

BESTWOOD AND BASFORD AREA COMMITTEE
30th September 2015

Title of paper:	Environmental Submissions from Nottingham City Homes (NCH)	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Bestwood and Basford
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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 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 initially requested by residents of Nottingham City Home's properties and residents living within the environment of Nottingham City Home's properties to provide extra security, safety and well being to the residents of Bestwood and Basford Wards.</p> <p>Schemes approved by the Committee will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund.</p> <p>The report seeks approval of the scheme attached.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the committee approve the schemes listed in Appendix 1.	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Sums of £106,980.00 for the Bestwood Ward and £109,410.95 for the Basford Ward remain for housing environmental improvements for the year 2015/2016. This includes any carry over figures.
- 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).
- 1.3 The report seeks approval of schemes listed in Appendix 1.

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 Panel, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Action Officers.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Any amount left in the Housing Environmental funding budget will carry over into the new financial year and can be allocated for schemes identified in the year 2016-17.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 Nottingham City Homes has provided a quotation for the proposed work via an agreed competitive tendering process.
- 4.2 Once a City wide programme is agreed, works will be carried out by approved contractors and 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 and a full consultation of residents has taken place in the affected blocks.

- 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

None

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None

APPENDIX 1: SCHEMES SEEKING APPROVAL 2015

BESTWOOD WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget
				£106,980
Raymede Drive phase 2	'Grander designs' Continue fencing programme from phase 1. Scheme joint funded with N.C.C.	Scheme will improve security for residents and reduce crime.	Agreed at June 2015 Area Committee	£25,825.19
Leybourne Drive Fencing Programme	'Grander designs' Continue fencing programme on completion of Raymede Drive onto Leybourne Drive. Scheme joint funded with N.C.C.	Scheme will improve security for residents and reduce crime		£50,000
			Total carried forward	£31,154.81

No further schemes to be approved at September 2015 Area Committee.

BASFORD WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget
				£109,419.95
Toton Close transformational work	'Grander design' Transformation of Toton Close area. Scheme joint funded with N.C.C.	Improve environment and security for residents	Agreed at June 2015 Area Committee	£65,000
			Total carried forward	£44,419.95

No further schemes to be approved at September 2015 Area Committee.