

**ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE**  
**21 MAY 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, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Development Officers.

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

2.1 A sum of £18,566.43 for the Arboretum Ward, £15,133 for the Dunkirk and Lenton Ward and £45,245 for the Radford and Park Ward remains in the housing environmental improvements budgets for the respective wards. 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 2014/2015 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 2014/2015 - PROPOSED SCHEMES****ARBORETUM WARD**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Proposed Decision</b>	<b>Budget £18,566.43</b>
None this time				

**RADFORD AND PARK WARD**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Proposed Decision</b>	<b>Budget £45,245.44</b>
Grafton Court, Canning Circus	Additional funding required to remove cobbles and tarmac all 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	£2,213.60
Argyle Court	Remove low level wall and make good surfaces, Install 2.No Seats and 2.No Waste Bins, Remove vegetation / shrubs and lay down tar macadam. Reinstall existing fencing to wall on the opposite side to prevent falls.	Visual appearance improvements	Agree	£10,734.71
Argyle Court	Replace the hedges / bushes in the planting areas at the front entrance with low maintenance plants.	Visual appearance improvements	Agree	£3,901.53
			Total (carry Forward)	£28,395.60

**DUNKIRK AND LENTON WARD**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Proposed Decision</b>	<b>Budget £15,133.40</b>
None this time				