

DERBY HOMES YOUTH BOARD PROGRESS UPDATE

Report of the Head of Housing Management & Housing Options

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the development and progress of the Derby Homes Youth Board (YB), since its creation.
- 1.2 The YB has regularly met as a group. They have been involved in a variety of Derby Homes (DH) projects, working closely with DH staff and management.
- 1.3 They have been instrumental in providing the views and voice of young people who either live in the homes that we provide or on the estates that we manage.
- 1.4 The YB has been on a recruitment drive to ensure sufficient members and a continuous supply of skilled young people to engage with Derby Homes and Derby City Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Operational Board notes the progress of the Derby Homes Youth Board.

3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure the Operational Board is aware of progress made by the Youth Board.

4.1 MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1.1 Derby Homes introduced a new Children and Young People's (CYP) Strategy in April 2015. This strategy compliments the strategic intent of the Derby Homes Customer Engagement and Community Development Strategy, along with the wider priorities of Derby Homes (DH) and Derby City Council (DCC).
- 4.1.2 The CYP strategy enables direction to deliver projects by working with our chosen specialist professional partners in addressing social development amongst children and young people living in our properties and on our estates.
- 4.1.3 Within the CYP strategy one objective was to create a Derby Homes Youth Board, embedded within the Operational Board. The function of a DH YB would be delivered in partnership by the DCC's Children and Young People's Participation Officer, with overall responsibility aligned to the Customer Engagement and Community Development Manager.

4.2 PROJECTS

4.2.1 Training

The YB delivered a very informative and well received training session to Derby Homes Board and Operational Board members and Staff. The training was created by the YB and delivered by them. This allowed the young people to gain skills in research, presentation, public speaking, interaction with large groups and receiving feedback.

4.2.2 Consultation/Recruitment Event

The YB has been involved in consultations with the Customer Engagement team on the modernisation and redevelopment of Streatham Road community room. This involved working closely with customers and staff to establish what needs that community rooms need to fulfil.

4.2.3 This project went further, with the YB seeing it as an opportunity to attract new members to the group. They chose a themed Halloween event for this. The event was planned and delivered by the YB with the support of DCC and DH staff on the day.

4.2.4 The event was aimed at the young people of Mackworth Estate during the half term. The event was a great success and saw over 100 people attending and the YB recruiting 4 new members.

4.2.5 The YB replicated the previous event by delivering a Christmas themed activity in Allenton, working in partnership with Allenton Big Local and Enthusiasm. Both events were a great success, seeing an increase in new members to the Youth Board.

4.2.6 The YB continues to develop as a strong group of young people. They have a variety of planned projects that will influence Derby Homes on decisions being made where young people are involved.

4.2.7 Other areas that the Youth Board has been involved in are:

- Tenancy Sustainment – Independent Living Training in Schools
- Communications Strategy – improvements for Derby Homes News
- Estates Improvement – Top Park in Mackworth
- Operational Board – attending and presenting their views

4.3 Forward Plan

Working with key officers at Derby Homes & DCC the Youth Board has produced a forward plan of their future projects (**See Appendix 1**)

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

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

Consultation
Financial and Business Plan
Legal and Confidentiality
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:

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