

ESTATES PRIDE QUICK FIX BIDS

Report of the Director of Investment & Regeneration

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report updates the Local Housing Board on the bids for funding from the Quick Fix Fund within Estates Pride in response to known problems. In particular to reduce crime, nuisance and vandalism.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Local Housing Board approves the bid for funding for:

1. **Lea Close** – Remove all metal benches and two wooden benches from communal grassed area. Re-site one wooden bench.
2. **Lea Close** – Install PIR lighting to the rear of the flats/bungalows.
3. **Prince Charles Avenue** – To fit CCTV and security lights to brighten up the dark areas.
4. **North East of the City** – Noise monitoring unit.
5. **Dower Close** – Supply and fit handrails to two sets of steps.

2.2 That the Local Housing Board notes the update on the works outlined in paragraph 3.6.

2.3 That the Local Housing Board notes the actual Quick Fix expenditure 2008/09 (appendix 6) and the secured Quick Fix match funding for 2008/09 (appendix7).

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 **Lea Close** – The Housing Office has received continuous complaints that young people are congregating and sitting on the benches in the evenings. These young people are allegedly drinking alcohol and dropping litter on the scheme. The residents who live on the scheme are elderly and feel threatened by the anti-social behaviour. The cost is £1,000.00. (Please see appendix 1)

3.2 **Lea Close** – Some residents have reported that they feel vulnerable at the rear of their properties, due to inadequate lighting. The cost is £1,500.00 (Please see appendix 2)

3.3 **Prince Charles Avenue** – The Housing Office has received continuous complaints that young people are hanging around the rear of the shops

causing anti-social behaviour. The cost is £2,653.94 (Please see appendix 3).

3.4 **North East of the City** - The noise monitoring unit will assist in the gathering of evidence in noise nuisance complaints reported by tenants living in the North East of the City. Perpetrators of noise nuisance cause unhappiness and misery to many of our tenants. The noise monitoring unit will enable Derby Homes to take action against the perpetrators more effectively. The cost in total is £5,000.00. The Housing Focus Fund has agreed to pay 50% of the total cost, therefore the total cost to the Quick Fix fund is £2,500.00. (Please see appendix 4).

3.5 **Dower Close** - The Housing Office has received complaints that young people run up and down steps on the Close causing nuisance to the residents. The handrails will make local residents feel more secure as residents are currently frightened of falling. The cost is £2,000.00 (Please see appendix 5).

3.6 **Update**

58-64 Coniston Crescent – work has started and we aim to complete at the end of May 2009.

Community Watch Patrol – This additional service is out in the community serving our tenants needs.

KICKZ Project – The last monitoring meeting was held on 6 May 2009 where the co-ordinator confirmed that the three evening sessions are working well, engaging in total with approximately 130 young people every week. I can confirm that approximately 46% of the young people attending live in a Derby Homes property.

Climbing Wall – The Youth Service has confirmed that they have received the climbing wall and the vehicle to pull the wall. We are now waiting for the newly appointed Climbing Wall Co-ordinator to commence employment before the wall can be launched and go out on site. We are aiming realistically to launch the wall in July 2009.

Highgate Green – Work has been ordered.

Meath Ave – Work completed.

Pickering Rise – Work ordered.

Welshpool Road – Work ordered.

208- 218 Max Road – Work ordered.

2-8 Hampstead Drive – Work ordered.

Community Café – The windows, shutters, thermo boarding, plastering and ramp are complete. The remaining work to fit the kitchen floor and fit the water heater will be completed by the end May 2009.

4. **CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Lea Close** – A consultation morning was arranged and held on site. All residents who attended agreed to the removal of the benches.

4.2 **Lea Close** – Consultation letters were sent to 27 residents. 12 residents responded all in favour of the lighting.

4.3 **Prince Charles Ave** – Consultation letters were sent to 13 residents. Four

residents responded all in favour.

4.4 **North East of the City** – 37% of Derby Homes anti-social behaviour cases are noise nuisance. Approximately 3,687 properties will benefit from access to this machine.

4.5 **Dower Close** – Eight consultation letters sent to residents. No responses.

5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

QUICK FIX BUDGET	TOTAL COMMITTED TO DATE	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF COMMITTED SCHEMES	ESTIMATED BUDGET LEFT TO ALLOCATE	RECOMMENDED SPEND THIS MEETING	UNALLOCATED BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD
£125,000	£27,444.20	£27,444.20	£97,555.80	£9,653.94	£87,901.86

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

- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Risk

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