

## NCH update report – Appendix 1

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Time: 5:30pm

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	Item	Executive Summary / Key Points	For
			information or
			decision
1			Information
		Internals scheme for 15/16 - Delivery Partner – Keepmoat – works have progressed well	
		and are now completing	
		Internals scheme for 16/17 - Delivery Partner – Keepmoat –scheme is mobiling for	
		commencement on 3rd May 1,500 properties on GMP. Will pick up previous refusals and	
	Capital Programme	no access.	
	& major works	Slate Roofing Scheme – Delivery Partner – Keepmoat – a number of properties have	
		been delivered as part of the Internals scheme which are completing	
		Slate Roofing Scheme 16/17 – Delivery Partner – To be awarded – to be awarded	
		imminently and to mobilise to commence in June / July	
		Nationwide Windows and Doors 15/16 - Delivery Partner - Nationwide - works are	
		being completed in this scheme	
		Nationwide Windows and Doors 16/17 - Delivery Partner - Nationwide - to be mobilised	

		for a commencement in May Will pick up previous refusals and no access.	
2		<u>Norwich Gardens –</u> We have recently completed phase 4 of the very successful boundary upgrade project in this area. We have received very positive feedback from residents, stating that the improvements we have made to their gardens has improved their quality of life as they can now use the outside space to enjoy. It is very positive to deliver works in this area and receive feedback of this nature. We plan to complete a phase 5 of this project and may request some funding from the Bulwell Environmental Budget to help fund this.	Information
	Area Regeneration and Environmental Issues	Duchess Gardens  NCH have recognised that this area of the ward also lacks in security and good design features. We are currently looking at better fencing and boundary definition for this area, as feedback from the tenants and residents is that they would like to feel safer. We will establish costs and consult with each resident to ensure their needs are met in the same manner we have with the successful Norwich Gardens project.	
		Bulwell Forest NCH are looking at the Colston Road flats to consider how we could improve the external space and landscaping around the site, to make it more attractive and fit for purpose for residents to enjoy. We are in the early stages of this project and will have a further update at a later Area Committee.	
3	Key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress	The NCH Group Tenant & Leaseholder Involvement Strategy 2016-19 has now been agreed and is available to view and download at <a href="http://www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk/about-us/strategies/">http://www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk/about-us/strategies/</a> NCH are passionate about involvement and we will be introducing a wide range of opportunities for tenants to participate in creating homes and places where people want to live." We will also seek to continually renew our pool of involved tenants and leaseholders so that we gain a wider range of perspectives and diversity to the role of Involved customer.	Х

		Tenant and Leaseholder Awards 2016 "NCH successfully hosted its third annual Tenant and Leaseholder Awards ceremony on 18th March 2016. 31 organisations were shortlisted from the 97 nominations received. The 11 winning organisations in each category were;  Tenant and Leaseholder of the Year - Karen Humble Best Youth Initiative - Old Highbury Vale TRA Best Green Initiative - Bulwell Forest Garden Best Sporting Achievement - Strelley Community ABC Outstanding Achievement in Learning or Self-development - Michaela King Best Community Event - BOBS Best Older Persons Initiative - The residents of Peartree Orchard Community Group of the Year - Lenton Health and Wholeness Project (Tommy's) Good Neighbour Award - Betty Tolley Community Safety Award - CommUNITY Mediation Volunteers Equality and Diversity Award - Epic Partners  NCH will be having an open nomination process throughout 2016 so that projects and individuals can be nominated anytime throughout the year. For the awards.	
4	Tenant and Residents Associations updates	Bulwell Hall TRA The TRA recently held their AGM and elected a new chair, secretary and treasurer to run the group for the coming year. The group are currently negotiating new play and sport equipment for the Totley Close play area  CRESTA The group continue to work on issues raised at the meeting including health and safety, crime and environmental issues for residents living in and around Lathkill Close, Stockwell, Coventry Road and Newmarket Road.	X

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		The People's Choice TRA  The group have been active in promoting health campaigns in the area and are looking to do a project with "Rebalancing the North" to regenerate the pedestrian underpass leading on to the estate. The group have also helped the Crabtree School Young Inspectors to apply for and successfully receive funding to put up no litter signs, dog fouling and fly tipping signs around the estate.	
		Top Valley TRA The TRA meet bi monthly at the Top Valley Community Centre and continue to advocate on behalf of residents at Top Valley	
		HART The TRA hold regular monthly meetings at Duchess Gardens and welcome a good cross section of the community to their meetings. The group are active in ensuring crime and community safety issues are addressed on the estate and the surrounding areas.	
6	Good news stories & positive publicity	Fitness Sessions in Nottingham North from Fit in the Community Reggae Zumba takes place at Snapewood Community Centre, every Monday between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm.  Insanity takes place at Crabtree Community Centre, Bulwell every Tuesday between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm  Reggae Aerobics takes place at Bulwell Hall Healthy Living Centre, every Thursday between 10.00 am and 11.00 am Sessions are free.	X
		Swim or Fit for a £1 For £1 tenants and leaseholders can use the gym or attend fitness classes at any of the Nottingham City Council fitness centres. This offer is currently running alongside the very successful swim for a £1 running at any Nottingham city council swimming pools.	
		For more information contact NCH Involvement Team on 0115 746 910	

www.fitinthecommunity.com

## **Tenant Academy**

All tenant Academy courses are free to NCH tenants and groups. A variety of courses are now available for tenants and leaseholders to access from Lunch and learn money matters, IT and social media courses to starting your own business.

## FREE six week course - Bulwell Forest Gardens

Grow Your Own – Edible Gardening for residents living in Bulwell, Bestwood and Basford, starting Wednesday 16th April

- Learn more about growing your own fruit and veg
- Find out about eating well and saving money!
- Seedling for participants to take home
- Children are welcome
- · Lunch is provided
- Recipe ideas
- Opportunities for volunteering

For a full list of courses and booking details contact the Involvement Team on 0115 746 9100 or the website below.

http://www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk/get-involved/tenant-academy/

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