

BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE
20 February 2014

Title of paper:	Environmental Submissions from Nottingham City Homes (NCH)	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Berridge and Sherwood
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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 NCH properties and residents living within the environment of NCH properties to provide extra security, safety and well being to the residents of Berridge and Sherwood Wards.</p> <p>Schemes approved by the Committee will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund. 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 £7,235.91 for the Berridge Ward and £96,605.23 for the Sherwood Ward have been set aside for housing environmental improvements for the year 2013/2014.

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 for the Sherwood Ward.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 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

3.1 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 2014-15.

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)

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

APPENDIX 1: SCHEMES SEEKING APPROVAL 2014

SHERWOOD WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget
				£96,605.23
Woodthorpe Court	Create a zebra crossing point outside Woodthorpe Court	Increase safety for residents and make environment safer	Agree	£5,400.43
Woodthorpe Court	Remove part of grass verge and landscape to increase access for vehicles	Increase safety for local residents	Agree	£6,116.60
Collin Green, Sherwood	Replace existing benches with brand new seats and remove conifer tree in centre of planter	Improve environment for the local residents	Agree	£3,132.74
			Total carried forward	£81,955.46

BERRIDGE WARD

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget £7,235.91
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No schemes currently proposed for Berridge Ward.

Total carried forward **£7,235.91**