

ENTHUSIASM GRANT EXTENSION PROPOSAL

Report of the Head of Housing Management and Housing Options.

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the procurement and timeline for Derby Homes Youth Mentoring Service.
- 1.2 The report asks for approval to continue grant funding Enthusiasm as a temporary measure to ensure an effective handover for the commissioned Youth Mentoring Service.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the impending procurement of a Youth Mentoring Service, anticipated being in place by end of September 2019.
- 2.2 To approve (subject to Derby City Council approval) grant funding of up to £50,000 to Enthusiasm to cover the provision of service and handover period between 1 April 2019 to 31 September 2019.

3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure the Operational Board are updated on the progress of commissioning a Youth Mentoring Service.
- 3.2 To approve grant funding to allow for a lead in period and exit strategy for the current providers to the new providers of the service.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Background

Derby Homes Children and Young People (CYP) Strategy 2018 – 2021 was approved in August 2018 by the Operational Board. As part of this strategy, Enthusiasm has been working with Derby Homes to deliver a CYP intervention service in homes and estates that we manage.

- 4.2 In previous years, the work that has been delivered by Enthusiasm has been grant funded. Derby Homes have reviewed the funding arrangement and have decided to alter the grant funding model to a commissioning model.

4.3 Purpose

The purpose of the Derby Homes CYP strategy is to ensure a seamless journey of engagement for children and young people that will raise aspirations. The role of the mentoring programme is manage disruptive behaviour by assisting in breaking the

cycle of low educational attainment; tackling wordlessness' and promoting citizenship amongst other priorities. The strategy aims to deliver projects by working with our specialist professional partners to address social development amongst the children and young people living in our homes and on our estates.

4.4 **Current Service and Performance Monitoring**

Enthusiasm has been working in partnership with Derby Homes since 2011. During this time, Derby Homes have required Enthusiasm to manage and deliver intervention tactics and an intensive mentoring service that aligns with Derby City Council and Derby Homes objectives. The 2018-2019 Grant Agreement with Enthusiasm is due to expire at 31 March 2019 and will require 3 months' termination notice.

4.5 Enthusiasm's main role is to work with young people identified as needing support or interventions, achieved using their TRIPPLE R programme. Key Performance indicators are measured quarterly in line with previous grant arrangements.

4.6 Below is the updated Key Performance Indicators from April 2018 until December 2018 (Q1-Q3).

2018/2019 Quarter 1-3 :

- 45 young people through the programme
- 586 young people engagements
- 237 one to one sessions were held with young people

Assessment Score information

- There was an average risk reduction of 9% per person

All engagements with young people are based on priorities set by DCC and aspirations by Derby Homes from a good citizen aspect. Topics that are raised/debated/discussed in group sessions, one to ones and or parent interventions cover the below subject.

DCC Priorities:	Derby Homes Aspirations:
Teenage Conceptions	Raising the aspirations of young people
Hospital Admissions - Self Harm	Assisting in breaking the cycle of low educational attainment
Hospital Admissions – Violence	Tackling worklessness
First Time Entrants	Promoting citizenship and democratic participation
Not in Employment, Education or Training	Promoting social development
Early Help	
Children in Need	
Child Protection	
Children in Care	
Anti-Social Behaviour	
Youth Crime	
Priority Families	

Additional Information

- 51 telephone interventions, where a young person needed to speak to someone straight away about an issue affecting them
- 54 workshops, 36 youth clubs and 24 outreach sessions took place.
- 97% of those referred to the Triple R programme were in attendance of regular schooling/education and training
- 48 parent interventions – where a young person was struggling to effectively communicate/live at home with mum, dad or guardian

4.7 The Grant Payment will be structured as follows:

Q1- April May June (payment and reporting reviewed start of July 2019)

Q2- July August September (payment and reporting reviewed start of October 2019)

4.8 Procuring a new service

A procurement exercise is in progress to commission a Youth Mentoring Service for Derby Homes. The timeline is outlined below:

Action	Date
Enthusiasm 2018-2019 Grant Agreement ends	31 March 2019
Contract Notice	Early March 2019
Tender return date	Early April 2018
Interview / Clarification	May 2019
Contract Award	Early June 2019
Standstill Period	Mid – June 2019
Contract Commencement	Minimum 6 week lead in period
Handover period	August – September 2019
Youth Mentoring Service 2019-2024 contract starts	1 October 2019

- 4.9 As the period between the 2018-2019 grant agreement and the commissioned Youth Mentoring Service will create a gap in service of a maximum of 6 months, it is recommended to extend the current grant agreement until the new contractor is in place.
- 4.10 An extension of the grant funding of up to 6 months will allow an exit strategy for current children or young people who are using the service or allow for a transition period for the new provider. We believe this handover period will give the best opportunity available for the users of the service and the communities they are involved in.
- 4.11 If the grant funding is approved, the Customer Engagement and Community Development Manager will ensure a timely exit strategy is followed through partnership working, regular monitoring meetings and closure of the referrals system until the new contract provider is in place.

- 4.12 The funding required continuing delivering the service until 31 September 2019 is up to the sum of £50,000. This funding is incorporated within the Customer Engagement & Community Development funding streams for 2019/2020.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The current grant requires 3 months' notice for termination. Therefore, should the Operational Board and Derby City Council chose not to approve the 6 month extension, contractual requirement of 3 months' notice would need to be given from the earliest of March 1 2019.

6. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Included within the Customer Engagement budget for 2019/20 is £100,000 towards this service, so adequate budget provision exists for the proposed six month grant of £50,000.

This budget will also cover the ongoing commitments to the new Youth Mentoring service.

- 6.2 Derby Homes pays The Enthusiasm Trust (£25,000) quarterly in arrears and payment is dependent on evidenced performance. This is prudent and will continue for the six month grant in 2019.

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.”

- 7.2 Derby Homes will follow the appropriate procurement processes to commission a Youth Mentoring Service 2019-2024.

8. COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 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
Risk
Policy Review

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

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Background Information: None

Supporting Information: None

This report has been approved by the following

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