

**OPERATIONAL BOARD
27 FEBRUARY 2020**

ITEM A5

DERBY ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS (DACP) GRANT 2020 - 2021

Report of the Head of Housing Management

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To continue to grant fund the Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP) at the annual level of £7,000 and support increasing this amount by £400 to cover insurance needs.
- 1.2 To support the continuation of an earmarked £20,000 a year from the Customer Engagement and Community Development budget for additional projects and delegate the approval of these to the Managing Director of Derby Homes and the 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 £7,400 to the DACP for the financial year 2020/21.
- 2.2 Subject to consent from Derby City Council, Derby Homes provisionally earmarks a further £20,000 funding in 2020/21 to the DACP, subject to Managing Director of Derby Homes 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 customers 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 has a working relationship with Derby Homes who were set up in 2002 by the City Council as an arms length management organisation and is the largest provider of social housing in Derby with about 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 works 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 its representative partners 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 has undergone some changes and carried out a review to ensure they remain as up to date and aligned to serve the communities of Derby as possible. As such, the DACP has been reviewing their memorandum and articles, governance and funding criteria, which had led to a pause on the distribution of funds. This is anticipated to be completed by the beginning of the new financial year.
- 4.7 Despite the pause on funding for new applications, the DACP has used the £7,000 grant towards training and expenses as well as using some of the £20,000. The following are grant applications that have been approved this year for community initiatives.

Name of Group	Application Grant Amount
Windrush	£2,500
Revive Healthy Living	£2,500
Sporting Communities	£1,475
Multi Agency Team	£790
See the Person	£1,000
Milestone House	£1,059.77
West End Residents	£961.15
Max Road Afternoon Tea	£410
War Memorial Celebration	£200
Caxton Park – Operation ROLO	£500
Friends of Oakleigh Avenue	£400
Macmillan Coffee Mornings	£106.96
Tintagel Close Coffee Morning	£113.65
St Peter's Church food parcels	£500
Total	£12,816.53

- 4.8 Due to a change in directors and the subsequent review of the DACP, there is a back-log of applications. All applications have been on hold and this has been communicated to the applicants. It is expected that the grant for 2020/2021 will allow for these groups to be considered.

5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Specific funding of £7,400 in 2020/21 is available from the Customer Engagement and Community Development budget for the annual DACP contribution.
- 5.2 Additionally, the Customer Engagement budget has £97,000 to allocate to various projects and initiatives in Derby.
- 5.3 It is proposed to earmark £20,000 of this (£97,000) budget for any future grant applications that the DACP bring forward in 2020/21 and any on hold from 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 by the Customer Engagement and Community Development team.
- 5.5 The award will consider the merits of the application and demonstrate how it furthers Derby Homes. Grant applications will be determined by the Managing Director of Derby Homes and the Vice Chair of the Operational Board. This is subject to Derby City Council allowing the further grant of £20,000.

6. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 To continue with the usual grant of £7,000 and an additional £400 to the DACP subject to Council approval 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 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 and Vice Chair of the Operational Board.

9. RISK

- 9.1 There is a risk that not funding the DACP would cause reputational damage to Derby Homes as the DACP has excellent, national recognition. Further to this, community groups in Derby are aware of the DACP and look towards the DACP to help enable community groups. Groups which have approached the DACP in 2019/20 whilst under review would suffer from not having the opportunity to have

their applications considered.

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

Consultation
Personnel
Environmental
Equalities Impact Assessment
Health & Safety
Policy Review

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

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