

BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

18 JUNE 2015

Title of paper:	Environmental Submissions from Nottingham City Homes (NCH)	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users): This report informs the Committee of the schemes initially requested by residents of NCH properties and residents living within the environment of NCH properties to provide extra security, safety and wellbeing to the residents of Berridge and Sherwood Wards. Schemes approved by the Committee will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the committee approve the schemes listed in Appendix 1.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To provide extra security, safety and wellbeing to the residents of Berridge and Sherwood Wards.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Sums of £19,557 for the Berridge Ward and £165,569 for the Sherwood Ward remain for housing environmental improvements for the year 2015/2016. This includes any carry over figures.
- 2.2 The proposed schemes must fit at least one of the following criteria:
- improvement of security for Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. door entry, lighting, fencing, garage sites);
 - improvement of the environment for Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. dealing with graffiti reducing anti-social behaviour, parking issues, drying areas resurfacing);

- improvement of spaces for Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. installation of community facilities or areas on land under NCH management).

2.3 Suggestions for schemes may be from a number of sources including Tenants and Leaseholders, Tenants and Residents Groups, Councillors, Local Area Group meetings, Ward Walks, Area Panel, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Development Officers.

2.4 Any amount left in the Housing Environmental funding budget will carry over into the new financial year and can be allocated for schemes identified in the year 2015-16.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 NCH has provided a quotation for the proposed work via an agreed competitive tendering process.

4.2 Once a City wide programme is agreed, works will be carried out by approved contractors and it is anticipated that further savings may be found. It is anticipated that more schemes may be completed as a result of these savings.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 To ensure local development in decision-making the Area Panel and Local Area Groups have been actively involved in the process. Local Tenant and Resident groups have also been consulted and a full consultation of residents has taken place in the affected blocks.

5.2 The Housing Environment Fund will enable a series of improvements to take place that will improve security, spaces and the environment for local people.

5.3 The funds available are limited and are targeted at the most vulnerable tenants in the area within the criteria set out at section 2.2 of this report.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs)

6.1 As this report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, or services an Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out. However these proposals aim to improve the quality of life and wellbeing for residents.

7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

7.1 None.

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

8.1 None.

SCHEMES SEEKING APPROVAL 2015

SHERWOOD WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Cost
Rear of Gunthorpe Close near HMP Nottingham	Supply and fit trees along boundary with prison fencing. Scheme has been developed in conjunction with crime prevention team.	Scheme will improve security for residents and reduce crime.	Agree	£19,000
			Budget	£165,569
			Total carried forward	£146,569

BERRIDGE WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Cost
16-42 Springfield Street, New Basford	Replace existing front boundary fencing and gates with 1.2m bowtop metal fencing and gates. Scheme joint funded with NCC	Improve environment and security for residents	Agree	£19,557
			Budget	£19,557
			Total carried forward	£0