

**CITY BOARD  
30 AUGUST 2012**

# **ITEM A11**

## **REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ROOMS CENTURION WALK AND CHURCHSIDE WALK**

Report of the Director of Housing and Customer Service

### **1. SUMMARY**

This report updates the City Board on ongoing further considerations in relation to the future use of Centurion Walk community room and Churchside Walk community room.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Board agrees to continue the further investigations into the most appropriate future use of the community rooms on Centurion Walk and Churchside Walk and receives a future report to consider final recommendations.

### **3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 On 13 October 2011 the City Board received a report containing an update on the ongoing work to review the level of usage in community rooms across the City. Based on the outcomes of consultation the recommendation to close Centurion Walk and Churchside Walk, and convert to accommodation suitable for elderly or disabled was approved.
- 3.2 During the planning process it has become apparent that Centurion Walk community room is situated within a flood risk area and therefore obtaining planning consent for change of use to residential accommodation will not be possible.
- 3.3 There are also further considerations which Derby Homes need to take into account these include identifying community locations where residents can access internet facilities. The introduction of Universal Credit in 2013 will necessitate the provision of such facilities as all claims will be on-line, and in order for Derby Homes to provide full support and advice to our tenants, access will be a necessity.
- 3.4 For these reasons it is proposed that Derby Homes does not proceed with the agreement at the present time but investigates more thoroughly the most appropriate way of moving forward and determining the future use of the community rooms at these locations.

### **4. FINANCIAL & BUSINESS PLAN**

- 4.1 The current costs of running the community room at Churchside Walk is £2702.99 per annum, this is covered by £2121.60 income from tenants and £581.39 subsidy from Derby Homes.

- 4.2 The cost of running the community room at Centurion Walk is £2609.13 per annum, covered by £1011.84 income from tenants and £1597.29 subsidy from Derby Homes.
- 4.3 Within considerations for future use consideration will be given to the opportunity for usage of the facilities to provide community internet access to minimise the impact of proposals under both the Welfare Reform Act 2012 and Localism Act 2011.

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

Consultation  
Legal & Consultation  
Council  
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 the author.

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