

## **USE OF COMMUNITY ROOMS**

Report of the Director of Housing and Customer Services

### **1. SUMMARY**

This interim report is to inform the City Board about progress on the review of Derby Homes' community rooms.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Board notes the report and approves progress

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

- 3.1 Derby Homes manages twenty-five community rooms which are located on category one and category two housing schemes. The schemes are primarily for older people and people with disabilities. The community rooms are used by local residents for community activities such as coffee mornings, lunch clubs and bingo. Services are also provided by other agencies like social care to our residents and the wider community.
- 3.2 The residents of housing schemes with a community room pay 68p a week as an element of the rent.
- 3.3 However, there is a disparity in the levels of use in the community rooms, both by the residents and external agencies, which the Community Initiatives Team have attempted to address.
- 3.4 There was a 39% increase in the number of residents attending weekly social activities in community rooms by December 2010. The average number of social activities taking place had also increased by 5%. Despite the efforts of the Community Initiatives Team to improve the situation, there are still a small number of rooms which are significantly under utilised.
- 3.5 As a result it has become necessary to review current and future use of the least used community rooms. A traffic light system will be utilised to identify priorities for action as follows:
  - Green will signify schemes that are well used by the community.
  - Amber will signify schemes where there is a reasonable amount of community usage.
  - Red will signify schemes that are significantly underused by the community.

- 3.6 There is a table attached at appendix one that shows current uses by residents and external agencies. This table will be used to form the basis of an action plan which will consider alternative use for the under utilised community rooms. The action plan will be presented to the City Board in June for approval.

#### **4. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS**

The Housing Act 1985 requires that tenants are consulted on all matters that affect their tenancy. As a result of this we will consult with affected residents and local interest groups. We are also working closely with SHOUT residents group who will monitor progress once the action plan is finalised.

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

There is currently income generated by the organisation through charges made to residents that have access to a community room. There are also costs associated with the running of the community rooms e.g. utility charges. Depending on the decisions taken in the future there could be an effect on one or both of these areas. There is also a possibility that there could be costs associated with any decisions made to make alternative use of any of the community rooms. It is not possible to specify at this stage what these may be.

#### **6. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS**

The Housing Act 1985 requires that tenants are consulted on all matters that affect their tenancy. The City Councils legal Department will be consulted over planning regulations, if required.

#### **7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

None identified at this stage

#### **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

These will be considered in line with issues that arise as a result of the action plan and any future decisions that are made.

#### **9. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

It is not possible to carry out an equality impact assessment at this stage; this will be submitted together with the action plan to the City Board in June.

#### **10. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

These will be considered in line with issues that arise as a result of the action plan and any future decisions that are made.

#### **11. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Failure to review the usage of rooms could lead to unnecessary spend by the organisation due to ongoing utility and maintenance costs.

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

- Consultation
- Financial and Business Plan
- Legal and Confidentiality
- Environmental
- Health & Safety
- Risk

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Background Information: None.

Supporting Information: None.

## Derby Homes Community Rooms Social Activities Timetable

VENUE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>Acorn Close, Shelton Lock</b>	12.30 – 3.30pm Bingo		10.30 – 2.30pm Social Services Lunch Club <hr/> 6.00 – 8.00pm Tenant's Social		10.00 – 2.00pm Fish & Chips	
<b>Boyer Street, Off Woods Lane</b>		9.00 – 1.00pm Adult Social Services (Learning Disabilities) <hr/> 2.00 – 3.30pm Big Help Project <hr/> 2.00 – 3.30pm Life Group <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b>	9.00 – 1.00pm Adult Social Services (Learning Disabilities) <hr/> 2.00 – 3.30pm Life Group Social Activities	9.00 – 1.00pm Adult Social Services (Learning Disabilities) <hr/> 2.00 – 3.30pm Life Group Social Activities		
<b>Centurion Walk, Chester Green</b>		2.00 – 5.00pm Big Help Project Social <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b>	10.30 – 12noon Coffee Morning <b>(FIRST WED IN MONTH)</b>			
<b>Churchside Walk, Parliament St</b>	1.30 – 3.30pm Bingo	9.00- 3.00pm Live @ Home Coffee & Social				
<b>Colville Street, Ashbourne Road</b>					6.00 – 8.00pm Bingo	

