

## **DERBY HOMES CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE STRATEGY**

Report of Head of Operations (Housing Management and Housing Options)

### **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Derby Homes Children & Young People (CYP) strategy, appended to this report, sets out our vision for CYP engagement within Derby Homes. The strategy aims to ensure children and young people can take part in a variety of opportunities and engagement to suit them, whilst addressing key Derby Homes and Derby City Council priorities around supporting young people.
- 1.2 The changes to the strategy from 2015-2018 include:
- The alteration from the Junior Wardens Scheme to the Youth Citizenship Programme, which has been awarded to Mash Up Ltd for the next 5 years.
  - An increase to the key aims and objectives in line with the Council's CYP Strategy
  - The removal of direct consultation with Community Nurseries. This is now supported through Community Engagement Initiatives. In removing community nurseries it means that this strategy now reflects the age group 11 to 18 and not 0 - 18.
  - The acknowledgement of the Community Engagement Initiatives which support our CYP strategy but are delivered through partnership working.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Operational Board approves the refreshed Derby Homes Children & Young People strategy.

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

- 3.1 To ensure the Operational Board is informed of the progression of the Children and Young People's Strategy and approve the strategic direction.

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

- 4.1 The refreshed Children and Young People (CYP) strategy replaces our previous CYP strategy. This strategy compliments the strategic intent of the Customer Engagement and Community Development strategy, along with the wider priorities of Derby Homes and Derby City Council.
- 4.2 The purpose of the CYP strategy is to create a seamless journey of engagement for children and young people that will raise their aspirations, along with assisting in breaking the cycle of low educational attainment, tackling worklessness' and promoting citizenship.

- 4.3 The 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.
- 4.4 The strategy consists of our core offer of working with our Youth Panel, Specialist Youth Service and a new Youth Citizenship Programme to target and support Derby Homes Children and Young People both in schools and our communities.
- 4.5 We have strengthened our Apprenticeship Scheme and included work experience for students and young people to provide opportunities as a local employer in our communities.
- 4.6 Through our Community Engagement Initiative we are able to recognise the importance of Derby Homes work in partnership with Derby City Council and other partners such as Bells, Derbyshire Constabulary and Sporting Communities.

## **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Funding of Enthusiasm Specialist Youth Work, Derby Homes Youth Panel and Youth Citizenship Programme is contained within existing budgets.

## **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The report was reviewed in consultation with our existing CYP partners Mash Up Ltd, Enthusiasm and Derby City Council's Youth Participation Officer, Adele Styles.

## **7. RISK**

- 7.1 There are risks to Derby Homes' reputation if chosen partners to deliver external services for Children & Young People fail to adhere to service specifications. Regular monitoring and evaluation frameworks have been developed.

## **8. POLICY REVIEW IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 This is a key policy of Derby Homes and is included in the Key Policy Review Schedule. This policy will be reviewed no later than 3 years from the date of this meeting.

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

Legal and Confidentiality  
Council  
Personnel  
Environmental  
Health & Safety

If Board Members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact:

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Background Information: None

Supporting Information: Appendix 1 – Children and Young Person's Strategy 2018 – 2021