

### **Derby Youth Alliance Annual Evaluation Report 2022/2023**

Report of the Head of Housing Management

#### **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Operational Board approved a £100,000 grant to the Youth Alliance, (YA), for the budget year 2022/23. In March this year, the Operational Board approved a continued grant commitment of £100,000 for 2023/24.
- 1.2 The Derby Youth Alliance Annual Report 2022/2023, Appendix 1, reflects the impact and outcomes achieved by the Youth Alliance during this budget year, supported, in part, by the Derby Homes Youth Alliance Grant.
- 1.3 The work of the Youth Alliance supports the ambitions of Derby Homes' Children and Young People's Strategy 2021 – 2024. The grant is funded from within existing Derby Homes budgets.
- 1.4 The Youth Alliance is a collaborative approach between the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Sector, (VCSE), Derby Homes, (DH), and Derby City Council, (DCC), to co-design and deliver youth provision within the City. The coordinating organisation for the Youth Alliance is Community Action Derby.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 To note the impact and significant outcomes the Youth Alliance achieved during 2022/2023.
- 2.2 To accept the Derby Youth Alliance Annual Evaluation Report 2022/2023, for reporting and monitoring purposes of the Derby Homes Youth Alliance Grant 2022/2023, approved by the Operational Board.

#### **3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Derby Youth Alliance made a significant impact and delivered a range of exceptional outcomes during 2022/2023, supported, in part, by the Derby Homes Youth Alliance Grant.
- 3.2 The Annual Evaluation demonstrates how the Derby Youth Alliance supports the Derby Homes' Children and Young People Strategy 2021 - 24, in the delivery of interventions which are preventative and/or diversionary, and/or, improve wellbeing and services for those at risk of anti-social behaviour and crime within homes and estates that we manage.

#### **4. MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 4.1 Derby Homes is committed to supporting Derby's children and young people, through identifying the right services and providing opportunities which can help make a positive impact. The Derby Homes Children and Young People's, (CYP), Strategy 2021 - 24 acknowledges that young people living in the homes we manage may face more adversities, due to current economic and social divisions; these challenges can be supported more effectively when working in partnership across the city.
- 4.2 The Youth Alliance, (YA), is a collaboration of partner agencies working across the city with a purpose of reducing risks and improving the opportunities and the wellbeing of young people. They do this through regular consultations with the youth of Derby city, alongside seamless reflection of city-wide strategies and initiatives. As part of the CYP strategy, Derby Homes committed to supporting the Youth Alliance as a partnership for the future, to help with services for young people. Their model is collaborative working with existing specialist and grass-roots organisations, to deliver interventions across a multitude of intersections, of individual young people, families, and hot-spot areas in the community.
- 4.3 The aims and objectives of the YA are mirrored in the CYP strategy, working towards raising aspirations, assisting in breaking the cycle of low educational attainment, tackling worklessness, and promoting citizenship. Through partnership work, we can deliver enhanced engagement which addresses these issues and helps overcome barriers faced by young people.
- 4.4 The vision of the Derby Youth Alliance is to work towards Derby being:

- a city where young people are safe, feel supported, and are celebrated.
- a city with diverse opportunities for young people to do activities in safe, supported, environments.
- a city that puts the needs of the most challenged young people first.
- an inclusive city, where young people are listened to and have a voice.
- a city where young people feel happy, safe, and empowered.

Their mission statement is: 'To provide a network of providers, working collaboratively, to support Derby City's young people to be safe, to develop and prosper. The focus of the Youth Alliance should always be based around the needs of the most vulnerable and challenged young people, and deprived communities.

- 4.5 Our partnership with the Youth Alliance creates opportunity to give our communities access to skills and experience they may not have been able to access previously. The strength of the Alliance is the ability to provide opportunities that are tailored to the needs of the individual and the community.
- 4.6 As part of the steering and networking group of the Alliance, Derby Homes are in a strong position to drive aspirations, coordinate solutions, and influence services. The Alliance continues to demonstrate that VCSE sector can co-produce and collaborate on projects that are much more cost-effective than silo working.

## **5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 None.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

### **6.1 CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **6.2 FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

The £100,000 grant was contained within the existing budget for Children and Young People's preventative and diversionary activities from the Customer Engagement and Community Development budget.

### **6.3 LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS**

Grant allocations are recorded with the necessary procurement waivers obtained. A grant agreement exists between the Youth Alliance and Derby Homes and includes an Information Sharing Agreement, (ISA). Most referrals are made with consent, after conversations with the families involved.

### **6.4 COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **6.5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The Youth Alliance are committed to eliminating unlawful discrimination, promoting equality of opportunity, and promoting good relationships across all agencies providing young people's services across the city; this is reflected in the YA strapline, mission, and vision of the group.

The Alliance recognises its obligations in respect of Equality Impact Assessments and acknowledges that discrimination and disadvantage may emerge from how it operates, and that the Alliance has a responsibility to identify what changes and improvements are needed.

The Youth Alliance model states that the partnership has a moral duty to conduct its operation with morality and ethical reasoning, therefore, all members pledge to:

- treat all with equality and dignity.
- conduct all its business within a framework that is not detrimental to the lives of others or the environment.
- act within the law and not encourage, assist, or collude with others engaged in conduct, which is dishonest, unprofessional, or discriminatory.

The Youth Alliance work with Approved Alliance Providers, (AAP); local youth partners who meet the Youth Alliance Quality Assessment, (QA), criteria, which includes having an Equality and Diversity Policy and Safeguarding Policy.

The Youth Alliance are committed to completing Equality Impact Assessments at the beginning of any new project. There is also an emerging Equality Alliance within the City, led by Community Action Derby. The YA are

fundamentally linked to this and will consult this body on any Equalities issues which arise from the Youth Alliance.

## 6.6 RISK IMPLICATIONS

Derby Homes intends to work with City partners towards a cohesive Children and Young People's Strategy for the city. 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.

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

Personnel  
Environmental  
Health & Safety  
Policy Review

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This report has been approved by the following.

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