

**UPDATE ON CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES WITHIN
DERBY HOMES - ENTHUSIASM**

Report of the Head of Housing Management & Housing Options

1. SUMMARY

This report is an update on the partnership work delivered by Enthusiasm in supporting the young people living in our homes and on our estate.

It also outlines recent achievements and highlights the plan to continue grant funding Enthusiasm to deliver direct specialist youth support to young people for a further year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Operational Board

1. Notes the report.
2. Approves (subject to Derby City Council approval) the grant funding of £100,000 to Enthusiasm, for delivering Specialist Youth Services work for 2016/2017.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Derby Homes Children & Young People Services

- 3.1 Derby Homes Children and Young People (CYP) strategy has now been in operation for just over a year. During this first year we have been working hard to deliver a seamless journey for the young people living in the homes and on the estates we manage, ensuring we address CYP priorities of Derby City Council (DCC) & Derby Homes (DH's).
- 3.2 The purpose of the DH's CYP strategy is to ensure a seamless journey of engagement for children and young people that will raise their aspirations. Along with assisting in breaking the cycle of low educational attainment, tackling wordlessness' and promoting citizenship. The strategy aims to deliver projects by working with our chosen specialist professional partners to address social development amongst the children and young people living in our homes and on our estates.

Specialist Youth Service

- 3.3 Derby Homes is committed to supporting young people; one element of this is by grant funding Enthusiasm in their work. Enthusiasms main role is to work with young people; these are the young people whom live on our estates. DH's have been supporting Enthusiasm since 2011.
- 3.4 We have a service specification in place to ensure Enthusiasm delivers intervention tactics that align with DCC & DH's objectives. That Enthusiasm deliver support packages and mentoring to those young people who are not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) or those young people who are in trouble with the Police. Along with running youth clubs where young people can hang out in a safe environment and have access to information relating to their circumstances.
- 3.5 Enthusiasm create diversionary tactics by supporting and education young people, they work with them to steer them away from ASB. Educating them that ASB isn't their only opportunity of something to do.
- 3.6 DH's have been working very closely with Enthusiasm over the last 12 months to develop our relationship. This work has allowed us to have a greater understanding of how we can operate better as partners, maximising our ability to collectively support and address the issues faced by the young people of Derby.
- 3.7 DH's Anti-Social Behaviour Manager and team now have regular contact with Enthusiasm management and key workers relating to specific referrals and wider issues. Young people are at the forefront of this collaborative working to ensure that we sign post them to the right people to support their individual's needs.
- 3.8 During the last year we have captured some real life stories of how we are helping to address issues that some young people face and help to shape their future **(see Appendix 1 & 2)**.
- 3.9 We also capture real performance information, ensuring better referral mechanisms, better case management updates to DH's staff and the use of detailed case studies at regular performance meetings to demonstrate the effectiveness of our partnership and the benefits to grant funding Enthusiasm.
- 3.10 Our objective over the past year has been to have a positive impact on around 100 young people living in the city. We are happy to report to the Board that this ambitious figure has been achieved.
- 3.11 The funding required to continue delivering the service for 2016/2017 supporting Enthusiasm is to the sum of £100,000.00 of which is incorporated within the Customer Engagement & Community Development funding streams for 2016/17.

4. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Final approval to grant fund £100,000.00 to Enthusiasm is required by Derby City Council.

5. COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Final approval to grant fund Enthusiasm will be required from Derby City Council.

6. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risks to Derby Homes reputation if chosen partner to deliver external services for Children & Young People fail to adhere to service specifications.

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

Consultation
Financial and Business Plan
Legal and Confidentiality
Council
Personnel
Environmental
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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