

AREA 8 COMMITTEE (Bridge, Clifton North, Clifton South) - 13 FEBRUARY 2013

Title of paper:	Environmental Submissions from Nottingham City Homes (NCH)	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Report of Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South
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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 requested by residents of NCH properties and residents living within the environment of NCH properties and NCH Staff from the Housing Revenue Fund

To provide extra security and safety and wellbeing to the residents of Meadows in the Bridge Ward, residents of Clifton in the Clifton North and Clifton South Ward.

This report proposes that the Area Committee approve the schemes.

Recommendation(s):

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| 1 | That the committee consider and approve the additional schemes listed in Clifton South (Appendix 3). |
| 2 | That Members note the contents of this report. |

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The funds available for Area 8 Committee are outlined in the table below

Area	Ward	Properties Per Ward	Total C/O	Budget Allocated 2012/13	Total Budget 2012/13
8	Bridge	1551	£20,960	55,098	£76,058
9	Clifton North	963	£13,014	34,210	£47,224
9	Clifton South	1751	£23,663	62,202	£85,866

1.2 The proposed schemes must fit at least one of the following criteria:

- Improve Security of Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. door entry, lighting, fencing, garage sites).
- Improve the Environment for Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. dealing with graffiti reducing anti-social behaviour, parking issues, drying areas resurfacing).
- Improve Spaces for Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. installation of community facilities or areas on land under NCH management).

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 Suggestions for schemes have come from a number of sources including tenants, leaseholders, tenants and residents groups, elected Members, Local Area Group meetings, Ward walks, Area 8 and Area 9 Panels, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Action Officers.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 A number of schemes have been submitted; however the available funding may not cover all of the proposals. The Housing environmental schemes not proposed will be carried forward for 2013/2014 for consideration.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 Nottingham City Homes will provide quotations for the proposed works via an agreed competitive tendering process.

4.2 Once a city wide programme is agreed a competitive tendering process will take place 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 Panels and Local Area Groups have been actively involved in the process. Ward members and local tenant and resident groups have also been consulted.
- 5.2 The programme 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 (EIAs)**

This report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, services. 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**

None

8. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None

APPENDIX 1

ENVIRONMENTALS PROGRAMME 2012/2013 - PROPOSED SCHEMES **BRIDGE WARD** **AMOUNT ALLOCATED £76,058.00**

WARD	SITE	DESCRIPTION OF SCHEME	PURPOSE OF SCHEME	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS-tenants WHO WILL BENEFIT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	HPM	PRIORITY HIGH MEDIUM LOW	COSTING
Bridge	Kirkby Gardens, Meadows	Demolish wall and tarmac area	To prevent ASB as youths gather on wall causing low level ASB	Minimum of 12	Requested by residents	Dean Cawkwell	High	£2,499.45
Bridge	Phoenix Close, Meadows	Removal of Brick Planter in front of property	To prevent youths from gathering around the planter and throwing the soil from the planter at properties on Phoenix Close	Minimum of 8	Requested by residents who also sent in a petition to Clifton Housing Office to have it removed	Tamzin Harrison	Medium	£2,723.11
Bridge	Anmer Close, Meadows	Installation of street light column	Provide lighting to the car parking area	Minimum of 12	Requested by residents as no street Lighting column in right side of car parking area.	Tamzin Harrison	Medium	Awaiting quote

Total spent to date: £5,222.56, Balance unallocated £70,835.44

APPENDIX 2

ENVIRONMENTALS PROGRAMME 2012/2013 - PROPOSED SCHEMES

CLIFTON NORTH AMOUNT ALLOCATED £47,224.00

WARD	SITE	DESCRIPTION OF SCHEME	PURPOSE OF SCHEME	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS-tenants WHO WILL BENEFIT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	HPM	PRIORITY HIGH MEDIUM LOW	COSTING
Clifton North	Block 51-61 Glatpon Lane, Clifton	Drying area to be resurfaced and new posts installed	To allow residents to make better use of the drying area	Minimum of 3	Flooring and posts in poor condition at present	Clare Smith	Low	£4,690.70
Clifton North	Block 1-13 Homewell Walk, Clifton	Metal fence to be installed at the side of the flats of the block	Put a boundary between the flats and the green area	Minimum of 6	Requested by residents and identified by Housing Patch Manager as youths are congregating and banging on the windows of flats	Clare Smith	High	£1,677.00
Clifton North	Block 53-59 Bridgnorth Drive, Clifton	Drying area to be resurfaced and new posts installed	To allow residents to make better use of the drying area	minimum 2	Flooring and posts in poor condition at present	Clare Smith	Low	£6,663.84
Clifton North	Block 8-13 Hervey Green, Clifton	Gate to be installed to the entrance of the flats	Prevent unauthorised persons getting access to the court yard	Minimum of 6	Youths who do not live in the block are sitting on the steps drinking alcohol at all times of day and night.	Clare Smith	High	£1,143.30

