amount requested.

8. OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The application has undergone an appraisal and been scored against the Local Improvement Programmes criteria. The application has scored highly on all key elements of the LIP criteria, and demonstrated clear links to the Community Strategy priorities.

- 8.2 All planning permission is in place for the project.

- 8.3 Given the Sport and Recreation focus to the project, it is proposed that the application be conditional upon the applicant working with our Leisure Services Department to develop a robust Sports Development Plan to ensure that the completed facilities are fully utilised.

- 8.4 Procurement
The funding requested represents a grant to an external organisation. The grant is conditional upon applicants identifying a full quotation / and or tender process for the works.

- 8.5 Crime and Disorder
In line with the Council's Community Strategy, this project has identified a clear link with providing activities and facilities that hope to result in a fall in crime and anti-social behaviour rates within this communities.

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There has been no previous consultation or engagement with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

10. LIST OF APPENDICES

- 1 Area 3 Forum Report – July 2006 – Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme Application

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Key Decision Validation: Not applicable

Background Papers:

- | Internal | | |
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| 1 | Promotion Of The Regeneration Of The Borough
Housing Land Capital Receipts To Support
Regeneration And Affordable Housing Provision | June 2005 |

Examination by Statutory Officers

	Yes	Not Applicable
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