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<b>Coniston Crescent, Chaddesden</b>	1.30 – 3.30 Bingo <hr/> Windy Ridge WI 7.00 – 9.00pm <b>FORTNIGHTLY</b>	10.30 – 12.00pm Coffee Morning <hr/> 1.30 – 3.30pm Bingo			1.30 – 4.00pm Bingo <hr/> 6pm – 9.00pm Youth Club <b>FORTNIGHTLY</b>	
<b>Craddock Ave Spondon, Derby</b>	9.30 – 12:00pm West Park School (Year 11)	11.30 – 12.30pm Coffee Morning	9.00 – 2.00pm West Park School (T16) <hr/> 5.45 – 9.00pm Youth Club	9.30 – 4.30pm Connexions Drop- In <hr/> Internet Cafe <hr/> Young Mums' Group		
<b>Donington Close, Sunnyhill</b>	10.00 – 12.30pm Coffee Morning <hr/> 2.00 – 4.00pm Singing Session <b>(FIRST MONDAY IN MONTH)</b> <hr/> 7.00 – 10.00pm Reiki <b>(FIRST MONDAY IN MONTH)</b>	1.30 – 3.30pm Tabletop Games <hr/> 6.00 – 9.00pm Bingo	7.00 – 9.00pm Quiz Night	6.00pm – 9.00pm Bingo	7.00 – 9.00pm Fish & Chip Supper	
<b>Fairdene Court Off Lower Dale Rd, Normanton</b>	10.00 – 1.00pm Preet Group for Older & Disabled People	10:30 – 12.00pm Coffee Morning	11.00 – 3.30pm Asian Women's Group (Learning Disabilities) <hr/> 7.00 – 9.00pm Sathi Group	9.00 – 3.00pm Live at Home's Over 60's Sunshine Club (Social / Light Lunch)	10.30 – 1.00pm Simran Group for Older Asian Women	

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<b>Filbert Walk, Chellaston</b>	10.00 – 12.00pm Coffee Morning <hr/> 7.00 – 8.30pm Bingo & Raffle Social Evening	2.00 – 4.00pm Games & Raffle Social	7.00 – 8.30pm Bingo		9.00 – 1.00pm Live at Home Coffee Morning <hr/> 1.0 – 2.00pm Fish & Chips <b>(LAST FRIDAY)</b> <hr/> 2.00 – 4.00pm Bingo	
<b>Garsdale Court, Alvaston</b>	2.00 – 3.30pm IT Workshop	10.00 – 11.00am Tenants' Coffee Morning	7.00 – 9.00pm Craft Club			
<b>Glengarry Way, Sinfin Moor</b>	2.30 – 4.30pm Tea & Cakes Afternoon <hr/> 5.00 – 7.00pm Junior Wardens <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b>	12.30 – 2.00 pm Fish 'n' Chips Lunch <b>(MONTHLY)</b>	10 -12pm Coffee Morning	10.30 – 2.30pm Social Services Day Centre	2.30 – 4.30pm Tea & Cakes	
<b>Holly Court Off Catterick Drive, Mickleover</b>	12.30 – 1.30pm Fish & Chips <b>(ONCE A MONTH)</b>	10.00 – 11.30am Coffee Morning		2.00 – 3.30pm Bingo	10.00 – 12.00pm Coffee Morning	6.30 – 8.30pm Bingo
<b>Humber Close, Alvaston</b>		1.00 – 3.30pm Bingo	12.30 – 3.30pm Lunch & Bingo Social <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b> <hr/> 5.00 – 7.00pm Junior Wardens <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b>	10.00 – 12.00pm Coffee Morning <hr/> 1.00 – 3.30pm Bingo	1.00 – 3.30pm Bingo	

