

**ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE**  
**19 FEBRUARY 2014**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Environmental Submissions from Nottingham City Homes (NCH)</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes	<b>Wards affected:</b> Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park
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<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>	N/A	
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
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 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"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
This report informs the Committee of the schemes initially requested by residents of NCH properties, and residents living within the environment of NCH properties, to provide extra security, safety and well being to the residents of Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, and Radford and Park wards. Schemes approved by the Committee will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	To consider the schemes listed in Appendix 1, and decide which schemes to approve.	

**1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 Suggestions for schemes may be from a number of sources including tenants and leaseholders, tenants and residents groups, Ward Councillors, Local Area Group meetings, Ward Walks, Area 4 Panel, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Development Officers.

**2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

2.1 A sum of £26,442.59 for the Arboretum Ward, £24,797.04 for the Dunkirk and Lenton Ward and £60,134.47 for the Radford and Park Ward remains for the housing environmental improvements for 2013/2014. These figures include any carry over figures from last year.

2.2 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).

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

- 3.1 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 2013/2014 if further funding is made available. Any surplus left over in the respective budgets should carry over into the next financial year and can be used to fund future schemes.

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

- 4.1 NCH 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 and 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)**

- 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, along with local Ward Councillors.
- 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 2.2 of this report.

### **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 6.1 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**

- 7.1 None.

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

- 8.1 None.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME 2013/2014 - PROPOSED SCHEMESARBORETUM WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget £26,442.59
17-21 Vincent Gardens, Hyson Green	Take down knee rail fencing, remove bushes and tree to plot outside properties and create new footpath through area	Will improve the environmental appearance for residents	Agree	£2,265.98
Lambert Street, The Avenue Hotel rear boundary	Take down existing crumbling wall and replace along rear boundary; s/fit 6 foot metal fence above	Area is health and safety risk and will improve security for local residents as well	Agree	£15,310.95
Rear of Selhurst Court, Hyson Green	Remove old paving slabs and replace with tarmac	Improve the local environment and reduce risks for local residents	Agree	£5,610.18
			Total (carry forward)	£3,255.48

RADFORD AND PARK WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget £60,134.47
Woodgate Court, Canning Circus	Resurface the drying areas to 1-6, 7-12, 13-21	Drying areas are unsightly and surfaces are a health and safety risk; improve environmental appearance	Agree	£10,623.79
Grafton Court, Canning Circus	Remove cobbles and tarmac entrances to following blocks: 1-6;7-13;14-19;20-25;26-31;32-41;42-49	Cobbles unsafe and appearance of area will be improved	Agree	£4,265.24
			Total (carry Forward)	£45,245.44

## DUNKIRK AND LENTON WARD

<b>Site</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Proposed Decision</b>	<b>Budget £24,797.04</b>
Penn Avenue 34-48, Lenton	Resurface footpath with red tarmac to match existing and fill in empty tree border surrounds	Improved environmental appearance and reduce health and safety risk to residents	Agree	£5,524.24
Penn Avenue, Lenton	Install blue plaque to front centre of middle block at Penn Avenue	Historic marker to improve environmental appearance of block	Agree	£432.50
Maxwell Close, Lenton	Raise dropped kerb to bottom of Maxwell Close – joint project with Highways	Area currently being used as unauthorised turning circle; improvement of environment	Agree	£1,375.00
Penn Avenue, Lenton	Move the existing Palisade fencing back to the perimeter near Sherwin Grove. Clear the area- work to be completed once private landlord has reinstated their boundary	improve the appearance of estate for local residents	Agree	£2,331.90
			Total (carry forward)	£15,133.40