

# Report to Housing Tenancy Board

**Date** 21 April 2015

Report of: Director of Community

Subject: ESTATE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2015/16

#### **SUMMARY**

This report provides Board members with information on schemes suggested for inclusion in the programme of Estate Improvements for 2015-16.

The report also provides Board members with an update on the schemes approved for 2014-15.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Board members note the information contained in the report, and indicate their support for and endorsement of the schemes identified.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. A budget of £20,000 for 2015-16 has been set aside from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to fund a number of housing estate and environmental improvement schemes.
- 2. Over the past year officers have identified possible improvement schemes through consultation with tenants and leaseholders at both meetings and estate inspections.
- 3. Details of suggested schemes together with estimated costs are shown below:-

#### **SUGGESTED ESTATE/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2015-16**

SCHEME	STAGE	ESTIMATED COST
Line marking at Foster Close, Bishopsfield Road, Barnfield Court, Minden House, Holly Hill Mansions, Western Court, Assheston Court, Ransome Close, Blenheim House and Cort Way	Works in the process of being ordered	£2500
Planting at Winnards Park	Consultation	£500
Landscaping work at Melvin Jones House, Assheton Court, Barnfield Court and Elizabeth Court	Consultation	£3,000
Cycle storage at Hewett House and Crofton Court	Consultation	£750
Motor Cycle parking area at Frosthole Close	Consultation	£250
Dragons teeth – Ramillies House and Tudor Court	Feasibility	£1,500
Lighting Improvements – Jubilee Court, Fort Fareham Road	Feasibility	£1,500
Dropped Kerb at Barnfield Court and Spencer Court	Costing	£1,800
Security Fencing at Nashe Way	Costing	£2,500
Privacy Fencing at Frosthole Close and Barnfield Court	Costing	£3,000
Bench Seating at Frosthole Close and Northmore Close	Consultation	£1,700
Improved Bin storage at Chapelside and Beverley Close	Feasibility	£1,000
	Total	£20,000

### **UPDATE ON ESTATE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2014-15**

4. The table below provides Board members with an update on those estate improvement schemes that have previously been approved for funding:-

SCHEME	STATUS	COST/ESTIMATED COST	
Lighting improvements at Redoubt Court, Fort Fareham Road	Completed	Funded from Responsive Repairs budget	
Dropped kerb at Beverley Close and Frosthole Close	Completed	£1,804	
Removal of drying area at Minden House, Redlands Lane	Completed	£3,179	
Surfacing work at Barnes Close	Completed	£450	
Safety railings to service area in Bishopsfield Road	Completed	£2,896	
Signage improvements at Bishopsfield Road, Beverley Close and Hewett Road	Completed	£950	
Noticeboards to Housing Blocks	Completed	£1,200	
Landscaping works at Ransome Close	Works ordered	£250	
Line marking at Foster Close & Bishopsfield Road	To be funded from 2015-16 budget		
Landscaping works at Winnards Park	To be funded from 2015-16 budget		
Bicycle storage at Hewett House	To be funded from 2015-16 budget		
Motor Cycle parking area at Frosthole Close	To be funded from 2015-16 budget		
Drying lines at Frosthole Close	Works Deferred	Further consultation required	
Safety railings at Western Court	Works Deferred	Further consultation required	

5. The budget for 2014-15 has been fully spent; as a result there is no carryover of funds into 2015-16.

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

6. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

### CONCLUSION

- 7. This report has provided Board members with information on the estate improvement schemes to be progressed in 2015-16, together with an indication as to the cost of provision.
- 8. The report has also provided Board members with a further update on the 2014-15 schemes.

Background Papers: None

## **Reference Papers:**

Update on Estates Improvement Programme report to Housing Tenancy Board 20 October 2014

## **Enquiries:**

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