

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Housing Tenancy Board

Date **22 April 2014**

Report of: **Director of Community**

Subject: **UPDATE ON PROGRAMME FOR MOBILITY SCOOTER
STORAGE**

SUMMARY

This report provides Board members with an update on progress made in providing additional mobility scooter storage for tenants use.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board note the contents of the report.

INTRODUCTION

1. At the Board's meeting on 24 November 2011 it was recommended that the sum of £30,000 be approved by the Council to either enhance or provide additional storage facilities. This was approved by the Council's Executive on 9 January 2012 and a capital budget provision was made in 2012-13 to fund improvements.
2. At the time the sites identified for enhanced or additional storage were at Barnfield Court, Crofton Court, Downing Court, Foy Gardens, Frosthole Close, Northmore Close, Redoubt Court and Trafalgar Court

UPDATE ON PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SCOOTER STORAGE

3. In 2012-13 new mobility scooter storage facilities in the form of scooter pods were provided at the following sites:
 - Frosthole Close (1 individual storage pod);
 - Northmore Close (1 individual storage pod and 1 double storage pod);
 - Redoubt Court (2 individual storage pods and 1 double storage pod); and
 - Garden Court (A previous store room has been converted into a scooter store, making provision for up to 3 scooters).
4. Although additional scooter storage at Barnfield Court and Foy Gardens had originally been identified when it came to progressing schemes it was found that existing storage met demand so no further action was taken.
5. The provision of additional storage facilities at Crofton Court and enhanced storage facilities at Downing Court are more involved and require additional staff resources to draw up plans and obtain any necessary planning and building regulations approval.
6. At the time of writing officers are in communication with residents at Trafalgar Court and Northmore Close regarding provision of scooter storage.
7. To date £10,000 of the original £30,000 has been spent on providing additional scooter storage facilities. It is anticipated that the remaining balance of funds will be spent in 2014-15 subject to the deployment of staffing resource to progress the larger schemes.

CURRENT DEMAND FOR SCOOTER STORAGE FACILITIES

8. Aside from aforementioned sites there is demand for scooter storage at Frosthole Close, Holly Hill Mansions and Lincoln Close.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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

CONCLUSION

10. This report has provided the Board with an update on the provision of additional scooter storage facilities at a number of housing sites since April 2012 and identified other sites where it is hoped to improve existing storage or provide additional storage.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: Mobility Scooter Storage Policy - Report to Housing Tenancy Board 24 November 2011
Minute 2 of Executive Meeting 9 January 2012 – Mobility Scooter Storage Policy

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