

## **GRANT TO YMCA YOUTH INNOVATION PILOT PROJECT**

Report of the Head of Housing Management

### **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Derby Homes Children and Young People (CYP) Strategy 2018 – 2021 was approved in August 2018 by the Operational Board. As part of this strategy, Enthusiasm had been working with Derby Homes to deliver a CYP intervention service in homes and estates that we manage
- 1.2 In February 2019 the Operational Board noted the planned procurement of a new Youth Mentoring Service, with a provisional start date of September 2019.
- 1.3 Work has taken place through the Serious Youth Violence Board, a sub group of the Safer Communities Board within the City to progress a robust mapping exercise and gap analysis. The result of this work and a subsequent City Wide Strategy are anticipated by the end of March 2020, helping to ensure that future procurements/grants from Derby Homes supporting Children and Young People will be supporting City wide objectives regarding reducing Crime and Antisocial Behaviour, and supporting victims.
- 1.4 There is an opportunity to support a one year young people innovation pilot, proposed by YMCA Derby, to support up to 120 young people aged 14 and over, who are involved or at risk of involvement with crime and/or antisocial behaviour.
- 1.5 Early indications from the gap analysis contained within the work of the Serious Youth Violence Board suggest there remains a need for prevention and diversionary activities.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To approve grant funding of £75,000, subject to Council approval, to support the one year YMCA Youth Innovation Pilot project commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

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

- 3.1 To support the Derby Homes Children and Young People Strategy 2018-21 through the delivery of a Children and Young People intervention service in homes and estates that we manage.

#### **4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 4.1 The YMCA Youth Innovation Pilot Project aims to target 120 young people, aged 14 or over, involved in, or at risk of crime and anti-social behaviour. Referrals would be taken from Derby Homes, Colleges, Schools, Police, Local Authority services and Pupil Referral Units (PRU) s. Referrals through Derby Homes grant funding will be restricted to young people who are living on estates managed by Derby Homes. It is hoped that wider match funding will allow for the pilot to be expanded across the whole of the City although at this stage this is not confirmed. A city wide pilot would require a further £15,000 in match funding.
- 4.2 We know that young people are at risk of gravitating towards gangs and antisocial behaviour when the opportunity to engage positively is withdrawn.
- 4.3 The project will be a community based mentoring and engagement pilot. Intensive support, mentoring and community based activities will be provided through sports, music and arts.
- 4.4 The Innovation Pilot will be delivered through a dedicated team working across three organisations. YMCA Derby will hold responsibility for the overarching management of the project.
- 4.5 Derby County in the Community will provide sports mentors, focussed on improving young people's health and wellbeing, increasing confidence and building communication skills.
- 4.6 Baby People, a music and arts development organisation, will provide music and arts mentors and specialists, increasing wellbeing and enabling young people to a place to express themselves and build their aspirations. Baby People were the UK's first dedicated Hip Hop School to use art and culture to engage and support the needs of the most deprived in our communities.
- 4.7 On enrolment each young person will have a named worker and the opportunity to meet with business mentors and mental health practitioners will be available if appropriate.
- 4.8 Delivery will be through a mixture of one to one activity based mentoring and longer term group work.
- 4.9 A key aspect of the project will be monitoring and evaluation. YMCA will ensure a robust evidence base of measurable outcomes through their Harmonica data management system. It is anticipated that the data will be used to attract national funding and increase sustainability along with showcasing the impact of the project.
- 4.10 YMCA have identified a number of proposed measurable outputs and outcomes. These are subject to final review and approval. Once confirmed outputs and outcomes will be measured and will form the monitoring basis of a grant agreement with Derby Homes. The draft measures are:
- 100% of young people at risk of exclusion will have received targeted support

- 100% of young people with a history of ASB will be fast tracked into diversionary activities
- 95% of young people will self-determine as having better mental wellbeing
- 100% of young people will have engaged at a minimum of 10 hour per week with one or more activity sessions.
- 50 young people will have been trained as young mentors to support participants.
- 100% progression in educational achievement
- 70% young people report increased resilience
- Outputs and outcomes will contribute to a reduction in complaints of antisocial behaviour, arrest, truancy and exclusion rates amongst young people.

- 4.11 A monitoring and evaluation report will be presented to the Operational Board at the end of the Pilot period.
- 4.12 YMCA Derby, alongside their partners, have the infrastructure to scale up through local infrastructures bring other youth organisations in to the project.
- 4.13 The launch of the social impact fund initiative of support through tax breaks and individual giving will enable this project to be further developed and sustainable. In order to attract funders there is a requirement for the need to be highlighted which would be achieved as result of this innovation pilot project. It is envisaged that national funders would be attracted due to the impact of the project being showcased.

## **5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 Derby Homes intends to work with City partners through the Serious Youth Violence Board (subgroup of the City Wide Safer Communities Board) to work towards an evidenced based future commissioning model based on gap analysis work that is currently being undertaken. This will not be available this financial year and will take some time to set up at a City wide level. Early indicators through this work highlight a need for preventative and diversionary activities for young people involved or at risk of Crime and Anti-social behaviour.
- 5.2 A decision not to support the YMCA innovation pilot will mean there is unlikely to be a targeted preventative and diversionary programme on our managed estates, funded by Derby Homes, for much of 2020

## **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Consultation has taken place with council colleagues and member representatives to ensure that the proposed project fits within the Council's wider corporate objectives.

## **7. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 7.1 Grant allocations will be recorded with the necessary procurement waivers obtained. A grant agreement will be developed between YMCA and Derby Homes, and will include an Information Sharing Agreement (ISA).

## **8. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN**

- 8.1 The grant would be contained within the existing budget for Children and Young People's preventative and diversionary activities.

## **9. COUNCIL**

- 9.1 The Council will need to give final approval for the award of this grant.

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

Equalities Impact Assessment  
Policy Review

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: None

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