

OPERATIONAL BOARD
25 April 2019

ITEM A3

Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP) Grant 2019/2020

Report of the Director of Housing Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider a grant to support the Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP) at the normal annual level of £7,000.
- 1.2 To consider any future requests from the DACP in 2019/20, up to a further grant of £20,000, and delegate the approval of these to the Managing Director and Vice Chair of the Operational Board

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Subject to consent from Derby City Council, determine that Derby Homes award a grant in the sum £7,000 to the DACP for the financial year 2019/20.
- 2.2 Subject to consent from Derby City Council, Derby Homes provisionally earmarks a further £20,000 funding in 2019/20 to the DACP, subject to Managing Director and Vice Chair of the Operational Board approval.

3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To enable the DACP to fulfil its role supporting the interests of tenants and communities in Derby.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 The Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP Ltd) is a voluntary tenant federation that exists to coordinate all housing related issues in Derby, by creating a joint voice for any organisation or group that has a relationship with a housing provider in the city.
- 4.2 The DACP have a working relationship with Derby Homes who were set up in 2002 by the City Council as an ALMO and is the largest provider of social housing in Derby with just over 13,000 properties.
- 4.3 The DACP has excellent, national recognition and representation as members of TPAS (Tenant Participation Advisory Service), TAROE (Tenants and Residents of England) and regularly work with other housing providers and tenant federations across the country.

- 4.4 The main business of the DACP is effectively coordinating information, feedback, ideas, opportunities and good practice between the representative Partners it's made up of and Derby Homes. It also facilitates volunteering across the city and advocates the sharing of resources between themselves and the housing providers they work with.
- 4.5 The DACP also facilitates funding activity for the third sector in Derby. Their independent status means they are well positioned to coordinate small scale funding for projects in Derby.
- 4.6 Over the last year, the DACP have used the £7,000 Grant from Derby Homes contribution towards:

Training: £620

Expenses: £1,287

Grant Contributions to community initiatives to the value of £10,504 (Those not covered by the 20K approval criteria)

Up to 20K additional DH Grant contribution, subject to additional approvals actual amount spent 2018/19 :

Coding Club –£2,164

5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Specific funding of £7,000 in 2019/2020 is available from the Customer Engagement budget for the annual DACP contribution.
- 5.2 Additionally, the Customer Engagement budget has £97,922 to allocate to various projects & initiatives.
- 5.3 It is proposed to earmark £20,000 of this (£97,922) budget for any future grant applications that the DACP bring forward in 2019/20.
- 5.4 The process for the proposed additional grant of up to £20,000 to be awarded to the DACP, to support schemes / projects coming to Derby Homes for consideration will be documented on every occasion a grant is made along with the reason for the award.
- 5.5 The award will consider the merits of the application and demonstrate how it furthers Derby Homes. Grants applications will be determined by Maria Murphy and the Vice Chair of the Operational Board. This is subject to Derby City Council allowing the further grant of £20,000. A summary of such approved schemes to be reported to the Operational Board retrospectively.

6. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 To continue with the usual grant of £7,000 to the DACP subject to Council only.

7. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Derby Homes Memorandum states:

“(18) Subject to the prior written consent of the City Council to make donations, grants or loans or provide services or assistance to such persons and organisations and on such terms as the Board shall think fit to further the objects of the Organisation.”

8. COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Consent is being sought and required from Derby City Council for all grant payments made.
- 8.2 It is proposed to get outline approval from Derby City Council for up to £20,000 further grant funding to the DACP. This will then enable a quick turnaround of approvals to the DACP on any grant requests that are received and approved by the Managing Director.

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

Consultation
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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