

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE
20 NOVEMBER 2013

Title of paper:	Environmental Submissions from Nottingham City Homes (NCH)	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		
Leading Nottingham		
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 well being to the residents of Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, and Radford and Park wards.		
Schemes approved by the Committee will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To consider the schemes listed in Appendix 1, and decide which schemes to approve.	

1. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

1.1 A sum of £32,923.11 for the Arboretum Ward, £26,552.10 for the Dunkirk and Lenton Ward and £81,869.47 for the Radford and Park Ward has been set aside for the housing environmental improvements for 2013/2014. These figures include any carry over figures from last year.

- 1.2 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. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Suggestions for schemes may be from a number of sources including tenants and leaseholders, tenants and residents groups, Ward Councillors, Local Area Group meetings, Ward Walks, Area 4 Panel, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Development Officers.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 A number of schemes have been submitted but, if the available Housing Environmental Funding, does not cover all of the proposals, those remaining can be submitted to the Committee for consideration in 2013-14 if further funding is made available. Any surplus left over in the respective budgets will carry over into the next financial year and can be used to fund future schemes.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 NCH has provided quotations for the proposed works via an agreed competitive tendering process.
- 4.2 Once a City wide programme is agreed, works will be carried out by approved contractors. It is anticipated that further savings may be found and that more schemes may be completed as a result of these savings.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 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 along with local Ward Councillors.
- 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 1.2 of this report.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

- 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME 2013-14- PROPOSED SCHEMES

ARBORETUM WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget
Collison Street Car Park	Supply and fit 6ft palisade fencing to rear of car park to match existing	Security is currently compromised due to the lack of fencing to this section	Agree	£691.56
Camomile Gardens nr 1-10	Take out small area of grass and tarmac to create a bin store.	Tenants currently have nowhere to store bins – square looks unsightly	Agree	£2920.48
340-378 Alfreton Road	S/Fit new 6ft metal gates with keys and additional security over the gate to alleyways between 378-376 Alfreton Road, 368-366 Alfreton Road, 350-348 Alfreton Road and S/fit new metal gate only to alleyway between 342-340 Alfreton Road	Residents having problems with trespassers and will increase security for them.	Agree	£2868.48
			Total (carry forward	£26,442.59

RADFORD AND PARK WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget
No schemes this time				£81,869.47
			Total	£81,869.47

DUNKIRK AND LENTON WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget
Penn Avenue	Move the existing Heras fencing to run in line with the timber fencing	Additional security for the residents and improved environmental appearance	Agree	£1755.06
			Total (carry forward)	£24,797.04