

AREA 1 COMMITTEE (Bulwell Ward & Bulwell Forest Wards) 19 February 2014

Title of paper:	Environmental Submissions From Nottingham City Home (NCH)	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Report of Chief Executive , Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Bulwell Ward
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		x
Neighbourhood Nottingham		x
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		x
Leading Nottingham		
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 in Bulwell 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 2013-14
1	Bulwell	2585	£24059.00

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 Bulwell Ward

Ward/Location	Details of proposal	Issues	Estimated costs	Estate star rating
Submitted for approval				
Bulwell Ward Fencing Totley Close	Totley Close is currently under development into a play area through the Tenant and Resident Group. There is a community centre next to the area which is used as a boxing club.	This proposal is requesting a fence to divide the boxing club from the play area.	£2,975.34	3 Star