

ESTATES MAINTENANCE SMALL SCALE BIDS 2017-18

Report of the Head of Housing Investment

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report requests the Operational Board's approval of two Estates Maintenance Small Scale bids above £10,000.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Operational Board considers
1. the bid for the replacement CCTV system on the Old Sinfin estate as outlined in paragraph 4.3.1 - 4.3.6 below and approves the appropriate option.
 2. the bid from Derby City Council Parks to match fund a grant from Sport England for improved lighting at Alvaston Park as outlined in paragraph 4.4.1 - 4.4.6 below and approves the appropriate option.

3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 An estate wide CCTV system has been in operation on Old Sinfin for at least 15 years. The original system was installed by Derby Homes. It has proved an invaluable resource for the Local Housing Office in dealing with anti-social behaviour complaints and we have regular requests from the police, Safer Neighbourhood Team and DWP fraud departments to download footage which helps them solve crimes and offences. Most recently the perpetrator of an armed robbery on Shakespeare Street was tracked and identified by police using the CCTV. In addition to the active role the cameras play they are also a useful deterrent to criminal activity and anti-social behaviour on the estate.
- 3.2 Derby City Council has been allocated £27k from Sport England for a floodlighting project at the BMX track at Alvaston Park. Tenders have just been returned and have come back way over estimated budgets. DCC are planning to re-procure, looking for a value engineering solution (make the scheme fit the budget), in the region of £50k. In the February 2017 Derby Homes Operational Board, agreed that £10k would be allocated to match fund the planned works.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Derby Homes allocates £100,000 a year from its Estates Maintenance allocation to delivering small scale improvement works that are identified by either local residents or local staff. This budget is divided equally between the five housing management areas across the City.

- 4.2 In February 2014, the City Board approved the change in the approval process for small scale bids and the agreement was all bids under £10,000 to be approved by the Heads of Service for Housing Management and Investment. All bids over £10,000 would require approval from the Operational Board.
- 4.3 The local housing management team has identified the following scheme that will benefit from a scheme of improvement/upgrade works at **Old Sinfin**:
- 4.3.1 The system currently consists of 8 cameras mounted at strategic junctions across the estate. Each camera can be moved remotely from the housing office and footage accessed, monitored and downloaded by staff based in the office. Unfortunately because of the age of the equipment it is now becoming obsolete. Only 6 out of the 8 cameras are functioning. Additionally, the controllers and recorder in the office keep malfunctioning so no footage can be recorded. After checking with the Specialist Works Team it is not simply a case of repairing the system or replacing faulty components. A new controller would not be compatible with the old cameras and new cameras would require upgraded cabling. The technology of the old cameras is not very good either, with picture quality suffering in low light conditions.
- 4.3.2 To replace the entire system, cameras, controller, cables and recorder would provide a state of the art system, with good night vision, and continue to provide an asset to the community, housing office and police to prevent and deter criminal activity on the estate.
- 4.3.3 The current locations are, Shakespeare Street, Kingsley Street, Thackeray Street, Macaulay Street, Shelley Drive, Sheridan Street, Cowper Street, Carlyle Street, Sinfin Lane, Barrie Drive, Wordsworth Drive – with approximately 300 properties belong to Derby Homes with around a further 200 properties in private ownership.
- 4.3.4 The approximate cost of the new system is £25k.
- 4.4 Derby City Council Parks Department has asked Derby Homes if we can match fund a grant allocation at **Alvaston Park**:
- 4.4.1 Alvaston Park is a riverside park covering 85 acres. It's situated in the south of Derby, two miles from the city centre.
- 4.4.2 The BMX track is one of the best in the country. The National Standard track has hosted regional and national race meetings. The £85,000.00 track was officially opened in June 2008
- 4.4.3 The track is open to the public and available at any time, except when race events are being held.
- 4.4.4 There is a current summer coaching programme (Tuesday & Thursday 6-8pm), run by Derby BMX Club, where riders can hire bikes and helmets, there is also a charge for the sessions (£3 for Members, £5 Non Members).
- 4.4.5 It is difficult to state at this point whether the works will take place without our additional funding, as there are limited resources available at the Council. The Council has stated that they will work with the provider to allocate some free sessions for our residents, who are not in a position to pay for them. This is however to be confirmed.

- 4.4.6 The additional match fund request is for £15k.
- 4.4.7 If agreed, the additional £15k will impact on the 'amber' priorities agreed at the February meeting (see Appendix 1).

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 **CCTV Old Sinfen**, not to replace the system. This would potentially result in an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour on the estate.
- 5.2 **Alvaston Park**, it is planned that the lighting will be installed in time for the British Championships in August 2017.

IMPLICATIONS

5. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **CCTV Old Sinfen**, there has been no resident consultation as this is a proposed upgrade of an existing system. We have been in discussion with local Councillors, the police and the DCC Safer Neighbourhood Team, who are all in full support of the plan.
- 5.2 The proposed works will have positive environmental impact on the estate, with a hoped visual deterrent/security.
- 5.3 **Alvaston Park**, no resident consultation has taken place as a potentially wide ranging process will be required and is not limited to our customers.
- 5.4 There will be a degree of publicity with the Championship and potentially availability, usage and training going forward.

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

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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