

DERBY HOMES DOORSTEP PLAY AREAS

Report of the Director of Investment and Regeneration

1. SUMMARY

This report updates the City Board on Lottery funding successfully bid for in 2009 by the Derby Homes Regeneration Team to improve six Derby Homes doorstep play areas.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the City Board notes the report.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 In 2009, Derby Homes Regeneration Team successfully bid for £90K Big Lottery funding to improve six doorstep play areas. Match-funding was provided with £60K from Estates Pride.
- 3.2 The funding paid for improvements to the equipment, replacing old for new, providing challenging safe play to increase usage and thereby greatly improving the facilities for local children.
- 3.3 More children have now taken part in a wider range of good, inclusive and accessible play experiences. Children also have more choice and control over their play.
- 3.4 The improvements to the play facilities have helped Derby Homes in making their estates more desirable areas to live, improved safety and help develop stronger communities through participation in improvements. It has also encouraged parents and children to socialise and interact more proactively. Children will achieve greater independence, self-esteem and greater social skills and respect for others through play.
- 3.5 The Big Lottery Fund has confirmed that Derby's Children's Play Portfolio is now complete. They have recognised the success of the Partnership Management of the fund and of the play projects which were delivered by Derby Homes, Jogo Consortium and Derby City Council. Overall the Portfolio has met or exceeded its targets.

4. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This project was based in six different Derby Homes' play areas around the City, where doorstep play provision was improved. All the works were completed and the facilities were open for resident use by late 2009. As these areas do not require/have any supervision, and are based throughout the City, it was found to be very difficult to undertake any formal surveys.
- 4.2 Usage surveys were completed when Derby Homes Regeneration Team made several visits to the facilities. Of the 90 young people who were surveyed, 70% felt fitter and had greater self confidence.

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

Financial and Business Plan
Legal and Confidentiality
Council
Personnel
Environmental
Equalities Impact Assessment
Health & Safety
Risk
Policy Review

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