



**OPERATIONAL BOARD**  
**11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

# ITEM A6

## **GRANT TO DERBY COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST 2020 - 2021**

Report of the Head of Housing Management.

### **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to grant fund Derby County Community Trust (DCCT) £8,090 over a 12 month period. This grant includes:
  - £5,000 pa towards the weekly KICKS Project in Derwent, which includes five activities per week.
  - £3,090 to fund a weekly sport session at Rocket Park, Sinfin.
- 1.2 This may be the final year for grant funding Derby County Community Trust as Derby Homes works towards a joint model to support Children and Young People as part of a City-wide objective.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note the partnership with Derby County in the Community on numerous Derby Homes engagement projects
- 2.2 To approve (subject to Derby City Council approval) grant funding of £8,090 to Derby County in the Community to provide the KICKS project in Derwent and weekly sports delivery in Sinfin, over 2020-2021 financial year.

### **3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To sustain the existing KICKS and Sinfin projects which provide support to our tenants and wider communities.

### **4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 4.1 Derby Homes have been funding Derby County Community Trust (DCCT) for two separate sports projects for the past ten years, at Derwent Racecourse and Sinfin Rocket Park. Historically, DCCT have always managed and delivered the successful KICKS programme in Derwent and up until 2017 Sporting Futures managed and delivered the successful weekly sports project in Sinfin. In 2017 Sporting Futures merged with DCCT and from 2017 the Sinfin sports project have been delivered by DCCT. Staff from Sporting Futures moved over to DCCT so participants had continuity.
- 4.2 In addition to the two projects listed above, Derby Homes and DCCT are working on a collection of projects together such as exercise sessions in our community rooms, educating young people how to cook, supporting community events such as providing free activities and entertainment as well as tours of Derby County Football Stadium for our

Youth Panel. This report focuses on the partnership work with DCCT supporting their annual KICKS project engaging young people in the community with diversionary activities

- 4.3 As demonstrated above, the partnership between Derby Homes and DCCT provides a large amount of value for money for Derby Homes. The Derwent KICKS project costs £50,000 per annum in total to deliver, of which we are asked to contribute £5,000 to the project. The remainder of the funding is obtained through the Premier League and Sports England, as part of a larger partnership. The funding provides good value for money as currently 55% of the children who participate in the project live in Derby Homes properties

The Rocket Park sessions run by DCCT are solely funded by Derby Homes at a cost of £3,090. The sessions are held in the heart of our Old Sinfin estate with 53% of the children and young people participating in the project living in a Derby Homes property. The inclusion of other children living in the area helps to build friendship groups and a good sense of community spirit.

- 4.4 All the sessions delivered aim to:

- Engage young people (aged 8-19) in a range of constructive activities
- Create routes into education, training and employment
- Encourage volunteering within projects and throughout the target neighbourhoods
- Break down barriers between the Police and young people
- Support the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour in targeted neighbourhoods
- Increase the playing, coaching and officiating opportunities for participants.

- 4.5 The Derwent KICKS project delivers the following activities every week:

- **Monday** – Football and multi sports sessions on the Racecourse from 6pm - 8pm (engaging 50+ young people per week) Bolt on educational programme with the following themed workshops; anti bullying, anti-racism and knife crime.
- **Monday** – Football at Lees Brook School, Chaddesden (3:30 – 5pm).
- **Thursday** – Monmouth Street Youth Club (6pm- 8pm). Providing sporting and physical activity opportunities to the young people of Derwent. It also provides a different offer to what the youth club has previously been able to offer.
- **Friday** – Football session at the Racecourse (6 – 8pm) (engaging 40+ young people per week)

An adjacent project held in the community room at the Racecourse is an educational programme with the following themed workshops; anti bullying, anti-racism, knife crime, healthy lifestyles.

The Rocket Park sessions take place every Friday evening (4:30-6pm). These evening sports sessions include basketball, football, badminton, circuit training and dodgeball.

- 4.6 The Derwent KICKS project outputs for 2019/20 confirm the following:

Project theme	19/20 figure
Engaged participants	808
of which Derby Homes customers	448
Retained participants	487
Females	216

14+	393
Volunteers opportunities provided	18
Qualifications received	40
Competitions entered	29

- 4.7 The KICKS Project provides added value to the core offer laid down in Derby Homes Children and Young People Strategy 2018-2021 by providing diversionary activities in our communities. The project also recognises the importance of Derby Homes' partnership work.
- 4.9 As with previous arrangements, the contribution will be paid quarterly, in arrears in line with discussion on performance figures. DCCT is happy to continue to provide for Derwent and Sinfen at the agreed grant amount of £8,090 per annum and report on the number of Derby Homes' tenants that are engaged with the programme
- 4.10 Although we recognise the importance of the partnership between Derby Homes and Derby County Community Trust, it is expected that this will be the final year that we will grant fund DCCT directly. Work has taken place through the Serious Youth Violence Board, a subgroup of the Safer Communities Board within Derby City Council to progress a robust mapping exercise around the services currently provided for children and young people within Derby and to identify where there are gaps. The result of this work and a subsequent City Wide Strategy are anticipated by the end of Summer 2020. This will help to ensure that future Derby Homes' monies to support Children and Young People will be pooled to support City wide objectives aimed at reducing Crime, Antisocial Behaviour, and supporting victims. Consequently, funding requests such as this will be reviewed and administered by the partnership centrally.
- 4.9 This report seeks approval to grant the monies to DCCT as it is an existing programme which already receives the majority of their funding from other organisations as mentioned in 4.3 and provides a large amount of value for money for our communities. It helps to ensure that we continue to have suitable diversionary activities available on our estates whilst a more robust city wide strategy is developed.

## **5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 None

## **5.2 FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.21 The funding amount of £8,090 can be contained within the Customer Engagement and Community Development budget for 2020/21

## **5.3 LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.31 Derby Homes Memorandum states:

"(22) 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."

## **5.4 COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS**

5.41 Consent is being sought and required from Derby City Council for all grant payments made.

## **5.5 RISK**

- 5.1 If the grant funding is not approved there is a risk that partnership working with DCCT would be damaged and some of the much needed diversionary activities might stop. By funding the project, Derby Homes are supporting an already successful city wide project.
- 5.2 If the funding is not approved there could be an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in our targeted neighbourhoods which is unsettling for tenants. This could also create more long term costs for Derby Homes in having to provide additional resources to tackle the issues.

If Board Members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact:

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Supporting Information: None

This report has been approved by the following

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