

SUMMARY OF RECENT REGENERATION ACTIVITY USING EXTERNAL FUNDING

Report of the Chief Executive of Derby Homes

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. This report summarises work being carried in areas managed by Derby Homes where external funding has been secured. The appendix to the report gives a summary of all external funding streams currently being used to support mainstream funded activity in Derby

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Committee note the contents of this report.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Main Funding Sources

- 3.1 The main sources of additional funding that support the aims of Derby Homes at the moment are:
 - New Deal for Communities (NDC)
 - Single Regeneration Budget (SRB)
 - Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF)

NDC Funds

- 3.2 The Derwent Community Team is a 10-year project, now in it's second year. Forty two million pounds has been received from the Government New Deal for Communities fund to regenerate the Derwent area over the course of the 10-year project.
- 3.3 The Derwent New Deal for Communities (NDC) is funding a 3-year joint project between Derby City Council, Derby Homes and the Derwent Community Team called the NEAT project.
- 3.4 The NEAT (Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team) Project is a clean-up squad for the Derwent area of Derby and was launched in April 2003. The key areas of work include graffiti removal, rubbish removal, hypodermic needle removal and one-off hedge cutting.

- 3.5 There are a number of other projects in the Derwent area that are in planning stages. Funding for these will come from the New Deal for Communities pot, combined with match funding from agencies involved.

NRF and SRB Funds

- 3.6 The NRF and SRB5 and SRB6 programmes are funding Derby Homes Community Watch Patrol service as follows:

SRB5 (Osmaston and Allenton)	£170,000
SRB6 (Normanton)	£177,500
NRF (Normanton)	£ 69,386

These funding sources also make a significant contribution to Derby Homes other staffing costs, because we charge an overhead for managing these projects.

- 3.7 SRB5 paid £123,000 during 2000 – 2002 for a range of resident led security improvements in the Allenton and Osmaston area to both Council owned and private properties.

- 3.8 NRF is contributing £620,000 during the period 2001 – 2004 to Derby Renaissance fund. This is paying for a variety of security and environmental improvement work in deprived communities such as

- Installation of CCTV
- Provision of play equipment
- Upgrading of play areas
- Fencing and other security measures
- Graffiti removal
- General environmental improvement work

This work is being carried out on the Austin Estate, Mackworth, Sunny Hill and Breadsall Hilltop areas.

Other More Minor Funding Sources

- 3.9 There are two current regeneration projects in the Old Sinfen and Alvaston areas.
- Shakespeare Street play area in Old Sinfen has been awarded £182,000 from the Transforming your Space, Neighbourhood Opportunities Fund provided through the National Lottery. This play area will include a kick-about area and equipment suitable for disabled children. Work is due to start on this project later this year.
 - Booth Street in Alvaston has been awarded £100,000 for a play area, again from the Transforming your Space, Neighbourhood Opportunities Fund. Work on this project is expected to start early next year.

3.10 Two previous projects which are now up and running are the Chellaston Community Shelter and Alvaston Resource Centre:

- The Chellaston Community Panel worked in partnership with Derby Homes, Derby City Council and the Police to deliver this project using Lottery funding.
- The Alvaston Community Project opened in May 2002. The Resource Centre aims to engage all members of the community and acts as a focal point for the community providing information and decentralised local services. The main sources of funding were from the Children's Fund, Lottery and from general fundraising. The Children's Fund money is secured until March 2004. The lottery funding is specifically targeted at the elderly, and will pay for free weekly bingo sessions until December 2003.

3.11 Derby Homes is very active in the Derby City Partnership Crime and Disorder Group. Through this, working together with the Youth Offending Service, the Burglary Reduction Team, Drugs and Alcohol Action Team and the Anti Social Behaviour Team, we have attracted or supported funds for:

- a Housing Drugs Adviser who has provided training for staff and supported communities who are suffering from drug activities
- installation of window grills to houses in Derwent subject to excessive levels of burglary
- fencing in several locations to reduce incidence of burglary.

Another example is that we are currently discussing with the Crime Disorder Group a joint Fire Service, Derby Homes and Housing Association bid for an arson reduction scheme to reduce incidents of fires in council houses.

Derby Homes assists the Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP) to attract additional funds. An example of this is the funding provided to DACP from the Chartered Institute Housing Innovation fund for training for tenants.

3.12 Two other projects that we hope to attract funding for are:

- A garage site on Markeaton Recreation Ground. We hope to convert this into a Resource Centre to be used by local residents. Discussions are taking place with Bramalls about possible sponsorship for this project.
- Mackworth Neighbourhood Base – conversion of old Church Hall into a community facility to include Sure Start and the Police. This project requires funding of £1.5m. We will be applying for funding from a number of sources, including the Lottery.

- 3.13 Derby Homes staff work with Community Panels to seek funding for small scale grants from the Council's Area Panels Budget. For example, the Osmaston Community Panel has recently been awarded a grant of £1,180 to fund a video newsletter.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

4. None arising from this report.

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

5. These projects contribute towards Derby Homes Business Plan objectives.

LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

6. None arising from this report.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7. These sources of funding contribute towards Derby Homes overall staffing costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8. These projects help to improve the economic, social and physical environment for tenants managed by Derby Homes.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. None arising from this report.

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