

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Report of the Managing Director

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs the Operational Board of the partnership project being delivered at St Martin's Church and Community Centre. It requests that the Operational Board considers a financial contribution to support the project.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Subject to the Council's approval, it is recommended that the Operational Board approves grant funding of up to £10,000 to support this project. This contribution will be for the installation of an external canopy at St Martins Church and Community Centre.

3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Derby Homes has supported this project through project management and facilitation. Our Apprentices have also provided support as part of their training and development. The requested funding for the external front elevation canopy is to enhance the aesthetics of the newly refurbished building and create a positive visual impact within its surroundings. A visual impression of the front elevation canopy is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 This would be the only direct financial contribution from Derby Homes. Officers believe this is reasonable given the numbers of local people who are living in social housing in the area.
- 3.3 This funding is requested in line with Derby Homes Customer Engagement and Community Development Strategy and Derby Homes Social Value Strategy.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 St Martin's Community Centre is an exciting and ambitious community project that has transformed a church building into a vibrant and dynamic community hub in the centre of one of Derby's most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.
- 4.2 The building has been used as a community hall for a number of years, offering a limited programme of activities but struggling to meet the needs of local people. It was dated and no longer fit for purpose. Being one of only a small number of community spaces in the area, it was essential to secure it for future generations and the local community.

- 4.3 Nestled within the busy district centre, St Martin's has undergone an almost unrecognisable refurbishment, a project led by the local community in partnership with St Martin's Methodist Church and supported by Derby Homes, to see the centre modernised and future proofed to offer the many services so desperately needed by the local community.
- 4.4 The Management Team overseeing the running of the new Community Centre includes those who will benefit from this exciting project; Enthusiasm Youth Club, Chatterbox Café, a community project supporting adults with learning disabilities, an early hours mental health crisis café, volunteers who run Brownies, exercise clubs as well as members of groups providing Older People's social clubs and parent and toddler groups.
- 4.5 St Martin's Community Centre will have something for everyone living in Allenton; an area which has had its fair share of difficulties in the past. This project signals a new era for Allenton. St Martin's is central to the success and sustainability of a number of other new community led projects aimed at improving the quality of life for local residents.
- 4.6 The project has been supported by local contractors who have provided materials and labour at cost price or free of charge. To date the project has committed £196,000 capital investment. The estimated completed commercial value of the project is approximately £1,000,000, therefore representing £4.10 added value for each £1 spent.
- 4.7 This high rate of added value has been achieved due to the project delivery model and through maximising opportunities and offers of support from contractors which have significantly increased the specification and quantity and quality of work completed.
- 4.8 It is also estimated that once completed 10,000 volunteer hours will have been carried out on the project, representing a 'value for volunteering' of £110,900 - (calculated using £11.09 p/h).

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Not applicable.

IMPLICATIONS

6. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The project to date has received the following funding:

Allenton Big Local	£116,000
Derby Association of Community Partners	£10,000
House of Glory	£1,000
St Martin's Methodist Church	£25,000
Derby Methodist Circuit	£28,000
Nottingham and Derby Methodist District	£6,000
TOTAL	£196,000

- 6.2 The project is within a community which has high levels of social housing and many of the individuals who will benefit from the long term provision of this community facility are tenants of homes managed by Derby Homes.
- 6.3 Support for this project directly contributes to the delivery of Derby Homes Customer Engagement and Community Development Strategy and Derby Homes Social Value Strategy.
- 6.4 Included within the Derby Homes Customer Engagement Budget for 2018/19 is £96,000 towards Community Engagement activities (this excludes pre-committed grants to DACP & Enthusiasm).

The proposed grant can be funded from the 2018/19 budget.

7. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY

7.1 Derby Homes Memorandum states:

“(18) Subject to the prior written consent of the City Council to make donations, grants or loans or provide services or assistance to such persons and organisations and on such terms as the Board shall think fit to further the objects of the Organisation.”

8. COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 This proposal contributes to the Council Plan 2016-19, being directly relevant to the following priority outcomes:

- Enabling individuals and communities
- Promoting Health & Wellbeing
- Raising Achievement and Skills.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The refurbishment of this community facility has contributed to the overall improvement of the local environment.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report:

Consultation
Personnel
Equalities Impact Assessment
Health & Safety
Risk
Policy Review

If Board Members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact:
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Background Information: None
Supporting Information: None