

Local Improvement Programme

*Prosperous & Attractive
Borough Overview and
Scrutiny Presentation –*

*Update on the Programme
and Discussion on the Key
Issues'*



Background to the Programme

- Sale of land for housing has created an opportunity to further invest in Regeneration across the Borough
- Creation of the Local Improvement Programme (LIP)
- £3.8m has been earmarked to LIP across the Borough over a 3 year period to March 2009 * *subject to resources being available*
- Allocation tied to Area Forum Areas and based on number of households within that area



Financial Allocation per Area Forum

Breakdown of Local Improvement Programme funding by Area Forum

Area Forum locality	No of Households	%	TOTAL LIP Funding *
Area1 - Spennymoor	8,300	22	£836,000
Area 2 - Ferryhill & Chilton	8,130	22	£836,000
Area 3 - Rural East	5,250	14	£532,000
Area 4 - Shildon	4,700	12	£456,000
Area 5 - Newton Aycliffe	11,140	30	£1,140,000
Total	37,790		£3,800,000

* 2008/09 Financial Year LIP Budget Allocation to be confirmed



Main Grant Criteria

- Compatibility with Government Regeneration Defn
 - Focus activity on underused land and or buildings
- Programme designed to tackle the key issues facing the Borough linked to:
 - Community Strategy Objectives,
 - A Strong Local Need – backed through appraisals
 - Measurable benefits – *what difference will the project make?*
 - Added Value / additional activity
 - Appropriate Local Consultation
 - Given Regeneration Definition, activity will be focused towards land and buildings



Current Picture across the Borough

- 51 Applications Received to date
 - 11 of which have been Technical Studies
- 26 Projects Approved to date
Total Value - £1,103,977
- 12 Applications currently being appraised
 - 7 of which have been through the Area Forum process
- 13 Projects withdrawn or rejected
- 22 projects in the pipeline across the Borough



Timescale for Project Delivery

Can take a number of months to develop a project proposal due to;

- Area Forum timetable
- Match Funding timescale implications
- Planning permission process
- Tender process timescales / quotes
- Dealing with community / voluntary groups
- All projects start from a different point



Impact of LIP

- Starting to see projects completed
- Many more projects underway
- Match Funding
- Projects are monitored to ensure outputs are achieved
- Need to see additional activities and evidence of local improvement



Impact - Match Funding

- £703,000 of external match funding has been secured for approved projects
- Ratio of £1 SBC = £0.70 external match funding
- Aiming for a £1 for £1 ratio if possible
- Try to maximise external funding where appropriate and where opportunities exist
- LIP Officers will work with applicants to complete applications and identify possible match funding
- Linked to Timescales issues



Issues

- Differing Levels of activity across the Borough
- Consideration of 'fair-share' principles
- Area Forum role
- Timescales linked to Local Govm't Review
- Consideration of a cut-off for new applications
- Match Funding – harder to come by
- Difficulty obtaining quotes for capital work
- Linkages to the NEP – Members funding



Contact details

- Applications packs in paper and/or electronic versions are available.

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Questions

- Happy to take any questions
- We are also happy to discuss individual project ideas / comments outside this meeting with Councillor and or Community Groups.

