

**AREA 1 COMMITTEE (Bulwell Ward/Bulwell Forest Ward) 21 November 2012**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Environmental Submissions From Nottingham City Home (NCH)</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	<b>Report of Chief Executive , Nottingham City Homes</b>	<b>Wards affected: Bulwell Forest and Bulwell Ward</b>
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<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)</b>		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		<b>x</b>
Neighbourhood Nottingham		<b>x</b>
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		
Leading Nottingham		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
<p><b>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</b></p> <p><b>To provide extra security and safety and wellbeing to the residents of Bulwell and Bulwell Forest.</b></p> <p><b>This report proposes that the Area Committee approve the schemes.</b></p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>That the committee consider and approve the schemes listed in Bulwell Ward (Appendix 1) and Bulwell Forest (Appendix 2).</b>	

## 1. BACKGROUND

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

Area	Ward	NCH Properties Per Ward	Budget Allocation 2012-13	Actual budget (including carry forward from 2011-12)
1	Bulwell	2604	£92,504	£127,695
1	Bulwell Forest	673	£23,908	£33,003

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

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

## 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

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, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Action Officers

## 3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

A number of schemes have been submitted; however the available funding does not cover all of the proposals in all wards. The Housing environmental schemes not proposed will be carried forward for 2013-14 for consideration.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

Nottingham City Homes has provided quotations for the proposed works via an agreed competitive tendering process.

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 AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

To ensure local development in decision-making the Area Panel has been actively involved in the process. Ward members and local tenant and resident groups have also been consulted.

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

The funds available are limited and are targeted at the most vulnerable tenants in the area within the criteria set out at section 1 of this report.

**6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (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 Bulwell Ward**

Ward/Location	Details of proposal	Issues	Estimated costs	Estate star rating
<b>Submitted for approval</b>				
<p><b>Bulwell Ward</b> <b>Duchess Gardens</b></p>	<p><b>PIR lighting to communal paths</b></p>	<p>Recently all street lighting in the area has been replaced with energy efficient lighting. Residents feel that this has reduced the amount of light to the pedestrian area around the complex. Three solar powered lighting panels are required to improve the walk ways around the complex.</p>	<p><b>£1,148.42</b></p>	<p><b>3 Star</b></p>
<p><b>Bulwell Ward</b> <b>Duchess Gardens</b></p>	<p><b>Removal of existing concrete Fireman bollards and replacement with dropdown bollards</b></p>	<p><b>Concrete bollards make it difficult to access the area by sit on lawn mowers from NCC garden services &amp; Emergency Service vehicles</b></p>	<p><b>£498.00 by NCC and £498.00 by NCH</b></p>	<p><b>3 Star</b></p>

Location	Details of proposal	Issues	Estimated costs	Estate star rating
<b>Submitted for approval (subject to finance)</b>				
Bulwell Ward Norwich Gardens	Remove and renew broken bench	The existing Bench has perished	£1216.77	3 star
Bulwell Ward Totley Close	Rebuild wall at Totley Close. Rear of 106/108/110/112. Area of land previously had flats – now cleared and open space. Temporary work carried out to support collapsing retaining wall.	Retaining wall needs to be rebuilt as area is being developed by the NCC. A structural survey has delayed obtaining costings for these works	To Be Advised	3 star
Bulwell Ward Newmarket Road	Remove gates and posts next to 27 Newmarket and 51 Newmarket Road	To provide access for the road sweeper into the alleyway.	£51.00	3 Star
Bulwell Ward 9 Mulberry Gardens	Front fencing fitted to create front garden and increase safety	Residents have asked for fencing for safety and security reasons, as cars drive over the front gardens	£1,123.84	3 Star

**Appendix 2: Bulwell Forest Ward**

Ward/Location	Details of proposal	Issues	Estimated costs	Estate star rating
<b>Submitted for approval</b>				
Bulwell Forest Ward Oakham Close	Resurface Oakham Close garage block and parking area.	There are several trip hazards caused by loose stones and gravel which have been brought to the surface by cars as they drive across.	£7770.82	3 star
Bulwell Forest Ward Holby Close	Tenants & Residents are asking for a section of the 4ft wall to be removed and path installed for access to the bus stop	Locals are currently stepping over the existing wall and using the grass verge as a short cut to the bus stop and main road	£7880.65	3 star
Bulwell Forest Ward Deptford Crescent	There is an area to the rear of a block of garages and adjacent to the bridge situated at the bottom of Deptford Crescent. Currently the surface area is partly grassed partly tarmac and would benefit from being fully tarmacked and turning into an official parking area.	Residents are using this area to park their vehicles. the surface area is partly grassed partly tarmac and would benefit from being fully tarmacked and turning into an official parking area.	£9108.52	3 star

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<b>Submitted for approval (subject to finance)</b>				
Bulwell Forest Ward Thornbury Way	Resurfacing of communal parking area at the side of 51 Thornbury Way	There are several trip hazards caused by loose stones and gravel which have been brought to the surface by cars as they drive across.	To Be Advised	3 star
Bulwell Forest Ward Flaxton Way	Resurfacing of communal parking area outside 38 Flaxton Way	There are several trip hazards caused by loose stones and gravel which have been brought to the surface by cars as they drive across.	To Be Advised	3 star
Bulwell Forest Ward Flaxton Way	Resurfacing of parking bay area at the side of 2 Flaxton way	There are several trip hazards caused by loose stones and gravel which have been brought to the surface by cars as they drive across.	To Be Advised	3 star