

## **TRANSPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Report of the Director of Housing & Customer Service

### **1. SUMMARY OF REPORT**

This report provides Local Board members with detail on the above project and explains the reasons for not requesting funding for an extension on the project.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

To note the content of this report and support the decision taken by the Derby Association of Community Partners.

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

- 3.1 In April 2008 the Local Housing Boards approved funding of £40,000 from the Estates Pride Quick Fix funding to provide free transport to enable tenants to access the community activities on offer through the wider community inclusion projects.
- 3.2 The initial funding was limited to the first year of the project, during which time Derby Homes and the Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP) were tasked with securing independent funding to take the project forward.
- 3.3 Disappointingly although external funding options have been explored locally and nationally, we have not been successful in attracting either full or part funding to contribute to the project.
- 3.4 At the DACP Management Board on 30 March 2009 it was agreed that the current pilot, which ended on 31 May 2009, would not continue for the following reasons:
- Demand for the service did not meet expectations, particularly in respect of transport to and from social activities, despite exhaustive publicity and promotional activity
  - A large percentage of the usage has been shopping trips, and although there is evidence of value in terms of promoting independence and social interaction this does not alone meet the initial criteria or objectives for the project
  - The individual cost per passenger, per trip has not given value for money when compared with other transport options.

- 3.5 The Business and Operations Manager at the DACP met with management at Translinc on 3 April 2009 to communicate the decision and the reasons behind it. Translinc have been very understanding of the situation.
- 3.6 The DACP have provided written confirmation to Translinc and have also written to all tenants who have used the service during the pilot scheme. Copies of this correspondence is attached at Appendix 1.

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

- Consultation
- Financial and Business Plan Implications.
- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health & Safety

**If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or the Chief Executive, [phil.davies@derbyhomes.org](mailto:phil.davies@derbyhomes.org) - Tel 01332 711010**

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