

ESTATES PRIDE LARGE SCALE PROGRAMME 2018-19 UPDATE

Report of the Director of Investment & Maintenance

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Derby Homes allocates funds each year from its Estates Pride capital and revenue allocation to deliver improvement works that are identified by Tenants, Councillors Local Housing Office staff and other local agencies/partners. The works can potentially include fencing and gates, lighting, landscaping and improving access (paths etc.).
- 1.2 Bids are made before the start of each financial year (1 April), in line with the allocated funding. Due to the nature of the works, this allows time for planning and procurement to take place on each individual scheme.

However, due to different reasons works can be delayed for reasons such as planning, new pressures, or simply new schemes with a higher priority. This may result in costs being incurred in the current financial year that relate to previous year approved schemes.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Operational Board is asked to approve the updated Estates Pride Programme 2018-19 as detailed in Appendix 1.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The works will focus on:
 - Strengthening Communities and giving pride in where people live;
 - Environmental Improvements and Safety;
 - Benefit predominately Derby Homes tenants;
 - Involve local people and partners in the decision making.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Each of the three Area Managers collate requests for potential schemes throughout the year, which are passed to the Estates Pride Manager. The Area Managers state which schemes require priority, assuming sufficient funds are available.

- 4.2 Work must demonstrate that the improvement will directly benefit an estate, community or environment. Evidence to support this will be provided to strengthen the proposed works.
- 4.3 The bids will be evaluated by the Estates Maintenance Manager and the Director of Investment and Maintenance for viability, cost and to establish if it fits in with any other planned large scale works. The evaluation will also ensure that there is sufficient evidence and reason for the work, and that it benefits both Derby Homes and our communities

These will include:

- Increase the numbers of customers reporting satisfaction with their neighbourhoods and create areas where people choose to live;
- To have cleaner, greener and safer public spaces;
- To have such an impact that ensures long term sustainability of Derby Council estates.

The revised list of schemes is listed in Appendix 1.

This includes schemes slipped from 2017/18.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Derby Homes will soon commence a consistent regime of common area inspections (paths, car parks etc.) during the coming year. This is anticipated to mean previously unidentified areas will require improvement works. It may mean not all the schemes listed in Appendix 1 are completed in 2018/19 if essential works identified in the inspections are required to be completed in 2018/19.

There is an additional stand by list of requests - below, should any funding be available or other issues dictate the removal/adjustment to the schemes. These schemes include.

Ballater Close , fit rear access doors to communal garden	£15,000
Ellesmere Avenue , resurface car park	£20,000
Lapwing Close , path renewals	£20,000
Knightsbridge , path renewals	£40,000
Southcroft , resurface car park	£20,000

IMPLICATIONS

6. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 To enable Derby Homes to report on an effective engagement, the Customer Engagement and Community Development Team will assist Housing Staff with consultation.

The Door Knock 2017 Neighbourhood Issues identified car parking as the joint area of concern in Stockbrook and the second concern in both Sussex and Allenton. The above requests look to take these thoughts.

7. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The total amount of Estates Pride funding for 2018/19 is £821,000, split £300,000 capital and £521,000 revenue.

The list of capital schemes planned for 2018/19 is currently £140,000 more than the allocated HRA Capital budget of £300,000. This is due to the funding of slippage for the Lambe & Rauche Court not being applied onto the HRA Capital Programme. This will be corrected at the next capital budget monitoring update.

The revenue funded schemes forecasted costs are in line with the available budget.

8. ENVIROMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 As outlined in the report.

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

Legal and Confidentiality
Council
Personnel
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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Background Information: Appendix 1 – List of Estates Pride schemes 2018-19

Supporting Information: None

his report has been approved by the following officers:

Head of Service	Shaun Bennett	3/10/18
Group Accountant	Michael Kirk	3/10/18