

**WOLLATON EAST AND LENTON ABBEY AREA (7) COMMITTEE**

**18 February 2013**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Environmental Submissions from Nottingham City Homes (NCH)</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	Report of Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey
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<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</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>This report informs the Committee of the schemes requested by residents of Nottingham City Homes properties and residents living within the environment of Nottingham City Homes properties to provide extra security, safety and well being to the residents of Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward.</p> <p>Schemes approved by the Committee will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund.</p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	That the committee consider the schemes listed in Appendix 1, and decide which schemes to approve.	

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 A sum of £26,382.00 for the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward has been set aside for the housing environmental improvements for the year 2012/2013. This includes a carry over figure from last year of £7,270. Of this funding £18760.44 has already been committed leaving £7,621.56 to be committed.
- 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 (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

Suggestions for schemes may be from a number of sources including tenants & leaseholders, tenants and residents groups, Elected Members, Local Area Group meetings, Ward Walks, Area 7 Panel, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Development Officers.

## **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

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 available.

## **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

- 4.1 Nottingham City Homes 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. 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.
- 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 (EIAs)**

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**

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

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APPENDIX 1

ENVIRONMENTALS PROGRAMME 2012-13 – PROPOSED SCHEMES

WOLLATON EAST AND LENTON ABBEY WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget Remaining
Wensor Allotment site rear of 20-22	Supply and fit metal fencing along the left hand side of the site	To prevent unauthorised access and fly tipping to site	Agree	£2, 902.92
Sheila Roper Centre	Supply and fit additional signage- 2 signs to the Sheila Roper Centre and one sign to the side of the road leading to Sheila Roper Centre	Improve appearance of Centre for local residents and link in with capital funding already committed	Agree	£523.00
			Total (inc VAT)	£ 3,425.92
			Carry forward	£4,195.64

