

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Report of the Director of Housing and Customer Service

1. SUMMARY

1.1 Derby Homes' Children and Young People's Strategy 2009/11 follows the five outcomes of Every Child Matter, which are:

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Make a Positive Contribution
- Achieve Economic Wellbeing.

1.2 Under the 'Make a Positive Contribution' strand, Derby Homes has developed a programme of intergenerational activities between young people and older residents.

1.3 The activities are being held at a number of venues including community rooms on Supported Living Schemes and where appropriate, assisted by SHOUT. Community Days are being held in various parks and open spaces across the City.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Board notes the progress of intergenerational activities.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The Community Initiatives Team has been working with the Junior Wardens and older residents to deliver the following events:

- From 6 to 18 of April 2010 the team organised intergenerational coffee mornings and games sessions across the City. Supported living tenants showed the young people how to play traditional board games and in return, our residents were shown how to play on games consoles.
- Games were played between the young and older people in competition, with prizes awarded to the winners.
- The young people served refreshments and assisted less mobile residents to attend.

3.2 A Wii and games tournament was held on 4 August at Kestrel House, between Junior Wardens and residents, during a coffee morning.

- 3.3 As part of the 'Be Inspiring' project on Osmaston Park Road and Shakespeare Street, the Junior Wardens spent two days creating hanging baskets which they delivered to local residents. They also spent time showing the older residents how to look after the hanging baskets.
- 3.4 In September, the Junior Wardens took part in an 'It's a Knockout' day at Chaddesden Park. The teams included both adult and junior teams. The winning adult team were all Derby Homes' tenants whilst the winning youth team involved the Junior Wardens.
- 3.5 On 8 October a Mexican event was held at the Arboretum Community Café which involved the Junior Wardens interacting with older disabled residents. The project was centred around the deaf and hard of hearing community and the Junior Wardens learned a sign song for the event.
- 3.6 Other events are planned including:
- A Pizza and Pop Night at Coniston Crescent
 - Christmas parties at Chesapeake Community Centre and Osmaston Community Centre
 - Activities are currently in the planning stages for Craddock Avenue scheme.
- 3.7 Local Housing Office teams also organised intergenerational activities in their neighbourhoods:
- Mackworth held an 'Its Knockout' competition for all ages. They also arranged for Enthusiasm to hold a discussion about their work during an afternoon tea session for older people. Housing staff are also working with the Neighbourhood Board Youth sub group to hold a Christmas Party at Rebecca House.
 - Sinfin are working with the Chellaston Youth Forum to hold activities for older people, subject to the results of a questionnaire. They are also holding a Christmas party at Kestrel House to celebrate the improvements.
 - Sussex Circus held a healthy living day which included all age ranges.

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

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

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