

# Item 5

## REPORT TO CABINET

8<sup>th</sup> January 2009

### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### Portfolio: Social Regeneration & Partnership

#### LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME – New Changing Rooms Facility Shildon Railway Sports and Social Club

#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Division. Following endorsement of the project by the Area 4 Forum, this report provides information to Cabinet for determination. This project was highlighted as a project that would be brought forward following more development work within the 23<sup>rd</sup> October Cabinet report that focused on project activity across all Area Forum Areas.
- 1.2 The project aims to provide this sports club with a new two team and officials changing room facility. Additional hard landscaping and ramp access to the changing rooms will be required. Electric, water and drainage services are also required and costed into the proposal.
- 1.3 The project meets the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) eligible 'Regeneration' Definition. ✓
- 1.4 The project has also demonstrated links to the key LIP criteria of meeting elements of the Community Strategy and community consultation. ✓
- 1.5 The applicant has requested **£70,782** of LIP funding, which is 96% of the total capital project costs of £73,782.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Cabinet ...

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

#### 3. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

- 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 can propose projects against set criteria agreed by Cabinet. Through this programme resources will be released to

improve sites and improve the usability of community facilities and buildings across the Borough.

### **Background – Application and Applicant**

- 3.2 The Shildon Railway Sports and Social Club has been in existence for more than 50 years. It was formed to promote sporting activities initially for the employees of the Shildon L-N-E-R Works (later taken over by British Rail) and residents of Shildon who could avail themselves of the sporting teams of football, cricket, bowls, and tennis.
- 3.3 This project has been developed by the Sports and Social Club. The Club currently provides a football pitch, a cricket pitch and a bowls green for the residents of Shildon. Whilst the club has two changing rooms, these rooms are situated in the main club house and are shared by all the sports teams.
- 3.4 This project aims to provide a new 2 team changing facility. The present dressing room facility is very limited and cannot handle the demands of male, female and junior sports teams. Fixture clashes between sporting activities often results in teams not being able to use the changing rooms.
- 3.5 The Sports Club expects that the new facility will attract more young people to take part in the offered sports. Increased membership and use will thereby give a longer lifespan to the club, its sports teams and its sports facilities.
- 3.6 The Shildon Railway F.C. and the Shildon Railway Juniors Football Club use the football pitch, the Shildon Railway Cricket Club and the Shildon Elm Road W.M.C. Cricket Club use the cricket field.
- 3.7 The Sports Clubs are trying to increase the number of female participants into junior football and cricket and this has increased the pressure on the Sports and Social Club to provide additional appropriate changing rooms.

### **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Area Forum 4 has been allocated £456,000 of LIP Capital resources between 2006 and 2009 subject to budget approval. £287,101 has been allocated to projects to date.
- 4.2 The Sports Club initially requested £209,220 of LIP funding for a four team changing facility, however, constraints in the LIP budget has resulted in a re-examination of the clubs request. With experience gained from the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club project and working with the Council's Engineering Services, the LIP team has come up with a re-costed project that will meet the club's requirements.
- 4.3 The applicant is requesting £70,782 of LIP funding, which is 96% of the total capital project costs of £73,782 for the works. Shildon Railway Sports and Social Club will prepare the site by removing a dilapidated

wooden pavilion. The Councils Engineering Services estimate the cost of the removal at £3,000. The Sports and Social Club is VAT registered.

- 4.4 Sedgefield Borough Council Engineering Services has been commissioned to project manage the works. Breakdown of budget cost identified through this process are as follows:

<b>Programme Element</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Thurston two team changing facility	31,000.00
Utility supply point – water	1,228.00
Utility supply point – electric	750.00
Utility connection charge – water	4,000
Utility connection charge – electric	4,000
Ground works and foundations	6,500
Drainage – surface and foul water	6,500
Access works and landscaping	4,000
Demolition of pavilion building	3,000
10% Contingency Fund	6,097.00
10% Project management	6,707.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£73,782.00</b>

- 4.5 Shildon Railway Sports and Social Club will be responsible for future management, maintenance and revenue implications arising out of the proposal.

## **5. CONSULTATIONS**

- 5.1 Consultation with the team members using the sports facilities has taken place with positive results. Letters of support have been provided by the individual Sports Clubs, Sunnydale Community College and local Borough Councillors. The Councils' Leisure Services supports the clubs application.
- 5.2 The project aims to address key principles highlighted in the Council's Play Strategy.

## **6. AREA FORUM RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 A positive response was received to the proposed project by the Area 4 Forum at its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008. The Area Forum agreed to support this project to the full amount requested.

## **7. OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 The application has undergone an appraisal against the Local Improvement Programme criteria. The application has met the key elements of the LIP criteria, and demonstrated links to the Community Strategy priorities.

7.2 Planning Permission and Building Regulation will be applied for. The applicant has already contacted the Planning Department through the Council's One-Stop-Shop process.

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

## 8. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There has been no previous consultation or engagement with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees regarding this particular project.

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**Key Decision Validation:** Not applicable

### Background Papers:

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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    |
| 2 | Local Improvement Programme – update on current position and consideration of proposed projects                                     | October 2008 |

### Examination by Statutory Officers

	Yes	Not Applicable
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4. The report has been approved by Management Team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>