

SHAKESPEARE STREET AND BOOTH STREETSCENE PLAY AREAS

Report of the Chief Executive of Derby Homes

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. To inform the Service Improvement Committee of the projects, and to give information regarding plans which have been drawn up for each of the two schemes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the approval of Transforming Your Space Neighbourhood Opportunities Fund (NOF) funding for the Shakespeare Street, and Booth Street, play area redevelopment areas.
- 2.2 To acknowledge that Derby Homes will act as the lead agency for these projects, which will both take place on housing land.
- 2.3 To note the following:
 - Appendix A - Photographs of Shakespeare Street site at present
 - Appendix B - Photographs of Booth Street sites
 - Appendix C - Proposals for Shakespeare Street Play Area
 - Appendix D - Plans for Booth StreetScene which involves the redesign of three triangular spaces of green land on Booth Street itself

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The projects for Shakespeare Street, Sinfen, and Booth Street, Alvaston, have evolved over a three year period.
- 3.2 Both schemes will help to regenerate the areas and provide a safe place for the local children to play. To help counteract any vandalism on the two sites CCTV cameras have been approved in the Sinfen area and the City Housing Improvement Plan funded mobile CCTV units for the South-East, will be available for use at Booth Street.
- 3.3 These projects have come this far through very close partnership working with the Police, Youth Service, Schools and Community Groups. Above all local residents have led the process from day one.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

4. Consultation for both schemes has been thoroughly carried out throughout the process and actual work to be carried out has been voted for by the local residents from a number of options.

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 That the Committee note the approval of £100,000 for Booth StreetScene and £182,000 for Shakespeare Street, to be allocated by NOF. Additional funding has been secured from Area Panel 2 for the Sinfin project of £4,415.00. Derby Homes will accept the funding on behalf of the Community Panels who have put in the bid, and the Chief Executive of Derby Homes will act as the signatory for the funding agreements.
- 5.2 The schemes aim to divert young people from anti-social behaviour, and offer them the opportunity of becoming involved in positive activities with the support of the Youth Service and other local agencies.

LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

6. Planning permission has been applied for by the Council's Parks Section for both projects.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7. None resulting directly from this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The physical environment of these two estates will be greatly enhanced as a result of these two play areas.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. The process of improving these two areas has taken into account the needs of all members of the community. The Sinfin project has incorporated a roundabout suitable for wheelchair users.

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