

**Report to  
Housing Tenancy Board**

Date: **18 March 2013**

Report of: **Director of Community**

Subject: **ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME 2013/14**

**SUMMARY**

This report provides Board members with information on schemes suggested for inclusion in the programme of Estate Improvements for 2013-14.

The report also provides Board members with an update on the schemes approved for 2012-13.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

## INTRODUCTION

1. A budget of £18,000 for 2013-14 has been set aside from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to fund a number of housing estate and environmental improvement schemes.
2. In recent months officers have sought suggestions for improvement schemes through tenant and leaseholder forum meetings and tenant and leaseholder discussion at estate inspections.
3. Details of suggested schemes together with estimated costs are shown below:-

### SUGGESTED ESTATE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2013-14

SCHEME	STAGE	ESTIMATED COST
Fencing work at Nashe Way	Works to be ordered	£2,500
Landscaping work at Foster Close, & Beverley Close	Costing	£2,000
Drying lines at Frosthole Close & Garden Court	Consultation	£1,250
Signage work & Noticeboards at various sites	Survey	£1,500
Safety works at Western Court	Feasibility	£750
Environmental works at Barnes Close	Costing	£2,500
Line marking at various sites	Survey	£1,000
Landscaping at Frosthole Close, Ransome Close & Winnards Park	Costing	£2,500
Removal of Drying Area at St Quentin House	Consultation	£3,000
Bin storage area @ Marchesi Court	Feasibility	£1,000
	Total	£18,000

**UPDATE ON ESTATE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2011-12 AND 2012-13**

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

<b>SCHEME</b>	<b>STAGE</b>	<b>COST</b>
Drying Area removal at Hillson House	Works ordered	Funding from Capital Programme
Improvements to Lighting - Chapelside	Works ordered	£1,100
Parking - Barnfield Ct & Northmore Close	Feasibility & Costing - To be progressed in 2013-14	Funding from Capital Programme
Landscaping & Fencing at Northmore Close	Revised costs being sought at present	Estimated costs £2,500
Improvements to lighting at Spencer Court & Flanders House	Works for Flanders House completed  Feasibility & Costing - Spencer Court	£325
Improved signage at a number of sites across borough	Works ordered and completed for most sites	£2,500
Line marking at a number of sites across borough	Work has been carried out to a number of sites across the borough	£3,400
Bin area storage & Drying area at Garden Court	Drying area - To be progressed in 2013/14  Bin area - (To be funded from Capital Programme)	Estimated £1,000 funding to be carried forward
Privacy Fencing at Nashe Way	Works ordered	£2,750
Landscaping & Privacy Fencing at Frosthole Close	Works ordered	£1,800
Resurfacing work - Stow Estate	Works Completed	£3,351
Landscaping work at Hillson Drive	Survey & Costing - To be progressed in 2013/14	Funding from Grounds Maintenance Budget

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

5. An assessment of risks and opportunities associated with this matter has highlighted that in terms of risk it should be noted that unless the budget is committed there is a danger that funding may be reduced or lost and in terms of opportunity there is the funding of works which would improve the area around some tenants' and leaseholders' homes.

## **CONCLUSION**

6. This report has provided Board members with information on the estate improvement schemes to be progressed, together with an indication as to the cost of provision.

**Background Papers:** None

### **Reference Papers:**

Estate Improvements Programme 2012-13 report to Housing Tenancy Board 29 March 2012

Update on Estates Improvement Programme report to Housing Tenancy Board 12 November 2012

### **Enquiries:**

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