

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Housing Tenancy Board**

**Date**                    **22 April 2014**

**Report of:**           **Director of Community**

**Subject:**             **ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME 2014/15**

#### **SUMMARY**

This report provides Board members with information on schemes suggested for inclusion in the programme of Estate Improvements for 2014-15.

The report also provides Board members with an update on the schemes approved for 2013-14.

#### **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 2014-15 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 IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2014-15

SCHEME	STAGE	ESTIMATED COST
Fencing work at Chapelside, Frosthole Close & Crofton Court	Costing	£2,500
Lighting improvements at Redoubt Court	Costing	£500
Dropped kerbing at Beverley Close & Frosthole Close	Costing	£2,500
Bicycle storage at Hewett House	Consultation & Costing	£250
Noticeboards to Housing Blocks	Works order to be raised	£2,000
Environmental works at Barnes Close	Costing	£2,250
Drying lines at Frosthole Close	Survey	£1,500
Motor Cycle parking area at Frosthole Close	Consultation & Costing	£500
Safety railings and cross hatching at Bishopsfield Road	Specification and Costing	£2,000
Removal of drying area at Minden House	Specification and Costing	£3,000
Ground works to Flats and Maisonette Blocks	Specification and Costing	£2,500
Safety railings at Western Court	Costing	£500
	Total	£20,000

## UPDATE ON ESTATE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2013-14

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
Landscaping work at Foster Close	Works in progress	£1250
Dropped kerb at Beverley Close	Specification & Costing	Deferred to 2014-15
Safety works at Western Court	Feasibility & Costing	Deferred to 2014-15
Environmental works at Barnes Close	Specification & Costing	Deferred to 2014-15
Removal of Drying Areas at St Quentin House, Bishopsfield Road and St Juliens House, Longfield Avenue	Works completed	£5300
Bin Storage at Marchesi Court	Survey required	To be funded from Housing Capital Programme
Noticeboards to Housing Blocks	Noticeboards ordered	£3000
Landscaping works at Ransome Close & Winnards Park	Specification & Costing	£1500 (Funding to be carried over into 2014/15)

## 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 in 2014-15, together with an indication as to the cost of provision.

**Background Papers:** None

**Reference Papers:**

Estate Improvements Programme 2013-14 report to Housing Tenancy Board 18 March 2013

Update on Estates Improvement Programme report to Housing Tenancy Board 28 October 2013

**Enquiries:**

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