

YOUTH ALLIANCE PILOT PROJECT

Report of the Head of Housing Management

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Youth Alliance is an innovative collaborative approach between the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise sector (VCSE) and Derby City Council (DCC) to co-designing and delivering youth provision within the City. The purpose of the group is to align interests of parties whose aim is to reduce risk and improve wellbeing and services for young people in Derby.
- 1.2 This report recommends supporting the Youth Alliance by contributing £20,000 towards a pilot project for 6 months.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 To support £20,000 contribution towards the Youth Alliance pilot project
- 2.2 The grant is subject to the approval of Derby City Council.

3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To support Derby Homes' Children and Young People Strategy 2018-21 through the delivery of interventions which are preventative and/or diversionary for those at risk of anti social behaviour and crime, which adhere to COVID-19 government guidelines in homes and estates that we manage.

4. MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 The impact of serious youth violent crime on society is significant. There is a huge cost to individuals, families and communities through loss of life and the trauma caused through both the physical and psychological injuries suffered. This is why tackling serious violence is a Government priority and why Derby Homes invests in services to support the impact of this in our communities.
- 4.2 Derby Homes works closely with Derby City Council and other partners to mitigate the impact on serious crime in the estates and homes in Derby. Specifically, Derby Homes is strongly represented on Derby City Council's Stronger Communities Board.
- 4.3 The Youth Alliance is a sub-group of the Stronger Communities Board and has been formed as a co-operative group. Their aim is to promote openness, trust, innovation, high performance and share risk and responsibility. The alignment of the interests between parties is aimed to reduce risk and improve wellbeing and

services for young people in a collaborative and constructive way in the City of Derby.

4.4 As a subgroup to the Stronger Communities Board, members of the Youth Alliance include:

- Children First Derby
- Derby County Community Trust (DCCT)
- Safe and Sound
- Sporting Communities
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4.5 Key supporting partners linked to the Youth Alliance include:

- Community Action Derby
- Derby City Council
- Derby Homes
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Street Games
- Active Derbyshire
- Derbyshire Constabulary

4.6 The purpose of the collaboration is the commitment to support and developing high quality programmes across Derby that aim to tackle issues that are related to young people including, but not limited to:

- Abuse and exploitation
- Alcohol and drug use
- Anti-social behaviour and crime
- Education and Employment
- Financial stressors, poverty and destitution
- Health and Wellbeing (Physical, Mental and Emotional)
- Life and family changes
- Loneliness and isolation
- The environment

4.7 The Youth Alliance has received funding for the pilot project from Derby City Council Youth Offending Service, Derby City Council Community Safety team and Metropolitan and Thames Valley Housing

4.8 The pilot project has been established to try and reach some of the most vulnerable and hard to reach young people.

4.9 This grant will focus on funding and evaluating two key areas of work:

- Digital/virtual delivery of programmes such as programmes on a one to one basis, group based programmes and interactive self-help content.
- Face-to-face activity that can be delivered whilst adhering to social distancing including one to one mentoring, group mentoring and detached outreach work.

- 4.10 We would like to show our support to the Youth Alliance by contributing £20,000 towards the six month pilot project.
- 4.11 The target areas of the grant would support the areas highlighted in the Serious Youth Violence strategy which include Alvaston, Arboretum, Normanton and Sinfen. Therefore, the work from this project is aligned to Derby Homes Children and Young People's Strategy 2018-2021 as well as supporting Derby Homes' key housing management services.
- 4.12 A grant agreement will be completed, and monitored through the Customer Engagement Team, with an outcomes report presented to Operational Board.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

IMPLICATIONS

6. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Consultation has taken place with Council colleagues to ensure that the proposed project fits within the Council's wider Corporate objectives.

7. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The £20,000 grant would be contained within the existing budget for Children and Young People's preventative and diversionary activities.

8. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Grant allocations will be recorded with the necessary procurement waivers obtained. A grant agreement will be developed between the Youth Alliance and Derby Homes, and will include an Information Sharing Agreement (ISA).

9. COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Derby Homes Memorandum states:

"(18) 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."

10. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The grant available is to mitigate any Health and Safety concerns associated with COVID-19 whilst providing essential support and diversionary activities for Children and young people in Derby. All support offered would comply with UK government guidelines.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Derby Homes intends to work with City partners through the Stronger Communities Board to work towards a cohesive Children and Young People's strategy for the City. Early indicators from analysis on the Serious Youth Violence Board indicate a need for preventative and diversionary activities for young people involved or at risk of crime and anti-social behaviour. A decision not to support the application will mean that there is unlikely to be any targeted preventative work on our estates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Personnel
Environmental
Equalities Impact Assessment
Policy Review

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Background information: None

List of appendices: None

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