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<b>Kestrel House</b>	10.30 – 12.30pm Coffee Morning	1.30 – 3.30pm Sinfin Seniors' Bingo Afternoon	Lunch Club <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b>	Breakfast Brunch Club 10.30 – 12.30pm <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b>	Fish & Chip Lunch 12.00 – 2.00pm <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b>	
<b>Max Road Chaddesden</b>	12.00 – 1.30pm Fish & Chip Lunch	2.00 – 3.30pm Bingo		12.00 – 2.00pm Lunch Club		
<b>Oakleigh Avenue Chaddesden</b>			10.00 - 2.30pm Social Services Day Centre / Lunch Club <hr/> 5.00 – 7.00pm Police Surgery <b>(FIRST WED IN MONTH)</b>			
<b>Rebecca House Off Uttoxeter Old Road,</b>	9.00 – 11.00am Tenants' Informal Breakfast / Coffee Club	10.00 – 11.00am Coffee Morning	12.00 – 2.00pm Lunch Club			10.00 – 11.00am Pat's Goodies
<b>Slaney Close, Alvaston</b>	12.30 – 4.00pm Bingo	1.00 – 3.00pm Art Club	1.30 – 4.00pm Beetle Drive	2.00 – 4.00pm Bingo		
<b>Slindon Croft Alvaston</b>		2.00pm – 4.00pm Afternoon Tea	10.00 – 1.30pm Live at Home Coffee Morning / Lunch <hr/> 2.30 – 4.00pm Stitch & Knit Social	6.00 – 10.00pm Film Night <b>MONTHLY (First Thursday)</b>	10.00 – 3.00pm Social Services Day Centre / Lunch Club	

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<b>Streatham Road, Mackworth</b>		10.30 – 11.30am Coffee Morning <hr/> 11.45 – 13:00 Fish & Chip Lunch <b>MONTHLY (First Tuesday)</b>	2.00 – 3.30pm Games Afternoon (wef 9.3.11) <hr/> 7.00 – 9.00pm Mickleover Floral Art Group <b>MONTHLY (Last Wednesday)</b>		5.00 – 7.00pm Junior Wardens <b>(FORTNIGHTLY)</b>	
<b>Tintagel Close, Rosehill</b>			12.30 – 3.00pm Social Activities (Delivered by Adult Social Services – LD)			
<b>Watermeadow Road, Alvaston</b>  <b>(NB: Gentle Exercise Classes £2.00 per Session)</b>	11.30 – 12.30pm Gentle Exercise <hr/> 12.30 – 2.00pm Lunch Club <hr/> 2.00 – 3.00pm Gentle Exercise <hr/> 8.00 – 9.00pm Tenants' Bingo	10.30 – 2.30pm Social Services Day Centre / Lunch Club for Older People	10.00 – 11.00am Coffee Morning <hr/> 11.00 – 12.00pm Bingo <hr/> 6.30 – 9.00pm Craft Evening	2.00 – 4.00pm Dominos & Darts	2.00 – 4.00pm Dominos & Darts	
<b>Whitecross House, Leyland Gdns</b>	10.00 – 11.00am Breakfast Club / Coffee Morning <hr/> 4.00 – 6.00pm Bingo	12.00 – 1.00pm YMCA Lunch Club <hr/> 3.00 – 4.00pm Tenants' Quiz & Games	12.00 – 2.00pm Light Lunch <hr/> 7.00 – 9.00pm Card Games / Social Evening	10.00 – 12.00pm Craft / Card Making <hr/> 12.00 – 2.00pm Lunch Club (Outing)	10.00 – 12.00pm Breakfast Club <hr/> 12.00 – 2.30pm Darts / Games Afternoon	Sunday 11.00am Pat's Goodies