

GRANT TO DERBY COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST

Report of the Head of Housing Management and Housing Options

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 towards a weekly sport sessions at Rocket Park, Sinfin.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the partnership with Derby County in the Community on numerous 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 2019-2020 financial year.

3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To sustain the existing value for money KICKS and Sinfin project and good work with our tenants and their communities.

4. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Derby Homes have been funding these two separate sports projects for the past ten years. 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.

Derby Homes and DCCT are working on a collection of projects together such as Cooking Sessions in our community rooms and providing sessions and prizes for our Youth Panel. In addition, DCCT have offered free sports sessions at Derby Homes Cotton Lane BMX events, new park opening events and Normanton's flowering basket events. This report focuses on the partnership work with DCCT supporting their annual KICKS project engaging young people in the community with diversionary activities.

- 4.2 The Derwent KICKS project costs £50,000 pa in total to deliver and Derby Homes contributes £5,000 to the project. Derby Homes monitor how many children and young people registered for the KICKS project live in Derby Homes properties and currently 46% of children and young people registered live in Derby Homes properties. This demonstrates good value for money for Derby Homes. In addition, DCCT receive funding from the Premier League and Sport England to deliver the KICKS project. Derby Homes fund 100% of the Rocket Park sports sessions but the sessions are held in heart of our Old Sinfen estate and 54% of children and young people registered live in Derby Homes properties.

All the sessions delivered aim to:

- A project aimed to engage young people (aged 8-19) in a range of constructive activities
- Funded nationally by the Premier League and Sport England
- Creates routes into education, training and employment
- Encourages volunteering within projects and throughout the target neighbourhoods
- Breaks down barriers between the Police and young people
- Supports the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour in targeted neighbourhoods
- Increases the playing, coaching and officiating opportunities for participants.

- 4.3 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** – Youth Club held in the community rooms at the Racecourse (engaging 20 young people per week) Bolt on educational programme with the following themed workshops; anti bullying, anti-racism and knife crime.
- **Thursday** - Street League football – (5pm- 8pm)
- **Thursday** – St Philips Church Hall Healthy hub with multi sports activities – 4.30pm -6pm (engaging 15 young people per week)
- **Friday** – Football session at the Racecourse from 6 – 8pm (engaging 40 young people per week) Bolt on educational programme with the following themed workshops; anti bullying, anti-racism and knife crime.

The Rocket Park, Sinfen Sports sessions are delivered every Friday evening and sports include basketball, football, badminton, circuit training and dodgeball.

- 4.4 The Derwent KICKS outputs for 2017/18 confirm the following:

Project theme	Project Target	Actual Target
Engaged	728	855
Retained	473	666
Sustained	308	514
Females	109	173
14+	437	516
Volunteers	22	24
Qualifications	8	14
Competitions	12	12

- 4.5 The Rocket Park, Sinfin project has 41 children and young people registered with 54% of these registered children and young people living in Derby Homes properties. Since April 2018 there has been an equal mix of genders and 4 young people act as volunteers for the sessions. Participants are going to be offered football coaching training and qualifications in April 2019.
- 4.6 The KICKS Project contributes towards Derby Homes Children and Young People Strategy 2018-2021 through additionality in partnership work and diversionary activities in our communities. The project is not responsible for Derby Homes' Children and Young Person's core offer but we recognise the importance of Derby Homes partnership work.
- 4.7 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 Sinfin 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
- 4.8 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 4.2. Therefore, to procure the service for Derby Homes, which is not part of the CYP core offer, would cost a much greater amount of money.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

6 FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The £8,090 can be funded from within the Customer Engagement budget for 2019/20.

7 LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 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."

8 RISK

- 8.1 If the grant funding is not approved there is a risk that partnership work with DCCT would create reputational damage. By funding the project, Derby Homes are seen as working with other local partners for the benefit of the local communities and supporting a city wide project.
- 8.2 If the funding is not approved then it could be argued that there could be an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in our targeted neighbourhoods. If this was the case, this would create more cost in the long term for Derby Homes resources to provide diversionary activities

9. COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Approval of the grant will be subject to the City Council's consent.

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

Consultation

Personnel

Environmental

Equalities Impact Assessment

Health & Safety

Policy Review

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

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