

TRANSPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY

Report of the Director of Housing & Customer Service

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report provides Local Board members with an update on the above project and the progress made during the first six months.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Local Housing Board is asked to note the content of this report and receive a further report in April 2009 to consider proposals for the future of the project.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The Community Projects initiative has been developed to provide a manageable way to engage volunteers, incorporating a community kitchen, garden and café. Community Projects aim to offer a wide range of social opportunities for our tenants, which are supported or facilitated by volunteers.
- 3.2 In April 2008 the Local Housing Boards approved funding of £40,000 from the Estates Pride Quick Fix funding, to provide free transport to enable tenants to access the community activities on offer through the wider projects.
- 3.3 The initial funding is limited to the first year, during which time Derby Homes and the Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP) are tasked with securing independent funding to take the project forward. The Local Housing Boards requested a six month update on the progress of the project.
- 3.4 The DACP entered into a contract with Translinc from 1 July 2008. There is now a comprehensive bus schedule covering all areas of the City.
- 3.5 Appendix 1 shows the usage during the periods July – September 2008 and October – December 2008. In the second period the usage continued to grow, which was very encouraging. The majority of use has continued to be transport to and from social activities held within our common rooms.

- 3.6 The initial contract with Translinc will expire on 30 June 2009. The Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP) has not yet secured any external funding to either fund or part fund the project beyond this date. Discussions are currently in progress with the Neighbourhood Teams to see if any contributions can be secured for future funding.
- 3.6 A further report will be presented to the Local Housing Boards in April 2009.

4 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The transport is fully adapted for use by disabled passengers. This enables equal access to all facilities outside venues included on the schedule which are DDA compliant.

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

- Financial and Business Plan
- Consultation
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Health & Safety

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or the Chief Executive,
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