

## **COMEDIUS & ROUNDABOUTS TRUST UK – RELOCATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

Report of the Director of Housing and Customer Service

### **1. SUMMARY**

This report details a request for a grant of £10,000 for Comedius and Roundabouts Trust, to enable relocation and future development of activities and initiatives. The Trust works with individuals who are, or have experienced, homelessness, and/or are socially excluded.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That Local Housing Board South approves a grant of £5,000 from Estates Pride to allow the Roundabouts Trust to relocate and develop their enterprise, conditional on other external funding requests being secured.

### **3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 The Roundabouts Trust UK was set up in 2005 to provide opportunities for unemployed and disadvantaged people to access training with a focus on the entertainment, sports and leisure industries. Comedius is currently being set up to provide a sustainable solution through community enterprise. A detailed paper is included in the report in appendix 1.
- 3.2 The group are requesting a grant to allow them to relocate and expand their current operation.
- 3.3 The grant would enable the group to access wider funding to manage, sustain and develop projects that are delivered for those who are, or have been affected by homelessness and are socially excluded. The main focus being improving physical and mental wellbeing.
- 3.4 This grant will also make it possible for individuals to increase their personal development, self awareness and communication skills, which reduces the risk of offending, anti social behaviour, in addition to tackling social exclusion and isolation.
- 3.5 The Trust will have a service level agreement with Derby Homes which includes reporting on performance for the next twelve months.

#### **4. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS**

Considerable consultation has been conducted by Roundabouts and Derby Homes' Community Initiatives team with those involved with the group, and the community affected by homelessness. The results support the aims and objectives of Roundabouts, and have influenced and shaped the future programme as outline in the appendix.

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 It is understood by the group that this would be a one off grant from Derby Homes to enable the organisation to relocate, grow and continue to build and develop its services. There would be no further applications submitted to Derby Homes by the group.
- 5.2 A service level agreement will be drawn up that commits the association to providing social activities for Derby Homes residents and the local community. This project will help Derby Homes' objective to increase the services available at, and usage of Fairdene Court community room by local residents.

#### **6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

The profile of the those who will benefit include people who are, or have experienced homelessness, with additional needs needs or issues including, mental health, financial exclusion, drug/alcohol misuse, worklessness, at risk of offending.

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

- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Health & Safety
- Risk
- Policy Review

**If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or the Chief Executive, [phil.davies@derbyhomes.org](mailto:phil.davies@derbyhomes.org) - Tel 01332 711010**

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