

AREA 1 COMMITTEE (BULWELL/BULWELL FOREST) 10 DECEMBER 2014

Title of paper:	Environmental Submissions From Nottingham City Homes (NCH)	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Report of Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Ward
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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 Bulwell and Bulwell Forest.		
This report proposes that the Area Committee approve the schemes.		
Recommendation:		
1	That the Committee consider and approve the schemes listed in Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Ward (Appendix 1).	

1. BACKGROUND

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

Area	Ward	NCH Properties Per Ward	Remaining Budget Allocation 2014-15
1	Bulwell	2585	£112,263.00
2	Bulwell Forest	672	£24,198.98

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 Development 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 2014-15 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.

Our contractors are procured based on value for money, quality of works and health & safety. The process of procurement, which was completed earlier, last year for the next few years has been completed for the delivery of environmental schemes throughout the city.

Thomas Bow won the contract for ground / general building work and Rushcliffe Fencing won the contract for fencing and gating works. These are both local contractors employing local people; including apprentices.

Where we are unable to use one of our procured contractors we will obtain 3 quotations to ensure we get value for money. All our schemes have to adhere to financial regulations and this requires us to obtain 3 quotations for any schemes with a value over £500.00.

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 lives 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

-Submitted for approval - Bulwell Ward

Ward/Location	Details of proposal	Issues	Estimated costs	Estate star rating
Totley Close	To remove all overgrown bushes/weeds and resurface the area. To install a gate into the area.	To be used for facility for the developed sports changing facility area for the newly developed football area.	£9,882.39	4 Star
Bromley Close	There is a standalone wall between the caretakers office and the car park on Bromley Close. The wall has recently been vandalised and offensive graffiti is often sprayed on it.	Propose the wall is taken down and replaced with bow top fencing consistent with the rest of the area.	£1,902.90	4 Star
Car park Bromley Close	There is a small car park that accommodates 6 cars. Historically there were 3 trees in the middle of car park surrounded by metal barriers. These trees have since been removed however the barriers remain taking up the space for a further 6 car parking bays.	The proposal is for the removal of the barriers, the holes to be filled with tarmac and white lines to be added.	£1,624.00	4 Star
102 Courtleet Way	Put in knee high fencing to prevent joyriders gaining access	This would be to protect the property as there have been several incidents in which joyriders have crashed into the garden at the property	£3,356.56	4 Star
Snapenook Court	Fitting of solar lights to 2 - 23	Improve safety and security of complex due to an increase in burglary	£2,230.27	4 Star

Submitted for approval - Bulwell Forest Ward

Ward/Location	Details of proposal	Issues	Estimated costs	Estate star rating
Bulwell Forest Ward	Traffic Management had submitted a cost of £2500 for a feasibility study to create parking on a disused concrete area at the rear of Thornberry Way.	To support the creation of parking facility on a disused concrete area on Thornberry Way.	£2,500.00	4 Star
Bulwell Forest Ward	The Parks and Open Spaces Team to remove large nuisance trees on estates and replace them with two new younger trees. Funding would be required from the area capital and NCH environmental budgets to enable them to do this. It was agreed that £10,000 would be allocated from 2014/15 Public Realm budget and an additional £10,000 from the NCH environmental budget providing that work can be carried out in this financial year.	Requested direct from Eddie Currie and Cllrs direct at Meeting	£10,000.00	

Area Ward	Carry Over 13/14	Budget Allocation 14/15	Total Available 14/15	Total Value of Approved Schemes 14/15	De-committed Schemes 14/15	Total Remaining Funds Available 14/15
Bulwell	£47,124	£93,816	£140,940	£28,677	£0	£112,263
Bulwell Forest	£15,598	£24,377	£39,975	£2,582	£13194.02	£24,198.98

(Bulwell Budget Allocation £112,263.00 - total proposed schemes £18,996.12 = £93, 266.88)

(Bulwell Forest Budget Allocation £24198.98 - total proposed schemes £12,500.00 = £11698.98)