Total spent to date: £14,174.84, Balance unallocated £33,049.16

APPENDIX 3

ENVIRONMENTALS PROGRAMME 2012/2013 - PROPOSED SCHEMES CLIFTON SOUTH AMOUNT ALLOCATED £85,866.00

WARD	SITE	DESCRIPTION OF SCHEME	PURPOSE OF SCHEME	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS-tenants WHO WILL BENEFIT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	HPM	PRIORITY HIGH MEDIUM LOW	COSTING
Clifton South	Block 8-9 Florey Walk, Clifton	Front porch to be demolished and rain canopies to be placed above the front doors	Prevent youths from gathering and causing ASB	Minimum of 4	Requested by residents as youths who do not live there are congregating in the porch, drinking, smoking and burning the porch ceiling with lighters	Claire Tattam	High	£4,368.75
Clifton South	Block 1-6 Chisbury Green, Clifton	Drying area to be resurfaced and new posts installed	To allow residents to make better use of the drying area	Minimum of 6	Flooring and posts in poor condition at present, residents complaining that tarmac is being carried into their properties when they walk on it	Claire Tattam	Low	£7,810.50
Clifton South	Block 300-314 Green Lane, Clifton	Put bollards around the grassed area	To prevent illegal parking and erosion of grassed area	Minimum of 4	Residents complaining about illegal parking and the deterioration of the grassed area.	Stefan White	Medium	Not going ahead, tenants opposed the scheme

Clifton South	Block 1-11 Leverton Green, Clifton	Put in security gates	Prevent unauthorised persons getting access to the courtyard and properties and causing ASB	Minimum of 4	Identified by Housing Patch Manager after speaking to residents	Stefan White	Medium	£1,143.30
Clifton South	Block 1-6 Thorold Close, Clifton	Put in security gates	Prevent unauthorised persons getting access to the courtyard and properties and causing ASB	Minimum of 3	Identified by Housing Patch Manager after speaking to residents	Stefan White	Medium	£1,143.30
Clifton South	Block 45- 53 Manor Farm Lane, Clifton	Put in security gates	Prevent unauthorised persons getting access to the courtyard and properties and causing ASB	Minimum of 3	Identified by Housing Patch Manager after speaking to residents	Stefan White	Medium	£1,143.30
Clifton South	Block 1-11 Langstrath Road, Clifton	Put in security gates	Prevent unauthorised persons getting access to the courtyard and properties and causing ASB	Minimum of 3	Identified by Housing Patch Manager after speaking to residents	Stefan White	Medium	£1,143.30
Clifton South	27-34 Rochester Walk, Clifton	Replace existing Barriers with new (higher) barriers	Prevent youths from congregating around the existing barriers	Minimum of 8	Identified by tenants complaining to Housing Patch Manager about being intimidated by youths hanging around the barriers	Stefan White	High	Awaiting quote

Clifton South	Holbrook Court, Clifton	Replace metal window bars with double glazing windows on exterior windows on Holbrook Court	Reduce noise and elements entering the block in the communal areas	Minimum of 53	Identified by Housing Patch Manager on Health and Safety inspection	Kareece Marzink	High	£7,218.97
Clifton South	132 Thistledown Road, Clifton	Remove hedge from rear of property and replace with wooden fencing	Allow free access to the rear of properties via the alleyway without it being overgrown by hedges	Minimum of 3	Identified by Housing Patch Manager and raised by residents	Kareece Marzink	High	£2,542.90

New Schemes February 2013

Clifton South	7-11 Chisbury Green, Clifton	Remove three washing line posts and remove section of fence between 10 and 11.	Open up communal area for access	minimum of 5	Identified by Housing Patch Manager and raised by tenants and Ward Members	Diane Stone	High	Awaiting quote
Clifton South	Wycombe Close, Clifton	Put in bollards or barriers on the green area	Prevent cars from parking on the green and destroying the grassed area.	minimum of 5	Identified by Housing Patch Manager and Community Protection	Kareece Marzink	High	Awaiting quote
Clifton South	Holbrook Court, Clifton	Holbrook Court external painting facing Listowel Crescent	Improve the look of the building and give it added protection to the elements	Minimum of 30	Identified by Housing Patch Manager	Kareece Marzink	Medium	Awaiting quote

Total spent to date: £26,514.32, Balance unallocated £59,351.68