

AREA 1 COMMITTEE (Bulwell Ward/Bulwell Forest Ward) 17 June 2015

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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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>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</p> <p>To provide extra security and safety and wellbeing to the residents of Bulwell and Bulwell Forest.</p> <p>This report proposes that the Area Committee approve the schemes.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Committee consider and approve the schemes listed for Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Wards (Appendix 1).	

1. **BACKGROUND**

The remaining funds available for Area Committee for Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Wards are outlined in the table below

Ward	Carry over 14/15	Budget Allocati on 15/16	Total Availab le 15/16	Remaining Funds
Bulwell	£102,422	£95,231	£197,653	£197,653
Bulwell Forest	£18,469	£24,684	£44,503	£43,153

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**

Other proposals for additional schemes will be brought to future committee meetings

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

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

The 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 NCH are unable to use one of their procured contractors they will obtain 3 quotations to ensure they get value for money. All schemes have to adhere to financial regulations and this requires NCH 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 ward members and/or local tenant and resident groups have 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

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Appendix 1

Bulwell Ward

Ward/Location	Details of proposal	Issues	Estimated costs
Bulwell Ward	Norwich Gardens	Contribution towards the external boundary improvements to this area, following a successful pilot project already funded by NCH	£60,000
Hazelhurst Gardens	Hazelhurst Gardens Fencing Improvements to the front of the scheme.	New bow top metal fencing to be installed to the front of the scheme to complement the wider regeneration of this scheme through NCH's Grander Design works.	£9459.10
Hazelhurst Gardens	Landscaping and security improvements to the rear of the scheme, including removal of several large tree stumps to allow for the installation of the new fencing.	Fencing improvements to the rear, tree removal and astro turf surface to be installed to enable residents to enjoy some green space without the maintenance issues.	£9459.80

Bulwell Forest Ward

Ward/Location	Details of proposal	Issues	Estimated costs
Bulwell Forest Ward	Improvements to drying areas on the Deptford estate including installation on some areas of double gates to give easier access for cleaning and creation of parking spaces.	When the estate was built, various tarmaced and fenced areas were installed near to blocks of flats to enable tenants to dry their clothes. Some are no longer used and could possibly be used for additional parking and others need to be brought up to a better standard so that they can continue to be used as drying areas. This will improve the appearance of the estate as these areas are currently difficult to maintain and have been neglected. Consultation will take place with the affected tenants over the proposals.	19,323.66

Area 1 Ward	Carry Over 14/15	Budget Allocation 15/16	Total Available 15/16	Total Value of Approved Schemes 15/16	Decommitted Schemes 15/16	Total Funds Available 15/16
Bulwell	£102,422	£95,231	£197,653	£0	£0	£197,653
Bulwell Forest	£18,469	£24,684	£44,503	£0	£0	£44,503

If the schemes proposed above are approved the remaining balances for future projects in 2015/16 will be;-

Bulwell Ward	£118,734.10
Bulwell Forest Ward	£25,179.34